



Provincial President National Conference Devender Singh Rana addressing party workers at Damsal on Monday.

'Moditava to lead collapse of secular fabric'

Rana confident of NC emerging as force to reckon with in 2014

Excelsior Correspondent

DANSAL, July 1: Predicting rout of fascist forces in Indian political scene, Provincial President National Conference Devender Singh Rana on Monday said that inner-party crisis in Bharatiya Janata Party have led its top brass to raise the bogey of Article 370 in a bid to push its extremist agenda in the ensuing elections.

Addressing National Conference party workers at Panchayat Khanpur, Jagti, Damsal, Churta, Badsoo, Dhan, Kanyala, Jandrah and Kathar in Nagrota constituency, Mr Rana said that National Conference will stand like a rock to defend the State's special status and make destructive, divisive and communal elements lick the dust.

Mr Rana cautioned against divisive tendencies of elements inimical to secular ethos and said rise of communalists like Narendra Modi is a bad omen which has potential of fragmenting India into pieces and demolishing its secular identity. "Unfortunately, some political forces in Jammu and Kashmir are hobnobbing with divisive Bharatiya Janata Party to weaken

the foundations of the State", he said and referred to public pronouncements being made by a PDP legislator in Poonch claiming to transform Jammu and Kashmir into a state like Modi's Gujarat.

The Provincial President warned that National Conference will not allow Jammu and Kashmir to be converted into Modi's Gujarat where thousands of people became victims of communal frenzy under the patronage of saffron administration. "We will push such elements beyond Pathankote", he declared.

Recalling State's glorious traditions of amity, peaceful co-existence and tolerance, Mr Rana said that Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah strived all his life to nurture this spirit of unity in diversity. This is the legacy which will be carried forward with same vigour and those coming in its way will find their political space shrinking, he maintained and urged the people to further strengthen the party, which he described as a popular public movement.

Saying that National Conference will emerge as a force to reckon with in 2014 elections, the Provincial

President declared that the party will establish its premier character with flying colours. He referred to his recent visit to far-off areas of the Jammu region and said the enthusiasm among people gave him confidence that National Conference will sweep the ensuing parliamentary and Assembly elections across the State. He said that euphoria among people has shattered the foundations of the opposition, which is finding themselves in a state of shock and frustration.

Mr Rana asked the party workers to further intensify their outreach and help people over their problems. He also responded to the issues raised by local leaders and said these will be taken up at appropriate level for earnest consideration.

Those who were present in the meetings included Rameshwar Dutt, Ch. Rehmat Ali, Subash Singh Advocate, Balwan Singh, Angrez Singh, Saraj Din, Khurshaid Ali, Balwan Singh, Mohammad Sadiq, Raghubir Singh, Rajinder Singh, Rakesh Chib, Gulail Singh, Sukha, Rajiv, Ashwani, Abdul Haq, Sunil Singh, Omkar Singh, Abdul Gafoor, Junait Ali and others.

Death of youngsters was eminently avoidable: CM

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 1: The Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today expressed grief over the death of two youngsters calling it gruesome that was eminently avoidable and needless.

In a statement issued here, Omar Abdullah said, "the deaths of Tariq Ahmad Laharwal and Irfan Ahmad Ganaie -two youngsters at the peak of their lives and with so much to look forward to- are tragic. They lengthen the symbolic shortening of the emotional distance, made possible by the railway tunnel, between Kashmiris and the country. This is besides the fact that, by itself, life is sacred- a precious gift from the Almighty. Losing it to needless violence is the ultimate tragedy and a loss that is irreparable". "Those who dare to challenge this right, by omission or commission are made to pay a price, the kind that serves as a cautionary example to other", he added.

Omar further said, "I do not have words to express my grief and outrage over this gruesome incident that was eminently

avoidable and needless".

The Chief Minister further added, "my heart beats with the grief stricken hearts of the bereaved families. If I could bring back Tariq and Irfan, I would leave no stone unturned to do so but alas no human being has that power".

The Chief Minister said, "my words are not meant as rhetoric to heal wounds that will never get healed but are an attempt to shoulder and bear the grief of the bereaved families and console them". He added, "I also laud the bereaved families and the communities of which the boys were part of for maintaining a sense of proportion and calm in the face of adversity and a tense situation and not allowing their sentiments and emotions to be taken advantage of and exploited".

Omar said, "the unwarranted deaths of Tariq and Irfan, harden my resolve and determination to make the state of Jammu and Kashmir into an example where life is sacred and the right to life is protected by the law".



Dr. Shakti Gupta, Head, Hospital Administration-cum-Medical Superintendent at AIIMS, New Delhi, being honoured with 'Doctor of the Year' Award on the occasion of Doctor's Day.

Dr Gupta honoured with 'Doctor of the Year' Award

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JAMMU, July 1: Son of the soil and Head of Hospital Administration-cum-Medical Superintendent at AIIMS, New Delhi, Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta, was honoured with the "Doctor of the Year" Award on the occasion of Doctor's Day 2013.

This laurel was bestowed upon him by the Heart Care Foundation of India in association with the Indian Medical Association (Delhi Chapter).

The Award is a recognition of the path breaking initiatives. Dr Gupta has pioneered to revolutionize the scenario of Healthcare in India. He has been instrumental as the Chairman of the National Ambulance Code Committee in bringing in for the first time any kind of Ambulance Standards in the Country.

Recently, he was deputed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, to lead a delegation of senior officials to Germany in this regard and is currently consulting the Government of Maharashtra to develop a world class Emergency Medical Service System there.

Dr Gupta has to his credit over seven books and numerous high impact research publications in the field of Hospital and Healthcare Administration. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Health Systems Innovation, Oklahoma State University, USA and is recognized both nationally and internationally as a walking encyclopedia of Hospital Administration.

He has also been bestowed with numerous Awards and Honours earlier, namely Partner of the Year 2012 Award by Institute of Rescue Engineering and Civil Protection, Cologne University of Applied Sciences, Germany, "Pratibhashi Samman-2002", "Chikitsa Ratan - 2010", "Shram Sree-2010", etc.

836 recruits pass out from STC Talwara

JKP has won national acclaim for peace in State: DGP

Excelsior Correspondent

TALWARA (REASI), July 1: Stressing upon the recruits to make public service their motto and build the image of the force, the Director General of Police (DGP), Ashok Prasad has said that Jammu and Kashmir Police has assumed acclaim at national level for its performance in maintaining peace and security in the State.

Mr. Prasad was addressing the pass outs of 11th batch of Basic Recruits at Subsidiary Training Centre (STC), here today. He said that after joining large police family the recruits have now been transformed into physically sound and mentally robust policemen and their sole motto should be to gain public trust and confidence by their deeds in the field. A policeman has great responsibility to tackle different situations with his professional skills and doing his selfless duties with dedication, honesty and impartially and can deliver to the people efficiently, Prasad added.

Stressing upon the recruits at the Passing-Out-Cum-Attestation Parade to be humane in their discharge of duties, the DGP asked them to keep the pledge they have taken at the oath ceremony. He said that pass outs after completing their basic training course have to exhibit their performance in the field, maintaining high standards of discipline, valour and dedication.

Policeman, a visible face among the public and first responder to any situation has to come up to the expectations of people by curbing the crimes and evils, besides ensuring peace and security, he added.

The DGP said that basic training inculcates a spirit of patience among the recruits, besides improving their capabilities. He said that aim of the training is personality development and character building of recruits which help them to instil a sense of duty and people friendly attitude for strengthening the public confidence. The Additional Director

General of Police (Armed), S. M. Sahai also addressed the function and apprised the DGP about the duties performed by the recruits in the field during their training course.

Later, the DGP commissioned the 4 storey barrack accommodation for trainees at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.20 crore which has been completed



DGP, Ashok Prasad decorating rank on Constable Umar Farooq at STC Talwara on Monday.

On the occasion, Principal Mohammad Shabir gave an oath to 836 recruit constables, who took a solemn pledge to serve the nation and presented a colourful march past.

Constable Umar Farooq, who was declared all round best in the training, was granted out of turn promotion and decorated with the rank of Sgvt by DGP on the spot. Constables Narinder Sharma and Bilal Ahmed were also honoured with commendation certificates and cash rewards for their good performance during the training.

within the period of eight months by Police Construction Division.

The function was attended by ADGP (Headquarters), SP Vaid, IGPs, AK Choudhary, PR, Manhas and Rajesh Kumar DIGs, Garib Dass and Johnny William, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Dr. Shahid Iqbal, SSP Reasi, Ragbir Singh, SP Trainings (PHQ), BA Shah, officers from Army, CRPF and CISF, prominent citizens and parents of trainees and other police officers.

HC directs JU for re-evaluation of petitioner's MBBS exam

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 1: State High Court today directed the Jammu University to submit the case of the petitioner to the Committee consisting of Head of Faculty, Convener of Board of Studies and concerned HOD for re-evaluation of answer scripts of MBBS Final Prof-Part-II (Subsequent Session) Exam of the petitioner.

The direction was passed in a petition filed by Heena Naz, who submitted that despite having applied to the

University for re-evaluation, the University did not allow the same compelling the petitioner to undergo fresh examination of practical/clinical subject, which she has already passed.

"The action of respondents in not permitting the re-evaluation of MBBS examination is illegal and arbitrary as the concession of re-evaluation is available to other graduate, post-graduate and professional courses as laid down under Chapter-XLI of statute and regulations governing examination", Advocate F S Butt appearing for the petitioner submitted, adding "the respondents have allowed the concession of re-evaluation to similarly situated candidate".

After hearing Advocate F S Butt for the petitioner whereas Advocate W S Nargal for the University of Jammu, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey disposed of the petition with the direction to Jammu University to submit the case of the petitioner to the committee consisting of Dean of faculty, Convener of Board of studies and concerned HOD for re-evaluation and recommendation after petitioner furnishes an undertaking that she will abide by the verdict of the second evaluation whether it is to her advantage or otherwise.

"The process of re-evaluation and consideration shall be undertaken by the University Committee immediately and concluded within one month from the date of copy of this order is served upon them", the High Court said.



JU Vice-Chancellor Prof MPS Ishar chairing a meeting with Civil Administration at JU on Monday.

JU discusses Indian Science Congress arrangements with Civil Administration

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 1: Gearing up for smooth conduct of five-day 101st Indian Science Congress, scheduled to be held from February 3, 2014, the Jammu University Vice-Chancellor Prof MPS Ishar today convened a high level meeting to discuss the arrangements.

DC's appeal on girl rescued from Kedarnath

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 1: Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, A.K.Sahu, has made a fervent appeal to the people to contact either the district administration Jammu or Dehradun if they know



anything about the baby girl, who has been rescued from Kedarnath valley and undergoing treatment at Doon Hospital Dehradun.

The girl, registered as three years old in the hospital, was separated from her parents during the Uttarakhand flash floods on June 16 and was rescued from Kedarnath. She was first admitted with broken legs to a hospital in Rishikesh and was later brought to Dehradun on June 24, 2013. She has not been recognized and claimed by anyone till date.

The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Jammu Pradeep Gupta, IG Security Sunil Kumar Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Ajeet Kumar Sahu, DIG Jammu Shakeel Ahmed Baig, SSP Jammu Atul Goel, Jt Director Hospitality and Protocol, Indu Kanwal Chib, XEn PHE City Div II Jammu N N Raina, Chief Engineer PDD Shahnaz Goni, CE PWD Thaseem Mustafa, General Manager JKTC Sushil Atri, ADC Jammu Sushma Chauhan, Assistant Director Health, Dr Preetam Katoch, Dy Director (PR), Information Deptt Jyoti Slatia and officers from the University.

The Vice Chancellor, who is also the president of the Congress, stressed the need for coordinated efforts by various departments of the Jammu and Kashmir Government and the University for ensuring that all the required arrangements are put in position within stipulated time frame.

The meeting held detailed discussions with regard to issues relating to boarding and lodging of the delegations thronging from various parts of the country and abroad, transportation, traffic regulation, medical facilities, up gradation and creation of infrastructural facilities, security, general cleanliness and the related arrangements. The university called for active cooperation and support of the State Government.

Describing the schedule Science Congress as an important event, the VC hoped that all departments would put in their best to make it a grand success.

Prof Meena Sharma, Local Secretary, Science Congress gave a

detailed presentation on the various issues related to arrangements for the Indian Science Congress.

This is for the first time that Science Congress is being held in Jammu and Kashmir. The University of Jammu will be host to the event that is being attended by over 12,000 delegates from across the country and abroad also. The conference will be spread in 14 parallel sessions between February 3 & 7, 2014.

The JU officers, who attended the meeting, included, Prof Naresh Padha, Local Secretary, Science Congress, Prof Neeru Sharma, Convener, Registration Committee, Prof J S Tara, Convener Transport, Prof N K Tripathi, Convener Accommodation, Er Arvind Gupta, XEn, University Works Deptt, Dr D L Choudhary, Administrator, GZAC and Jai Kumar Sharma, Special Secretary to Vice Chancellor.

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CS reviews progress on recruitments

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 1: Chief Secretary, Mohammad Iqbal Khanday today asked Administrative Secretaries to submit the status of all Government vacancies in their respective departments ahead of the scheduled review later this month on the progress of recruitment in the State.

Chairing the periodic meeting of Committee of Secretaries, the Chief Secretary emphasized on early filling up of all vacant posts with directions to the General Administration Department to examine and revisit the recruitment process enabling the Government to expedite recruitment of youth to various District, Divisional and State level posts.

While reviewing construction status of Polytechnics, Colleges and ITI buildings in the State, the Chief Secretary stressed for their early completion. He was informed that out of the 24 colleges taken up for construction, 14 colleges have been completed and handed over and remaining 10 are in various stages of completion.

Mr. Khanday also asked Administrative Secretaries to establish linkages with the

under these fields for developing a working relationship and cooperation", he asserted.



Chief Secretary Mohd Iqbal Khanday chairing Committee of Secretaries meeting at Srinagar on Monday.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under Disaster Management, Handicrafts, Social mobilisation and UMEED sectors and take advantage of its programmes, experience and experts.

During the review meeting issues pertaining to fly-overs, land acquisition for widening of National Highway, RFDs and e-Governance status in departments, PMGSY, IAY, installation of electricity meters in government establishments etc also came up for discussion.

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