

IT surveys establishment of 2 renowned doctors

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Mar 26: Expanding the ambit of its ongoing drive, Income Tax

Department today carried out survey in the establishment of two prominent doctors in Kathua town. Official sources told EXCELSIOR that on the basis of credible information that Dr

HC's go ahead to allotment of 632 petrol pumps

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Mar 26: The High Court today, in a major relief, directed the Central as well as State Governments to proceed ahead with the allotment process with regard to setting up of 632 petrol outlets in the State.

The Division Bench of Justice D S Thakur and Justice Tashi Rabstan while seeking response from the Central and State Governments with regard to setting up of 632 petrol out-

ST Deptt seeks Rs 52 lakh from firm

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Mar 26: After busting the fake GST firms racket under operation from New Delhi, the State Taxes Department, Jammu has issued the demand order of Rs. 52 lakh against the GST firm in operation.

This is sequel to the interception of vehicle on March 4 bearing no.RJ09GB-2622, carrying items worth Rs.52 lacs to the State. All the tax invoices of goods in vehicle were found to be issued by Mahima

2 ultras held with JK related documents

Excelsior Correspondent
 PATNA, Mar 26: Two Bangladeshi nationals with alleged links to terror outfits have been arrested near Patna Junction railway station and documents related to deputation of Central forces in Jammu and Kashmir have been found from them, officials said today.

Photocopies of orders pertaining to deputation of central forces in Jammu and Kashmir post Pulwama terror attack, besides pamphlets and posters of terror group ISIS were found

Kundal posted as DC Kathua, Rohit in Revenue

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Mar 26: Vikas Kundal, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Metropolitan Region Development Authority has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kathua. Dr. Raghav Langer, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Reconstruction Agency, J&K will hold the charge of the post

25 left in contest for Jammu, 10 in Baramulla Mohsin, Ansari, Lal, Harshdev join fray in Srinagar, Udhampur

Sanjeev Pargal/ Fayaz Bukhari

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Mar 26: PDP candidate Aga Mohsin and People's Conference nominee Irfan Raza Ansari today joined the battle of ballot for Srinagar Lok Sabha seat where NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah is in the fray while two former Ministers Choudhary Lal Singh and Harshdev Singh filed nomination papers for



PDP candidate Aga Mohsin, PC nominee Irfan Raza Ansari, Ch Lal Singh and Harshdev Singh during filing of nomination papers on Tuesday. -Excelsior pics by Shakeel & Pardeep

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Udhampur-Doda constituency

Congress candidate from Udhampur, Vikramaditya Singh's son, Martand Singh filed papers from Udhampur as covering candidate. Union Minister of State in PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh is seeking re-election as BJP candidate from Udhampur.

A total of 10 candidates filed nomination papers for Udhampur Parliamentary segment on last day of filing papers

today, taking total number of contestants to 14 while in Jammu-Poonch seat, nomination papers of 12 candidates were rejected by the Returning Officer, Ramesh Kumar during scrutiny, reducing number of those left in fray from 37 to 25.

BJP candidate, Jugal Kishore Sharma, sitting MP, and Congress candidate, Raman Bhalla are among those in fray for Jammu constituency.

In Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, Returning Officer, Dr GN Itoo rejected nominations of four candidates bringing down

number of nominees from 14 to 10.

A total of 10 nomination papers were filed for Srinagar seat today, taking total number of candidates to 13.

People's Conference candidate, Irfan Ansari was accompanied by party chairman Sajjad Gani Lone, PC general secretary Imran Ansari, PC senior leader Abid Ansari and Junaid Azim Mattoo among others while filing nomination papers for Srinagar seat.

Irfan while responding to questions posed by reporters

after filing his nomination papers said that he would take on the challenges confronting the generation of today.

"I represent the younger generation and I believe I am more in touch with the problems and realities faced by today's generation and would be able to not only understand them well but also try and find a way out to resolve those problems", he said

On the occasion, PC chairman Sajjad Gani Lone said that Irfan Ansari is a breath of fresh

'Pakistan Zindabad' coterie has ganged up against BJP: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent

BILLAWAR, Mar 26: Accusing Congress party of seeking support from "anti-national forces" for petty electoral interests, Union Minister and BJP Lok Sabha candidate from Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Parliamentary constituency, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that the "Pakistan Zindabad" coterie has ganged up against BJP.

Continuing his Panchayat-level election campaign on third consecutive day today, Dr Jitendra Singh, while addressing a series of local public meetings in Billawar Assembly segment,

said that Congress has become so desperate that it is now fully depending on the support from National Conference (NC) leaders who are known to raise the slogans of "Pakistan Zindabad" even while holding Constitutional positions and PDP which speaks of "self-rule". He said, it is now for the Congress president Rahul Gandhi and the Congress leadership to explain whether they subscribe to the stand taken by NC and PDP which have questioned the legitimacy of the Indian Constitution.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh conducting Panchayat-level election campaign in Billawar Assembly segment on Tuesday.

The coming together of

Congress and the Kashmir-centric political parties, National Conference and PDP, Dr Jitendra

Singh said, has converted the present election into a conflict between

PDP's Srinagar candidate has no assets, doesn't file IT return

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 26: PDP candidate from Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency, Aga Syed Mohsin has no assets, both movable or immovable at all either on his own or family's name and no liabilities while Congress candidate on Jammu-Poonch constituency, Raman Bhalla and his wife Indra Bhalla owed nearly Rs 68 lakh loans to banks and other financial institutions, the mandatory affidavits filed by the candidates at the time of filling up of nomination forms, revealed.

Mohsin, who has shown his profession as religious and political leader, hasn't filed any Income Tax return so far. Though he possessed PAN card, his wife even doesn't have that. Mohsin has marked Nil against all columns seeking

More join list of 'crorepatis'

information of movable, immovable, self acquired, inherited assets, liabilities etc.

His qualification is Molvi through Howzeh Hemia Jamiya Babul-Ilm (College of Oriental Learning), affiliated with University of Kashmir.

Raman Bhalla, former Minister and two-time MLA from Gandhi Nagar segment and Congress candidate from Jammu-Poonch constituency owned Rs 35.97 lakh worth immovable assets while his wife Indra Bhalla has Rs 15.11 lakh worth similar assets. The affidavit showed one child of Bhalla possessing Rs 6.06 lakh worth assets.

Bhalla has Rs 2.5 crore worth self acquired assets and Rs 40 lakh inherited assets while

his spouse has inherited assets to the tune of Rs 2.45 crore.

Significantly, Raman Bhalla owed Rs 49.84 lakh and his wife Rs 18.21 lakh worth loans to banks and other financial institutions.

Choudhary Lal Singh, who is contesting from both Jammu-Poonch and Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary seats as Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan candidate, has Rs 34.19 lakh worth movable assets and his wife Kanta Andotra, who has also filed papers from Jammu-Poonch constituency, possessed Rs 42.36 lakh worth similar property.

Lal Singh has self acquired assets to the tune of Rs 35 lakh and inherited assets of Rs 60

Abhinandan returns to Srinagar

NEW DELHI, Mar 26:

Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, who was captured by Pakistan last month and returned to India two



days later, has gone back to his squadron in Srinagar though he is on a four-week sick leave, official sources said today.

They said Varthaman preferred to stay with his squadron in Srinagar than going to his family home in Chennai while on leave.

The IAF pilot went on leave around 12 days ago after security agencies completed a nearly two-week debriefing after his return from Pakistan.

Varthaman could have gone to his family home in Chennai to spend time with his parents.

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EC offers online submission of Form-M, Form-12-C for migrants

26 special polling stations set up

Avtar Bhat

JAMMU, Mar 26: To facilitate the smooth participation of Kashmiri migrants in Lok Sabha elections scheduled to be held next month and to address the complaints of migrants putting up in Jammu and various other parts of the country, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has extended the existing scheme for the migrant voters with online facilities to make the system easy for voting from any part of the country.

To ensure exercise of franchise by migrants smoothly, the Election Commission has also established 26 special polling stations for displaced people from Valley across the country. Out of them, 21 special polling stations will be established in Jammu where majority of dis-

placed people from Valley are putting up while four polling stations will be established at Delhi and one in Udhampur district of this region.

A notification to this effect was issued by ECI in New Delhi today.

As per the notification, the ECI has also appointed Assistant Returning Officers for the migrants who included Assistant Commissioner, Revenue in the office of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, Jammu for Jammu, Collector Northern Railways, Udhampur, for Udhampur district and Deputy Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing for Delhi.

In addition to this for the first time this year there will be online verification of Form M and Form C. The Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) concerned will verify the details

in Form 12-C and sign the certificate in Part-I of the Form.

The concerned EROs will scan and upload Form to transmit the same to the ARO Migrant at Jammu, who will take further necessary action to send Postal Ballot to the concerned voter. Hard copies so uploaded are to be sent to ARO Migrant at Jammu.

The migrant voters residing at various places other than Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi can also download Form -M and Form-12-C from the ECI website and after filling the same, they can get them verified from the Electoral Registration Officer of the areas where the voter is residing. To make the system fool-proof, the Electoral Registration Officers can have access to the details of migrant electors enrolled in their respective

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Sanctioning of prosecution, instituting of RDA Govt takes serious note of deptts deliberately ignoring ACB, Crime Branch recommendations

Ensure completion of enquiries within 3 months: GAD

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 26: Government today took serious note of the departments deliberately avoiding the recommendations of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and Crime Branch for sanctioning of prosecution and instituting of Regular Departmental Action (RDA) against the delinquent officers and issued explicit directions for prompt action as per the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and

Appeal) Rules, 1956.

The investigating agencies-- Anti-Corruption Bureau and Crime Branch recommend either sanction to the prosecution or departmental enquiry against the delinquent officers and officials depending upon the merits of the case.

The recommendations of these investigating agencies relating to institution of departmental enquiry invariably contain the draft articles of charge and the statement of imputations with gist of evidence.

However, it has been observed by the Government that instead of serving a chargesheet to the delinquent officers prelude to institution of departmental enquiry, majority of the departments choose to set up "Enquiry Committees" at their level to decide the matter, Commissioner/Secretary to

Government, Hilal Ahmed said in the circular issued today.

"Setting up of Enquiry Committees is unnecessary and uncalled for action and is often being seen as a delaying tactic to avoid conclusion of the departmental enquiry in accordance with the rules", the circular said, adding "the constitution of such committees is not only contrary to the provisions contained in the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 but also defeats the very objective of the investigation by the Anti Corruption Bureau or Crime Branch.

Stating that practice of constituting such committees should be stopped forthwith, the GAD Secretary said, "it is incumbent upon the administrative depart-

Even funds yet to be earmarked for much-hyped project Announced 2 and half years back, Saffron Park for Kishtwar remains on papers only

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Mar 26: Announced over two and half years back by the Union Agriculture Minister, the much-hyped Saffron Park at Kishtwar has remained on papers only due to inordinate delay in completion of formalities by the officers of the Agriculture Production Department of the State Government. Moreover, no time-frame can still be specified for any headway in this regard as even Detailed Project Report (DPR) has yet not been forwarded to the Union Government for approval.

The proposal about establishment of Saffron Park at Kishtwar was mooted several years back in order to improve the overall production of saf-

Procedural delays, slackness create hurdle in DPR submission

ron, enhance its quality and research and extension capability and it remained the buzzword for several Ministers of the PDP-BJP Coalition Government, who had even fixed different timelines for start of work on ground.

However, the formal announcement in this regard was made by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Radha Mohan Singh while inaugurating Kissan Melacum-Exhibition at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Kashmir on July 4, 2017.

"The Saffron Park at Kishtwar will be equipped with

quality testing lab, export based activities and e-auction facility centre", the Union Minister had mentioned in his announcement.

Thereafter, on November 5, 2017, the then Minister for Agriculture in PDP-BJP Coalition Government Gulam Nabi Lone Hanjura called on Union Minister at New Delhi and conveyed that Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up of Saffron Park at Kishtwar will be submitted to the Centre within a month to give boost to saffron production in Kishtwar.

However, till date the much-hyped Saffron Park has remained confined to papers

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Major developmental works taken up in Anantnag, people say more focus was required

Suhail Bhat

ANANTNAG: In the last Assembly election, the residents of Anantnag constituency reposed their faith on PDP patron, late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed by voting overwhelmingly in his favour. After winning the elections, he initiated several projects to put the area on the map of development. However, residents said, the development process lost pace after his demise.

In 2014 Assembly elections Mufti Mohammad Sayeed retained the seat by winning the elections and became the Chief Minister. Following his death on 7th January 2016, the seat fell vacant and by-election was held which was won by Mehbooba Mufti, who became



Ex-MLAs' Report Card Constituency: Anantnag Mehbooba Mufti (PDP)

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first woman of 12,085 votes. Chief The people of the constituency hailed the former MLA for starting major devel-

Today, we conclude our most popular column 'Ex-MLAs' Report Card', which drew unprecedented response from our valuable readers and the people cutting across different segments of society. The series, which was second of its kind, the first being in 2014 on the eve of then Assembly elections, lasted 83 days. Excelsior received large number of emails, letters and response from other modes of communication including social media appreciating the column to review performance of the public representatives before they go to the people again whenever the Assembly elections are held in the State. However, due to blockade of many interior roads in Ladakh region during winter, we couldn't publish the report card of four MLAs from the mountain locked region. We assure our readers that the 'Report Card of Ladakh MLAs' will be published when the roads are cleared and our team is able to trek to every nook and corner of the region.

opmental projects like campus of the Kashmir University, development of Rani Park and Wazirbagh Park, choosing the area for the establishment of the Medical College, among other major projects.

Although some areas have witnessed development, there are areas where the quality of amenities need upgradation. The main roads leading to the constituency have been macadamized but many interior localities lacked proper connectivity. The residents are not happy with the condition of the springs in the area and the healthcare facilities on fringes also need improvement.

The residents said that constituency did not receive the attention it deserved. "Being the

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