

Samba gets Rs 68.72 cr Annual Plan DyCM stresses on maintaining quality of development works

Excelsior Correspondent
SAMBHA, July 16: District Development Board, Samba, which met here today under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister, Tara Chand, approved Rs 68.72 crore Annual Plan 2013-14 for the district. The Annual Plan included Rs 23.89 crore as Revenue and Rs 44.83 crore as capital component. Members of Parliament, Madan Lal Sharma, Vice Chairman J&K State Advisory Board for Welfare and Development of SC, Swarn Lata, Vice Chairman J&K State Advisory Board for Welfare of OBC, Kuldeep Raj Sharma, Vice Chairman J&K State Advisory Board for Welfare of Gujar and Bakerwal, Bashir Ahmed Naz, MLAs S.S. Sathia, Yash Paul Kundal, Durga Dass, Harshdev Singh, Ashwani Kumar Sharma, MLCs Master Noor Hussain, Rani Gargi Billowria, Shehnaaz Ganai, Sham Lal Bhagat besides divisional heads of various line departments were present in the meeting. Speaking at the meeting, the Deputy Chief Minister exhorted upon the officers to put in their sincere efforts to ensure proper utilization of funds and time-bound completion of development works. He said the staff shortage in different departments in the district would be met at the earliest.

Bhim to contest from Doda-Udhampur Lok Sabha seat: Mankotia

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: Chief patron of the National Panthers Party (NPP) and former Legislator Prof Bhim Singh will contest from Kathua-Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha seat during forthcoming elections. Addressing a press conference here this afternoon, State president of the party, Balwant Singh Mankotia, sitting MLA from Udhampur said that party in its working committee meeting held on Monday has decided to field Prof Bhim Singh from Udhampur-Doda seat in the forth coming elections. Mr Mankotia said that Prof Bhim Singh is the only person who has the capacity to represent the case of Jammu province which is being discriminated for the last over six decades. Mr Mankotia further said



Leaders of BJP and other parties at a prayer meeting at Jammu on Tuesday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

BJP holds Sarva Dharma prayer meeting for Uttarakhand victims

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: On the 30th day of the Uttarakhand tragedy BJP organized a prayer meeting here today to pay tributes to all those who lost their lives in natural calamity in different parts of the State and those of the security personnel who attained martyrdom while rescuing the stranded pilgrims. Sarva Dharma prayer was also held and 2-minute silence was observed by the gathering for the peace of the departed souls. Besides BJP leaders, heads of various social and other organisations also attended the meeting to pay tributes to the people who lost their lives in natural calamity. BJP M P & J&K Prabhari, Avinash Rai Khana, while paying tributes, said that this tragedy has shaken the whole of the nation and its magnitude warrants it being declared a national disaster while rescue, rehabilitation and reconstruction process be conducted on war footing in view of the heavy monsoons. He also appealed to all to pray for all those who are still missing and contribute whole heartedly for the relief of the affected. BJP State president, Jugal Kishore Sharma said that in these times of national tragedy country men must unite as one and come to the rescue of their affected and suffering brethren. He appealed

ity while achieving physical targets under different development programmes as this is pre-requisite for building a strong edifice for the generations to come" he asked the officers. Emphasizing the significance of Panchayati Raj Institutions in development process at grass root level, the Deputy Chief Minister exhorted upon the Sarpanchs and Panchs to keenly monitor the works in their respective areas to yield tangible results under Government schemes. The District Development Board unanimously recommended inclusion of border areas in backward area category, one time compensation to refugees of 1947, 1965 and 1971 besides compensation to border people whose land has been acquired for defense purposes. The Deputy Chief Minister directed the concerned departments to prepare projects for conservation of Mansar Lake and take concrete steps to improve the requisite infrastructure and logistic facilities to promote tourism in the area. He directed the line departments to ensure that the concerned legislators are consulted at the time of plan formulation to cater to the area specific needs. Reviewing implementation of welfare schemes, the Chairman directed the Department of Social Welfare to ensure proper working of Anganwari Centres and timely distribution of nutrition for the children and lactating mothers. He also asked them to clear all the pending cases of scholarships and old age pensions. Stressing on promotion of traditional crafts, agriculture and allied activities on modern lines, the Deputy Chief Minister asked the Employment, Handicrafts, Sports, Industries, Cooperatives, Agriculture, Horticulture and other departments to implement their schemes particularly self employment programmes in an effective manner. He stressed upon the concerned functionaries to ensure optimum utilization of funds under the schemes like PMGSY, NRHM, SGSY, DRDA, MGN-REGA, RKVY, IAY,RMSA, SSA and BSUP. He directed the officers to conduct frequent visits of remote and hilly areas to monitor the development works for optimum results. He directed the officers to ensure optimum utilization of resources for development and progress of the district. He said that during last four years, the Coalition Government did its best on developmental front by launching numerous ambitious and people friendly programmes and efforts are afoot to further accelerate the pace of development.

Earlier, the District Development commissioner R.K. Varma gave a resume of the achievements registered in the district under various sectors besides projecting the developmental requirements of the district.

that the name of Prof Bhim Singh for his candidature for this Lok Sabha has also been recommended by all the six district committees of the party, falling under Kathua-Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha constituency. It was also decided in the working committee meeting of the party that Panthers is ready to contest poll pre-alliance election with parties as well as local groups. The Panther Party has no hesitation in pre-poll alliance with any like-minded political or non-political groups. The NPP leader alleged that in the present scenario when UPA-II has failed on all fronts, polls will be held in 2013 with UPA failing to complete its full term. He said the people have fed up with the present Government and will throw it out of power in the coming elections.

children and lactating mothers. He also asked them to clear all the pending cases of scholarships and old age pensions. Stressing on promotion of traditional crafts, agriculture and allied activities on modern lines, the Deputy Chief Minister asked the Employment, Handicrafts, Sports, Industries, Cooperatives, Agriculture, Horticulture and other departments to implement their schemes particularly self employment programmes in an effective manner. He stressed upon the concerned functionaries to ensure optimum utilization of funds under the schemes like PMGSY, NRHM, SGSY, DRDA, MGN-REGA, RKVY, IAY,RMSA, SSA and BSUP. He directed the officers to conduct frequent visits of remote and hilly areas to monitor the development works for optimum results. He directed the officers to ensure optimum utilization of resources for development and progress of the district. He said that during last four years, the Coalition Government did its best on developmental front by launching numerous ambitious and people friendly programmes and efforts are afoot to further accelerate the pace of development.

Earlier, the District Development commissioner R.K. Varma gave a resume of the achievements registered in the district under various sectors besides projecting the developmental requirements of the district.

No BSNL network in Pulwama villages

Excelsior Correspondent
PULWAMA, July 16: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) subscribers in scores of villages of district Pulwama have not been receiving mobile signals since the cellular service was launched in 2003, despite the villagers' repeated complaints to the authorities. "We are not able to use the mobile service due to no network coverage. And if luckily one is able to talk, the calls drop within a minute. At times, consumers are required to make four to five attempts to complete a call, and yet they are not able to complete their conversation," said Mushtaq Ahmad, a resident of Ratnipora. The residents of Ratnipora, Pahoo and other neighbouring villages lashed out at the BSNL authorities for not addressing their problems. Deputy General Manager BSNL, Nazir Ahmad Joo told Excelsior it will take at least four months to provide proper connectivity to the subscribers. "We have planned to cover the area under our services in the coming phase. Hopefully, in this season, we will provide proper service to the subscribers of these villages," the DGM said.

Safai Karamcharis lock Municipal Committee

Excelsior Correspondent
SAMBHA, July 16: The Safai Karamcharis of Vijaypur Municipal Committee who are on strike for last 20 days demanding payment of their wages of last three months, today locked the Committee office in protest. The protesters said that they were forced to take extreme step as the authorities of Municipal Committee, Vijaypur have failed to settle the issue and pay the wages of the Safai Karamcharis. The protest was led by Tarseem Lal Massi president of the Safai Karamcharis Vijaypur.

ADMISSION NOTICE 2013-14
Uttaranchal College of Science & Technology
(POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE)
AFFILIATED TO HNB GARHWAL UNIVERSITY SRINAGAR UTTARAKHAND (CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)
PG COURSE
• M.Sc. Biotechnology
• M.Sc. Microbiology
• M.Sc. Chemistry
• M.Sc. Physics
• M.Sc. Zoology
• M.Sc. Botany
• M.Sc. IT
• M.Sc. Bioinformatics
• M.A. Mass Communication
• M.Sc. Environmental Sc.
• M.Sc. Pharmaceutical Chem.
UG COURSE
• B.Sc. Biotech.
• B.Sc. Microbio
• B.C.A.
• B.Sc. IT
• BBA
• B.Lib.
Direct Admission
Admission Help Line :
9760068819, 9760068818
13 Years of Academic Excellence
For Online Admission Kindly Visit Our Website :
www.ucstoon.com
or e-mail us at : info@ucstoon.com
Address for Correspondence :
UTTARANCHAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Nagal Hatnala, P.O. Kulhan,
SAHASTRADHARA ROAD Dehradun - 248 001 (U.K.) India
Phone : 0135-2607011, 2607413, 3254785, Fax : 0135-2607011

SKEWPY a job security certificate for unemployed youth: Sadhotra

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 16: Minister for Labour, Employment and Planning, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, today underlined the need for strict and speedy implementation of Sher-i-Kashmir Employment Welfare Programme for Youth (SKEWPY) for ensuring job security to educated unemployed youth of the State through self-employment.

The Minister was addressing a review meeting of SKEWPY here today which was attended by Commissioner Secretary Labour and Employment, B.A. Runiyal, Director Employment, Dr. Abdul Rashid, Director JKEDI, Mohammad Ismail Parry, Secretary JKWDC, A.M. Zargar, President J&K Bank, Nayeemullah and Joint Director Planning, S. Bilal Ahmed.

Mr. Sadhotra said the SKEWPY is the dream project of Chief Minister and every effort should be made to encourage youth to take up the scheme for self-reliance and also to live with dignity and honour.



People protesting at Chak Salaria in Samba district on Tuesday. —Excelsior/Gautam

People protest at Chak Salaria, block road against power cuts, increasing burglaries

Excelsior Correspondent
SAMBHA, July 16: The irate residents of five villages of Panchayati Chak Salaria held a demonstration at Kralian Chowk and blocked the Vijaypur-Ramgarh road in protest against the power failure and increasing thefts in the area. Over a strong crowd of over 1000 people including men, women and children squatted on the road and did not let any vehicle to pass. They were protesting against the increasing power cuts and thefts in the area. Shouting slogans against the police the protesters accused it of total failure in maintaining a proper vigil to keep check on burglars which has created a panic in the area. The protest continued for the entire day and despite the efforts of administration to pursue the protesters to lift the road blockade they refused to budge an inch from their stand and demanded the transfer of SHO. Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Additional DC Samba and ACR Samba besides other officers also visited the dharma venue to pacify the agitating youth but they refused to budge an inch till their demands are settled. After their talks failed with administration, protesters warned to continue road blockade. They also warned to block National Highway tomorrow. Terming the role of police totally dismal the protesters said that daily thefts are taking place in the Ramgarh belt but police has failed to maintain a vigil due to

Impressing upon officers to work in unison, Mr Sadhotra hoped that coordinated efforts would assure successful implementation of the scheme. Appealing all to contribute a bit in making the future of the youth bright through self-employment ventures, the Minister said that Government cannot alone solve the unemployment crisis, every individual should lend a helping hand to the youth to set up income generating units and above all in providing awareness about different schemes launched by the Government.

On this occasion, the meeting was informed that as many as 330049 youth were registered by Employment Department up to June this year for taking up self-employment ventures. Against five lakh target of employment generation under SKEWPY, achievement of around 2 lakh units was registered during last five years. Giving the details of Voluntary Service Allowance Scheme (VSA), the meeting was informed that the age of the beneficiaries should be between 26 and 37 years with annual income of Rs. 1.50 lakh from all sources. The qualification of the beneficiary should be minimum matric and the VSA will be admissible only for a maximum period of 3 years. The beneficiary will be required to render voluntary work upto a total of 12 hours a week. A matriculate will be paid Rs. 600 per month, 10+2 Rs. 650, 10+2 with ITI Rs. 700, 10 + 2 with 3 years diploma Rs. 850, graduate Rs. 1000 and post graduate Rs. 1200.

The Hill Development Council Members expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for enhancing the financial powers of Chief Executive Councillors and helping in the faster development of the region. Minister for Urban Development, Nawang Rigzin Jora, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Qamar Ali Akhoun, Minister of State for Science and Technology, Feroz Ahmad Khan, Principal Secretary Planning and Development, B. R. Sharma, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, B. B. Vyas, Principal Secretary Home, Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary PDD, A. K. Mehta, Commissioner Secretary GAD, Mushtaq Ahmad and various other senior officers were present in the meeting.

The Executive Councillors of Hill Development Councils who were present in the meeting included Aga Syed Qazmi, Ghulam Rasool Naqvi and Haji Ghulam Amir.



Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah reviewing functioning of Leh and Kargil Hill Development Councils in a meeting at Srinagar on Tuesday.

Omar reviews functioning of Leh, Kargil Hill Councils

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 16: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah today reviewed the functioning of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils of Leh and Kargil at a high level meeting in which Chief Executive Councillors, Kachu Ahmad Ali and Rigzin Spalbar and various Executive Councillors also participated. Matters pertaining to the creation of staff for Council Secretariats, powers of Chief Executive Councillors, administrative matters, grant of divisional status to Ladakh for creation of Police Range, operationalization of recently created sub-transmission division of PDD, approval of projects for strengthening of transmission lines, placing of Private Secretaries, Special Assistance, PROs and PAs, enhancement of Plan allocation and pensionary benefits to the Chairman/CEC and Councillors were discussed in detail in the meeting.

KU Professor arrested for beating wife

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 16: In a domestic violence case, a Kashmir University Professor was arrested by police on Tuesday after his in-laws registered a case against him complaining that he not only demanded dowry from his wife but also beat her ruthlessly. The in-laws in their complaint alleged that Assistant Professor of Botany Department in Kashmir University, Lateef Ahmed Pir, beat his wife to pulp at Mirzabagh Complex of Varsity. She informed her father, who lodged a complaint at Police Station Nigeen. Police arrested the accused professor. The father-in-Law of the accused professor has alleged that he frequently used to demand dowry from his wife and even after meeting such demands, he beat her repeatedly. "May be he (Lateef Ahmed Peer) was arrested in domestic violence case but I can't comment on the matter as I don't know anything about it," Chief Proctor Kashmir University, Mohammad Atzal Zargar said. A police official while confirming this incident said that the accused was arrested after his father-in-law lodged a complaint that Lateef Pir used to physically torture his wife.

Unemployment figures all time high: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: While making the startling disclosure that unemployment figures in Jammu and Kashmir have touched an all-time high leaving behind all the other North Indian States with over 45% increase since 2008 as per official statistics, BJP National Executive Member, National TV panelist & J&K chief spokesperson, Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that there could have been no worse commentary than this on the performance of National Conference (NC) led Congress Coalition Government which came to power five years ago with the promise of changing the fortunes of State's youth under the leadership of a young Chief Minister. Dr Jitendra Singh said that according to Government figures, the number of registered job-seekers had increased from 1,06,130 in 2008 to 5.94 lakh in 2012, which accounts for an increase of 45.85 per cent. What is even more worrisome is that as the number of

unemployed youth has officially swelled to a staggering 6 lakh, a series of employment generation schemes announced by Government for enhancing job opportunities have elicited a dismal response, he added. Dr Jitendra Singh said, albeit the Government's much hyped Sher-e-Kashmir Employment & Welfare Programme for Youth (SKEWPY) which the NC leadership had described as a historic initiative or the Government of India's much-touted 'Udaan' and 'Himayat' schemes, the placement record has remained abysmal. Questioning the accountability of huge budget spent on these fancy schemes, Dr Jitendra Singh said that under SKEWPY, an amount of Rs 26.58 crore was disbursed during the recent financial year up to January 2013 in the name of Voluntary Service Allowance (VSA) for providing social security to registered educated unemployed youth in the age group of 26 to 37 years with annual family income below Rs 1.5 lakh.

Grameen Bank officers reconstitute body

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: A general body meeting of J&K Grameen Bank Officers Organisation (JKGBOO) was held here today to reconstitute the body. The meeting elected JM Wazir as president of the Association, SP Vas as vice-president, VK Sharma as general secretary, Rakesh Uppal as assistant general secretary, Ravinder Singh Raina as organizing secretary and Onkar Singh as cashier. GL Sadhotra, Prethi Pal Singh, Satwant Singh, Pankaj Sharma, Gurudev Singh and Sikander Kumar Bhagat were elected as executive body members.

NEW THINKING. NEW POSSIBILITIES.
JOYFUL JULY
The **i10** now even more irresistible
Limited Period Offer. Hurry!
The i10 Era, at a special price of ₹4,16,755 ₹3,59,990* only.
The Next Gen **i10** Simply Irresistible
Terms & conditions apply. *Special price calculated on Jammu Ex-showroom price and includes Exchange Bonus and Corporate Bonus whichever is applicable. For offers on LPG variant check with your nearest dealer. Scheme cannot be clubbed with any other offer. Corporate and Loyalty discount cannot be clubbed together. All offers are brought to you by below mentioned Hyundai authorised dealers at their sole discretion.
JAMMU: CREST HYUNDAI PH. 2482751/2/4, 8713901371 BRANCH: UDHAMPUR: PH. 9419161662, 9419961662 BRANCH: RAJOURI: 263437, 9419161904, 8713901371
SRINAGAR: CREST HYUNDAI PH. 8713901370/80/61, 01933-224267, 222297 BRANCH: SOPORE: PH. 9906706150, 01954-221700 BRANCH: LEH: PH. 9419178493
KC HYUNDAI PH. 0194-2440977/ 88, 9419720712, 9906777511 BRANCH: ANANTNAG: PH. 01932-228365-66