

Launch awareness campaign against domestic fire incidents: Gul

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 26: Speaker Legislative Assembly Mubarak Gul has emphasized for launching awareness campaign against domestic fire incidents and other safety measures to be adopted by house wives. The Speaker was interacting with the Management of SMHS hospital, Srinagar during his visit to Burn Unit of the hospital today.

He enquired about the welfare of Mehooba, wife of Ghulam Hassan Ranga resident of Nowakadal who was recently injured due to electric shock. The doctors briefed the Speaker about the health condition of the patient. Mr. Gul directed the Power Development Department (PDD) authorities to process her case for compensation and ensure early release of relief to injured lady.

During his visit, the Speaker also directed the officers of PDD accompanying him, to repair electric fittings besides ensuring uninterrupted power supply to the hospital. Earlier, the Speaker convened an officers meeting with various departments and took stock of the arrangements made by them for the forth coming

Anguish over working of Rajouri Municipality

Excelsior Correspondent
RAJOURI, Aug 26: Shahzad Khan, senior PDP leader, has expressed his anguish over the status as well as working of Municipality in Rajouri. Addressing a meeting of



PDP leader Shahzad Khan along with party workers.

party workers in Rajouri, he alleged that Municipality in Rajouri was in pathetic condition and the Government had literally failed to even give proper attention to the basic sanitation and hygiene of the people.

"There is no arrangement for proper disposal of garbage. A large chunk of garbage is often disposed off in the river which not only pollutes it but also threatens the flora and fauna there," he said.

For the population of Rajouri town, 2-5 Tata 407 are required to dispose off the garbage but presently there is only one such truck for the purpose. Besides, there is no machinery to lift and place the garbage into these



DC, Simrandeep Singh exchanging copy of MoU signed with Coal India Limited at Leh on Monday.

DC signs MoU with CIL for trauma centre

Excelsior Correspondent
LEH, Aug 26: Deputy Commissioner, Simrandeep Singh today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Coal India Limited for setting up a Trauma Centre in Khalti Sub-Division of Leh at an estimated cost of 16.50 crore. The CIL was represented by its General Manager, Ajit Kumar. The CIL is funding this

JKDF announces names of Youth Wing members

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 26: In a move to strengthen the Party cadre and for smooth conduct of the party affairs, State Youth president, Munish Khajuria, in consultation with president, Jammu Kashmir Democratic Front (JKDF), Anil Gupta, today appointed Rameshwar Singh Jasrotia of Sangoor as District president, Youth wing JKDF and Narinder Singh of Garhi as District general secretary Youth

Assembly session 2013. The Speaker directed all the departments to gear up their respective field staff and work in unison and make the ensuing session a grand success.

He directed the Secretary, Public Works Department Tanveer Jan to take immediate steps for face lifting of the Complex of Legislature on war footing basis. He also asked the concerned to ensure cleanliness in and around the complex.

Mr. Gul directed the concerned to start construction work on chain fencing of the park. He also directed the Director Floriculture Kashmir Mishry to install benches in the park besides ensuring decoration in and around the complex. He also asked the Jammu and Kashmir Construction Corporation (JKPCC) to install sign board over the main gate of the complex.

While discussing the facilities available to the Legislators in MLA Hostel Srinagar, the Speaker directed the Secretary Assembly M. Ramzan to nominate two officers from Assembly Secretariat to supervise the process of providing adequate lodging and boarding facilities to the visiting Legislators.

trucks and hence is done manually which is a time consuming affair, Shahzad explained.

The PDP leader also lamented that the Municipality staff was not being paid their wages regularly. "The salary for the

permanent as well as casual workers amounts to Rs 20.25 lakh per month but for the last few years funds allotted under this head have been only Rs 18.50 lakhs, which were further reduced to Rs 14 lakh thus creating a deficit of Rs 83 lakh," he said.

Talking on the issue of solid waste management project, Mr Shahzad said that despite the project, nothing has been implemented on ground. "It is time for the Government to wake up from slumber and take a proper stock of the ground facts and situation and make the town a better place for the people to live which is their fundamental right, he said.



Former minister and senior Cong leader R S Chib addressing public meeting in R S Pura village.

Chib lays foundation stone of Ravi Dass temple

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 26: Former Minister and PCC general secretary R S Chib laid foundation stone of Guru Ravi Dass temple at Jajawal in R S Pura tehsil of Jammu district.

Addressing large public on this occasion, Mr Chib highlighted the teachings of Guru Ravi Dass ji and said that life of the great Guru should serve an example for all. Mr Chib elaborated that Guru Ravi Dass in one of his couplets said that no body should be judged by his birth but on the basis of his Karma. He said teaching and life of Guru Ravi Dass is more relevant today. He said when some anti-social and hardliner elements try to divide our society on the basis of religion, caste and creed, under such circumstances, such people turn out as

torch bearers and create awakening among the society. While referring to the construction of temple which is being constructed at Jajawal with community and voluntary donation, Mr Chib also announced his contribution of Rs 30,000 out of Chenab Education Trust. He congratulated the people from the area for their initiative in the memory of the great Saint.

Mr Chib also expressed his sympathy for those whose houses and crops were damaged due to recent heavy rain. He asked the administration to carry out a detailed survey of such cases so that people of this border belt were adequately compensated.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Om Parkash, Satpal, Kewel, Bodh Raj, Janak Raj, Sham Lal and Balwinder.

DDC reviews functioning of Engineering Depts

Excelsior Correspondent
KISHTWAR, Aug 26: District Development Commissioner (DDC), Kishtwar, Baseer Ahmed Khan, today reviewed the functioning of Engineering Departments-R&B, JKPCC, PHE PMGSY and PDD and took serious exception of the slow pace of work and faulty planning in some projects.

Khan directed the officers not to start any work without administrative approval and proper DPRs. While seeking details from the concerned officials regarding the allocation, and expenditure of allotted budget from these departments, the DDC enquired about all the bottlenecks being faced by the departments.

He took the sector wise and division wise details from R&B and expressed his concern over the unsatisfactory performance of the department. He directed the concerned officials to expedite the work on various roads

Red Cross to raise funds, develop critical emergency infrastructure

Excelsior Correspondent
REASI, Aug 26: District Red Cross Society, Reasi has finalised plan for improving fund raising in current financial year and develop critical emergency as well as disaster management infrastructure in the district for prompt response in case of natural calamities and road accidents.

This was stated in meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Dr Shahid Iqbal. The Society resolved to create greater awareness among masses especially students about Red Cross being a "Community Driven" initiative for humanitarian relief.

The DRCS approved installation of five donation boxes at Katra and 2 at Ransoo as already agreed by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Shiv Khori Shrine Board for seeking donations from visiting pilgrims. Transport Department, Municipal Committees and Banks will raise funds for Red Cross through charging compulsory voluntary donations on driving licences, building permissions, renewal cases, lorry adda fees, bank pass-books etc. An annual target of Rs 50 lakh was fixed for raising funds for development of critical emergency and relief infrastructure.

Cash assistance and relief material will be made available at special cells at Katra, Pouni, Ransoo, Arnas, Mahore and Chassana for ensuring prompt relief and assistance in case of emergency. A dedicated red cross cell has also been opened in the office of Deputy Commissioner and aggrieved persons can contact on 8492804986 in case of need for emergency relief in any part of the district.

The DC impressed upon all the officers and prominent citizens to create a network of

Every village to be electrified very soon: Vikar

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 26: Minister of State for Technical Education and Power, Vikar Rasool has said that every un-electrified village of the State would be provided with electricity very soon.

The Minister was addressing the officers during a review meeting of Power Development Department here today.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Power, A.K. Mehta, Chief Engineers, Executive Engineers, AEEs and other officers of the department.

Mr. Vikar directed the officers to complete the first phase of the Rajiv Gandhi Gram Vidyut Karan Yojana (RGVY) within one month so that the next phase of the same can be taken up to ensure that no village in the State remains un-electrified and is provided with adequate power supply. He said that under RAPDRP scheme the augmentation of the electricity and its allied things would be done which would go a long way in ensuring proper supply of electric power in the major cities and towns of the State.

The Minister said that in



PNB officers during a meeting to pay tributes to KR Nagpal at Jammu on Monday.

PNB Officers Association pays homage to Nagpal

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 26: Punjab National Bank (PNB) Officers Association held a meeting and paid tributes to the veteran trade unionist and social activist KR Nagpal.

The meeting was held under the banner of AIBOA, J&K chapter, which was attended by a large number of officers belonging to PNB.

The meeting was presided over by senior retired bank officer of PNB Avtar Kishan Mota and was also attended by Arun Kumar Gupta, general secretary, JPBEF as chief guest.

The Officers present along with the guests garlanded the portrait of Nagpal and also paid floral tributes as a mark of respect.

While welcoming the gathering VK Dutta, general secretary, AIPNBOA J&K spoke about numerous qualities of KR Nagpal. Nagpal had made great contribution for the bank

Create sustainable, durable assets: DDC to RDD

Excelsior Correspondent
DODA, Aug 26: Create durable and sustainable assets in rural and far flung areas of the district for grass root development and socio-economic upliftment of poor people living in these areas. This was stated by District Development Commissioner Doda, Mubarak Singh, while reviewing the functioning of Rural Development Department's field functionaries at town hall today.

While addressing the field functionaries of the department, Mr. Singh underlined the need of serious efforts for the grass root strengthening of communication between Panchayati Raj Institutions and RDD which is vital for the growth and development of people living in rural and far flung areas. He said that there is need of continuous monitoring of ongoing works so that best and durable assets are created for the benefit of people within a stipulated time frame.

Mr. Singh, also directed the

Notorious chain snatcher, bike lifter arrested

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 26: Police today arrested a notorious chain snatcher and bike lifter from Bhagwati Nagar area, falling under the jurisdiction of Canal Road Police Post.

A police spokesman said that, on specific inputs, police party from Canal Road Police Post conducted raid and arrested the notorious snatcher and bike lifter from Bhagwati Nagar.

The accused was wanted in a case of chain snatching registered under FIR number

Nation has lost trust in Congress: Jugal

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 26: State President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Jugal Kishore Sharma criticized the Congress led UPA Government for ignoring the basic needs and requirements of the common people in the Country. Government at center. Addressing the youth BJYM, state President, Ravinder Raina said "Heads of our soldiers were cut and taken away and Centre is calm. Pakistani soldiers are attacking our Army posts, still no action was taken. Raina said that Congress led



Jugal Kishore Sharma at a youth rally at Arnia on Monday.

Addressing the youth rally organized by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) at Arnia, Jugal said that the Congress led UPA Government at the Center has plundered the nation's wealth and this Government has lost all the credibility to run the country. He said, "Rupee is falling, industrial production is negative, inflation is rising high and there is a rampant Corruption in the country and common man is helpless.

Jugal said the UPA Government has failed on all fronts and voters are only waiting for the general elections to throw the Congress out of power. He said the anti-people policies of the UPA Government are widening the gap between the poor and the rich rapidly. Lashing out at UPA, he said the people of India have lost "trust and confidence" in the Center due to its "mis-governance" and high corruption. He said "I feel biggest crisis of the day is lack of confidence. We need to get this trust back and this can only be possible when BJP led NDA will form the

Government at center. Addressing the youth BJYM, state President, Ravinder Raina said "Heads of our soldiers were cut and taken away and Centre is calm. Pakistani soldiers are attacking our Army posts, still no action was taken. Raina said that Congress led

UPA Government has destroyed the nation by plundering nation's wealth and called it as worst than the Britishers. Raina asserted that UPA-II as the most corrupt Government in the history of independent India.

Roop Nagar Enclave delegation calls on CE M&RE

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 26: A delegation of Welfare Committee Roop Nagar Enclave Block A called on Chief Engineer, M&RE, Shahnaz Goni today and submitted a memorandum to her.

The delegation was led by R K Peshin general secretary of the Committee. It demanded that new transformer of 400 kv be installed in place of existing transformer in the area and replacement of damaged cables.

The delegation also met the AEE PHE and demanded regular supply of drinking water in the colony.

PC receives major jolt, 250 activists join NC

Excelsior Correspondent
HANDWARA, Aug 26: People's Conference (PC) received a major jolt when its 250 front ranking political activists belonging to Ramhalla area joined National Conference (NC) today.

Welcoming the new entrants to the National Conference fold, Minister for CA&PD and Transport, Choudhary

While addressing the gathering, Arun Kumar Gupta informed about the latest developments concerning the employees wage revision and also cautioned the employees about the impending dangers, which are lurking against the bank employees' movement.

Among others, who addressed the gathering were AK Mota, IB Zutshi and Vinod Kumar.

At last, Vinod Kumar, president, Local unit of AIPNBOA presented vote of thanks.

Minister for CA&PD, Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan addressing new entrants to NC at Handwara on Monday.

Mohammad Ramzan who is also local MLA, said these People's Conference front ranking workers have joined National Conference after getting impressed by the programmes and policies of the present Government led by Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah.

Expressing similar views, the new entrants said that they witnessed a massive development on socio-economic fronts taken place in Handwara particularly in Ramhalla area under the leadership of Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan.

RNTCP employees hold hunger strike, highlight demands

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 26: Contractual employees of Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) under the banner of All RNTCP Employees

Association held one day hunger strike at CD Hospital, Bakshi Nagar.



Contractual employees of RNTCP holding one day hunger strike at CD Hospital on Monday.

equal pay for equal work, leave benefits as per State or Central norms and other benefits including provident fund, employees State insurance and risk allowance.

Meanwhile, Contractual employees of Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) held protest in favour of their demands.