

Fully equip trauma centers on highway: DRSC

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 16: A Meeting of Departmental Related Standing Committee (DRSC-II) of Legislative Council was held on Health and Medical Education here today under the chairmanship of MLC, Vijay Bakaya.

Legislators Ravinder Kumar Sharma, Jahangir Hussain Mir and Dharambir Singh Oberoi who also attended the meeting as members gave their valuable suggestions to resolve the issues related to the Health Department.

Threadbare discussions were also held on the issues related to Health and Medical Education.

The Committee was informed by Director, SKIMS that PET Scan machine for detection of cancer and post therapy progress will be purchased at a cost of 22 crore in the next 4 months and this would help in cancer cure in the State.

Director Health Services Kashmir informed the Committee that 3 districts viz-Kupwara, Kargil and Leh have facility of Chemotherapy treatment and it is being started shortly in Doda and Udhampur district also.

The Director Health Services Jammu informed that Labour

Room and Blood Bank would be made functional within next four months in Poonch district.

It was informed that more projects for trauma centres for necessary approval and funding including one at Sunderbani (Rajouri) has been sent to Government of India. The Committee noted with concern that out of 12 Trauma Centre sanctioned for the National Highway only a few were functional.

It impressed upon the department to properly equip these centres with necessary Emergency Services.

The Committee was told that the process of purchasing Critical Care Ambulances had been initiated and Committee desired that the progress be completed and Critical Care Ambulances at crucial locations properly equipped.

The Committee was informed that ISM&H Department is performing well and more and more people are shifting towards ISM treatment.

Department has treated 24 lakh patients in 2012-13 against 19 lakh in 2011-12 in standalone Institutions/Dispensaries.

Commissioner Secretary, Health and Medical Education, ShaleenKabra, Director SKIMS, Showkat Zargar and other officers were present in the meeting.

Save human lives: Mian Altaf asks wildlife authorities

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 16: Minister for Forests, Ecology and Environment, Mian Altaf Ahmad has asked the officers of Wildlife Department to take necessary safety measures to prevent attacks by wild animals on people.

The Minister was taking stock of the recent man-animal conflict incidents that occurred in North Kashmir, particularly at Hail, Hareshnar, Dowlatabad and Kharchar areas falling under Sangrama Constituency at a meeting here.

MLA, Sangrama Syed Basharat Bukhari, Chief Wildlife Warden, A.K.Singh and other senior officers of Forest Department were present on the occasion.

It was given out that department is monitoring the situation closely and all necessary measures have been taken to check these incidents. The department has taken the services of local

hunters for the purpose while combing operation is going on in the affected areas, it was said.

The meeting was told that ex gratia of Rs. 4 lakh stands disbursed among 4 families who have lost their family members in recent man-animal conflict incidents within the jurisdictions of Forest Circle North.

MLA also raised other development issues of the constituency which included development of Hygam Rakh, removal of illegal encroachment at Ningli Nallah, widening of road leading to Hygam wetland, release of funds for construction of rest house in the constituency besides making adequate timber available on forest sale depots.

It was informed that 1.38 lakh cft timber is targeted to be distributed among the consumers in north circle during current fiscal against which 24000 cft have been stocked so far while as sale of timber has been started from this month.



ADGP Armed, SM Sahai decorating newly promoted SPs in a function held at Srinagar on Tuesday.

Sahai decorates newly promoted SPs

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 16: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Armed SM Sahai today decorated newly promoted Superintendents of Police (SPs) in a function held at armed police headquarters.

Shafiq Hussain and Mohammad Maajid Malik presently posted as Deputy Superintendents of Police in IR 5th Battalion Doda and JKAP 8th Battalion Manasbal respectively promoted as Superintendents of Police amongst 93 DySPs were felicitated and decorated with ranks by the Additional DGP Armed SM Sahai.

While decorating these officers, Additional DGP advised them to uphold the sanctity of dignified rank at all the times by all means and showcase themselves as true public servants under all circumstances.

Extending his greetings to the families of promoted officers, ADGP expressed his hope that the promotion for which they richly deserved would bring new spirit of public service among the officers.



Kashmiri Pandits during annual Mahayagya at historical Mata Katyayani temple at village Kakran in Kulgam district on Tuesday.

APMCC organises Mahayagya at Mata Katyayani Temple

Excelsior Correspondent
KULGAM, July 16: Hundreds of Kashmiri Hindu devotees today thronged the ancient and historical temple of Mata Katyayani at village Kakran in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on 2nd Annual Mahayagya organised by All Parties Migrants Coordination Committee (APMCC) after reconstructing the four temples within the complex.

Kashmiri Hindus along with other Hindus from other parts of the country besides some dignitaries from the State and Central administration reached Katyayani temple on yesterday when the Mahayagya began while the Purna Ahuti was performed on today.

King Bharati, National Spokesperson APMCC, said the Katyayani Temple is the biggest temples that APMCC has reconstructed, but is also the most beautiful one. "APMCC was working on different fronts to restore all the temples of Kashmir Valley to their original glory," he said.

Meanwhile addressing the devotees at Kakran Vinod Pandit vowed that his organisation was committed to fight for the Kashmir Temple Bill and warned the black sheep to desist from their activities which lead to sending the Bill to Select Committee during last Budget session of the State Assembly.

Vinod said that APMCC was committed to its 6-point charter of demands and announced Kafan Yatra if the Government fails to keep its promise with team APMCC.

It may be recalled that the first Mahayagya was organised at Mata Katyayani temple in Kakran village in October 2012 during which Murti Sthapna took place.

Prominent among those who attended the function include Capt Narayan Singh, Yoginder Singh Jamwal, Mahinder Singh, Ravinder Pandita, Secretary APMCC, Chand Ji Bhat, Ashok Singh, Sohan Singh.

Among official dignitaries who attended include Pankaj Kumar Srivastava, CO 18th Bn CRPF, Adl DC Kulgam, SSP Kulgam and other dignitaries.

Govt determined to boost tourism infrastructure: Mir

Excelsior Correspondent
UDHAMPUR, July 16: The Government is committed to develop tourism infrastructure in every nook and corner of the State on priority to help increase tourist influx besides raise socio-economic status of the people.

This was stated by Minister for Tourism, G. A. Mir, in a meeting of officers of different Tourism Development Authorities held at Patnitop to review the physical and financial progress on various tourism projects on Tuesday.

Among others Director Tourism, Jammu, Saunjanya Sharma, Managing Director JKTCDC, Shameem, Chief Executive Officers (CEO) of Patnitop Development Authority, Raman Kesar, Bhaderwah Development Authority, Angrez Singh Rana, Executive Engineer Kishtwar Development Authority, H.L. Bhagat and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

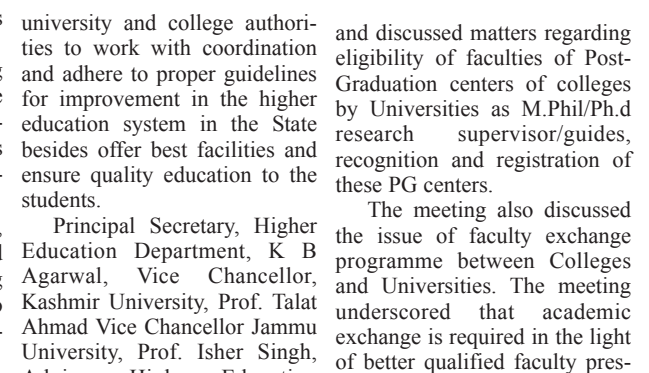
During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on status of different projects including Tourist Complex Teligarh, conservation of Bhaderwah Fort, Yatris Niwas at Kishtwar, construction of TRC at Sarthal Devi Ji, construction works of water front tourist spot at Chhatroo, construction work on budget accommodation at Sanasar and Kud, development and conservation of Sansar Lake etc.

The Minister instructed the

Lone for better coordination between universities, colleges

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 16: Minister for Higher Education, Mohammad Akbar Lone today chaired a high level meeting convened to discuss the coordination issues between colleges and Universities.

Mr. Lone emphasised upon



Minister for Higher Education, Mohammad Akbar Lone chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

university and college authorities to work with coordination and adhere to proper guidelines for improvement in the higher education system in the State besides offer best facilities and ensure quality education to the students.

Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, K B Agarwal, Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University, Prof. Talat Ahmad Vice Chancellor Jammu University, Prof. Isher Singh, Advisor, Higher Education Department, Prof. Nissar Ali, Director colleges Development Council, Director Colleges, Controller Examinations Jammu and Kashmir Universities,

Airtel launches exciting products for Holy Ramzan

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: Airtel users across the State will now be able to use their mobile phones to listen to holy recitals of Namaz, Naat, Hadees and much more and experience live Namaz with the Mecca with just a few clicks, as Bhatti Airtel today announced the launch of these exciting products for the Holy Ramzan.

Besides Mecca and Medina, the service will also bring live audio feeds from the shrines of Ajmer Sharif, Jama Masjid Delhi and Haji Ali Dargah.

Customers can also subscribe to Ramzan special pack and avail a host of VAS services. By just dialing 57786 on a one time activation charge of Rs 30

Gupta lays foundation stone of community hall

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: Former Union Minister and MLA, Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta today laid the foundation stone of community hall being constructed in Mahavir Jain Hospital at Ward No. 32, Jain Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu. The hall is being constructed by Jammu Municipal Corporation out of CDF of the MLA.

Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta has sanctioned Rs. 10.00 lakh out of his CDF as first installment for construction of the hall.

Chairman JKDF Anil Gupta and Senior JKDF activists were among the others present on the occasion. Large number of people of the Ward mostly from Jain community also attended the programme. President Mahavir Jain Hospital Sudershan Jain and Pradeep Jain its general secretary were among others who attended the programme.

Sunil Gupta Executive Engineer and Ashok Wali AEE from Jammu Municipal Corporation represented JMC on the occasion.

Prof. Gupta, while addressing the gathering assured people of the Ward that his foremost preference will be to work for the development and betterment of Ward residents. Every possible effort is being made to mitigate the problems of Ward and people of the area. Various Developmental activities on public demand have been taken over in different wards of Jammu West Constituency, he added.

"The construction of community hall in Hospital complex will be beneficial for the general public especially patients and their attendants who reach there for treatment of different ailments. Every possible help and financial aid shall be provided till the completion of the hall.

Sudershan Jain president Mahavir Jain Hospital expressed gratitude to Prof. Gupta for his initiative. The construction of hall will add to the facilities being provided to patients by the Hospital administration.

Musical programme 'Mangal Dhawani' organized

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: Heritage Strings-School of Rock in association with Nirvana Academy organized "Mangal Dhawani"-A musical program at Rich Heritage School, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu. S Jagdeep Singh, Executive Producer Doordarshan Jammu was the chief guest while Ashutosh Sharma a veteran classical singer and Hitesh Badyal, president Nirvana Academy were



Participants of 'Mangal Dhawani' posing for a group photograph.

the guests of honour on the occasion.

Program started with a spell-bound performance of Mukteshi Sharma, a renowned classical singer of the town followed by the magical performance of Aditi Parimoo from Delhi. "Bahon Mein Chale Aao" by Shivani Bamotra and "Teri Diwani" by Ripan Bhat were highly appreciated by the audience. A retro medley on guitar and vocals by Keshav Pranjapati was the main attraction of the program.

Anmol Amla, Director Heritage Strings- School of Rock said that this was the only institute in the town where students could learn Indian Classical as well as Rock Music. Hitesh Badyal, president Nirvana Academy said that Nirvana Academy in collaboration with Heritage Strings - School of Rock will organize grand events which will provide stage and promote student of the institute to get exposure in the field of music.

Sanchit Dewan and Sahil Sahni, Sumit Kumar and Nipun

Woman arrested for running fake job racket

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: Pacca Danga police today arrested a woman for running fake job racket and extorting money from the youth on the assurance that she would arrange jobs for them in the Civil Secretariat.

Anjar had paid Rs 30,000 to Pummy Koul alias Shamim Akhter.

Getting a complaint from Anjar, Pacca Danga police teams headed by SHO Inspector Vijay Choudhary swung into action and arrested the woman. Police recovered Rs 27,000 from the woman. A case has been registered against her at Pacca Danga police station for further investigations.

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assured another youth Mohammad Ashraf son of Abdul Qadir of arranging job. The deal per job had been settled at Rs 1 lakh.

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EDB celebrates 35th foundation day

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JAMMU, July 16: To celebrate 35th foundation day of Ellaquai Dehati Bank (EDB), functions were held at its district headquarters, regional



Dignitaries during foundation day of EDB on Tuesday.

and was chaired by BL Bhat, Regional Manager, Jammu region.

The customers were delighted to learn about the issuance of KCC and ATM-Rupay Debit Card facility by the Bank.

Chairman AK Razdan has expressed gratitude to its customers, sponsor Bank, RBI, NABARD and Government of India for their unrelenting support and guidance.

Razdan assured its customers and well wishers' that the Bank will be with them in all their pursuits.

Fallail, Malik, Surinder nominated PDP secys

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 16: With the objective to strengthen Party in Jammu province, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti today appointed Fallail Singh, Surinder Choudhary and Abdul Rashid Malik as State secretaries of the PDP.

After making these appointments, the party president asked all the newly appointed State secretaries to work with close coordination with Thakur Balbir Singh general secretary in day today functioning of the Party.

While executing this reshuffle in the Party, Ms Mehbooba relieved all incumbents with immediate effect.

While Fallail Singh has been reappointed as State secretary and incharge press and media at province and State level, the two new appointees, Surinder Choudhary and Abdul Rashid Malik have been given the responsibilities of State secretaries in the organization reshuffle. Surinder Choudhary is the mass-base PDP leader from Nowsheera in district Rajouri and had lost during last Assembly elections with narrow margin. Rafiq Malik has contested elections from Nagrota assembly segment. He is leader of the poor and down-trodden members of the society in Jammu area.

Cultural Academy organizes Mushiara

Excelsior Correspondent
AKHNOOR, July 16: J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organized a Dogri Mushiara on the concluding day of month-long celebrations of 'Rutt Rahade'-an important festival of Dogra Region, here at village Barui.

The festival was being celebrated by Duggar Sanskriti Sangam, Batehra.

The overall function was presided over by Dr Lalit Magotra, president, Dogri Sanstha, Jammu and convener of Dogri Language at Sahitya Academy, New Delhi whereas the Mushiara was presided over by well known writer of Dogri Language, ND Jamwal.

Anjali Sharma, Assistant Director, Radio Kashmir Jammu, was the chief guest while Ashok Gupta, Editor, Dogri, Dhian Singh, president, Duggar Sanskriti Sangam, Batehra and Sarpanch of the area, Milkhi Ram also shared the dais.

The poets who recited their poems included OP Shakir, Surinder Sagar, ND Jamwal, Dhyan Singh, Jugal Chanan, Kewal Kumar Kewal, Mohan Singh Jamwal, Mohan Lal, Varinder Sharma, Swam Singh, OP Deepak, Prem Sagar, Nasib Singh, Rishi Kavi, Satpal Hiteshi, Rattan Bhardwaj, Rameshwar Sunglia, RC Verma and Reenu Devi.

The other attractions of the function was the presentation of beautiful songs of 'Rutt Rahade' by a musical group and other local folk singers.

An exhibition of Dogri books was also organized by the Cultural Academy to inspire the rural people to read Dogri books.

Ashok Gupta, incharge of the Mushiara and book exhibition while speaking on the occasion highlighted the activities of the Academy and asked the people to approach Academy with their suggestions for the promotion of art, culture and languages of the State.

Over 15000 devotees visit Pingla Mata Shrine

Excelsior Correspondent
UDHAMPUR, July 16: A one day annual Pingla Mata pilgrimage along with Charri Mubarak was flagged off from Pandav Mandir today with traditional fervor and gaiety.

The yatra was organized by Adi Shakti Sewak Sanstha, Udhampur.

A large number of pilgrims from different areas of the State paid obeisance at the sacred shrine of Pingla Mata, situated on a hill top at village Pinger in tehsil Ramnagar of district Udhampur.

The Adi Shakti Sewak Sanstha, Udhampur took the