

Shabir seeks explanation of Asstt Drug Controller for not checking medical shops

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 24: Minister of State for Health, Shabir Ahmed Khan today paid surprise visit to District Hospital, Kulgam and took stock of the functioning of the hospital. He went round each section of the hospital and interacted with the patients to enquire about the availability of medicare facilities in the hospital.
The Minister instructed the concerned Medical Superintendent for ensuring all possible health care facilities to the patients and urged for maintaining hygienic condition in and around the hospitals.
Mr. Shabir also inspected the construction work on 200 bedded District Hospital complex, Kulgam, coming up at a cost of Rs. 60 crore. He directed the concerned executing agency for ensuring its time bound completion. He was apprised that up to the end of last fiscal Rs. 31 crore have been expended on the construction of hospital complex whereas Rs. 2 crore are being incurred on the project during the current financial year.
He also inspected some medical shops near the vicinity of the hospital, checked medicines and sanitation facilities and directed medical shop runners that they should also use aprons while dealing with patients.
Mr. Shabir instructed Drug Controller to call an explanation Assistant Drug Controller, Kulgam for not properly checking medical shops and implementing rules and regulations as per the Drug Act.
Mission Director, J&K NRHM, Dr. Yash Pal Sharma, Director Health Services, Kashmir, Dr. Saleem-ur-Rahman and other concerned officers accompanied the Minister during the visit.
The Minister underscored the need for providing hassle free medicare facilities to the patients and stressed upon the administrative officers to bring complete transparency, accountability in working of each section of the health centers.

J&K branch of ICAI hosts Sub-Regional Conference

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JAMMU, Aug 24: J&K Branch of Northern India the importance of the topics of the conference.
Kapil Goel and Rajeev Khandelwal were the guest speakers on the occasion, who while speaking deliberated in length on important topics relating to income tax.
J&K Branch of ICAI also felicitated the senior members of the conference.
During the program, J&K Branch also awarded "RC Gupta Memorial" award, "Late Tilak Raj Malhotra Memorial Award" and "Sudesh Sawhney Award" to the meritorious students of CA final examination 2012.
Secretary J&K Branch of ICAI, Anil Sharma conducted the proceedings, whereas Vikram Garg, Vice-Chairman presented vote of thanks.
Among others present were Shalay Razdan, treasurer, Sandeep Pachnanda, Deepak Kapahi, members of the executive committee, large number of Chartered Accountants and students.
On the occasion, Atul K Gupta, Central Council Member of ICAI, Vishal Garg, Chairman NIRC, office bearers and executive members of NIRC of ICAI were present.
Chairman J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI Dalip K Kaul in his inaugural address welcomed the guests and emphasized on

NPP demands dismissal of Omar's Govt, imposition of Governor Rule

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JAMMU, Aug 24: National Panthers Party (NPP) has demanded dismissal of Omar Abdullah's Government and imposition of Governor Rule for a short period to regroup the demoralized administration and activate the nationalist and secular forces in the State.
Prof Singh has urged the Governor to dismiss the Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah from his office as he has become a security risk on several accounts.
Omar Abdullah has allowed several Pakistani nationals designated as surrendered militants to enter the Indian Territory via Nepal in violation of International Laws and the Rules under the pretext of the so-called "Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy".
He said that the Chief Minister had admitted on the floors of the State Assembly that 243 Pak-nationals had entered J&K who crossed over to Nepal from Pakistan. Omar Abdullah had deployed J&K Police on the Indo-Nepal borders to facilitate the entry of the terrorists coming from Pakistan to Nepal, Prof Singh added.
The latest development vis-à-vis the so-called "Surrender and Rehabilitation Policy" is being used by the ISI to implement its agenda of sabotage and violence in the Valley, he said, adding the entire State even peaceful places like Gool and Kishtwar have been inflamed in communal divide by the Government headed by Omar Abdullah.

This was stated by Chief Patron of National Panther Party (NPP) Prof Bhim Singh in a letter and newly qualified Chartered Accountants.
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Peaks Auto unveils stylish 'Stingray'

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JAMMU, Aug 24: Peaks Auto, an authorized dealer of Maruti Suzuki, unveiled the stylish aggressive and sporty 'Stingray' here today. With this, the company has expanded its portfolio and enriched it to meet aspirations of young India.
The vehicle was formally launched by JD Singh, General Manager of Peaks Auto, in the presence of area managers and branch heads of all major banks, customers and staff of Peaks Auto.
Speaking on the occasion, JD Singh said "With the launch of 'Stingray' Maruti Suzuki has now 9 models in the compact segment. This vehicle has been designed keeping in mind the changing life style and aspirations of the young people. The aggressively designed Stingray reinforces the fact that compact cars that are high on utility and reliability can also be premium and stylish".
"Sporting some high-end-

NC takes on BJP, PDP; hails people's resilience in sustaining peace

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JAMMU, Aug 24: National Conference today asked BJP and PDP to shun communal and disruptive tendencies and help people to lead a dignified life, based on love, amity and brotherhood, which is the true spirit of Jammu and Kashmir's pluralistic ethos.
"Dividing people on communal lines is barbaric and against the norms of civilized behaviour", said a joint statement issued by MLA Rachpal Singh, MLA Aijaz Jan, MLC Javed Rana, former Ministers Pt Govind Ram Sharma, Syed Mushtaq Bukhari and Babu Ram Paul besides vice president Rattan Lal Gupta, provincial secretary Sheikh Bashir Ahmad, former Legislators and senior leaders Th Kashmiria Singh, Bushan Lal Bhat, Satpal Lakhotra, Jugal Mahajan, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Taranjeet Singh Tony and others.
Cautioning people against disruptive and communal forces, the National Conference leaders said that some elements have not reconciled with peace dawning in Kishtwar and, therefore, they were attempting their worst to vitiate the atmosphere by spreading canards and provoking people by whipping up communal passions. In this context, they referred to the communal politics of BJP saying they remain in search of such occasions to exploit the situation in order to derive political mileage.
"Come elections and BJP remembers start raising contentious issues like Article 370, construction of Ram Mandir, uniform civil code, discrimination with Jammu etcetera".
They, however, exuded confidence that politically sagacious people would not allow them to succeed in their nefarious and divisive game-plan.
"On the one hand, BJP whips up communal passions to the hilt and on the other they remain hand in glove with parties like PDP, in lust for power", the NC leaders said adding that the dirty nexus between the two is not a good omen for the State, which is an abode of people belonging to different castes and faiths.
The leaders lauded the people of Jammu region in general and Kishtwar in particular for showing high degree of resilience in maintaining amity and brotherhood despite attempts by peace inimical elements to create communal wedge between various communities.

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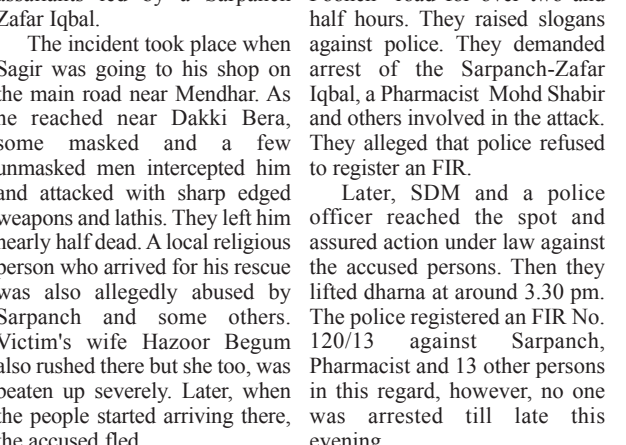
Govt performance appears only in papers: PDP

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 24: Terming Omar Abdullah regime as non-performing liability, People's Democratic Party (PDP) today regretted that the State has been plunged into chaos, confusion and mess due to the misdeeds of this coalition Government.
In a statement, spokesman of PDP Rangil Singh pointed out that five year progress report of coalition Government appears only in papers.
He said that Omar Abdullah led Government has dashed all hopes of the people of State and common masses were feeling cheated and betrayed by this regime.
"During the last five years the present regime has failed to connect itself with the people who have realised that this regime has become a non performing liability on them", he said.
He added that the present regime has systematically dismantled all such institutions just to keep powers at the hand of some persons.
J&K needs a total change now and with people's support PDP will bring it as the party is spearheading the movement for change, he added.

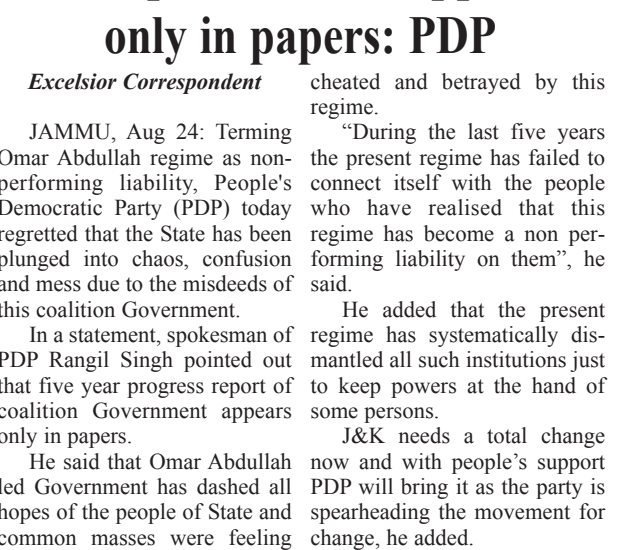
Stabbing incident leads to protest, road blockade

Excelsior Correspondent
MENDHAR, Aug 24: The murderous attack on a local mechanic by some men near Dakki Bera in Mendhar led to a strong protest by family members, relatives and villagers from Darana today.
The victim has been identified as Mohd Sagir (40), a tractor mechanic hailing from Darana in Mendhar. He is now struggling for life in the GMC Hospital Jammu. His wife who later rushed to rescue her husband was also attacked and left injured by the assailants led by a Sarpanch Zafar Iqbal.
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People blocking road in Mendhar on Saturday.



Dignitaries during the launch of Maruti Suzuki 'Stingray' at Peaks Auto on Saturday.



Dignitaries during Sub-Regional Conference organised by J&K branch of ICAI at Jammu on Saturday.

Regional Council (NIRC) of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) hosted Sub-Regional Conference today.

On the occasion, Atul K Gupta, Central Council Member of ICAI, Vishal Garg, Chairman NIRC, office bearers and executive members of NIRC of ICAI were present.

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Drug Controller office to move with darbar

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JAMMU, Aug 24: Government today ordered that the office of the Controller, Drugs and Food Control Organization will also move in full with the Annual Darbar Move-2013 with immediate effect.
This was stated in a communiqué issued MA Bukhari, Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD).

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