

NC poised for big victory in Jammu province in 2014 as well: Rana

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU July 30: Provincial President Devender Singh Rana today declared that National Conference will spring a big surprise in 2014



Provincial President NC Devender Singh Rana along with Rajiv Chuni and others posing for photograph on Tuesday.

Assembly elections by registering a significant victory in the Jammu region, as elsewhere in the State, thus proving predictors of doom wrong.

"We will emerge as a strong force and a predominant player in Jammu as well under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah", he said adding that it will be a repeat of 1996.

Replying to questions by media persons, soon after the joining of a prominent leader of PoK Refugees Rajiv Chuni, along with a large number of his supporters in National Conference at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here, he said that his party will prove the political

pundits wrong by maintaining its supremacy in the Jammu province as well.

"In 2008, National Conference bagged six Assembly seats and finished close second in nine con-

ference cadre will carry forward it with a sense of commitment as a disciplined party. He, however, added that the National Conference is preparing for the elections in a big way and referred to the enthusiasm among the cadre and people towards the party he witnessed during extensive tour of the region.

To a question about the problems confronted to PoK refugees of 1947, 1965 and 1971, Mr Rana asserted that his party has already espoused their genuine cause at the highest political and executive level in the country.

"Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has vehemently advocated a mega package for the PoK refugees and sought the indulgence of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, in New Delhi as also during his visit to Srinagar recently, for arriving at an expeditious decision, as these people have immensely suffered over the years", Mr Rana said adding that National Conference will not rest till their demands are met.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajiv Chuni said that rehabilitation of displaced people is a human problem which needs to be tackled with humane approach. He regretted that a parliamentary panel headed by BJP senior leader Venkaiah Naidu has ignored the real representatives of PoK refugees and instead invited its party activists to a meeting currently being held in the national capital to discuss the problems of refugees.

He said the PoK refugees comprise the displaced people of Muzaffarabad, Mirpur and Poonch who are genuine state subjects of Jammu and Kashmir. He said his organization will continue to work for preserving the socio-cultural and linguistic identity of the PoK refugees, who are struggling for their rightful cause since the past 65 years.

Minister tours migrant colony

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SRINAGAR, July 30: Minister for Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution and Transport, Ch. Mohammad Ramzan today visited the migrant colony situated at Natnussa falling in Kupwara district and enquired about the facilities being provided to the migrant families.

The Minister was accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Itrat Hussain, Additional Deputy Commissioner Handwara and officers of different departments during the tour.

The Migrant families put their demands before the Minister for early redressal.

The Minister announced fair price shop, construction of tubewell and solar lights besides dust bins in the migrant colony. He also directed the Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara to provide dust bins for the colony and implement welfare schemes for the migrants in letter and spirit.

The Minister also announced Rs. 50,000 out of his Constituency Development Fund for construction of tubewell in the migrant colony at Natnussa.

He assured the migrants that their genuine demands will be resolved at an earliest.

Govt enhanced paramedical training seats to 2358: Shabir

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 30: With a view to provide adequate skilled manpower to the health institutions of the State, the Government has enhanced paramedical training seats to 2358 against the existing capacity of 968.

This was stated by Minister of State for Health, Shabir Ahmad Khan during his interaction with various deputations from Kashmir and Jammu provinces, who met the Minister and put forth demands of upgradation of health care facilities in their respective areas here today at Civil Secretariat.

Giving details, the Minister said that for the first time new paramedical courses like Operation Theater Technician, Anesthesia Assistant and ECG assistant are being introduced in Auxiliary Nursing Training Schools of the State. He said in this regard 180 seats in each faculty have been created and the trainings to these courses would be started during current session.

The Minister said that to facilitate the students in the paramedical trainings in their home districts, the Government is going to establish ANM and GNM school in all the districts in phased manner. He said at present the construction work on 7 ANM and GNM Schools in the districts of Bandipora, Budgam, Pulwama, Kargil, Kishtwar, Reasi, and Akhnor are apace at a cumulative cost of Rs. 24.58 crore against which Rs. 22.95 have been released by

the Centre and State Governments. He said the construction work on ANM and GNM Schools of Ramban, Shopian, Kulgam and Udhampur districts would be taken up shortly.

The Minister said that on the request of State Government, the Centre has also given nod for establishment 5 more ANM and GNM Schools in the State. He said under this approval ANM Schools would be opened in Anantnag, Baderwah and Kathua and GNM schools in Ganderbal and Doda Districts.

The Minister said that Government was committed to provide hassle free and quality healthcare facilities to the people and in this regard numerous innovative initiatives have been taken during last over 4 years with the liberal financial assistance of Central Government especially under NRHM.

He said upgradation of health infrastructure and ensuring quality health care to the people with main focus on healthcare of pregnant mother, neonatal and infants was receiving keen attention of the Government, adding that now the pregnant mothers would get free medicare and transportation facilities.

Responding to the demands of the deputations for opening of health centers in remote and hilly areas, the Minister said Government is going to establish 600 new Sub Health Centers in the State and due consideration would be given while opening of these health centers in remote and hilly areas.

Gupta warns against vacillating approach towards militancy

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JAMMU, July 30: Stressing the need for sustained drive to flush out the terrorists, the former Union Minister and MLA, Prof Chaman Lal Gupta has warned that the vacillating approach to tackle the menace of militancy can lead to a very serious situation as there are reports about designing bigger trouble by the operators of violence and cross border subversion.

Commenting upon the mounting attacks by the ultras especially against the Panchs/Sarpanchs as also the men in khaki coupled with violations of ceasefire in a bid to infiltrate more trained militants, Prof Gupta said the wisdom needed to curb the menace before it is too late. Even officially the number of terrorists

active in the State is being put about 300.

He said the official reports also itself reveal that not only the training camps are still humming with activity of the ultras but it is regrettable also that the Government response is not matching to the actions needed in time.

Prof Gupta also emphasized to firmly tackle the activities of the secessionists and the mentors of violence as required under law of the land but it was strange the statements and the approach of the ruling leaders is providing encouragement to such elements instead of the requirement to enforce the laws strictly.

He also pleaded for plugging the sources of financing the elements hostile to peace and tranquility in this troubled State.

2 pedestrians crushed to death by Army vehicle

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UDHAMPUR, July 30: Two persons including a woman were killed and another got injured when a rashly driven Army vehicle crushed them near Omara Morh Udhampur.

The out of control vehicle also hit a passenger bus after crushing the trio.

The deceased were identified as Ashok Kumar Chowhan son of Kishori Lal Chowhan of Nowrang District Sewan, Bihar and Anu Radha wife of Sanjay Sharma of Omara Morh Udhampur.

One injured person namely Anil Anand son of Boddh Raj of Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu was brought to District Hospital by

Police rescue team and his condition was stated to be stable.

Acting swiftly police arrested the Army vehicle's driver whose identity has been established as Ram Vinay Kumar of ASC Battalion.

Meanwhile in another road mishap, three persons got injured when a truck bearing registration number JK02S-2153 collided with a Trawler bearing registration number HR 38-5464 near Kali Mata Temple, Jakhani on NH1A Udhampur. The injured were identified as Sajjad Ahmed son of Usman Khan of Haryana, Ram Din son of Khori of Haryana and Manjeet Singh son of Jagjeet Singh of Subash Nagar Udhampur.

Promotions of Class IV employees of Education Deptt on cards: DyCM

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 30: Deputy Chief Minister, Tara Chand today said that Government is committed to mitigate the grievances of

Coordination Committee (SEECC) who called on him this afternoon here today. The deputation was led by President EJAC and Chairman SEECC, Abdul Qayum Wani and Vice President

contemplating to constitute Education Board for framing educational policies besides formulation of Right to Education Act is also under its active consideration.



Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand interacting with a deputation of SEECC at Srinagar on Tuesday.

employees of Education Department and several initiatives have been taken to fill up available vacancies by promotions and through SSRB. He said that promotion case of class IV employees is being sorted out and due consideration will be given to the issue besides other issues confronting them within shortest possible time.

Deputy Chief Minister was interacting with a deputation of School Education Employees

Nusrat Ahmad Beig. Various Heads of the Departments were present on the occasion, including Director School Education Kashmir, Director School Education Jammu, State Project Director, SSA and Director RMSA.

Deputy Chief Minister assured the deputation that all pending genuine issues will be solved by the Government in a phased manner.

He said that Government is

BJP activists stage protest against CAPD

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 30: BJP activists held protest demonstration against the State Government for its failure to provide sugar to the consumers.

In Poonch city, a large number of BJP activists led by District Unit president Sunil Gupta assembled at Pritam Park and held demonstration against the CAPD Minister and the State

Government. They alleged that CAPD has failed to provide sugar to the consumers in Jammu region in last two months. They also alleged that during Ramzan, the consumers in Kashmir were provided 2 kg sugar per family but the people of Jammu were ignored.

They condemned the biased attitude of the Government and demanded that Sugar quota be released without any further delay.

Atal Dulloo appointed as Nodal Officer

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JAMMU, July 30: Government today nominated Atal Dulloo, Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Tourism and Culture as Nodal Officer for the single window clearance for considering grant of permission of film makers, both domestic and foreign, for shooting feature films, short films and TV programmes.

An order in this regard was issued by General Administration Department (GAD).

DoP introduces special Rakhi envelopes

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU July 30: The Department of Posts, J&K Circle has brought out special Rakhi envelopes for sending of Rakhis and other allied material on Raksha Bandhan.

The specially designed envelopes made up of water proof materials with Rakhi designs are available at Jammu HPO, Gandhi Nagar HPO, Udhampur HPO, Kathua HPO, Rajouri HPO, Srinagar HPO, Anantnag HPO, Leh HPO, Baramulla HPO and at all other major Post Offices in Jammu and Kashmir.

Priced at Rs 7 only, these specially designed water proof envelopes of size 11x22 cms are ideals for sending Rakhis during Raksha Bandhan festival, said a press release by the Department of Posts.



IGP Railways Dr Kamal Saini, SSP Shiv Kumar Sharma and SSP Abhay Mahajan installing rank of SP on DySP Railways Paramvir Singh on Tuesday.

Security scenario reviewed Railways Police works out honour killing

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JAMMU, July 30: Railways Police today worked out the honour killing of young Ritu Kumari by arresting her father, an employee of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and a resident of Bihar, from Channi Rama today.

The accused has been identified as Ram Preet Paswan, a resident of Maksoodpur, Nalanda in Bihar.

IGP Railways Dr Kamal Saini and SSP Railways Shiv Kumar Sharma told reporters that a special team of Railways conducted raids at Patna in search of Paswan after body of his daughter was found from Ahmedabad Express at Jammu Railway Station on May 21.

Police was looking for Paswan and had conducted searches in Patna as well. He was finally trapped and arrested from Channi Rama when he had come to collect cash and other items from the house.

The accused has been booked under Section 302 RPC at Railways police station for further investigations. He had killed his daughter as she had fallen in love with a boy whom

he didn't like.

"It was a case of honour killing," Railways Police officers said.

Meanwhile, Dr Saini reviewed security scenario at Jammu Railway Station and other places on the railway track with SSP Railways, Jammu Shiv Kumar Sharma and SSP Railways Katra Abhay Mahajan along with senior officers in view of upcoming Independence Day celebrations.

Dr Saini directed the police officials to maintain security at all sensitive areas.

Dr Saini, Mr Sharma and Mr Mahajan also installed rank of SP on recently promoted DySP Railways Paramvir Singh.

Vigilance presents challan against Patwari in trap case

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 30: Vigilance Organization today presented challan against Balwan Singh, the then Patwari Halqa Floura Nagbani, who was caught redhanded on November 14, 2011, in the court of Special Judge Anticorruption.

According to the Vigilance case, one Sardari Lal lodged a written complaint stating that he had applied for Nakal Jamabandi of his 8 kanal of land situated at village Ladore, Jammu. However, Patwari Balwan Singh demanded Rs 5000 as bribe from the complainant for issuance of the Nakal Jamabandi.

On the basis of complaint, Vigilance sleuths laid a trap and caught Patwari red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5000 from the complainant.

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