



Minister of State for Power Vikar Rasool addressing public gathering in Kupwara on Sunday.

## Unelectrified villages to be covered under RGGVY Phase-II: Vikar

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SRINAGAR, June 9: Minister of State for Power, Technical Education and Rural Development, Vikar Rasool today said that every un-electrified village would be provided with electricity under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduti Karan Yojana (RGGVY) Phase-II.

The Minister was speaking after inaugurating a Receiving Station at Lassipora, Sogam in Kupwara district today.

District Development Commissioner, Kupwara, Itrat Hussain, senior officers of district administration and other departments were present on the occasion.

The Receiving Station constructed with an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore under RGGVY will cater to 27 Panchayat halqas in the area and augment the electric facilities to about 25,000 souls.

The Minister said that under RGGVY 33 villages of the area would be electrified soon which would go a long way in providing electricity and other related facilities to them. He said that the Government has prioritized electricity as one of the major sectors and every necessary care would be taken to ensure its augmentation, so that the people living in rural and far-flung areas

## Leopards kill 8 goats, create terror

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
RAJOURI, June 9: A leopard killed eight goats of a villager near Hasplot in Thanna Mandi while in another incident a leopard and two young cubs created terror at a hamlet near Ajmatabad falling in same area and made the villagers confine themselves inside for over four to five hours today.

Reports said a leopard entered into the cattle-shed of one Mohd Sadiq, son of Gh Mohd at village Hasplot in higher reaches of Thanna Mandi area last night. The entire family was sleeping in the adjoining rooms. The leopard killed and mauled at least eight poor animals and escaped. The poor villager led by Sarpanch of the area reported the matter to Thanna Mandi police which has taken cognizance of the matter and

## Pathania demands development of Majalta, nearby villages

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 9: General secretary, Pradesh Youth Congress, RS Pathania demanded immediate attention of the administration towards development of Majalta and nearby villages.

Pathania held series of meeting at Majalta, Peuni, Kathil, Punna, Dhamma, SK Ber and Dehma villages and listened to the grievances of the people.

He demanded water-supply scheme at Kathil, start of work on Baga Chod tube-well, additional staff for ayurvedic dispensaries at Garh Pamasta and

## Bhan appointed president of AIKHF

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 9: All India Kashmiri Hindu Forum (AIKHF) and All Displaced Kashmiri Forum in a meeting at Durga Nagar here today held in an appeal to Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah sought his intervention in the matter. It urged him to visit Jammu to monitor the situation and issue on spot directives to the authorities so that the crisis are averted.

Later Mr Bhan appointed Mr Kissu as advisor of the Forum in view of his services to the Forum as its chairman till date. Inder Krishan Mattoo and Sanjay Bhan were appointed as general secretary of forum and president of its youth wing respectively.

## Govt would continue to support weaker sections: Taj

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
BUDGAM, June 9: Minister for Medical Education, Youth Services and Sports, Taj Mohi-ud-Din today said the Government is taking many steps for the betterment and welfare of weaker sections and backward communities of the society in Jammu & Kashmir. He said Government would continue to support weaker sections till they are brought at par with other sections of the society.

Addressing a day long convention organized All India Confederation of SC/ST Organizations here today, the Minister said things have improved considerably since independence and asked members of these communities to take full advantage of the welfare schemes launched by the Government from time to time.

On the needs of Gujjar community, Mr. Taj said decades of struggle ultimately led to granting the community the status of a Scheduled Tribe. He said now there are avenues available to youth belonging to the community and even under Tribal Sub Plan their social and developmental needs are taken care of. He said stress is laid on covering Gujjar areas under the ambit of schemes

## Seminar on 'A World Free of Nuclear Weapon' organised

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 9: All India Peace and Solidarity Organization, J&K Chapter, organized a seminar on the topic "A World Free of Nuclear Weapons" at Press Club Jammu, here today.

Member of Parliament Choudhary Lal Singh, who was chief guest on the occasion, stressed that total ban on nuclear weapons was the prime need of the hour to save mankind from nuclear catastrophe. He recollected how late Rajiv Gandhi stressed on the use of nuclear energy for peaceful means and especially in the field of medicine. He assured the organisers that he would support their cause and take their messages to the appropriate corners.

Earlier, opening the seminar, Ashwani Pradhan, general secretary AIPSO, J&K Chapter, recollected former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's speech in UN Assembly on an action plan to eliminate all the nuclear weapons by 2010 in a phased manner. However, even after the lapse of 25 years nothing concrete has been done in this

## BSP holds workers meet

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
RS PURA, June 9: Bhaujan Samaj Party organized a workers meet for Suchetgarh Assembly segment under the chairmanship of Dr Harjeet Kumar, State secretary, at village Baispur Parlah here today.

State president, Tulsi Dass Langleh was the chief guest while State vice-president, RL Chorghota and State treasurer, Rattan Kumar Bhagat, were the guests of honour.

While addressing workers, Langleh said that on one hand leaders of both NC and Congress said that elections of Urban Local Bodies and block development councils must be held to mitigate the sufferings of people and on the other hand their Coalition Government in the State is reluctant to hold the same by implementing 73rd and 74th Amendment of the Indian Constitution.

BSP leader further said that the PDP-Congress Coalition Government also during its three years regime has failed to hold elections of Block Development Councils.

Hence keeping in view their non-seriousness over the matter, such political parties should be uprooted in the forthcoming elections, Langleh said.

## Man commits suicide by hanging

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
UDHAMPUR, June 9: A man committed suicide under mysterious circumstances by hanging himself at his residence in Ghari, Udhampur.

The deceased, identified as Vijay Kumar, son of Kasturi Lal, was found hanging by the family members who shifted him to the District Hospital. However, the doctors declared him as brought dead.

Cause behind the extreme step could not be ascertained while Police have registered a case in this connection under Section 174 RPC for further investigation.

## Don't pay heed to false propaganda of Oppn: Sakina

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
KULGAM, June 9: In order to reach out to the people of far flung and remote areas of the State, the Minister for Social Welfare, Sakina Itoo today conducted a whirlwind tour of various areas of Noorabad constituency to assess and redress the problems of people living in these areas.

During the tour, the Minister visited the areas including Humepathari, Sarbadri, Humbadri and D K Marg. Addressing a gathering at Hume Pathri, near Damhal Hanjipora, the Minister said the people are the real judge to evaluate the performance done on the ground by the present dispensation. They need not to get misled by false propaganda of the Opposition for the vested interests, she cautioned.

Ms. Sakina said that present Government is committed to provide good governance to the people and Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) and Right to Information Act (RTI) have been promulgated for the same purpose. In addition a grievance cell has been established in CM's office for prompt redressal of the grievances of the aggrieved people, she maintained.

While enumerating various developmental works already executed and undertaken in

## JSM condemns JU authorities

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 9: Jammu Students Morcha (JSM) has condemned the authorities of University of Jammu (JU) for disobeying the Governor (Chancellor Jammu University) order which said that one person be given one post in the university administration.

Addressing the media persons here today, Vijay Kumar, State president JSM, alleged that various senior professors in the University had been holding more than one key positions since long, notwithstanding the order of JU Chancellor.

"As per norms, one man should hold one post only. But what is happening in the campus is contrary to the rules", Vijay said, adding all this has upset the normal functioning of the varsity.

Citing examples, he said that Keshav Sharma, a Professor in The Business School is presently holding the charge of Controller of

## ENT Deptt holds CME, workshop in GMC

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 9: The CME-cum-workshop on 'New Techniques Rhinoplasty (correction of nose deformity) and on Hair Fall and Hair Transplant' was organised today by the Department of ENT, Government Medical College, Jammu under the chairmanship of Dr Sunil Kotwal, HoD ENT with the assistance of Dr Parmod Kalsotra, Dr Padam Singh, Dr KP Singh, Dr Anil Suri, Dr Sonika Kanotra, Dr Kamal Kishore, Dr Om Prakash, Registrars and Post Graduate students of the department.

Dr Jasveer Singh, renowned surgeon demonstrated new Rhinoplasty techniques and Dr Kapil Dua, prominent hair transplant surgeon demonstrated new hair transplant techniques.

Dr Ghan Shyam Dev Gupta, acting Principal and Dean GMC Jammu, was the chief quest. Prominent ENT surgeons Dr JP Gupta, Dr J Paul Kanotra, Dr PK Hak, Dr Rajesh Kumar, Dr Dinesh Luthra and Dr Satish Mehta and ENT surgeons from the periphery of Jammu province also attended the CME.

Dr Dara Singh, MS SMGS Hospital, Dr Ravinder Rattan Pal, MS GMC Jammu, Dr Indu Koul, HoD Gynecology and Dr Rekha Harish, HoD Pediatrics were also present.

Dr Kotwal welcomed the guests while Dr Kalsotra present vote of thanks.

## Batwal Association demands economic package for community

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 9: At a meeting held here, Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Welfare Association has urged the Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to sanction a Special Economic Package in favour of Batwal community on the basis of its ethnographic study undertaken by the Planning Commission of India in the year 1994.

Addressing a meeting of the Association, its president Sat Pal Lakhotra said that the Government while conducting the said study had assured that all efforts would be taken to uplift the Batwal people from a state of utter degradation. But even after the lapse of 29 years, no step has yet been taken by the Government to enhance their economic position, he rued.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Capt Raja Ram Kaith, Capt



Minister of State for Health Shabir Ahmad Khan addressing public meeting at Rajouri on Sunday.

## Road connectivity pivotal for socio-economic transformation of hilly areas: Shabir

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
RAJOURI, June 9: Minister of State for Health Shabir Ahmad Khan today said that the Government has sanctioned construction of two road projects of Rs. 5 crore to connect the villages Badi Bhehik and Kundan with Shadara Sharief. He said the construction work of these projects would be taken up soon after completion of all necessary formalities.

Addressing public meetings at Kundan and Bagla Rajdani, the Minister said that the Government is abreast that road connectivity is pivotal for socio-economic transformation of the hilly and border areas and has started massive road connectivity and upgradation across the State with focused attention towards un-connected areas. He said during last over 4 years, construction work of dozens of new road projects have been completed in Rajouri district, while as the execution of number of road projects are apace in the area, which would be completed in stipulated time frame.

Mr. Shabir said that Shahdara Sharief village is being developed as modal village at a cost of Rs 4.67 crore, adding that Rs 1.82 crore have been expended for upgrading several facilities in the village under the project so far. He said Thanamandi, Bagla is being linked via Rajdani by constructing 8 kms road at a cost of Rs 5.50 crore, adding that earth filling of the road have been completed and further work is in progress for its timely completion.

The Minister said that Rajouri is rich in varied tourism potential and the Government is endeavoring to tap it fully by creating tourist related infrastructure and development of serene spots along the historical Mughal road and pilgrim sites in the district. He said work on an eco-tourism project at Dera-ki-Gali have been already taken up at a cost of Rs 9.20 crore and so far Rs 2.25 crore have been expended on creation of infrastructure in the area.

Mr. Shabir said that pilgrim tourist influx is rising in the area due to opening of Mughal road and to provide added facilities to the pilgrims at Zairat Shadara, a Bait-ul-Zaireen complex is under construction at a cost of Rs 5.50 crore at Shadara Sharief. He said additional accommodation for TRC at the site is also being upgraded at a cost of Rs 52 lakh for convenience of visiting tourists.

Mr. Shabir said that public empowerment to ensure area specific development and involve people's representation in decision making at grass roots level through Panchayat Raj system has already began.

## Two die, 14 injured in road mishaps

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SRINAGAR, June 9: Two persons were killed and 14 others were injured in different road accidents across the Valley, police said today.

Abdul Aziz Bakerwal, 70, son of Khan Mohammad of Palma, Rajouri, was critically injured after he fell down from a moving bus (JK02AD/8367) at Hurpora, Shopian in south Kashmir. He was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries, police said.

A tractor driver, Javid Ahmad son of Ali Mohammad of Kawacheek, Baramulla, was killed when his vehicle (6646-JK04) met with an accident at Kawacheek, police said. His was handed over to his relatives for last rites.

Six persons were injured at



Visitors having glimpses of sanitary wares at 'Easy Home' at Marble Market on Sunday.

## 'Easy Home' now at Marble Market

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 9: Global Ceramics Private Limited, New Delhi today opened its exclusive sanitary ware studio "Easy Home" at Marble Market.

The studio was inaugurated by Niraj Gupta, Managing Director, Global Ceramics Private Limited, in presence of traders, architects, contractors and citizens.

The studio is loaded with bath cabinet, rain maker showers, water proofing, bathroom accessories, mosaic, wall, floor tiles and kitchens ware solutions.

While describing products quality and benefits, Anil Gupta, CEO, Easy Studio assured best brands at great prices.

The brands available at studio are Glacera, Jakson, Rain Maker, Pidilite, STP Water Proofing, Cosec/Sara, Euro Wooden Flooring and Elica Kitchen ware, Gupta informed.

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## Teenager commits suicide

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
VIJAYPUR, June 9: A teenager committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance at the house of his relatives at Vijaypur today.

According to reports, Avi Kumar son of Raj Kumar of Amritsar Punjab had visited the house of his relatives last week and was putting there since then.

This morning he consumed some poisonous substance and was taken to hospital but died enroute. The Vijaypur Police has registered a case under Section 174 and his body was handed over to his relatives after postmortem.

## One killed, another hurt in road mishap

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SAMBA, June 9: One person died while the driver of a Video coach was seriously injured after it hit a truck on Jammu-Pathankote National Highway early this morning at Bar Brahmana.

As per reports a speedy truck bearing number JK 02G9220 had met with an accident late last night at Bari Brahmana and turned turtle on National Highway. Later a Video coach bus No. UP20T 5559, which was on its way to Jammu from UP early this morning collided with the truck lying on National Highway resulting into the death of one passenger and serious injury to driver of the bus.

The dead was identified as Rajinder Singh of Samba while the driver has been identified as Harleek Singh. He was admitted in GMC Jammu for treatment. The driver of the truck had fled from the spot after accident.

The Bari Brahmana police has registered a case and started search of truck driver.