



Contractors protesting in front of Lok Nirman Bhawan Jammu on Saturday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

## Contractors hold demonstration

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 22: To protest against non clearance of bills of contractors as their liability has accumulated to Rs 700 crore with the Government over the years, the J&K Contractors Coordination Committee held a one day demonstration in front of Lok Nirman Bhawan here today.

The contractors from all over the State participated in the protest demanding early release of their payment.

The contractors also expressed their resentment against the introduction of new civil accountability system. The demonstration was addressed by Balwinder Singh

and Vinod Kohli general secretaries of the Committee, its chairman Ghulam Jeelanai Purza, Yogeshwar Singh, Sham Singh and Ravinder Nath Sharma all vice chairmen JKCC and they warned the Government of serious consequences in case it failed to release their payments as contractors in the State were facing financial hardships and some have been forced to mortgage their houses and other property to seek loans to make payments of labourers and shopkeepers.

They also warned to stop the ongoing works and urged the Government not to invite tenders for new works till their payments are cleared.

The Committee also announced that over 20 members of JKCCC will leave for Kashmir valley to participate in their ongoing struggle there.

Meanwhile, After boycotting developmental works and going for hunger strikes over their payments, the Valley based contractors have decided to hold black flags before Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on his scheduled Kashmir visit this week.

A statement issued by the General Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Central Contractors Coordination Committee (JKCCCC) Farooq Ahmad Dar said: "The State Government's reluctance in meeting our demands has forced us to greet PM in such an unsavory way. He (PM) is going to inaugurate the Banihal-Qazigund rail section on June 25. We have decided to assemble at the spot and greet him a black flag."

Major General VG Khandare General Officer

## Spurious drug scam DAK calls for strike against 'inaction' on June 25

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SRINAGAR, June 22: Doctors' Association Kashmir (DAK) and Medical Employees Joint Action Forum (MEJAF) have appealed people to observe complete strike on June 25 against the "inaction" by the Government in the spurious drug scam that surfaced early this year.

DAK has decided all the doctors and paramedical staff of the Valley will wear black badges on the scheduled two-day visit of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi to Kashmir beginning June 25.

DAK Chairman Dr Nisar ul Hassan said that the issue of spurious drugs has been well highlighted by the society with Forum Against Spurious Drugs (FASD) being at the forefront along with Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association.

He said one can't expect justice in enquiry when the accused is holding the cabinet berth. "Our struggle has been continuing from April this year, and in this regard we have made representations to one and all including the Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Chief

Minister Omar Abdullah, but they too maintained silence," he said.

Dr Hasan said, "if Dr Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi want to give some solace to people of Valley, they must ask the Minister to step down from his Cabinet post till an impartial probe is conducted and suspend all the Purchasing Committee and other board members."

He also said, "on the arrival of Prime Minister and UPA Chairperson to the Valley, we appeal them to leave their political gains and consider the pain of those mothers whose children have been died because of these fake drugs."

The MJAF Chairman said that they are being labeled as anti-Indians and the forum was pressurized repeatedly by the higher ups to abstain from raising voice against the drug scam.

"We were supposed to hold a seminar today but the Director Health Services didn't allow us. Our members are being harassed in various institutes by the people who have been injected to sabotage the movement. Authorities from SKIMS, GMC and other hospitals are threatening our representatives for terminating them from services," Dr Hassan said.

## Army organises vocational training programme

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, June 22: Army today organised a rally for the unemployed youth of Boniyar and Uri block for a vocational training programme.

A statement of the Army said that its 31 Field Regiment with the help of an NGO based company 'Don Bosco Tech' under the project 'Himayat' initiated by the Ministry of Rural Development organised a programme in which atleast 400 young men and women participated.

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Commanding, Dagger Division while addressing the rally appreciated the youth who took part in the vocational training programme.

He said that the youth are the future of this country and hence they should understand their moral responsibility in nation building.

The Officer announced that a Vocational Training Centre would soon come up at Boniyar that would cater for job oriented courses for unemployed youth for three months, free of cost and placement will be given to all successful trainees in different companies.

Presentation of National Awards for Outstanding Services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse on 26th June, 2013.



## Shri Pranab Mukherjee

Hon'ble President of India will present the National Awards .



Dr. Manmohan Singh  
Hon'ble Prime Minister



Shri Pranab Mukherjee  
Hon'ble President of India



Smt. Sonia Gandhi  
Hon'ble Chairperson, UPA



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Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment



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Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment



Shri Porika Balram Naik  
Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment

### List of Recipients of National Awards for Outstanding Services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse

- Best Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts**  
**Youth Development Organization (YDO), Manipur** a de-addiction centre assisted by the Ministry, situated in the difficult terrain of Manipur, has treated 2645 drug dependents successfully during the last one decade.
- Best Regional Resource and Training Centre (RRTC)**  
**TT Ranganathan Clinical Research Foundation, Chennai**, a pioneering organisation in the field of treatment and rehabilitation of alcohol and drug addicts, is also a lead Institute for training and capacity building in drug demand reduction sector.
- Best Panchayati Raj Institutions**  
**Chharba, a Gram Panchayat of Vikas Nagar Tehsil, Dehradun, Uttarakhand** since 2008, has been fighting extensively against alcohol and drug abuse through various public campaigns and rallies and has now become an alcohol and drug free village.
- Best Non-profit Institutions**  
**Young Mizo Association of Mizoram** is an active anti-drug campaigner in the State with 3 lakh members having successfully organised de-addiction camps, spread over the State and has assisted the Government in seizure of drugs worth ₹ 5 crore since May 2010.
- Best Awareness Campaign**  
**The NYK of Thoubal, Manipur** has initiated various programmes of awareness creation in 60 selected villages, conducted baseline surveys, peer education program and drug addiction camps with the support of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- Outstanding Individual Achievement by a Non-professional**  
**Dr. Anil Awachat, Secretary of Mukangan Mitra, a de-addiction centre at Pune**, has been working for prevention and treatment of drug addicts and helping the recovering substance users to sustain their existence financially, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually.
- Outstanding achievement by former addict**  
**Shri Soram Ratan Singh from Imphal, Manipur** is an ex-injecting drug user with 16 years of abstaining from drug use, has been a role model for recovering addicts and contributed significantly as a researcher and trainer in the sector.



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