

# Bhalla discusses regularisation of unauthorised colonies with MLAs

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, July 31: In order to fast track the process of regularization of un-authorized colonies within the jurisdictions of Jammu/Srinagar Development Authorities, a high-level meeting was held here today under the chairmanship of Minister for Housing & Culture, Raman Bhalla.

MLAs Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta, Ashok Khajuria, Javed Mustafa Mir and Irfan Shah were also present in the meeting.

Several issues related to the regularization of all un-authorized colonies situated in Jammu and Srinagar cities were discussed in depth and all the participants strongly advocated for immediate regularization of all such colonies so that the benefits of various social and development programmes ensured to the inhabitants to these areas.

The meeting opined that the residents of about two dozen unauthorised colonies in Jammu and Srinagar cities, who are mostly poor people, have remained without the benefits of several welfare schemes launched by the

Central Government and it is high time to regularize these colonies to extend such benefits to the people.

The Committee issued instructions to the officers of JDA/SDA and J&K Housing Board to expedite the process and make necessary recommendations so that the Government is able to take an appropriate decision on the issue. The officers were directed to clear all the bottlenecks and come up with the concrete proposal to get the formal nod of the Government, the meeting asserted.

The MLAs shared the concern of the Government for addressing this long outstanding issue on merit and maintained that this is a human issue and needs to be decided on priority. They opined that the proposed areas should be regularised on the analogy of 13 colonies, which were regularized in 2005 and making the process simplify as the residents of such areas are mostly belonging to the poor and marginal sections of the society.

The Minister said Government wants to take a decision on this issue with people friendly approach and

taking everybody on board so that aspirations of the poor people are addressed amicably. He said Government is aware about the problems of the residents of all such areas and it is an admitted fact that several benefits under the Central Government's flagship programmes could not be implemented as they lacked basic formalities like dispute in the title of ownership.

Mr. Bhalla directed the officers to dispose of all the pending issues after thorough scrutiny in the light of fresh suggestions from the MLAs so that the matter is discussed at the appropriate fora for final decision. He directed the concerned to complete the exercise in a most transparent and careful manner so that all the deserving areas are covered.

Mr. Bhalla said that with the regularization of all these illegal colonies, the large population hailing from the poor sections will be benefited with the several welfare schemes of the Government of India.

The proposed colonies for regularization included, Sanjay Nagar, Balmiki Colony, Shiva Colony, Chami Rama, Kacha Talab, Goswami Colony, Hyderabad (Janipur), Puran Nagar, part of New Plot, Vikas Nagar, Shant Nagar, Qasim Nagar, Kabir Colony (BC Road), Indira Colony (Janipur), Gorkha Nagar, Jogigate/Gujjar Nagar (left out), Basant Vihar, Gorkh Nagar Extension Bahu Fort, Mohalla Masjid Bagh-e-Bahu, Nai Basti/Rampura, Khandey Colony, Nowgam and Parimpora etc.

Among those present on the occasion included, Commissioner/Secretary Housing & Urban Development, Jeet Lal Gupta, VC JDA, Satish Nehru, VC SDA, M. S. Rather, Commissioner JMC, K.L. Khajuria, Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Kiran Watal, Secretary J&K Housing Board, Ram Pal Sharma, Jt. Commissioner, SMC, Mushtaq Ahmed and officers of Revenue Department.

# Increased MBBS seats to be filled from this academic session

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SRINAGAR, July 31: The recently enhanced intake capacity of the State run medical colleges in the State would be made operational from this academic session.

Minister for Medical Education, Youth Services & Sports, Taj Mohi-ud-Din, who had pursued the enhancement of seats in the J&K medical colleges in view of the increased demand of medicos, today directed the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examination (BOPEE) to include 150 MBBS seats also which were increased by the Medical Council of India (MCI) recently.

This follows a letter of confirmation of seats' increase in the state run medical colleges of J&K from the Board of Governors of MCI received today. Immediately, the Minister directed the BOPEE to make necessary arrangements to include these seats also while framing the merit lists of the entrance test for which the stu-

dents appeared last week only and not let the seats go lapsed.

The swiftness of the Government and prompt action by the Minister to get the increased seats utilised from the current session has brought hope and happiness to the student community.

The hike in the intake capacity of these colleges had become necessary as the State is facing a shortage of qualified medicos due to the expansion of health infrastructure, more so in rural and hilly areas. Also the intake capacity of the GMCs was fixed some 40 years ago after which it was never reviewed.

Taj Mohi-ud-Din had proposed to increase the seats in medical colleges of the State to meet the demand of qualified medicos. The State Government took the proposal to Centre and Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Ghulam Nabi Azad also pushed for the same and today after many decades the seats of medical colleges in the State were increased from 250 to 400 and it would have effect from current year only.

# Tributes paid to Shaheed-e-Azam Udham Singh

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JAMMU, July 31: Various organisations remembered Shaheed-e-Azam Udham Singh on his 73rd martyrdom day, today and paid floral tributes to the revolutionary leader, who killed the main culprit of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, General Dyer, in London and smilingly licked the death sentence on July 31, 1940.

Hundreds of activists of National Panthers Party (NPP) today gathered at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi to pay highest tributes to Shaheed-e-Azam Udham Singh for his supreme sacrifice.

Addressing the Panthers Party activists, Prof Bhim Singh, Supremo of the Panthers Movement and Chief Patron of Rashtriya Chetna Abhiyan urged the youth and students to strengthen the movement so that the correct history of the freedom movement is recorded and taught in the country.

The Panthers Party activists announced that the Rashtriya Chetna Abhiyan launched by the Party will reach every corner of the country and knock at every door of the students and youth with the awakening call to free India from corruption, communalism, criminalization and authoritarianism.

J&K Freedom Fighters' Association (JKFFA) remembered the martyr Udham Singh by organizing an impressive function held at Government College for Women, Parade.

Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Kapil Sharma, was the chief guest while Kuldeep Singh, ARTO, Jammu, CS Balloria and Sunil Kerni were the guests of honour, who paid floral tributes to the Shaheed-e-Azam Udham Singh, who sacrificed his life for the motherland.

The speakers exhorted the youth to come forward and give an honest leadership to the country.

On the martyrdom of Udham Singh, National Secular Forum (NSF) organized a programme in Jammu University to pay tributes to the great martyr.

Prof Shohab Malik, Rector of Kishitwar Campus, University of Jammu, was the chief guest while Dr Vikas Sharma presided over the function. Sukhdev Singh, president, NSF, Dr Shaifqat Malik, and Akshay Sharma, General Secretary NSF, were the guests of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Shohab Malik, threw light on the supreme sacrifice of the great martyr. Dr Vikas Sharma also spoke on the occasion.



MLA S.S. Slathia inaugurating SBI branch at Ramgarh on Wednesday.

# SBI inaugurates branch at Ramgarh

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SAMBA, July 31: State Bank of India (SBI) today inaugurated its 162nd branch and 8th branch in at Ramgarh.

The branch was inaugurated by Surjit Singh Slathia, MLA and Former Minister for Industry and Commerce and Neeraj Vyas, General Manager, Network -III, Chandigarh Circle at Ramgarh in presence of other senior functionaries of the Bank including Ajit Kumar Jain, Deputy General Manager, Chand Ji Tikku, Regional Manager, RBO-III and others.

Speaking on the occasion, SS Slathia said that Bank has vital role in coming scenario as there should be close relation with Sarpanchs and Panchs for the implementation of Government schemes for the upliftment of the society.

Neeraj Vyas, General

Manager stressed on the role of bank in the overall development of the rural areas and assured the gathering the timely disposal of credit proposals as pointed out by SS Slathia.

On the occasion, 28 Kissan Credit Cards (KCCs) were distributed among the farmers. Besides, 30 schools of Ramgarh province were provided with water filters under Corporate Social Responsibility scheme of bank.

Speaking on the occasion, AK Jain, Deputy General Manager said that the focus of the bank is to reach out every Indian and assured that Bank is and will provide world class banking facilities to the area.

Earlier, Chand Ji Tikku, Regional Manager, presented the welcome address, whereas in the end, Saniya Raina, Branch Manager, Ramgarh presented vote of thanks.

# CAPD asks consumers to lodge complaint for denial of LPG home delivery

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JAMMU, July 31: Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department (CA&PD) has asked the consumers not to pay more than Rs 421 for the subsidized and Rs 877. 50 for the non-subsidized cylinders and complain to the department in case of overcharging or denial of home delivery by the distributor.

The Department has informed the general public that the gas agencies have been asked to ensure 100 percent home delivery of the LPG gas in Jammu city and all major towns of the region as point delivery of LPG cylinders has been done away with.

All District and Tehsil heads of CA&PD have been directed to ensure strict enforcement of the rates and home delivery services in their respective areas and take action against the distributors found violating the norms.

The department has also urged the Indian Oil Companies

state level coordinator to direct all the Gas Agency Holders, Distributors to ensure the 100 percent home delivery of the LPG.

The department has warned the Gas Distributors against violation of set norms, including the rates of the LPG of different categories.

Meanwhile, the department has further informed that it is issuing Kerosene in the Municipal limit of Jammu city through mobile tankers at notified places in the print media in advance @ Rs 15.37 per litre and rest of the area of Jammu province through the retail Kerosene approved dealers of department at a scale of 05 liters per ration card per month approved by the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

In this regard all District and Tehsil heads of CA&PD have been asked to ensure that Kerosene is distributed to the public at the approved rates and scale.

# Gupta retires after 36 yrs of meritorious services

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JAMMU, July 31: Pradeep Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, retired from the service today bringing to culmination an illustrious career spanning 36 years.

Mr Gupta joined Kashmir Administrative Service in the year 1977 after completing his post-graduation from Delhi University. After serving in the departments of Revenue, Chief Minister's Secretariat, Excise and Sales Tax, he remained posted as Special Secretary with Chief Secretary during nineties when militancy was at its peak.

He twice served as Director, Rural Development and was sponsored for a Diploma Course by the Government of India at the Institute of Social Studies The Hague, Netherlands in the year 2003. On return, Mr Gupta served as Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Director Industries and Commerce, Excise Commissioner and there-

after as Commissioner Secretary, CAPD and Transport Departments.

Mr Gupta was awarded a gold medal and Rs 51,000 for his meritorious service on Republic Day 2006. There was relative calm and peace in Jammu region during the tenure of Mr Gupta as Divisional Commissioner.

Meanwhile, District Development Commissioner Jammu, Ajeet Kumar Sahu bid a warm farewell to Mr Gupta, on his superannuation, at a simple but impressive function held at Deputy Commissioner office.

Mr Sahu spoke at length about the meritorious services of Divisional Commissioner and said that Mr Gupta would be remembered for his public friendly, prompt approach and extending help to the needy, poor and downtrodden segments of the society.

Farewell was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioners, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioners, SDMs, Tehsildars and other officers of the DDC/DC office Jammu.

# Sagar, Shabir inaugurate e-hospital project in JLNM

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SRINAGAR, July 31: Hi-tech computerized services was started today in JLNM Hospital Rainawari under the first phase of Centrally sponsored e-hospital project.

The service was inaugurated by Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ali Mohammad Sagar in presence of Minister of State for Health, Shabir Ahmad Khan.

Mission Director J&K, NRHM, Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Contoller Drugs and Food Organization, Satish Gupta, Managing Director Information Technology, Suresh, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Iqbal, Dr Muhammad Abdullah Deputy Director Health Services Kashmir, Medicos, Para-medico of JLNM, Hospital and senior officers of Health Services, Kashmir besides prominent citizens of the area were also present on the occasion.

Appreciating the initiative taken by the J&K National Rural Health Mission, the Rural Development Minister said that this would prove much beneficial in disseminating day to day work of the hospital and would provide quick health services to the patients in the hospital.

The Minister said that this will help in maintenance of records, creation of data base for research, quick handling of registration, compilation of day-to-day data base and information regarding registration of

patients. He underscored the need for extending the e-hospital care, laboratory services, work flow based document and infor-



Minister for Rural Development Ali Mohd Sagar and Minister of State for Health Shabir Ahmad Khan inaugurating e-hospital project at JLNM hospital on Wednesday.

facility to other hospitals of the State.

Mr. Sagar said that Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has made tangible achievements in upgradation of healthcare facilities during last over 4 years in the State. He said that expansion of Lal Ded Hospital, Children Hospital, Rainawari Hospital and other district hospitals has provided much relief to the patients.

The e-hospital project @NIC Suite is a web based solution using Free Open Source Software (FOSS) tools for managing healthcare service delivery in public hospitals to accelerate infusion adoption of ICT tools and maintain healthcare standards. FOSS is generic software which covers major functional areas like patient

management exchange, human resource and medical records management of hospital.

Giving further details, the State Health Minister said the project has been funded under National Rural Health Mission for managing healthcare service delivery in public hospitals and to maintain healthcare standards. He said the e-hospital project costing Rs 6.5 crore has to be implemented in two phases covering four modules, including outdoor patient and in door patient, emergency and billing in the first phase and store management, Radiology and Lab services in phase second. "So far the e-hospital projects have been implemented in only two hospitals of the State, including Government Hospital JLNM, Rainawari and Gandhi Nagar, Jammu with 26,000 and 40,000 registrations, respectively", Shabir said.

The Health Minister said all district hospitals will be brought under the project to streamline and improve healthcare delivery system in the Government run health institutions.

Health Minister said that e-hospital facilities to 5 CHCs and 10 PHCs in the State would be also completed up to the end of October this year in first phase.

# 3 arrested, drugs seized

**Excelsior Correspondent**

RAJOURI, July 31: The police arrested three persons including a woman and recovered illegal drugs from their possession in Darhal area.

Acting on the basis of some inputs, a police party led by SHO Darhal, DySP (Prob) Musadiq Basu, under the supervision of SDPO Thannamandi conducted raid in the house of one Naseer Hussain Mirza at Ojjan village and found two youth buying drugs (corex and capsules) from him and his wife. The police party nabbed both the youth and wife-Farzana Kouser while Naseer managed to escape.

The police during search of the house recovered total 82 bottles of corex and 767 capsules including the recovery from the accused persons. The two youth arrested were identified as Zuber Hussain, son of Babu Hussain of Rajouri and Vipin Kumar, son of Sarwan Singh, resident of Kalakote. A case FIR No. 38/2013 was registered in this connection. The police was looking for Naseer Mirza.

# Legal awareness camp held

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JAMMU, July 31: A legal awareness camp was organised in Government High School, Sunjwan under the chairmanship of Inder Singh, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Principal, District and Sessions Judge, district Samba.

On the occasion, SS Bali, Chairman, Tehsil Legal Services Committee, Anjum Ara,

Additional Munsiff Samba, Advocate Rakesh Bhagat and Advocate Mohinder Singh Charak apprised the students about their rights and duties.

Kulwant Singh, Headmaster of the school also addressed the students.

Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Naib Tehsildar, Vijaypur, Zorawar Singh, Sarpanch and Panchs of panchayat halqa Sunjwan and staff of the said school also participated.

# JKB organizes financial literacy sessions, concludes trainings

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SRINAGAR, July 31: Jammu and Kashmir Bank organized financial literacy and credit counseling-cum-awareness sessions.

In the financial literacy and credit counseling session at the Industrial Training Institute Sopore, more than 40 trainees and trainers participated. The participants were apprised about the role and objectives of FLCC centres, importance of opening savings accounts with the Bank besides informing about the benefits of borrowing from the banks for income generating units.

Head Cluster-II North apprised the audience about the various services and products offered by the Bank besides customers' rights. Head B/U T P Sopore and Assistant Project Officer DRDO spoke on the occasion.

In collaboration with Lead Bank Office, FLCC Kulgam organized an awareness session at village Pambay in district Kulgam, which was attended by a good number of people including growers, traders and senior

citizens.

The LDM Kulgam impressed upon the participants to inculcate the habit of saving by opening various deposit accounts with the bank like savings, Recurring Deposits etc for safe keeping besides handsome returns.

Facilitator FLCC briefed the audience about Bank's products especially Child Care Scheme, Mehandi Deposit Scheme and other sponsored schemes and insisted upon people to take advantage of such schemes.

Two more sessions were conducted at Govt Degree College Kulgam and at Walleengoo, Kund, wherein more than 300 students besides principal, faculty members and a good number of people participated.

Facilitator FLCC gave a detailed account of Bank's products particularly Education Finance, Laptop Finance, Kissan Credit Card, Apple Advance Scheme along with other sponsored schemes.

Meanwhile, JKB RSETI Rajouri wrapped up its 8th entrepreneurship development programme in 'Dress Designing' for its first non-sponsored batch.

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