

Minister for Rural Development Ali Mohd Sagar inspecting arrangements for Eid-ul-Fitr during visit to various parts of Srinagar on Wednesday.

## Sagar tours Srinagar city, reviews Eid arrangements

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Aug 7: Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ali Mohammad Sagar today conducted an extensive tour of Srinagar city and reviewed the arrangements being made for ensuring the smooth conduct of Eid-ul-Fitr festivities.

The Minister was accompanied by Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Dr. G. N. Qasba and senior officers of various departments like PDD, PHE, R&B, Police, Health and District Administration.

While inspecting the arrangements being made for offering of Eid prayers at Polo Ground, the Minister directed the SMC Commissioner to make elaborate arrangements for ensuring cleanliness and other related things for the general convenience of the devotees. He also directed the police authorities to put in place a fool proof security mechanism so that the Nimaz is conducted smoothly.

Mr. Sagar also visited Hazratbal Shrine and took stock of measures being taken for the smooth conduct of Eid Nimaz at the historical place. He directed the officers of different departments to work in a coordinated manner to ensure that the devotees do not face any inconvenience. He also asked the traffic police authorities to ensure smooth plying of public and pri-

## Govt drops charges, closes case against 2 KAS officers

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JAMMU, Aug 7: Government today dropped charges against two KAS officers and decided to treat the period of their suspension as on duty.

According to the order issued by the General Administration Department, pursuant to the preliminary enquiry conducted by the Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department into the misappropriation/ embezzlement of food grains meant for distribution among the ration card holders of block Warwan and Marwah of Kishtwar district, an FIR No.19/2009 was registered in Police Station, Crime Branch Jammu on August 20, 2009 against Reyaz Ahmad Wani, the then Assistant Director, CAPD Anantnag and Khurshid Ahmed Sanai, the then Deputy Director CAPD Department, Anantnag.

Accordingly, they were placed under suspension. However, the review committee, in its meeting held on November 29, 2012, decided to reinstate

## KPC strongly reacts over statement of Mirwaiz

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NEW DELHI, Aug 7: Reacting strongly over the statement of Hurriyat Chief, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, in which he has rejected Homeland demand of Kashmiri Pandits and urged them to return to their respective homes in the Valley, Kashmir Pandit Conference (KPC) has replied that Homeland demand was raised by the KPs only after their co-existence was challenged in the Valley and also after becoming victim of separatist politics and Muslims fundamentalism in Kashmir.

Speaking in a meeting of his party activists, KPC chief, Kundan Kashmiri stated that KPs fully understand the duplicity of the fundamentalists. He further said that before calling KPs back to Kashmir, has Hurriyat leadership given a thought to the fact whether they are in a commanding position to protect their (KPs) life and property, can they bring back the hey days of peace, love and tranquility, can they return the land and property to KPs which has been either looted, burnt, encroached, snatched or sold out under distress sale... can they allow KPs to live as per their own will and choice in the

# Protest demonstrations continue for 2nd day against killing of Army jawans

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 7: The protest demonstrations throughout Jammu region continued for the second consecutive day today against the killing of five soldiers by Pakistani Army in Poonch sector yesterday.

The BJP activists of Raipur Domana Mandal held a massive demonstration at Muthi and blocked Akhnour road resulting into a huge traffic jam on this busy road.

The protestors shouted slogans against Pakistan and inactive UPA Government at Delhi. They accused the UPA Government for its failure in containing cross border terrorism and also torched the Pakistani flag and effigy of Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh.

The protest demonstration was led by senior BJP leader and former MLA, Bali Bhagat while among others it was addressed by ex-Corporator Omi Khajuria and other party leaders Mukesh Sharma, Narinder Singh and Hans Raj Manhas.

Another demonstration was held by advocates of J&K Bar, Jammu at High Court road, Janipur. A large number of members of Bar participated in the demonstration. The protestors also blocked the Janipur road and stopped the vehicular traffic for over two hours on this busy road. They torched the effigy of Pakistani army.

Addressing the protestors Gurdeep Singh Pandey president Jammu and Kashmir Sharmati Action Committee expressed his grief and sorrow over the killing of brave soldiers by Pak army in ambush. He said these soldiers laid down their lives for the nation and demanded that India should pay Pakistan in the same coin. Umesh Sharma while addressing the demonstration

also condemned the killings. Another protest was held by youth Congress activists at Press Club here who burnt the effigy of Pakistan. The protest was led by Manjit Singh, State general secretary, Pradesh Youth Congress. While addressing the protestors Manjit Singh expressed his deep concern over unprovoked firing from across the border by Pak Army. He said the India should deal strongly with Pakistan.

Kandi Ekta Manch held a protest demonstration at Rajbagh National Highway in Kathua district today against the killing of five soldiers by Pakistani Army in border area of Poonch district. The protestors torched the flag of Pakistan.

Addressing the protestors president of the Manch, Ashok Jasrotia said that Pakistan has crossed all limits so India should snap all diplomatic ties with neighboring country and pay the enemy in the same coin.

BJYM held a protest demonstration at Udhampur which was led by its president Ramnik Sharma and city president Rohit Sharma. The demonstration was also addressed by senior party leader Pawan Gupta and the protestors torched the effigy of Pakistan and its flag.

BJP and ABVP activists held demonstrations in Reasi town today against the Pakistan and its troops for killing five Indian soldiers in Poonch Sector yesterday.

The BJP protest was led by Ajay Nanda district president while ABVP protest was led by Sachdev Singh district president of the organization Reasi.

Youth Congress leader Sumeet Singh led a demonstration of the party activists at Udhampur today to protest against the killing of five Indian soldiers by Pakistani troops. The protestors accused Pakistan of

violating all international laws and conventions. Protest demonstrations were held by people at all the townships of Kathua district including at district headquarter Kathua and Hiranagar and Dayalchak towns against the killing of five Indian soldiers by Pak troops in Poonch sector yesterday.

Former Union Minister and MLA Jammu West, Prof Chaman Lal Gupta has also strongly condemned the killing of five Indian soldiers by Pakistani Army.

In a statement issued here, today he cautioned the Government that the happenings in North East and on LoC should not be taken casually as all this could be a prelude for bigger design to harm India and try to internationalize the so called Kashmir issue.

Prof Gupta said that cross border terror has always been the part of Pakistani policy notwithstanding their denial about the terrorist acts on Indian soil. Pakistan has now been exposed fully that the terrorist training camps exist on its soil, he added.

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee has also strongly condemned the audacious and provocative attack by Pakistani troops in the Poonch Sector yesterday in which five India soldiers were killed.

A meeting of PCC under the chairmanship of senior vice president of the Party Dharam Paul Sharma was held here today in which the leaders condemned the attack and described it an audacious and provocative act by Pakistani troops who entered Indian territory along the Line of Control in Poonch Sector yesterday and ambushed a patrolling party in which five Indian soldiers were killed.

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JAMMU, July 7: Chairman, Legislative Council, Amrit Malhotra, who is on Jammu tour, has instructed district administration to ensure availability of essentials including cooking gas, mutton and poultry products in connection with Eid festival, particularly in Muslim dominated areas.

Malhotra asked the authorities of CA&PD Department to mobilize and intensify the market checking squads in order to keep check on profiteers and black marketers. He directed Jammu Municipal Corporation to launch a massive cleanliness drive in and around the areas where Eid congregations are expected to take place.

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Hundreds of workers under the banner of PHE Workers Welfare Association (PHEWWA) gathered here at PHE Complex and raised slogans against the State Government for its callous approach towards the demands of the PHE workers.

While addressing the gathering, general secretary of the Association, Subhash Verma criticized the Government decision regarding direct recruitment on vacant posts lying in the department, saying this cannot be tolerated till the daily wages of the department are regularized.

Reiterating other demands of the Association including release of all sorts of daily wages at the rate of Rs 150 per day, release of wages before the 5th of every month, regularization of daily rated workers both of ITI and non-ITI on the pattern of ReT teachers, clearing of backlog wages of workers and holding of DPC to fill up the vacant posts, Verma said that if their demands are not fulfilled soon, they will be left with no other option than starting Kaam Choro Hartal in the whole province throughout the Jammu region.

Later, the protestors, took out a protest procession through the main bazaars of the Kathua which concluded at the office of Deputy Commissioner Kathua with submission of a Memorandum of Demands (MoD) to DC Kathua.

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## Sham assesses damage to villages along river Chenab

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JAMMU, Aug 7: Minister for PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control, Sham Lal Sharma on Wednesday visited villages along the river Chenab to assess the damage caused to land and inner roads along the right bank of the river due to heavy rain in upper areas besides taking stock of restoration and prevention measures being taken up by the concerned departments.

The Minister visited village Maira, Sangrampur, Muthi Maira, Chanjaewan, Chak Skinder etc located on right bank of the river Chenab and took stock of restoration works being done there by the Flood Control Department. He instructed the concerned engineers to upgrade the crate up to roads level to save the land from floods. He directed the Superintendent Engineer Jammu to complete all the works on war footing.

Mr. Sham informed that a comprehensive plan for channelization of river Chenab is under active consideration of the Government and the work on these prestigious projects would be started as soon as all formalities are completed. He also said that Government is keen to address the problems of flood hit areas on priority.

The Minister appealed the locals as well as Sarpanchs and Panchs of the area to extend cooperation to the executing agencies for better and effective implementation of development works.

The Minister said that various development works are being implemented under various Central and State sponsored schemes like MGNREGA. He also called upon the concerned officers to work with zeal and dedication to ensure that the schemes will be completed in a time bound manner.

SE Hydraulic Rajeev Malhotra, Executive Engineers of Irrigation and Flood Control and concerned officers accompanied the Minister.

## 16 Junior Stenographers promoted

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 7: On stop-gap arrangement, the Government has accorded placement of 16 Junior Stenographers of J&K Secretariat Subordinate Service as Senior Stenographers.

They include Arshad Ahmad, Abid Ahmad Qureshi, Vimal Sharma, Naresh Kumar, Sami Ullah Mir, Taha Hussain, Vikas Gupta, Parvinder Singh, Sunil Kumar Sharma, Mohd Hafiz Wani, Muzaffar Ahmad Khan, Harbinder Singh, Naresh Sharma, Manohar Lal, Mubariq Ahmad Dar and Rattan Lal Nadh.

## Pilgrims' baggage recovered, Governor lauds police

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Aug 7: N. N. Vohra, Governor who is also the Chairman of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, has lauded the prompt action taken by the Anantnag Police to affect recovery of the stolen baggage of three Amarnathji Yatris from Faizabad, UP, who had entrusted their bags to a labourer of Chandanwari for being carried to Sheshnag Yatra Camp. The baggage contained Rs. 11,000 in cash, three cell phones, PAN cards and clothing of the pilgrims.

Sarvshri Gagan Jaiswal, Abhishek Jaiswal and Nishant Tripathi, on their way to Sheshnag, had handed over their baggage and other belongings to a ponywallah at Chandanwari, after retaining his Voter Identity Card. When they reached Sheshnag, they tried very hard but could not trace the ponywallah.

After performing Darshan at the Holy Cave and returning home, Gagan Jaiswal sent an e-mail to the Chairman of the Shrine Board and complained about the loss suffered during the Amarnathji pilgrimage.

The Chairman directed the CEO to take up the matter with the Anantnag Police for immediate investigation and Chairman also spoke to R. K. Jalla, SSP Anantnag, who acted promptly, traced the ponywallah, recovered the lost items and returned to the Yatris.

The Governor has complimented Mr. Jalla and the Anantnag Police for the prompt and successful investigation of the pilgrims' complaint.

## Police constable found dead under mysterious circumstances

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 7: A police constable was found dead under suspicious circumstances near Jeevan Nagar, falling under the jurisdiction of Satwari Police Station.

As per reports, body of Constable Kuldeep Raj, resident of District Doda and posted at Canal Road Police Post was found near Jeevan Nagar.

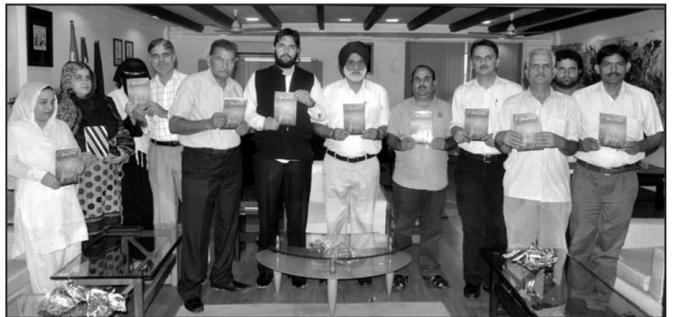
The body was shifted to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) where after autopsy it was handed over to family members for last rites.

A case has been registered investigation started.

## Power shut down

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 7: In order to carry out the preventive maintenance work as well as strengthening of the transmission line of 132 KV Gladni-Kalakote line, the power supply to the areas being fed from Sidhra Grid Station, Janipur Grid Station, Rajouri Grid Station, Kalakote Grid Station, Draba & Chandak Grid Station will remain affected on August 11, 2013 from 0700 hours and 1400 hours.



JU Vice-Chancellor Prof MPS Ishar releasing Urdu book written by Law School student on Wednesday.

## JU VC releases Urdu book of Law School student

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 7: Prof Mohan Paul Singh Ishar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu today released the book "Sada-e-Haq", written by Aqib Shah, student of The Law School, University of Jammu.

The book is a diverse poetic blend divided into four parts - Aijaz-e-Haq, Izhaar-e-Haq, Sada-e-Haq and Zarb-e-Haq. Aijaz-e-haq includes a poetic interpretation of the need, essence and fundamentals of poetry. Izhaar-e-haq pertains to a series of mystic and Sufi couplets, it more over reflects the history in its factual portrayal. Sada-e-Haq includes empirical, reformative and animated thoughts.

Sada-e-Haq comes in special reference and tribute to the 16th December 2012, Delhi gang rape victim. It moreover consists of a poetic condemnation to the September 11, 2011 Delhi High Court Bomb blast. It also reaches up to the resolute and strive against corrupt, inhuman and manipulated system of governance.

Lastly Zarb-e-Haq reflects the traditional romanticism, emotional ideology, dynamic and rather ocean-wide work of gazals. In short, it is a terrific blend of a

## Girl's body recovered from Tawi

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 7: Police today recovered body of an unidentified girl from river Tawi.

A police spokesman said that, body of 20-year-old unidentified girl was recovered from river Tawi under mysterious circumstances. He said that the girl belonged to the migrant labourers family.

The body has been shifted to mortuary of Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for identification.

A case has been registered and investigation started.