



Anganwadi workers and helpers shouting slogan during a protest at Srinagar on Wednesday. -Excelsior/Amin War

Anganwadi workers, helpers stage protest

Excelsior Correspondent have served our department on a small amount from more than last three decades, now Government should provide us social security for our old age days," Hajra Begam, an Anganwadi worker said.

The members also alleged that neither the higher authorities have released funds for Anganwadi workers, helpers nor the functionaries in CDPO and District Social Welfare Offices (DSWO) have ever paid their wages on time.

The Anganwadi workers also said that it is the shame for the Government that Anganwadi workers, helpers are not released salaries in the holy month of Ramzan.

The angry Anganwadi workers also said that the Government is availing their service during surveys done in mohalla or any village, Polio campaign and even in election duty.

The protesters also demanded that Minister for Social Welfare, Sakina Ito, being a woman, should take their issues seriously.

The protesters also said that they have sacrificed their youthful days for the welfare of department on meager monthly honorarium of Rs 250 during 1990, which was later on increased to Rs 3600. "We

Jora takes stock of arrangements for ensuing festivals

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, July 31: Minister for Urban Development and Local Bodies, Nawang Rigzin Jora today visited various shrines in Srinagar city including Hazratbal, Ziyarat Syed Yaqoob Sahib, Ziyarat Naqashband Sahab, Dastageer Sahib and Jamia Masjid and took stock of the arrangements for the ensuing Jummat-ul-vida, Shab-i-Qadr, Eid-ul-Fitr festivals.

The Minister also took stock of pace of construction work being executed at Dastageer Shrine at Khanyar and stressed for its time bound completion.

He also paid obeisance at the shrines of Dargah Hazratbal, Hazrat Syed Yaqoob Sahib, Hazrat Naqashband Sahib and prayed for the peace and prosperity of the State and its people.

Mr. Jora also interacted with the devotees and members of the management at the shrines and enquired about the facilities available for the devotees.

Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Jeet Lal Gupta, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Dr. G.N.Qasba and other concerned officers accompanied the Minister.

The Minister directed the concerned authorities to put in place all necessary arrangements

Educational-cum-motivational tour flagged in

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, July 31: Nine-days educational-cum-motivational tour for the children belonging to Gujjar and Bakerwal community to Mumbai and Pune was flagged in today.

The tour was flagged in at Nagrota by Lieutenant General DS Hooda, GOC, White Knight



Educational-cum-motivational tour participants interacting with Lt. Gen. DS Hooda at Jammu on Wednesday.

Corps, today.

The students were thrilled by their visit to the financial capital of the country, where they also got a glimpse of Bollywood.

The tour was organised to inspire children to join the national effort and contribute towards peace and prosperity in the area.

where they visited Haji Ali Dargah, Gateway of India and the Planetarium. Sightseeing on Juhu Beach, Marine Drive and Fashion Street gave them an insight into the bustling lifestyle of this metropolis.

At Pune, the children visited the Symbiosis College, National Defence Academy and Agriculture College.



Women pray as the head priest (not pictured) displays the holy relic during special prayers on the 21st day of Ramadan, at the Hazratbal Shrine in Srinagar on Wednesday. -Excelsior/Amin War

DF&SS holds protest, demands separate State

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, July 31: Dogra Front and Shiv Sena (DF&SS) today held a protest demonstra-



Activists of DF&SS raising slogans during protest at Jammu on Wednesday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

tion and demanded separate Jammu State.

The workers of DF&SS led by its president Ashok Gupta raised slogans and demanded declaration of Jammu a separate state.

While speaking, Gupta alleged that 70 per cent amount of the total plan is diverted towards the people of Valley and Jammu and Ladakh got only 20 and 10 per cent respectively.

Like in the case of modern villages Kashmir got 11 modern villages and Jammu got 2 modern villages, each village has got 33 lakhs so there is a monetary disparity of 6 crores, he added.

Most of the anti accession and anti Indian voices were raised from the Valley, he added.

He said that Muslim majority areas living in Doda, Rajouri, etc of Jammu region remained educationally, economically and infrastructurally backward due to

negligence from Valley centric leadership.

By making Jammu a separate State, the grievance of the people will be redressed.

Among others present were Sukhdev Singh, Geeta Devi, Ashish, Bantu, Tony, etc.

Situation defused in Baderwah after DyCM, MoS Home intervention

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, July 31: Partial bandh was observed in Baderwah town in protest against attack on some youth of minority community last night in which two of them sustained injuries. However, the situation was defused following the intervention of Deputy Chief Minister, Tara Chand, Minister of State for Home, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo and local MLA, Mohd Sharief Niiaz.

Reports said that last night a group of youth first tried to attack a family, which was travelling in a car, and later assaulted two youth of minority community at Nalthi. Both the injured youth namely Sunil Singh, son of Naseeb Singh of Bhalla and Sunil Raina, son of Chander Gupta of Vasuki Vihar have been admitted in the hospital with severe injuries.

In the morning, large number of people from minority community assembled near the Lakshmi Narayan Temple and held protest demonstration over the yesterday's incident. Partial bandh was also observed in the town to lodge resentment over the incident.

However, the situation was defused following the intervention of Deputy Chief Minister, Tara Chand, MoS Home, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo, local MLA, Mohd Sharief Naiz, DDC Doda, Mubarak Singh and DIG Ashkoor Ahmed Wani, who convened a meeting of prominent citizens, social, religious and charitable organizations at Baderwah and appealed the people to maintain communal harmony and foil the designs of anti-social elements.

"Peace and harmony is the prime requirement for the growth and social development of the state", DyCM said while chairing the meeting, adding "peace is the only path through which the desired and multifaceted growth and social development of the State can be achieved and under peaceful atmosphere the Government can focus on the developmental activities for the benefit and welfare of the people which is not possible if the peace deteriorates".

He appreciated the age old tradition of brotherhood and harmony among the different sections of the society in the region and asked them to strengthen their relations to defeat the nefarious designs of the anti-social elements who are bent upon to disturb the peace and prosperity in the region.

Bootlegger held with illicit liquor

Excelsior Correspondent UDHAMPUR, July 31: Police today arrested a bootlegger and seized 40 pouches of illicit liquor from his possession.

The accused, identified as Ashok Kumar of Garhi, was carrying the illicit liquor pouches for black marketing in Rehmbal area.

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