



Rain and flood water cause extensive damage to road at Channi Rama, enters shops at Channi Himmat, damages houses at Peer Miha and a wall of paper factory at Bari Brahamana on Saturday.

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KU to host Regional Science Congress in September'

Governor discusses arrangements for 101st Indian Science Congress

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 20: N. N. Vohra, Governor, chaired a high level meeting at the Raj Bhawan here today to discuss the arrangements to be put in place for the 101st Indian Science Congress being held at the University of Jammu from February 3-7, 2014. The theme of this Science Congress is "Innovations in Science and Technology for Inclusive Development".

After earlier discussions with Prof. R. C. Sobti, President of the

present their knowledge before the galaxy of scientists at the Congress. Referring to the high importance of encouraging innovation in science, he stressed that the youth from the State who have made a mark in this arena must be identified and encouraged to exhibit their innovations at the Science Congress.

The Governor urged the Vice Chancellors of the two State Farm Universities to identify themes which are J&K specific so that these could be included for deliberations in the working sessions of

Indian Science Congress, should be held at Srinagar. In this context, the meeting held preliminary discussions for the Regional Science Congress being hosted by the Kashmir University in the last week of September 2013, which will involve participation of over 100 scientists.

Among those who participated in the meeting included Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Kashmir University; Dr. M. P. S. Ishar, Vice Chancellor, Jammu University; Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno

Civic Safai Karamcharis, other workers of JMC suspend strike

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 20: After the agreement reached between Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) authorities and Civic Safai Karamcharis and other workers, the latter suspended their strike.

A meeting of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) authorities and representatives of Civic Safai Karamcharis Union, Drivers and Cleaners Union and Clerical Union was held in the office chamber of Commissioner JMC at Town Hall here in which demands put forth by the unions were discussed and an agreement was executed.

As per agreement, DPC meeting will be convened on July 24 to consider promotion cases of all municipal cadres, matter of re-organization and increase to the wages of 200 casual labour SKC's as already recommended to the Administrative Department will be pursued jointly by the Municipal authorities and representatives of Municipal Employees Unions, regularization case of contractual drivers, computer operators, surveyors, technical assistants will be considered,

when reorganization proposal will be approved and vacancies will be made available as per norms and regarding scrapping of NGO's system and adoption of the prevailing system in Srinagar Municipal Corporation, a committee of Municipal Officers will formulate a list of NGO workers and forward to the Government by or before August 31 for consideration and redressal of the demand/resolution put forth by the Municipal Employees Unions.

The Unions representatives warned the Administration that if they failed to consider their demands then they will have no other option than to resume their suspended strike.

Among others present were Rinku Gill, president, Civic Safai Karamchari Union, Mohammad Younis Bhat, president, Driver and Cleaners Union, Rohit George, president, Clerical Union, Jarnail Khokhar, Sanju Burat, Anil Bali, Gulzar Masih, etc.



Governor NN Vohra chairing meeting at Raj Bhawan on Saturday.

Indian Science Congress Association, the Governor, who is Chancellor of the Jammu University, had invited the Vice Chancellors of all the 9 Universities in the State, Director SKIMS, Srinagar, Director, IIM, Jammu, Director, NIT, Srinagar, Principals of Medical Colleges at Jammu and Srinagar, Principal of the College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu, and Director, Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar to this meeting.

The Governor impressed upon all the Vice Chancellors and the heads of the various medical, science and technology institutions of higher learning in the State to join hands for organizing this mega scientific event in the most befitting manner, particularly as it was being held for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir. He observed that this Science Congress will provide a historical opportunity for the students and scientists to demonstrate their talent and scientific temper.

Observing that there is unlimited talent in the State, the Governor emphasized the need for identifying individual scientists in the various Universities and other science and technology institutions in J&K for presenting their papers and participating in the working sessions of the Science Congress.

Recalling the various INSPIRE programmes organized by different Universities in the State in the past four years, he said that the talented students and young scientists need to be encouraged to

the Science Congress. He observed that climate change and global warming could be among the areas of focus of the Science Congress.

Prof. R. C. Sobti, Vice Chancellor, Baba Saheb Ambedkar University, Lucknow and the President, Indian Science Congress Association, said that more than 10,000 scientists, including a large number of top scientists from within and outside the country, are likely to participate at the 5-day 101st Science Congress. He said that the main activities of this event will comprise Inaugural Ceremony, 14 Parallel Sessions on identified themes, Science Communicators Meet, Women Science Congress, Children Science Congress, Science Exhibition, Book Exhibition and Valedictory Function.

The meeting discussed issues relating to financing the varied expenditures, arrangements to be positioned for the Science Congress which included, inter-alia, accommodating the VVIPs and all others who are likely to participate in the Inaugural, Working and Valedictory sessions, preparation of mementos, presentation of awards, publication of a Souvenir, cultural and other logistics. The participants put forth several suggestions for successfully organizing this event.

Prof. Sobti stated that, as suggested by the Governor, the Science Association had agreed that the Regional Science Congress, preparatory to the

Devi University; Dr. Tej Partap, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir; Dr. A. R. Trag, Vice Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipore; Prof. I. A. Hamal, Vice Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri; Dr. Sameru Sharma, Principal, Government College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu; Dr. Ram A. Vishwakarma, Director, Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu; Prof. Showkat Ali Zargar, Director, SKIMS, Srinagar; Prof. Rafiq Ahmad Pampori, Principal, Government Medical College, Srinagar; Dr. Shashi Gupta, Principal, Government Medical College, Jammu; Dr. Nazier Ahmad, Director, Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar; Navin K. Choudhary, Principal Secretary to the Governor; Prof. Nareesh Padha and Prof. Meena Sharma of the Jammu University, who are the Local Secretaries for the Science Congress.

Court directs further investigation in Jammu Township scam

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 20: Special Judge Anticorruption Jammu, Puneet Gupta today directed Crime Branch for further investigation in the much publicized multi-crore scam of New Jammu Township Project at Sidhra within three months.

When the case came up for arguments on charge/discharge, Special Judge Anticorruption, after hearing both the sides, directed Crime Branch in the open court for further investigation of the case.

It is worthwhile to mention here that Crime Branch presented challan in scam after about 13 years long investigation against Jayant Bhutta, Madan Lal Kalra and Moulvi Ifitkar Hussain Ansari, the then Minister for Housing & Urban Development and presently PDP MLA, Dr. Amjad Abbas Ansari and D Murlidar.

SSP cautions against rumours

Two thieves arrested with 50 tolas gold

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 20: Nowabad police today arrested two thieves and recovered 50 tolas of gold and other stolen items from their possession even as SSP Jammu Atul Goel today dispelled rumours that any child lifting gang or miracle performing thieves were active in rural areas of the district.

"Of course some thefts did take place. Most of the thefts have been worked out. However, there was no truth in the reports that some child lifters or miracle performing thieves were active in the rural areas," Mr Goel said while addressing a press conference at Nowabad police station.

He said police was on the job and most of the thefts have been worked out. In majority of cases, the thieves were locals, he added.

Calling upon the people not to believe in rumours, the SSP Jammu said the police was at the

disposal of the people. The people were free to inform police in case they observe any mysterious movement, he added.

Two thieves arrested by Nowabad police have been identified as Sanjay Gupta son of Hand Raj R/o Shakti Nagar and Nishan Singh son of P R Mandla R/o Shakti Nagar.

They were arrested by police parties headed by SHO Nowabad Jal Pal Sharma.

Recoveries made from the possession of thieves included 50 tolas of gold and various other stolen items.

Mr Goel said the thieves used to survey locked houses during the day and commit thefts in the night.

Questioning of the thieves was on and some more thefts were likely to be worked out, he added.

So far, police have solved six FIRs of thefts registered at Bakshi Nagar police station with the arrest of two thieves. Some theft cases of Domana and Janipura police stations were likely to be solved, they said.

Govt committed to address welfare needs of different sections: DyCM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 20: Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand today said the Government is fully committed to address the welfare needs of different sections of society through different social welfare initiatives.

Upliftment of underprivileged, marginalized, old age persons, physically challenged, women and children in distress is priority of the Government and different schemes have been launched to ameliorate the lot of these people in distress, he added.

He was addressing a gathering one day social welfare awareness camp at Khour today.

During the camp the Deputy Chief Minister distributed wheel chairs, tricycles, hearing aids and sewing machine sets to various beneficiaries of the area.

A total of 10 wheel chairs, 5

tri-cycles, 12 hearing aids and 50 sewing machine sets were distributed.

While addressing the gathering, Tara Chand called upon people at large to avail maximum benefits from the awareness camps which are being organised in the area from time to time and come forward to get registered for different schemes and programmes being launched by the Government.

Panchayati Raj representatives can play decisive role in making people aware about different schemes launched in social welfare, labour, agriculture, rural development and employment sector, he added.

He said all the required for-

malities for getting registered under different social welfare schemes would be completed in the camp and people who get registered would be saved of the hassle to travel to the district office for filling the forms and completing the formalities.

"Exemplary initiatives have been taken by the Government to address the needs of different sections of the society and benefits in real terms will only happen when every single beneficiary gets covered under the respective schemes," he said.

He directed the concerned officers to address the gaps existing in benefit delivery mechanism and ensure that time bound settlement of cases is done.

Minor boy murdered, youth commits suicide

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, July 20: A minor boy was found murdered and dumped in an abandoned and shabby room near stadium Siora area of Rajouri town while a youth committed suicide by hanging at his residence at Nagrota village in district Rajouri today.

The police said the dead body of 13-year-old Mohd Asif, son of Mohd Sadiq, resident of Siora was found lying in a semi-broken room near local stadium this morning. The boy went missing last evening and the family members and his friends were looking for him. They traced the body dumped inside the room. The body wore injury marks on head and some marks of rope on his throat. A rope was also lying nearby in the room.

The locals informed police and a police party led by SHO reached the spot. They examined the spot with the help of FSL experts and then shifted the body to hospital for postmortem. The police registered a murder case and started investigation. The family members told police that boy had gone for playing in the stadium last evening and did not return.

Meanwhile, 20-year-old youth namely Tanveer Ahmed, son of Ghulam Abbas, resident of Nagrota in Rajouri committed sui-

cide by hanging at his residence today. The parents found the boy hanging from the ceiling fan hook with the help of a rope and then rushed him to district hospital. The doctors declared him as brought dead. The police was also informed about the matter. It registered a case and started investigation. The cause behind this extreme step could not be known immediately.

Lok Adalat held

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, July 20: A Lok Adalat was held under the chairmanship of Inder Singh, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Principal, District and Sessions Judge.

During the Lok Adalat, a bench was constituted, which was headed by Inder Singh, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority and was assisted by SS Bali, Chairman, Tehsil Legal Services Committee and SK Khanmotra, Advocate to deal with the MACT cases.

A total of three cases were taken up and out of which 1 case was decided on spot and an amount of Rs 70,000 was awarded as compensation in favour of the claimants.

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