

Daultabad dewatering station to be commissioned soon :Sagar

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 30: The Daultabad dewatering station constructed with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.70 crore could be commissioned soon, so that the people living in the area and its catchment could get benefit from the same.

This was stated by the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ali Mohammad Sagar while on extensive tour of the Srinagar city. He was accompanied by senior officers of different departments including UED, R&B, SMC, LAWDA, PDD and PHE.

Mr Sagar said that the dewatering station would go a long way in redressing the water logging and other problems being faced by the people living in the area and its different catchments. He directed the officers to ensure its commissioning by ending July.

The Minister also directed the officers to undertake the work on different foot bridges of the Miskeenbagh area for the convenience of the people living in the area. He said that the Government is committed to provide every facility to people so that they do not face any difficulty viz-a-viz connectivity and other related things.

Mr. Sagar also inspected the pace of work on Daultabad community hall being constructed by SMC. He directed the officers for early completion of the same so that the people of the area get the requisite infrastructural facility for their social and other related functions.

The Minister also directed the officers to speed up the pace on various other developmental programmes undertaken by the Government for the welfare of the people. He said that time bound completion of these prestigious projects should be ensured so that the people of Srinagar city get benefited from these.

The Minister while interacting with the people at different localities said that the Government is committed for overall and sustained development of the Srinagar city, adding that in this regard several projects have been under taken for ensuring need based and sustain development of the Srinagar city. He said that the orders have already been passed down the line to ensure that these are completed within the shortest possible time, saying that people should actively involve themselves in their implementation so that an effective feedback is received about the status of their execution.

Driver, conductor acquitted of smuggling charges

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JAMMU, June 30: Principal Sessions Judge Ramban Md Akram Chowdhary has acquitted a driver and a conductor, who were facing trial for smuggling of poppy straw as prosecution failed to prove its case.

According to the police case, the accused persons namely Sukhvinder Singh, son of Barkat Singh and Amarjeet Singh, son of Sukhvinder Singh were arrested on March 2, 2010 after poppy straw was recovered from their truck.

After hearing both the sides, Principal Sessions Judge observed, "the Police witnesses have stated that there was movement of public around the place of recovery. However, no independent witness had been associated with the recovery and seizure. Non citing of the independent witnesses despite their availability is fatal for the prosecution case as the standard of proof in narcotic cases is required to be higher in view of the stringent penal provisions".

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Court acquits father in abetment to suicide case

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JAMMU, June 30: Principal Sessions Judge Udhampur, AK Koul has acquitted Suram Chand, son of Premu of Baduna Kud, who was facing trial in abetment to suicide case of his son and daughter-in-law.

According to the police case, on March 9, 2010 an information was received at Police Station Kud that Soni Devi and her husband Sohan Lal have committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance. On this, police rushed to the spot and shifted dead bodies to hospital for postmortem. During the course of investigation, it came to the fore that accused used to taunt and harass the deceased which forced them to commit suicide.

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Bandral appearing for the accused whereas Public Prosecutor Navneet Gupta for the State, Principal Sessions Judge observed, "it is really unfortunate that the deceased have died an unnatural death, but the agony is that prosecution has not been able to make out a case against the accused beyond all shadows of doubt".

"The exercise conducted by the investigating agency as well as the prosecution has ended in futility because the nexus between the guilt and accused has not been established as required under law. So the court has no option but to observe that the case is a failure", Principal Sessions Judge said. Accordingly, the accused was acquitted of the charges leveled against him.

Provide fair price ration to langars facilitating Amarnath yatries: RSS

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 30: Rashtrawadi Shiv Sena held a protest demonstration and condemned the lathicharge on the Shri Amarnath Yatries in Srinagar and also demanded fair price ration to the langars facilitating the Shri Amarnath yatra pilgrims.

The activists of RSS led by its vice president Rajinder Gupta raised slogans against the Government.

Addressing the gathering, Rajinder Gupta flayed the Government for stopping the supply of fair price ration to the langars of Shri Amarnath yatra and charging huge tax at Lakhanpur toll plaza from the vehicles carrying yatries to the holy cave.

Working president Ashwani Gupta and Vipin Hindu, president, said that besides cane charging the yatries, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) can take other measures to check the unregistered yatries reaching the base camps. All this happened due to their mismanagement, they alleged.

Among others present were Ravi Verma, Vikas Dewan, Nathpal Chowdhery, Satir Mehta, etc.

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Govt committed to equitable development of all regions: Sakina

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KULGAM, June 30: Reiterating the resolve of the Coalition Government for the upliftment of the weaker sections and all round development of all three regions of the State, Minister for Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo today said that Government has formulated a well-knit programme for the upgradation of existing infrastructure in vital sectors.

Addressing a public meeting at Shahoo Sachan near here, the Minister said that it is endeavour of the Government to ensure equitable, transparent and accountable administration to the people of the State and for the purpose several land mark decisions have been taken by the present Government. These initiatives included establishment of full-fledged RTI Commission, State Accountability Commission, powerful Vigilance Commission and launched Public Service Guarantee Act, which are aimed at to provide time bound essential services to the people. Besides, several more initiatives have been initiated to restore peace and tranquility and welfare of the people, especially the

poor sections of the society, said the Minister.

Maintaining that the peace is pre-requisite for ensuring all round development, the Minister appealed the people to maintain complete peace and help the administration to fully concentrate on the development and implementing various flagship programmes of Centre as well State Governments. She said many vested interests are out to disturb the peace and order in the State and spreading rumours to undermine the development scenario of the present Government as they are not digesting. She asked the people not to pay any heed to such rumours and rather they should involve themselves in the developmental activities, which is for their benefits as well of State.

Responding to the demands put forth by the people, the Minister issued on-the-spot instructions to the concerned sectoral officers to address the problems on priority. She directed the officers to attend people's problems on priority. The issues which were brought to the notice of the minister mainly pertained to basic facilities like drinking water, road connectivity, electricity.



A scene from the play 'Par Hame Khelna Hai' staged by Sangam Theatre at Bhaderwah on Sunday.

Sangam Theatre stages 'Par Hame Khelna Hai'

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BHADERWAH, June 30: Sangam Theatre, Reasi staged a Hindi play "Par Hame Khelna Hai" organised by 4 Rashtriya Rifles under the aegis of Counter Insurgency Force (Delta) at TRC Dendi.

Major General AK Singh, General Commanding Officer, Delta Force, Naresh Kumar Gupta, MLC, Ashkoor Wani, DIG, Brigadier AN Jha, Commander 4 Sector RR, Youdhvir Singh, Second IC, intellectuals, artists and citizens witnessed the play.

The play was written by Shirang Godbole and directed by Mohammad Khan.

The story of the play was based on communal harmony. A group of multi-religion children hailing from urban families were going to the school.

On the day, the city was rocked with a bomb blast in which lots of people were killed and injured, which lead to the communal rites.

After that, feeling of suspicion and mistrust was formed between the number of communities and the parents started shifting their children from cosmopolitan schools to the safer schools having a communal identity.

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GSTWA elects office bearers for Udhampur unit

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UDHAMPUR, June 30: A meeting of All J&K Gaddi Sippi Tribes Welfare Association (GSTWA) was held here under the chairmanship of its State senior vice-president Parkash Chand to hold elections for Block Unit Udhampur.

The meeting was attended by large number of community members from all over the Block.

The newly elected office bearers included Shokeen Singh as president, Jeet Singh and Hem Raj as vice-presidents, Ashok Kumar as general secretary, Sukesh Kumar as secretary, Vijay Singh as joint secretary and Vijay Kumar as cashier.

A nine-member advisory body was also constituted with Sham Lal as its chairman.

While addressing the meeting, Parkash Chand felicitated the newly elected office bearers and said that GSTWA has already started constituting its units at block and tehsil levels throughout the State in order to strengthen the organisation and broaden its base.

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NSF asks VC to initiate inquiry against Director TBS

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JAMMU, June 30: National Secular Forum (NSF) has urged the Vice-Chancellor to initiate inquiry against the Director of the Business School to save credibility of the Jammu University.

Addressing a press conference, NSF vice-president Sukhdev Singh alleged that irregularities and violation of University guide lines were done by the Director TBS during the last ten months.

"Despite clear direction by the VC to all the departments that no room or Seminar hall should be provided to the outside agencies without his written permission, but Director TBS provided the Seminar/Conventional hall to outsiders for the book release functions free from all charges," he said while producing reply of an RTI.

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Wani inaugurates vital bridge, PWD guest house

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SRINAGAR, June 30: Minister for R&B Abdul Majid Wani inaugurated 309-mtr long double lane combined bridge over flood spill channel and Doodh Ganga Nallah on National Highway Bypass at Tenggpora, Srinagar today.

The double lane 8 span bridge has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 16.25 crore by the R & B Department.

Expressing satisfaction over the completion of construction work on this vital link within the targeted period, the Minister said that the facility will go a long way in mitigating the problems of people of adjoining localities for which they were pressing hard since long. He maintained that the bridge will also provide connectivity between different parts of Bypass road, ease traffic congestion of Srinagar city and its adjoining areas.

coming up to provide free movement to the pedestrian, adding that construction of flyover at Shelatang inter-section is also on the priority list of the Government.



Minister for R&B, Abdul Majid Wani inaugurating bridge on Sunday.

Irfan Shah, Nasir Aslam Wani, besides Chief Engineers R&B, Mechanical, PMGSY, Managing Director, JKPC and prominent citizens of the area were present on the occasions.

Mr. Wani further said that the Government has taken in hand massive projects of roads, building and bridges to extend infrastructural facilities to the people during the present coalition regime. He said that most of the projects have been completed as per the schedule and several others are in pipeline and likely to be accomplished within the targeted time schedule. He said that many important proposals are under consideration for giving a new look to the uncovered areas of the State.

Later, the Minister also inaugurated PWD guest-house at Hyderpora, Srinagar.

Among others, Legislators

Meanwhile, a delegation of locals led by M.L.A, Aslam Wani called on the Minister and apprised him about the problems with regard to the upgradation of road infrastructure. He assured them that Government will examine the issues and address them on priority.

In the meantime, the Minister also chaired a joint meeting of officers of R&B, PMGSY and JKPC convened to review the physical and financial achievements of the projects, which are under execution in Kulgam and Khan Sahib Constituencies under various schemes in R&B Department.

The Legislators of both the constituencies M Y Tarigami and Hakim Mohammad Yasin were present in the meeting.

Mahila Cong workers' convention at Kargil

Excelsior Correspondent

KARGIL, June 30: Pradesh Mahila Congress unit organized one day convention of the women workers of the party here today.

President Pradesh Mahila Congress Committee, Indu Pawar (MLA) presided over and it was organized by District Mahila Congress Committee president Kargil, Parveen Akhtar. It was also attended by general secretary Zaina Bano, joint secretary Fiza Bano and Kaneez Fatima, executive member and others.

While addressing the convention, Ms Pawar impressed upon the Mahila workers of the party to remain united and also be aware of their rights. She further said that Congress is the only party which takes bold decision for the welfare of the nation without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion. She referred to the welfare schemes undertaken by the UPA Government at the Centre for empowering and upliftment of women folk in the country.

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Warm send off on retirement

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JAMMU, June 30: Mahesh Chander, Headmaster, Government High School Hamirpur Sidhar, Zone Khour, tehsil Akhnoor, who was recently promoted as ZEO, attained his superannuation on June 30, 2013.

He was given a warm send off by the students, staff members and other literary personalities in a colourful function organized by the school. Those who spoke on the occasion included OP Deepak, Prakash Chand Sharma, Haqiqat Singh, Nasib Singh, Meenu Chiband other noted personalities. All

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Dance workshop from tomorrow

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JAMMU, June 30: CSS Group, Trikuta Nagar is organizing 10 days dance workshop with Ankan Sen starting from July 2 at Rotary Club, Gandhi Nagar.

The batches will be available in morning and evening shifts.

The registration for the workshop is going on and the finale of the workshop will be held on July 11.

Ankan is a world known dancer, who is the winner of "Just Dance" reality show telecast on Star Plus and was judged by well known personalities from Bollywood including Hrithik Roshan, Vaibhavi and many more.

Ankan sen was adjudged winner amongst all the participants in the aforesaid reality show.

The work supervisor of Irrigation Division No II, Mahesh Chander Gupta, who retired on superannuation after rendering 35 years service, was given a warm and affectionate farewell at a function which was attended by all the officers and officials of Irrigation Division No I and II. All wished the retiring work supervisor a happy and healthy post retirement life.

Roop Nagar Enclave delegation meets CE M&RE

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 30: A deputation of Roop Nagar Bantalab Enclave Block B unit of Jammu Welfare Organisation led by its president Kasturi Lal Gupta met Chief Engineer M&RE, Shanaz Gooni here and apprised her of low voltage problem being faced by the residents of the area of Roop Nagar Enclave-B particularly Lane 2 A.

The delegation also informed the Chief Engineer about the worn out conductor, panels and thimbles in the area and deteriorating condition of existing transformer in the area which develops snag often.

The Chief Engineer, passed immediate instructions to Executive Engineer Division IInd for redressal of grievances. The delegation expressed its gratitude to Chief Engineer. Other members of the delegation included Ashok Kapoor working president JWO, its general secretary Gopal Sharma, J P Chada, B I Bhat, P L Raina, S S Jasrotia, Ramesh Bhat, Chand Uppal, M K Watal, A K Bhan, Ashok Koul and A B Zalpuri.



An Army doctor rendering service to the needy patients at a medical camp.

Mega medical camp organized

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 30: A mega medical camp was organized at Dudi village for the people of Dudi, Machhal, T-Sunt and far flung areas of Machhal bowl.

The camp was joint effort of civil administration and Army to provide the health care to needy people at their doorstep, as this part of the Kashmir valley remains cut off from the main stream for more than six months.

The medical camp was inaugurated by two girls of Dudi village.

A team of civil and Army doctors spent quality time in medical checkup and free medicines were provided to the patients.

Facilities like ECG, vaccination and laboratory tests were also provided to the locals free of cost. Transport had been arranged for patients from far flung villages to reach the site of the camp.

Around 655 persons include 310 males, 215 females and 130 children were examined by the doctors during the camp.

ReTs to hold protest demonstrations on July 6

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 30: The J&K RE T Teachers Forum has announced to hold one-day protest at all the district headquarters on July 6 to express their resentment against alleged callous attitude of the Government towards its demands.

Decision in this regard was taken during monthly meeting of the Forum, held under the chairmanship of provincial president Rajesh Singh Jamwal, here today.

Highlighting their demands, the meet alleged that despite repeated pleas to the Government, salary of the ReTs under SSA was not released for the last several months. The meet also threatened to launch a State-wide agitation if salary of the ReTs is not released immediately.

Those who attended the meeting, included Younis Rahi Teli, Lekh Raj Parihar, Subash Chander, Sajjad Malik, Gulzar Daing, Sham Sharma and others.

TRCF demands opening of Gojri Research Centre at JU

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 30: Tribal Research and Cultural Foundation (TRCF) demanded establishment of Gojri Department in University of Jammu.

In a statement, Dr Javed Rahi, secretary, TRCF said the University of Jammu is deliberately delaying the establishment of Centre without any reason which stands approved by the highest body of University three year back in a meeting headed by SK Sinha the then Governor of the State in presence of the then Chief Minister Gulam Nabi Azad.

"In 2008, a decision in this regard was taken in the Council meeting in the presence of Governor, who is also the Chancellor of Jammu University,

but since then the issue has been ignored by concerned authorities", Dr Rahi added.

"University authorities have deliberately ignored the issue, which aims at promoting Gojri language", he said.

Dr Rahi said that there is urgent need for promoting studies and research in tribal art, culture, tradition, language, custom, and only this Research Centre will fulfill all these growing demands and with the help of this Centre the richest tribal traditions of Gujars could be preserved for all generations to come.

He urged Governor, Chief Minister and Vice Chancellor of Jammu University to take immediate steps for the establishment of Gojri Research Centre.

OFFICE OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER ED BANK OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The following candidates were declared elected in the Election of Ellaquai Dehati Bank Officers Association held on 23 June 2013.

S.No.	Name	Post
1.	M K Raina	President
2.	A K Raina	Vice President (Jammu)
3.	Gh Hassan Bhat	Vice President (Srinagar)
4.	Malik Javid Iqbal	General Secretary
5.	Vijay Kumar Bhat	Joint Secretary (Jammu)
6.	Mohd Ayoub Bhat	Joint Secretary (Srinagar)
7.	B A Sofi	Treasurer
District Organising Secretary		
1.	Mohd Amin Mir	
2.	Mohd Yaqoob Shah	
3.	Abdul Hamid Shah	
4.	Qazi Maroof	
5.	Rattan Lal Bhat	
6.	Tej Krishen Tikoo	
7.	Aushutosh Raina	Sd/-
Mohd Mateen Qadri		
Election Commissioner		

Dated: 24.06.2013