

# NC to rebound with full might in 2014: Rana

**Excelsior Correspondent**

**SURANKOT June 4:** Envisioning 2014 as the beginning of new era in Jammu and Kashmir, Provincial President National Conference Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday said that his party will rebound with full might and emerge victorious to lead the State with renewed vigour.

Addressing party's delegate session at Surankot in the border district of Poonch this afternoon,

and good-will of the people.

Mr Rana exhorted his party colleagues to intensify their field visits for interacting with the people at far off and remote areas and work for redressing their grievance. He stressed the need for strengthening the party, saying a strong National Conference is guarantee to development and prosperity of the State. He expressed optimism about 2014 elections giving birth to a new era, which will see Omar Abdullah

marish experience of PDP's mis-governance plagued with corruption, nepotism and mis-governance is still haunting the people.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice President of National Conference and former minister, Peer Mushtaq Ahmed Bukhari exuded confidence about his party getting absolute majority on its own in 2014 elections.

He urged the party workers to fan out to far off and remote



Provincial President NC Devender Singh Rana addressing public gathering at Surankot on Tuesday.

Mr Rana said that his party is a strong fort capable of meeting challenges with courage and fortitude.

Referring to party's poll performance in the previous elections, the Provincial President said that it has retained its political supremacy across the State and emerged the single largest party in the Legislative Assembly.

"Though we got just six seats in 2008 elections in the Jammu region yet the party finished a close second in nine seats despite passions created by the communal and regional forces", he said and hoped that National Conference will emerge with flying colours at the strength of its performance

## 3 Govt employees placed under suspension

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**MENDHAR, June 4:** Three employees of Health Department were placed under suspension by Block Medical Officer, Mendhar today.

On the complaint of local Panchayat members that Medical staff of Health Sub-Centre, Galuta was found absent from duty for the last few days, the BMO Mendhar Dr Mushtaq Bhatti paid surprise visit to the Sub Centre today and found it locked at around 1.30 pm. He placed Junior Pharmacist, Gulshan Kumar, FMPHW Zaitoon Bi and Safaiwalla, Mohd Sadiq under suspension and recommended further action against them to the CMO Poonch.

steering the State of Jammu and Kashmir to new heights of progress, development and peace.

He also dwelt on the steps taken by the Omar led Coalition Government for the development of Poonch and reiterated resolve of National Conference to take the development of the state to pinnacle with support of the people.

Dwelling on the political environment prevailing in the State, Mr Rana cautioned the people against People's Democratic Party's divisive politics saying their mis-rule a decade ago was an aberration of Jammu and Kashmir's political history. He said the night-

areas and gear up for the biggest democratic exercise next year.

Ajaz Jan, MLA, while

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addressing the gathering, dwelt on steps taken for the development of Poonch, Surankote and all its adjoining areas and highlighted various issues facing to the people.

Addressing the party delegates, MLC Shehnaz Ganai dwelt in detail on the historic role of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah and the National Conference and said the cadre of her generation will continue to draw inspiration from his tireless public service that will help to fulfil the dream of Sher-e-Kashmir.



MP Dr Karan Singh at Kheer Bhawani shrine on Tuesday.

## Karan Singh visits Kheer Bhawani

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**SRINAGAR, June 4:** Member Parliament, Dr. Karan Singh today visited Mata Kheer Bhawani shrine.

Accompanied by MLC Vijay Bakaya Dr Singh enquired about the status of Sewerage Treatment Plant for which the Union Ministry of Tourism has already spent Rs 80 lakh. The MP said he would take up the matter of payment of the balance amount with the Centre as soon as he returns back to Delhi. He was glad to see that the whole complex of the Mata Kheer Bhawani shrine was well maintained.

During his visit, Dr. Karan

Singh went to the ancient Shiva temple at Gupt Ganga, which for many years has been used as transport headquarters by the CRPF. He said that the trust has already moved for the vacation of this property and thereafter the area will be developed, the Kund cleaned and the temple renovated so that it becomes a tourist attraction for the people who visit Mughal Garden every year.

He urged the Centre and the State Governments to take urgent steps to check pollution of the Dal Lake which is an essential part of the Kashmir eco system and for many centuries has been the main tourist attraction.

## JU employees' strike enters 24th day as talks with administration fail

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**JAMMU, June 4:** As fresh round of talks between the agitating employees and Jammu University's negotiation committee of senior officers remained inconclusive, the ongoing strike by the Non-Gazetted Employees Union entered into 24th consecutive day today.

Suspending their work, all the class-IV employees, Casual Labourers and Safai Karamcharis held a protest demonstration and also took out a rally on the campus. They raised slogans for regularization of Casual Labourers and also against the JU administration.

While addressing the protesters, Krishan Chand, president of NGEU, alleged that JU authorities were not in a mood to settle the issue amicably and adopting a casual and negative approach towards their genuine demand

thus forcing the employees to go ahead with their strike indefinitely.

He said that the negotiation committee formed by the Vice Chancellor was further compounding the confusion among the employees and it should be dissolved.

The protesting employees were also addressed by senior PDP leader and ex-chairman of JJSF Kuljeet Singh Jamwal who visited the university and extended full support to the class-IV employees.

Vijay Kumar, general secretary NGEU warned that delay in conceding their demands would further aggravate the situation in the Jammu University. He urged the Vice Chancellor to come forward with the positive frame of mind and talk directly to them without any further delay.

# Court orders reinvestigation in murder case

**\*Passes strictures against police for sloppy probe**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

**JAMMU, June 4:** In a rarest of rare case, Principal Sessions Judge Kathua M K Hanjura today ordered reinvestigation in a murder case by a team of new competent police officers.

According to the police case, on December 31, 2012 Sohan Singh, son of Sumander Singh attacked Sonu, son of Inder Singh with sickle leading to his death in the hospital.

During the investigation the statement of Inder Singh, the father of the deceased was recorded under Section 161 CrPC while as statement of Mohan Singh, brother of the deceased, was recorded under Section 164-A CrPC. On the completion of the investigation challan was presented in the court of law.

However, not satisfied with the investigation of the case the father of the deceased moved two applications on March 26, 2013 and March 29, 2013 for the reinvestigation of the case and for summoning the accused Virender Singh, Jaimal Singh and Angrez Singh, all sons of Sumander Singh and residents of W No 10 Kathua as they were also involved in the crime.

After hearing counsel for the parties, Principal Sessions Judge observed, "the investigation of the case has been sloppy. It has not been impartial. The investigating officer has gathered the evidence of alibi favouring the three accused who have been let off".

"The stark reality at the ground level is that the crime of the poor and lower socio-econo-

mic classes is handled carelessly. The cases of rich and upper classes generally result in no official action and are handled by Inspectors and by administrative hands or commissions. Police, the main investigating agency, have a field day as long as they like in manipulating or in being manipulated in turn by cleverer criminals or the accused persons in manoeuvring or getting manoeuvred themselves in further complicating and obfuscating the crime cases so that justice is not only delayed but miscarriage of justice take place due to deliberate distortions and sloppy investigations", the Court said.

"However, the investigation of the case appears to have been done in a casual manner. The law is that not only a fair trial but a fair investigation is a part of the constitutional rights guaranteed under Articles 20 and 21 of the Constitution of India. Investigation must be fair, transparent and judicious as it is the requirement of law itself. Investigating agency cannot be permitted to conduct the investigation in a biased manner", the court said.

"The statement of Inder Singh, who is also an eye witness, has not been recorded under Section 164-A CrPC for some ulterior motive. In the application Inder Singh has stated that his statement under Section 161 CrPC is not the true statement of facts recorded. He dittoed the version of Mohan Singh by implicating all the five accused in the commission of the crime", Principal Sessions Judge observed.

Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, Principal Sessions Judge directed further investigation in the matter. "It shall be conducted with utmost dispatch by a new competent and upright officer nominated by the District SP and not the one who has investigated it earlier", the Court said.

With these observations and directions, the court deferred proceedings in the case till the next date.

## Earthquake victims without relief, assistance: Niaz

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**JAMMU, June 4:** Former Minister and MLA Bhaderwah, Mohd Sharief Niaz today alleged that earthquake victims are without any relief or assistance.

Mr Niaz who conducted extensive tour of his Bhaderwah constituency said that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah had announced Rs 25 crore relief besides free ration as per 2011 Census out of his Relief Fund in favour of earthquake victims of erstwhile Doda but the victims are still without any financial assistance/ relief.

He pointed out that the Central Government too is understood to have announced an amount of Rs 334 crore but after preliminary assessment of damages on ground it has been indicated that more than Rs 740 crore was needed for the purpose.

The Congress leader further said that during earth quake two persons namely Gussain Ram, son of Shiv Dayal, resident of Soti in Bhaderwah and Nessa Begum, wife of late Ghulam

Rasool Malik of the same area lost their lives and about 26 were injured. Many schools, health centres and other buildings besides nearly 90% houses of the people got damaged in this natural calamity but the public is still waiting for any help despite that fact that over one month time has passed. Many people are still spending nights in the open. The tents provided at a few places are not sufficient.

The MLA demanded that public be provided adequate financial assistance and free timber as the construction cost these days has gone too high. He also demanded that labour class of the area be provided their pending wages. He also demanded that withheld salaries of ReT teachers, EVs, PHE/PDD/ Forest dailyrated consolidated workers be released without any delay. Mr Niaz demanded that people connected with preparation of assessment list should do justice to all and fair lists be prepared without any more delay.

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