

CRPF bunker at SKIMS being relocated

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, June 13: As a sequel to Government's resolve to lower the number of security bunkers in the Srinagar city and its peripheries, the Minister of State for Home, Industries and Commerce, Sajjad Ahmad Kichloo accompanied by the Director General of Police, Ashok Prasad and District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Farooq Ahmad Shah today visited Soura and Sheri-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences. The Inspector General of Police, Kashmir A. G. Mir, Vice Chairman, LAWDA, Irrfan Yasin, Director SKIMS, Dr. Shohkat Zargar and concerned officers of police and civil administration also accompanied the Minister. Mr. Kichloo discussed threadbare shifting of the existing CRPF bunker in the premises of SKIMS and asked the Director to identify a suitable place where the bunker could be relocated. He said shifting of the existing CRPF bunker would decrease congestion in the area and this place could be utilized for the hospital use. He said that with the normalcy fast resuming in the City, the Government is committed to remove or relocate the existing bunkers in a phased manner. He also sought people's cooperation in restoring long lasting peace and tranquility in the State.

Bail pleas of accused in fake PRC case rejected

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, June 13: Deputy Magistrate (3rd Additional Munsiff) of Jammu district, B A Munshi today rejected the bail applications of Gurmeet Singh, son of Ujjagar Singh of Simble Morh, RS Pura and Bharat Bhushan Kakar, son of Kharti Lal of Shakti Nagar, who were allegedly involved in making fake PRC and category certificates. According to the police case, one Joginder Kumar lodged a written complaint mentioning that he came to know from some persons that Gurmeet Singh and Bharat Bhushan Kakar were getting PRC and category certificates prepared in a shortest time. On this the complainant approached the accused persons and paid Rs 42000 for getting the PRC and category certificates of his family prepared. However, the certificates prepared by the accused persons were found to be forged. After hearing CPO Sanjay Kohli for the State whereas Advocates Manpreet Singh Saini and Vikash Sharma for the accused, Deputy Magistrate (3rd Additional Munsiff) observed, "the investigation is at initial stage and in these circumstances, the court is of the opinion that this is a fit case where bail should not be granted", adding "the investigating agency must get more time to collect the evidence". Accordingly, the court rejected the bail applications.

Bhim urges PM to hold delimitation in J&K

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, June 13: Prof. Bhim Singh, chief patron, National Panthers Party has dashed a strong reminder/letter to Dr Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India seeking his urgent attention to appoint Delimitation Commission for the delimitation of Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies after census 2011 has been notified by the Government of India. In his letter addressed to Dr Manmohan Singh, Prof Bhim Singh thus wrote: "This is in reference to denial of delimitation of the Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in J&K since 1975. CMP signed among the alliance political parties in J&K in 2002 had expressly agreed (item no.22) in the Elements of a Common Minimum Programme for Coalition Government of Jammu and Kashmir that Delimitation Commission shall be set up in J&K immediately".

He reminded the PM that the meeting was held at the official residence of Sonia Gandhi at the time of finalization of CMP. The CMP was signed by Dr Manmohan Singh, on behalf of the Indian National Congress, Mufli Mohd. Sayeed, himself, Yusuf Tarigami in the presence of Sonia Gandhi. Dr Manmohan Singh addressed a press conference with all the coalition partners promising among other things to hold delimitation of Assembly Constituencies in J&K and constitute a Minority Commission in order to give full protection to the minority and safeguard their rights in J&K. Adding, he said that Congress in J&K failed to stand to their promise which included extension of Scheduled Tribe Status to the Pahari speaking population of the State. He has written through this letter he has sought personal intervention of the PM with a hope and trust so that the people of J&K do not suffer any more from continuous discrimination.

Governor reviews Amarnath Yatra preparedness

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, June 13: N. Vohra, Governor, who is Chairman of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, chaired a review meeting here this morning and took stock of the to-date status of the arrangements being made for this year's Shri Amarnathji Yatra which is scheduled to commence on June 28, 2013. The Chairman has deputised the Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board, Navin K. Choudhary, and the Head, Engineering Division, R. K. Pandita, to visit each of the seven yatra camps and review the completion status of all the required arrangements, for ensuring timely preparation. The Governor has asked the CEO to prepare a camp wise report on the to-date status of the arrangements being made by all the concerned departments and agencies. This report will be reviewed by the Governor on the CEO's return. As per the Governor's directions, the CEO and his team will spend the next three days on the tracks.

Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker said that the Assembly Library is being upgraded to national and international standard, adding that the process in this behalf has already been initiated. He said the library is a true-treasure for the youngsters and the future generation and highlighted importance of book reading as a hobby. The Speaker directed the Secretary to start membership process for giving access to books to the members of Amar Singh Club, Srinagar, Jammu Club, Legislators and retired officers in first phase. The Speaker also directed the Secretary to ensure early completion of cataloguing of reference so that the same are placed on website of the Assembly Secretariat being launched soon. The Secretary Assembly M. Ramzan briefed the Speaker about the functioning of the Library section. He informed that as many as 27000 valuable references in English, Urdu and other languages are available in the Library. A group of prominent citizens and educationists including Medical Doctor NRI and Author Dr Majid Siraj besides officers of Assembly Secretariat accompanied the Speaker during his visit. Earlier, Dr Majid Siraj donated 3 books titled "Kashmir Case Law-Ascertainment of International Laws for Common Good", "Towards peace in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh" and "Kashmir Desolation or Peace".



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Ladakh Scouts Regiment being presented citation by LAHDC Leh.

LAHDC Leh honours Ladakh Scouts

Excelsior Correspondent LEH, June 13: The LAHDC, Leh honoured the Ladakh Scouts Regiment with a souvenir and citation at Sindhu Sanskriti Hall yesterday evening on their Golden Jubilee celebrations. Top ranked Army and Para Military Officers headed by Chief of Staff 14 Corps Major General Sanjay Kulkarni, Justice of High Court Rajasthan Mohd Rafiq, Justice of High Court Delhi M.L.Mehta, Minister for Urban Development Nawang Rigzin Jora, Tourism Minister G.A.Mir, Chief Executive Officer LAHDC, Kargil Kachho Ahmad Ali Khan, Executive Councilors of LAHDC Leh and Kargil, Deputy Commissioners, Leh and Kargil, SSP Leh, Councilors of LAHDC Leh, Member State Women Mission Authority J&K Tsering Angmo, former Ambassador of India to Kyrgyzstan Prof. Punchock Stobdan, former MP P.Nangail, MLC Leh Norboo Gyalsan and various religious and political heads were present on the occasion. The CEC LAHDC, Leh Rigzen Spalbar in his welcome address on behalf of the people of Ladakh extended his heartfelt felicitation to Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre on their Golden Jubilee celebrations. He said, "we are proud of an Indian and we are also proud of our grade soldiers specially the braved soldiers of Ladakh Scouts." Referring to the civil and army relation in a strategic part of the country, the CEC expressed his gratitude to Indian Army, Air Force, BRO and Para military forces. He said that during the unprecedented flash flood in 2010 fordes rendered their tireless service in rescuing precious human life and public property. A colorful cultural programmes was also presented on the occasion followed by souvenirs and citation ceremony to Ladakh Scout Regiment, Chief of Staff 14 Corps, Indian Air Force, BRO and ITBP.

Check T&D losses, power pilferage: PUC

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, June 13: The Committee on Public Undertaking (PUC) of Legislative Assembly has stressed upon the officers of Power Development Department for further efforts to improve the power situation in the State with exploring new ways and means for establishing new power projects in the State. The Committee observed that the State has tremendous potential to generate power, which are not only sufficient for meeting State's own requirements but can export it also. The Committee, which met under the chairmanship of MLA, Mohammad Sharief Niaz here today, discussed and examined in detail the recommendations of the 45th Committee Report submitted to the House on April 3, this year. Legislators, Peer Afaq, Abdul Gaffar Sofi, Jagdish Raj Spolia, Jugal Kishore, Syed Basharat Bukhari and Ghulam Nabi Monga gave their valuable suggestions to improve the working of the Committee and make it result oriented. During the deliberations, the Members emphasized on the concerned officers to ensure regular power supply and stressed for immediate replacement of old electricity poles with new electric poles and conductors. The meeting also discussed the latest position in respect of finalization of pending accounts of the State Power Development Corporation (SPDC). They panel stressed upon the officers of the department for taking necessary steps for checking the Transmission and distribution losses and power pilferage besides upgrading power infrastructure in the State. Detailed discussions was

Speaker directs for cataloging of Assembly library references

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, June 13: Speaker Legislative Assembly, Mubarak Gul today visited Library Block of the Assembly at Old Legislative Complex, Jahangir Chowk. During the inspection, the Speaker went round various halls and enquired about the references



An inside view of Controller Examination Wing in Jammu University. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Epidemic threat looms large over JU campus

Nishikant Khajuria JAMMU, June 13: As the ongoing standoff between protesting Class-IV employees and the Jammu University administration continues, an epidemic threat looms large over the campus. While heaps of garbage are seen scattered at every nook and corner emitting foul smell from the entire campus, the University authorities seem gripped in 'if and but syndrome' with no idea for coming out of the prevailing chaos. Each and every department as well as the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat is presenting a hellish look of the otherwise ISO certified university. Heaps of garbage have piled up in the Controller Examination and Dean Academic Affairs block owing to maximum activities there. Pertinent to mention that Jammu University Class IV employees and Casual Labourers are on strike for the last over one month while Safai Karamcharis have also joined them. The protesting employees are demanding regularization of casual labourers and other such workers, who have completed more than seven years in service to the University. Even as JU has conceded maximum demands of the protesting employees, the latter have refused to suspend the ongoing strike till the issuance of regularization order for which the University is awaiting State Financial Advisor's approval. While the suspension of work by Class-IV employees and casual labourers has severely affected normal functioning of the University, joining of the ongoing strike by the Safai Karamcharis has plunged the entire campus into unhygienic state, which is turning from bad to worse with the passage of each day. "If no alternative arrangements are made immediately for cleanliness of the campus, there is every possibility of an epidemic threatening the health of everyone here," feared a top JU officer while pointing towards the loads of garbage lying here and there. Besides epidemic, there is also threat of some mischief or accidental fire in the Controller Examination Wing where thousands of answer sheets and other such important records are kept. Even as the University authorities tried to take services of some outside agencies for cleanliness of a few departments, particularly the Controller Examination wing, the protesting employees foiled any such attempt. As the class work is off due to ongoing summer vacations and the Safai Karamcharis are performing work in the Hostels to avoid inconvenience to the student boards, JU officers are the main sufferers of prevailing situation. Meanwhile, the fresh round of talks between the JU Negotiation Committee and the Non-Gazetted Employees Union this evening remained inconclusive once again while the ongoing chain hunger strike by the agitating employees entered into third consecutive day. Five employees, comprising Surinder Singh, Ram Singh, Dilip Singh, Ashwani and Joshi began their 24-hour fast replacing the previous batch.

Fresh tremor rocks Baderwah town

BHADERWAH, June 13: An earthquake measuring 3.9 on the Richter scale today hit Baderwah town of Doda district. The tremor hit the city at around 5:06 PM today, Meteorological officials said, adding that the epicentre of the quake was in Baderwah. However, no loss of life or damage to the property has been reported so far in the quake, which lasted for nearly seven seconds. Earlier, on June 10 two mild tremors measuring 2.3 and 2.7 on the Richter scale respectively had shook Baderwah valley and adjoining areas in Doda-Kishtwar belt. (PTI)

Power cuts have made life of people miserable: Gupta

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, June 13: Expressing anguish over the power crises badly affecting the whole life, the former Union Minister and MLA, Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta said coupled with scorching heat and humidity has made life of people miserable. Prof. Gupta pointed out that J&K has vast hydel power potential which is not only sufficient to meet the energy requirements of the State but also can be made big source of revenue generation by selling the electricity to other part of country. He pointed out that Jammu and Kashmir is having hydel power potential of 20,000 MWs. But it is a pity that even after over six decades of planning and getting massive funding from the Centre for developmental work, both the State and the Centre, could not exploit more than 15 percent of this energy potential. Thus, State is not in a position to meet the requirements. It sounds strange that the State is purchasing power from outside to the extent of 70 percent of its supplies. For this about 8 percent of total budget of the State is being spent to meet the cost of the power purchase and meet the losses. Prof. Gupta also pointed out that because of the mismanagement and other considerations, the power losses in the Valley are as high as about 70 percent. But in Jammu areas even those places are faced with acute shortage of power where there has been complete metering and people are paying large portion of the power revenue of the State. This power shortage, he said, is also badly affecting the supply of drinking water and the routine working of the people in the various spheres of life.

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