

## Police foil employees' march, scores detained

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SRINAGAR, Aug 3: Dozens of employees of Urban Local Bodies were detained by police when they were protesting against the Government for its failure to fulfill their demands. Score of employees under the banner of 'J&K Urban Local Bodies Employees United Forum' assembled here and staged anti-Government protests for its failure to release their salary as per the re-organization pattern of the department with 80 percent HRA/DA. The protesters were also demanding that the daily wages working in the department be regularized and the sweeping staff be paid Rs 4500 per month. They also demanded that service recruitment rules be implemented by the department and creation of various posts as approved vide SRO-214 dated

23/05/2008 be done to accommodate other employees. The protests call was supported by Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) and Joint Consultative Committee (JCC). "The employees have been working without pay for months together due to the delay in the release of salary grant in the department," EJAC President, Abdul Qayoom said. Meanwhile, Police detained scores of employees including a faction president of JCC Abdul Qayoom Wani and Manzoor Pampori. Before being taken into custody, JCC president Abdul Qayoom Wani alleged the Government is ignoring the demands of the employees intentionally. He said that the employees are being forced to take to streets by the Government, which failed to meet their demands.

## Field staff dupes power consumers

### Protest against PDD at Vijaypur, Pargwal

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 3: The public held massive protest demonstration and observed bandh at Vijaypur in Samba and Pargwal in Akhnour sub-division against the Power Development Department today. Reports said a large number of

irate people were raising slogans against Minister in-charge Power, Chief Engineer PDD Jammu and concerned Executive Engineer at Vijaypur Division. They alleged that for the last few weeks the people of the areas are facing lot of problems as power has been sus-



People protesting against PDD at Vijaypur in Samba on Saturday. -Excelsior/ Gautam

people including members of Beopar Mandal Vijaypur came out on the road and took out a protest rally against PDD authorities in the main bazaar. The traders closed their establishments and joined the protest and then started protest demonstration at the main chowk. They however, did not block the National Highway and continued protest against the PDD authorities Vijaypur.

ended due to break down in the transformers. The water supply has also been hit. Concerned PDD staff causes discrimination and in some areas unnecessary long cuts are imposed. During these hot summer days, long and unscheduled power curtailment has made life miserable. They said there is problem of low voltage and hardly 6 to 7 hours power is provided in a day. They also demanded upgradation in the

## Congress appeals PM, Sonia to sanction package for Chenab Valley people

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 3: Congress appealed to the Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi to sanction the package for Chenab Valley.

In a joint statement, senior Congress leaders including MLA Inderwal GM Saroori, MLA Ramban Ashok Kumar, MLA Chenani Krishan Chander, Naresh Kumar Gupta and Sham Lal Bhagat, MLCs and State secretary PCC Thakur Jughal Bhandari also requested the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad to get the package sanctioned and distribution of relief. National Conference (NC) leaders are exposed before the public as they are playing with the sentiments of the sufferers for their personal political interests, they alleged. They demanded that earth-

quake-hit Doda and Kishtwar districts should be brought under National School Safety Project (NSSP), which will help in mobilising resources in case of a natural disaster. With an effective management plan, people can minimise the damage caused by these events", they added. People are living in very pitiable conditions as they lost their homes, animals and farms, they informed.

They asked the district administrations of Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban and Congress leaders of block and district levels to reach out to affected people and mobilise resources for rebuilding the damaged infrastructure. They alleged that the State Government has announced 3 month free ration in May for quake victims, but till date it has not been distributed in tehsil Chatroo of district Kishtwar. They demanded immediately distribution of ration among the quake victims.

### Kidnapped girl recovered, one arrested

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
NOWSHERA, Aug 3: The police today recovered a girl who was kidnapped by five persons from Nowshera area two days back.

A police spokesman said that acting on a tip-off, a police party raided a house in Sunderbani area and recovered 17-year old, Hasina Koser (name changed), daughter of Munir, resident of Hanjara village in Nowshera. The police also nabbed prime accused Mohd Zulfikar, son of Shabir Ahmed of Nowshera area. Four others, namely Mohd Sadiq, Talib, Mohd Latief and Mohd Shaqir were still absconding. The police has registered a case FIR No. 146/ 2013 against them.

They alleged that concerned PDD field staff collected revenue from the consumers and did not deposit in the bank/ treasury. They were provided bills and asked to deposit the amount which they had already paid to the field staff worth lakhs. They demanded inquiry and action against the concerned PDD staff. The SHO concerned reached the spot and then he and Sarpanch spoke to the Chief Engineer PDD on phone who assured an impartial inquiry into the matter and take action if they were found guilty. Later, people lifted dhama.

## Evolve effective mechanism for time bound execution of projects: Sadhotra

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 3: Minister for Planning, Labour and Employment, Ajay Sadhotra today called upon the officers to evolve effective mechanism to ensure time bound execution of development projects for equitable development of three regions of the State.

The Minister said this while chairing a high level meeting to review the performance of physical verification of development projects carried out by Additional District Development Commissioners of various districts of Jammu province at Civil Secretariat here today. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary to Government, Planning and Development Department, B.R. Sharma, Director General, Economics and Statistics, B. R. Lachotra, Director Planning Information Monitoring (PIM), Anil Gandotra, Director CSS, Shakti Singh Jamwal, Regional Joint Director,

### Nayeem Akhtar bereaved

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 3: The mother of People's Democratic Party spokesperson and Member of Legislative Council, Nayeem Akhtar breathed her last after brief illness at her residence located in Parreypora area of Srinagar.

Begum Syed Mohammad Syed was 82. People's Democratic Party patron and former Chief Minister, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed along with senior leaders of the party visited the residence of Nayeem Akhtar to mourn the demise of his mother.

## Sham inspects WSS Channi-Mansar, new source of Surinsar scheme

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 3: In an attempt to reach out to the people of hilly and rural areas and address their problems at the doorsteps, Minister for PHE, Irrigation & Flood Control, Sham Lal Sharma today dedicated 25000 gallon discharge capacity deep drill tube well to the people of Dabab in Samba district.

MLA, Samba, Yash Paul Kundal, Vice Chairperson, SC, Advisory Board, Swaran Lata, Ex-Minister Manjit Singh and Ex-MLA Samba, Subash Sharma besides District Development Commissioner, Samba, R K Varma, Chief Engineer, PHE, Jammu, K K Gupta, Chief Engineer, I&FC, Varinder Badyal, SE Hydraulic Jammu, SEs, PHE I&FC Samba and Udhampur, all sectoral officers both the districts, sarpanchs and Panchs were also present on the occasion. The construction work of tube well including laying of water supply pipes in uncovered areas of the Dabab areas has been completed at a cost of Rs.160.35 lakh under NRDWP.

Addressing a public meeting after inauguration of the deep drill tube well, Sham said that on the commissioning of the water supply scheme, a populace of about 10000 souls of Dabab, Gwalchra, Baloo and Dabab Bajar and its adjoining areas would get relief from shortage of drinking water. He said that Government was highly concerned about the scarcity of water supply in urban and peripheral areas of the state, adding that number of water supply schemes have been taken up to provide safe drinking water to the people of these areas. Emphasizing the need to involve sarpanchs, panchs as well as locals in the revival and main-

tenance of traditional water resources, the Minister said that these areas have perennial source of water in kandi areas since centuries. He said that Government has also been working on a comprehensive plan to modernize and revive all the traditional ponds and water bodies in kandi areas of the state that are highly dependable source of water for the people of these areas.

The Minister was informed that the PHE department has taken up number of works/schemes under different heads which include NRDWP (centre sponsored schemes) II district plan III town (UIDSSMT) in Samba district.

The Minister asked the Irrigation Department to furnish a comprehensive plan for channelizing the Basantar Nallah. He also gave on spot instruction to ground water authorities to redevelop four schemes which were non-functional due to non-availability of water sources and submit the report to concerned quarter.

Later, the Minister visited the site of WSS Channi-Mansar near Majalta tehsil and took stock of delinking Mansar Lake. He said that GoI has instructed for protection and preservation of all water bodies in the state. He said that Mansar Lake water is another source for supply of drinking water to the concerned habitans which has been taken up number of time during District Development Board Meeting Udhampur and Samba district.

Later, the Minister also visited the site of new source of WSS Surinsar (under task force) for delinking of Surinsar lake. The WSS Surinsar scheme will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs.723.59 lakh and expenditure of Rs.559.59 lakh has been incurred till March 2013.

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