

# Madr-e-Meharban was a great social activist: Omar



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah along with party leaders paying tributes to Madr-e-Meharban on Thursday.

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SRINAGAR, July 11: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah today paid rich tributes to Madr-e-Meharban Begum Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah on her 13th death Anniversary and said that her endeavour for women empowerment and skill development at the time when its significance was in oblivion, speaks louder and clear of her vision for holistic welfare of the society.

"Presently we all talk vehemently on these issues and special focus is on women empowerment and skill development in the country", he said and added that Begum Akbar Jahan was the founder of these important initiatives in Jammu and Kashmir.

"She founded Miskeen Bagh Women Welfare and Skills Development Centre more than 30 years back and launched various drives for empowerment of women and development of children particularly belonging to weaker sections of the society", Omar

Anantnag in 1980s. I am witness to the love and wholehearted support she received from the women, men and children from all sections of the society as their beloved Madr-e-Meharban", he added.

Omar Abdullah said that Madr-e-Meharban filled Sher-i-Kashmir's vision of Naya Kashmir with colour by working for universalization of education especially among the girls and weaker sections. He said that her vision for women education and empowerment is being translated in to reality. "One feels hearty when one finds 50 per cent enrolment of girls in degree colleges", he said maintaining that development of women is more significant to develop a robust and developed society.

However, the Chief Minister drew the attention of people towards the alarming report of female foeticide and said that this serious and unfortunate happening in a society like Kashmir where girls and women have always received highest respect and love, looks strange and worrisome. He called upon the civil society to play their important role in reversing this trend.

The renowned author and former Deputy Chairman Legislative Council, M. Y. Taing presented a paper on the life and struggle of Begum Sher-i-Kashmir. Chairman of Madr-e-Meharban Educational Society, Prof. Suraya Mattoo presented resume of the activities of the institution and gave details of the academic objectives targeted by the institution.

Earlier, students of the institution and from Miskeen Bagh Educational Centre recited Quran, Naitya Sharief and presented patriotic songs.

Present on the occasion were Speaker Legislative Assembly, Mubarak Gul, Minister for Forests, Mian Altaf Ahmad, Minister for Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Qamar Ali Akhoun, Provincial President Kashmir, NC and Legislator Nasir Aslam Wani, MLCs Sheikh Ghulam Rasool, Ghulam Qadir Pardesi and Dr. Bashir Ahmad Veeri.

# Villagers protest as shopkeeper ends life after alleged harassment by cops

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
UDHAMPUR, July 11: Suicide by a shopkeeper from Kagote in Ramnagar following alleged harassment by Kashmir Police cops led to strong protest by the villagers and family members of the deceased, here today.

Shouting slogans against the Kashmir Police and demanding justice, the protesting Kagote villagers blocked Ramnagar - Udhampur road for three hours after keeping body of the deceased on road.

They alleged that the deceased Mulh Raj, who was running a sweet shop at Qazigund in Kashmir, was being harassed by some policemen for money. These cops used to threaten the deceased of dire consequences and registration of false cases against him if he did not pay them money for smooth business, the family members alleged claiming that the police harassment forced the victim to commit suicide by consuming some poisonous substance.

The dharna was lifted only after SDPO Ramnagar Manish Kumar and SHO Ramnagar Dy SP (Prob) Hamid Bandy reached the spot and pacified the

protesters. They assured a proper inquiry into the circumstances leading to suicide by the deceased and necessary action in this regard.

According to SSP Udhampur Anil Magotra, statement of family members of the deceased could not be recorded today as the latter were busy in last rites. The local Sarpanch claimed to have a video clip in which the deceased has accused his neighbour Bishan, working in Kashmir Police, of forcing him to commit suicide by trying to falsely implicate him in a police case at Qazigund Police Station, the SSP said adding that the Police have started investigations into the matter for further action.

Meanwhile, in a separate case, mystery shrouded death of a young man, whose body was found from Mand Puthi Khad under the jurisdiction of Rehambal Police Station.

The deceased was identified as Ravinder Singh (32), son of Prem Singh of Childe Chenani Udhampur.

Police took the body into custody and shifted it to hospital for conducting post mortem while a case has been registered in this connection.

# Rs 9 cr released for interior works Jammu to have ICC by Dec end

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, July 11: The long wait of Jammuites will end as the construction of much talked about International Convention Centre (ICC) which has been delayed for 15 long years was likely to be completed by December end this year.

Though construction of ICC Jammu behind Circuit House, Canal road, here was started way back in 1998, it was delayed for 15 long years after the Electrical Contractor abandoned the work for years together, sources said.

The work was resumed only after the Government headed by Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah assumed office in 2008, sources said, adding there is every hope that the project will be completed by December end this year.

To be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 24.61 crore, the civil work of the ICC Jammu is

complete in all respects. However, the electric work was delayed after the contractor abandoned it resulting into the constant delay in completion of the

constant delay in construction of ICC, the Department later allotted the Electric work of the Project to SICOP and last year out of Rs five crore, Rs four crore were spent by the agency for electrification work.

Sources said that electric work is to be given the finishing touch now, while the tenders have been issued for interior works also. These works after the allotment can be completed within fortnight, sources added.

Sources said this year Rs eight crore have been sanctioned by the Government for interior works including wood paneling, stage and video lighting etc.

The centrally air conditioned ICC Jammu has a seating capacity of over 400 people. It, besides two seminar halls, a VIP lounge, Chief Minister's room, restaurant, cafeteria and an exhibition centre will also have a business centre.

The ICC Jammu is being constructed by Directorate of Hospitality and Protocol and the civil work of the Project was allotted to Amarnath Charanjit Lal Ji & Co, the firm which had constructed the ICC, Srinagar in Kashmir valley. The electric work was allotted to Ganga Constructions and after it abandoned the work the contract was given to SICOP, sources added.

When contacted the Director Hospitality and Protocol, S S Jamwal said that the minor interior works are to be done and the tenders have been placed. These works are of minor nature and will be completed within days after the allotment was made. He ruled out further delay in the construction work saying the project will be complete by ending December this year and the Department is optimistic about the same.

There was a lot of public resentment about the constant delay in the construction of project and people were alleging that Government was not interested in the completion of the Project that has led to its constant delay.

# Summer vacations from July 15

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SRINAGAR, July 11: Government has ordered summer vacations in all the Government institutions including recognized Private Schools upto Higher Secondary level falling in Kashmir Division and Winter Zone of Jammu Division from July 15, 2013 to July 25, 2013.

Any default on the part of Private School(s) in observance of the calendar of vacations so authorized will attract action under rules.

# J&K Judiciary comes forward to help Uttarakhand victims

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, July 11: The Full Court has passed a resolution whereby all the members of Higher as well as Subordinate Judiciary and employees will contribute towards the Prime Minister Relief Fund for the victims of natural calamity at Uttarakhand.

According to the order issued by Suresh Kumar Sharma, Registrar General, the Chief Justice and Judges of the High Court may make a contribution of Rs 10,000 each while as all the District Judges may contribute Rs 5,000 each.

Similarly, all the Sub-Judges (Senior Division) and Sub-Judges (Junior Division) may contribute Rs 25,000 each while as all the Gazetted Officers of the High Court and Subordinate Courts may contribute Rs 1000 each and all the non-gazetted employees

and officials of the High Court and Subordinate Courts may contribute Rs 500 each.

The Registrars (Judicial) of both the wings of the High Court after collecting the amount of contribution so made at their respective wing will credit the same in the Bank Account with J&K Bank Branch at High Court Complex under intimation to the Registrar General.

All the Principal District and Sessions Judges of the districts after collecting the amount of contribution relating to their respective districts will also credit the same in the said account under intimation to the Registrar General. On getting the deposit in the bank account, the Registrar General will issue a consolidate cheque of the entire deposited amount for making payment in favour of Prime Minister Relief Fund.

# Installation of Maharaja Gulab Singh's statue demanded

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, July 11: Civil society, intellectuals and prominent citizens of Jammu have demanded installation of statue of Maharaja Gulab Singh at Kunjwani Chowk and Lakhampur.

The demand was made during a one-day conference, organized by NPP chief patron Prof Bhim Singh for discussing current political situation in the State.

Prominent persons representing various schools of thought, social and intellectual groups actively participated in the meeting which unanimously passed the resolution moved by MLC, Syed Mohd Rafiq Shah to install the statue of the founder of the J&K State Maharaja Gulab Singh at Kunjwani Chowk Jammu and Lakhampur at the earliest since it has been the long pending demand of Jammu people. The meeting was also

attended by Harshdev Singh, MLA and Chairman JKNPP, Balwant Singh Mankotia MLA and president NPP, Yashpaul Kundal, MLA and general secretary, Syed Mohd Rafiq Shah, MLC and President Young Panthers, Anita Thakur and H C Jalmeria (general secretaries) besides other senior leaders of the party.

The members of the civil society who attended the meeting and supported the resolution included Judge (Retd) Pavitar Singh, Prof Hari Om, Narayan Singh (president Rajput Sabha), Gen (Retd) Jagdish Singh Jamwal, Gen (Retd) Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, Gen (Retd) R S Jamwal, Prof (Dr) D L Choudhary, Prof. Rita Jitender, Prof Virender Gupta, DIG (Retd) Anoop Singh Slathia, Dr. Jitender Udhampuri IBS, Prof Ashutosh Sharma, Harbans Nogokay, Gurjeet Singh and others.

# BJP Mahila Morcha Prabhari chairs meeting

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, July 11: After being nominated as State Prabhari of Jammu and Kashmir BJP Mahila Morcha, Asha Jaswal, who is National secretary of the Morcha, chaired a meeting of the Morcha State office bearers, district presidents and Working Committee members at party headquarters here today along with BJP State president Jugal Kishore Sharma, State general secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul, senior leader Suresh Jamwal and Morcha State president, Priya Sethi.

Threadbare discussions were held with the Morcha leaders and strategy discussed for further strengthening Mahila Morcha in view of Mission 2014 of the party.

BJP State president Jugal Kishore Sharma, while recalling the role of brave Indian women in the past, said that history is witness to the fact that whenever needed the women displayed more valour in the field. He said that the present day women should take inspiration from such women.

Asha Jaswal, in her address, said that the women constitute about 50 per cent of the country's population and they have been playing very active role in family, in society and in political line. They are bestowed with a number

of responsibilities and perform multiple duties very effectively. Although, the Indian society is still male dominated to a great extent but still a woman has proved her capability and worth even in odds, she added.

Ashok Koul, BJP general secretary (Org) said that the political environment in the State demand unity among the nationalist people and the women too have to contribute for this purpose.

Mahila Morcha National Executive Member and State Prabhari Suresh Jamwal said that the women today is more informed, well versed with the social and political developments and can bring a revolution in the society by her active role.

Mahila Morcha State President Priya Sethi said that the time has come when the women should be given political reservation so that they can themselves be part in the decision making bodies and focus on the welfare of women.

Morcha State general secretary Anuradha Charak conducted the proceedings while another general secretary Anju Dogra presented vote of thanks.

# 4 jawans hurt as vehicle falls into gorge

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
MENDHAR, July 11: Four soldiers were injured, one of them seriously, after an Army vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in forward area of Balakote in district Poonch today.

Defence sources said that the mishap took place at around 12.15 pm when the 2.5 ton Army vehicle was moving to a nearby 49 RR unit in Sandot area. The road was slippery due to rain and the driver failed to control it at a bad road patch. The vehicle landed into nearly 50 feet deep gorge causing injuries to all the four soldiers on board.

All the injured were rushed to the unit hospital in the area from where seriously injured Sepoy Lukman was referred to Military Hospital, Rajouri. Three other injured soldiers are identified as Sepoy Pardesi, Sep Rajiv Kumar and Sep Sundra Murty.

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