

Rs 87.09 cr Annual Plan approved for Doda Adopt proactive approach while preparing new projects: Saifullah

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DODA, June 20: A Rs. 8709.96 lakh annual plan with revenue component of Rs. 3539.23 lakh and capital component of Rs.5170.73 lakh was approved for Doda district for the year 2013-2014 in the District Development Board meeting held today under the chairmanship of Minister for Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, Mir Saifullah.



Minister for Law, Mir Saifullah addressing DDB meeting at Doda on Thursday.

Minister for PWD R&B and Mechanical Engineering Abdul Majid Wani, MP, Ch. Lal Singh, Vice Chairman Advisory Board for G&B Ch. B.A Naaz, MLA Bhaderwah Mohd Sharief Niaz, MLA Inderwal G.M Saroori, MLA Ramban, Ashok Kumar, besides MLCs Khalid Najib Soharwardy, Naresh Kumar Gupta, Dr. Shenaz Ganai and Sham Lal Bhagat were present in the meeting. Moreover District Development Commissioner Doda Mubarak Singh and other Heads of the Departments and District / Sectoral Officers attended the meeting.

While reviewing the performance of various departments of the district, Mr. Mir Saifullah exhorted upon the officers to discharge their duties with a missionary spirit and the expectations of people of this remote and backward district. He took a serious notice of Education Officer Doda to conduct a survey across the District within 10 days in consultation with the public representatives and submit the report to Deputy Commissioner Doda and Director SSA for further submission to concerned ministry.

Mr. Saifullah while reviewing the planning and implementation achievements made by various departments in the district, underlined the need to adopt a visionary approach to further improve the same. He impressed upon the officers to adopt a proactive and scientific approach while preparing new projects as this is long term investment for the generations to come.

Regarding construction of school buildings in the district, the Board decided to recommend the buildings which are going to be constructed under SSA to R&B Department. He asked the DDC to make a list of those school buildings which are lying incomplete due to non availability of funds and submit the report to the government. He also directed him to recommend the 23 Ambulances besides one Critical Care Ambulance for each constituency in the district



DIG Jammu Shakeel Beig and SSP Jammu Atul Goel at a press conference in Jammu on Thursday.

3 chain snatchers held, various cases solved

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JAMMU, June 20: In a major breakthrough, Jammu Police today solved different cases of chain snatching and arrested six persons including three chain snatchers operating in the City and outskirts.

"There were various complaints of chain snatching in different police stations following which special teams were constituted," Shakeel Beig-Deputy Inspector General of Police, Jammu-Kathua Ranger told reporters this evening in the presence of SSP Jammu Atul Goel.

The DIG said that on June 19, three suspects were detained in theft cases and during course of investigations they confessed their involvement in chain snatching incidents.

The accused were identified as Ajay Pratap Singh alias Abbu, resident of Nariana Mohalla, Pacca Danga, Vedit Gawri, resident of Sidhra and Ankush Sharma alias Don, resident of Gole Gujral.

"On their disclosure, eight gold chain and three artificial chains snatched from different locations were also recovered," Mr Beig said adding that three motorcycles being used in the offence have also been seized.

The DIG further added that three jewellers, who used to purchase stolen and snatched gold items from the accused persons were also detained on their disclosure for questioning.

They were identified as Om Prakash, resident of Rehari, Rahul Dogra, resident of Janipur and Ankit Kumar, resident of Peermitha.

"With the arrest of these persons almost all the cases of chain snatching in the City and outskirts have been solved," the DIG said and added that the concerned police officers have been directed to remain alert and tighten noose against miscreants to give crime free society to the people.



PCC president Prof Saif-ud-Din Soz addressing a public meeting at Shanglipora on Thursday.

Soz addresses public meeting at Shanglipora

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SRINAGAR, June 20: PCC president Prof Saif-ud-din Soz along with the Tourism Minister G A Mir and other senior Congress leaders addressed a public meeting at Shanglipora (Khag) in district Budgam today.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof Soz assured the people that no effort would be spared to develop Toos Maidan as the Development Authority which can eradicate poverty and unemployment from the area. He urged the Tourism Minister, G A Mir to take urgent measures to get Toos Maidan declared as Development Authority. He also assured the people that he would also urge the State R&B Minister Abdul Majid Wani to ensure road connectivity with Toos Maidan through Magam and Khag.

On the occasion G A Mir said that his Ministry would immediately take measures to institute the Toos Maidan Development Authority and solve all connected problems. He also assured that he would include the entire area for Development under a special scheme of the Tourism Ministry.

MLC Mohd Muzaffar Parry, Gulam Nabi Monga, Master Mohd Maqbool and Nazir Ahmad Khan urged the people to strengthen the Congress Party, so that Developmental process in this area would receive a push forward.

Earlier, Nazir Ahmad Khan presented a 10- point Memorandum of Demands saying that the area had been neglected as for the development was concerned.

On-spot registration centres for Amarnath Yatris being opened in Jammu

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JAMMU, June 20: As per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) framed on the directions of Supreme Court of India, only 15000 registered Shri Amarnath Yatris would be allowed beyond Pahalgam and Baltal in a day.

For the on-spot registration, as well as convenience of the yatris, for their onward journey for the pilgrimage to Shri Amarnath Ji yatra, three on spot registration centres are being opened at Jammu Railway Station, Jammu Haat and Vaishno Dham.

There would be no registration centres at Pahalgam and Baltal this year.

According to the Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, the decision not to have spot registration centres at Pahalgam and Baltal has been taken to avoid rush of unregistered pilgrims in anticipation to get on spot registration at Jammu and other base camps.

It is further intimated that the on-spot registration will only be available for the dates when there are some vacancies.

Thus the Yatris will prefer to get registration from their respective areas and do not leave for yatra with the perception to go for on spot registration as it may cause large gathering at on spot registration centres besides this, the per day registration of Yatris should be made available on line so that the people can see registration status.

The IG has advised all functionaries of various departments including Police, Traffic, Tourism from Lakhampur to Jammu to make the yatris aware through public announcements, pamphlets, banners and display on LCD screens that unregistered yatris would not be allowed to go for yatra.

During their meeting, Mr. Bukhari discussed with the Governor several matters concerning the future growth and development of the State, particularly the area he represents in the Legislative Assembly.

SRINAGAR, June 20: Syed Basharat Bukhari, Member of the State Legislative Assembly, called on N. N. Vohra, Governor, at Raj Bhavan, here today.

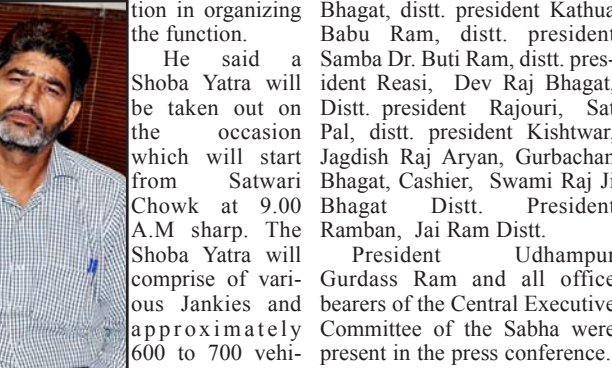
The Board also decided to recommend inclusion of Doda district in Pahari Speaking areas.

District Development Commissioner, Mubarak Singh, while giving a power point presentation presented a detailed account of the proposed district annual plan of Rs. 8709.96 lakh for the year 2013-2014.

Bukhari calls on Governor

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He appealed all district presidents, block presidents and other social and religious organizations are requested to extend their full support and co-operation in organizing the function.

He said a Shoba Yatra will be taken out on the occasion which will start from Satwari Chowk at 9.00 A.M sharp. The Shoba Yatra will comprise of various Jankies and approximately 600 to 700 vehicles which will include buses, matadors, tractor trolleys, other vehicles and motor-cyclists. The Shoba yatra will start from Main Chowk Satwari and move through main stop Gandhi Nagar, Vikram Chowk, Gumat, Indira Chowk, K.C.Morh, Shakuntla, Ambphala and culminate at Kabir Mandir Janipur where obeisance will be paid to the great spiritual master.



Representatives of Kabir Sabha at a press conference at Jammu on Thursday.

This was stated by senior vice president of the Sabha, G R Bhagat while talking to reporters here today along with other members.

PDP takes out protest rally against Omar-led Govt

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, June 20: Charging the Omar Abdullah-led Government with failure on all fronts, People's Democratic Party organized a protest rally, here today.

Shouting slogans against the Government and Chief Minister Bhasin, Shanti Devi, R K Bali, Hussain Ali Bafa, Bharat Bhushan Gupta, Falail Singh, Abdul Rashid Malik, Capt Anil Gour, Rajinder Manhas, Surjit Kour, Surinder Singh, Chatter Saini, Rashpal Singh Bittu, Bhushan Dogra, Amrik Singh, Narinder Singh Raina, Choudhary Chuni Lal, Devinder woos of the people," they said.

"Rampant corruption, bungling in funds, non availability of essential commodities like drinking water, electricity and ration are the noticeable achievements of this regime," PDP leaders said and alleged that the State has been gripped with unprecedented crises due to non avail-



PDP activists taking out protest rally at Jammu on Thursday.

Omar Abdullah, the protest rally passed through different parts of the city before culminating near Asia Crossing. The protesting PDP workers also blocked Jammu-Pathankote Highway for some time as mark of protest against the State Government and disrupted vehicular movement.

Earlier, the PDP workers and senior leaders assembled near the party headquarters in Gandhi Nagar. The gathering was addressing by Trilok Singh Bajwa, Ved Mahajan, Dhaman Sharma, Varinder Singh Sonu, Vikram Singh, Chandher Slathia and others.

Termining Omar Abdullah led Government as gang of looters, the PDP leaders exhorted the party workers to launch a decisive war against this worst ever corrupt and anti-people regime.

"Today's protest rally is declaration of war against this Government which has failed to solve basic problems of the common masses due to its indifferent and casual approach towards ability of ration in the Government runs depots, scarcity of drinking water in most parts of Jammu region coupled with the unscheduled power curtailments.

"Failure of the State Government can be gauged from the fact that farmers, employees, technocrats, unemployed educated youth, students have been agitating in one way or other but the ruling elites seem to be unconcerned towards growing unrest among different sections of the society", they alleged.

SRINAGAR, June 20: Minister of State for Science Technology and Information Technology, Feroz Ahmed Khan called on Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah and discussed various issues pertaining to development of Ladakh region with him.

The issues raised by Mr Feroz include enhancement of Compensatory Allowance (CA) for the employees of Kargil working in Ladakh region, damage caused to LT/HT lines in Zaskar Sub-Division, providing adequate funds for Kargil-Padarn road under CRF, filling up of all the vacant posts in the Zaskar Sub-Division and a special recruitment drive for the youth of Kargil and Zaskar constituencies for absorption in J&K Police.

The Chief Minister gave patient hearing and said the genuine demands of people of the region will be given due consideration.

Feroz calls on CM

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