

**Rs 7081 lakh annual plan approved for Ramban**

**Fix targets as per proposed outlay: Jora**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
RAMBAN, June 22: Fix targets as per the proposed outlay for the time bound completion of targeted works and multifaceted development and uplift-

Component of Rs.2257.74 lakh and Capital Component of Rs. 4823.54 lakh. While presenting the physical and financial achievements made by various Departments in the District under Annual Plan

completion of targeted works and said that area specific planning and implementation of schemes and developmental works is vital for the development of the district at par with the other districts in the State.

While responding on the issue of shortage of transformers in the District, the Minister said that various works under RGGVY should be expedited to provide requisite power supply to the un-electrified areas in the district.

To meet out the deficiency of teaching staff in most of the Government schools, directions were passed for rationalization of teachers, so that the schools having deficiency of teachers get adequate teaching staff. He also directed them to reflect the vacancies of teaching staff to the administrative department, so that vacancies are filled at an earliest.

Minister of State for Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation Aijaz Ahmed Khan, put forth various issues, which include exploration of tourism potential in the region, time bound completion of ongoing road projects, electrification of un-electrified areas.

MoS Technical Education, CAPD, Power and Information Vikar Rasool Wani, expressed concern over shortage of teaching staff in Govt schools.

**D&FCO books 2 for running illegal medical stores**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
KATHUA, June 22: Drug and Food Controller Organization (D&FCO) today booked two medical shops being run without Drug Retail License.

A team of D&FCO, under the supervision of Assistant Controller conducted an extensive tour of border areas of the district and booked Joginderpaul at Maharajpur Tehsil Hiranagar and Premi Chand of Hiranagar for running medical shops illegally.

Drugs worth Rs 5000 were also seized from these persons, while action as warranted under Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 was initiated against them.

Meanwhile, D&FCO has impressed upon the dealers to strictly adhere to the provisions of Drug & Cosmetics Act 1940 & Rules 1945, failing which action will be taken against the violators as per law.



Minister for Housing Raman Bhalla reviewing arrangements during his visit to Yatri Niwas on Saturday.

**Ensure every facility to Amarnath yatries: Bhalla to admn**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, June 22: Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture, Raman Bhalla today reviewed the essential services delivery scenario in Jammu and its peripheries, besides the arrangements made by the administration to ensure smooth conduct of ensuing Amarnath Yatra, at a high level meeting here today at Civil Secretariat.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Pardeep Gupta, Inspector General of Police Rajesh Kumar, District Development Commissioner Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Kuldeep Lal Khajuria, Joint Director Tourism Shiv Kumar Gupta, Superintendent Engineer, Power Development Department Gurbachan Singh, General Manager SRTC R. S Jamwal besides other senior officers from Tourism, PDD, PHE, JMC, R&B, police were present in the meeting.

The Minister instructed all the line departments to work in tandem to ensure that the visiting Amarnath Yatries get all basic facilities. He also asked the PHE Department to make available drinking water facilities in sufficient quantity to the yatries at Yatri Niwas. He directed them to install water supply post from Canal head to Yatri Niwas for the convenience of the yatries.

The Minister asked for regular market inspections to keep a check on overcharging by traders, transporters, besides quality of food and eatables at hotels, restaurants and roadside vendors.

Mr Bhalla issued instruction to the Power Development Department (PDD) to gear up men and machinery for providing regular power supply at Yatri Niwas. Mr. Bhalla stressed for adequate arrangements for medicare

**SRTC fleet remains off road as workers observe strike**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 22: The operation of entire fleet of State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC), including the Inter State buses remained stalled as the employees and workers of the Corporation went on one-day strike across the State today.

Transport authorities. The work in all other SRTC depots also remained stalled.

There was no operation of inter-state buses on Jammu-Delhi, Pathankote, Amritsar, Haridwar, Chandigarh, Jalandhar and other locations. The Operation between Jammu-Katra, Jammu Srinagar, Leh and Kargil also remained affected

at Jammu and Srinagar cities. He said despite assurance the Management has failed to address the pending issues of the workers.

He disclosed that the Union is demanding immediate release of 60 % DA, regularisation of consolidate wages drivers who have completed 7 years, implementation of RTC Act -1950 in toto, release of pending COLA arrears, holding of BOD meeting after every three months, handing back the SRTC land occupied by Government and conduct of DPC meet besides running the affairs on Himachal RTC pattern.

In Srinagar, chairman of the Union, Shakeel Ahmed Kuchey was leading the protest. The employees of the Corporation including those from various depots like Baramulla, Anantnag and Kargil assembled outside MD's office on M A Road and held protest demonstration. There was no bus service between Jammu and Srinagar and other routes in entire Kashmir up to Kargil and Leh. The employees raised slogans and warned to intensify strike if the Government remained silent spectator. Mr Kuchey expressed strong resentment over the attitude of the Transport authorities and said that workers are feeling duped by the Management every time.



SRTC workers staging protest in Jammu on Saturday.

Nearly 3500 employees of the State Transport Corporation including drivers, cleaners, mechanics and others in the administration went on 'Chakka-Jam' strike in support of their pending demands. They held demonstrations outside the office of General Manager at Bikram Chowk in Jammu and shouted slogans against the Management and the State

due to strike. The trucks of the Corporation also remained off the road.

All J&K SRTRC Workers Union general secretary Paramjit Singh said that out of the total 1200 vehicles of the Corporation nearly 850 are in operation. The entire fleet remained off the road and employees staged demonstrations in support of their demands

**Tourism promotion gets focused attention: Rana**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 22: Provincial President National Conference Devender Singh Rana on Saturday reiterated that the Coalition Government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was committed to promote tourism and create adequate infrastructural facilities across the State.

Interacting with a deputation from Holy Town of Shiv Khouri led by Rattan Singh, Numberdar, Village Kotla, which met him and expressed apprehensions about the change of alignment of proposed opens to benefit a few capitalists, Mr Rana said that the holy shrine of Shiv Khouri is widely respected across the country and any decision regarding ropeway should be taken strictly on its merits and no other consideration should prevail.

Mr Rana said that pilgrim tourism has emerged as a key economic activity in Jammu region and assured the delegation that infrastructural activities at the holy Shiv Khouri Shrine will get further boost in the coming years.

He said that several areas of the Jammu region have been brought on the tourism map of the state and vigorous efforts are being made to develop and promote these on a larger scale.

The deputation included Bhram Saroop, Subash Sharma, Niab Sarpanch, Karan Singh, Mohd Hussain, Joginder Singh, Panch, Ashok Kumar, Joginder Singh, Subash Sharma, Ashok Singh, Kakkli Singh, Sanjay Singh, Ch. Mohammad Hussain, Ch. Farooq, Ch. Asadullah, Ch. Bashir, Ch. Niaz and others.

Vice President Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial Secretary Sheikh Bashir Ahmad and ex-Legislator Th Kashmir Singh were also present.

**BJP worker caught posing as Dr Jitendra**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 22: The case of a BJP worker from Rajasthan posing as Dr Jitendra Singh, a well known Jammu based BJP leader and a nationally known Diabetologist, has been reported from Bharatpur in Rajasthan.

This man, who is a namesake of Dr Jitendra Singh and whose full name is Dr Jitendra Singh "Faujdar", had also unsuccessfully contested the Rajasthan Assembly election in 2003 from Naddai, Bharatpur constituency as a BJP candidate.

The most interesting part is that when Jammu based Dr Jitendra Singh was nominated to BJP National Executive Committee for the second consecutive term in March this year by the BJP National President Rajnath Singh, this Bharatpur based Dr Jitendra Singh sent out a fictitious press hand-out to this effect as if he had been appointed. What is more, this man also arranged felicitation functions for himself in and around

Bharatpur hailing his nomination as BJP National Executive Committee (NEC) Member by displaying the name in the list of BJP NEC members which was actually the name of Jammu based Dr Jitendra Singh. He has also been reportedly going around throwing his weight in local administrative circles as BJP National Executive member. The case of this imposter has now been brought to the notice of BJP Party High Command and a formal complaint regarding this has been filed by former BJP district President of Bharatpur Rajvir Singh who has produced local newspaper clippings of felicitation functions held in the honour of this imposter and also released to the Rajasthan press the photographs of real NEC member Dr Jitendra Singh who is presently based at Jammu. In his complaint to Party High Command, Rajvir Singh writes that this imposter is not only misusing the name of BJP but also making a laughing stock of the BJP workers.



Minister for ULBs Nawang Rigzin Jora and MoS Revenue Aijaz Ahmed Khan chairing DDB meeting at Ramban on Saturday.

ment of masses in the newly created District Ramban. This was stated by the Minister for Housing and Urban Local Bodies Nawang Rigzin Jora while chairing DDB meeting.

Minister of State for Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation Aijaz Ahmed Khan, MoS Technical Education, CAPD, Power and Information Vikar Rasool Wani, MP Ch. Lal Singh, MLA Ramban Ashok Kumar, MLC Shyam Lal Bhagat, MLC Dr. Shehnaz Ganaie, DDC Ramban S.V Meena and SP Ramban besides various Head of Departments, District and Sectoral Officers attended the meeting.

During the meeting the District Annual Plan for the year 2013-14 to the tune of Rs. 7081.28 lakh was approved by the District Development Board which comprises of a Revenue

2012-13, Deputy Commissioner Ramban, S.V Meena apprised the meeting that against an allocation of Rs. 6876.03 lakh, the actual availability was Rs. 5707.99 lakh has been incurred in the District ending March 2013.

DDC Ramban presented sector wise proposed outlay under Annual Plan 2013-14.

Mr. Jora directed the officers to expedite the pace of planning and implementation work on various developmental projects in the District. He said that various developmental schemes have not been completed due to inadequate funding through the concerned agencies. He directed the officers to take up the loan component from LIC.

He impressed upon the officers to fix targets as per the proposed outlay for the time bound

**2nd annual LEAF stakeholders meeting held**

**CEC expresses concern over drastic climate change in Ladakh**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

LEH, June 22: The 2nd annual LEAF (Ladakh Students' Environmental Action Forum) stakeholders meeting was held here today the chairmanship of CEC, LAHDC, Leh Rigzin Spalbar.

LEAF which is a joint collaborated initiative by all the major student associations of Ladakh is working for conservation and protection of environment since last year.

Among those who attended the meeting were MLC, Leh Norboo Gyalton, President Ama Tsogspa Leh, President Anjuman Moin-ul-Islam, Programme Manager at Commonwealth Secretariat Stanzin Dawa, Dr. Tsewang Namgyal and presidents and representative of student union from Delhi, Chandigarh, Jammu and Leh.

The representative of LEAF apprised the meeting that they are going to conduct mass awareness on 6th July at Jivetsal showcasing LEAF Stalls, Model Display, Photo Exhibition, screening of environment, documentary movies and will also distribute free eco-friendly bags focusing maximum number of people followed by awareness programs on 8th July in Leh.

Welcoming the encouraging initiatives and deep concerns of LEAF towards the environment of Ladakh for its conservation and protection, CEC Rigzin Spalbar said that it is always a better choice to come upon a common consensus involving all sections of communities and organizations by adopting a device and system

rather waiting for a Law/Acts to save the fragile environment of Ladakh, adding that each and every Ladakhi must take collective responsibility.

Expressing his serious concern over the drastic climate change in Ladakh since past few decades, CEC said that though climate change is a common concern and big challenge of entire world but when it comes to Ladakh's environment, it is the prime duty of Ladakhi people to act locally and young educated students have to play a very crucial role to spread awareness about environment across Ladakh region.

Spalbar said, "we must have our future by choice not by chance". He suggested LEAF to focus Leh area including colonies while conducting environment awareness saying that people living in villages are more conscious about their environment than people living in city and assured his utmost cooperation to LEAF in all respects.

Giving his valuable suggestions, Programme Manager Commonwealth Secretariat Stanzin Dawa suggested to introduce environmental education in schools to make coming generation aware about environment and also emphasized upon regulation of traffic in Leh with close monitoring and regular check over pollution by vehicles.

Earlier, Dr. Tsewang Namgyal through his power point presentation shared his knowledge and research about the climate change and other environment issues in context with Ladakh.

MLC, Leh Norboo Gyalchan also spoke on the occasion.

**Legal Metrology books Hindustan Coca-Cola**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 22: Department of Legal Metrology booked the management of the Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt Ltd for violating the different provisions of law meant for the benefit of consumers.

According to Deputy Controller Legal Metrology Consumer Protection Manoj Prabhakar, a notice was served to the management of company for discrepancies observed on few prepacked commodities of 200ml glass bottles of brands Coca-Cola, Limca, Sprite & others, wherein provisions related to manner of declaring Net contents were violated.

According to the prescribed rules, the area surrounding the net content declaration must be free from any printed information above & below by space equal to at least the height of the numeral in the declaration and left to right by a space at least twice the height of numeral in the declaration so that consumer can prominently view

exact Net quantity. The rules also provide the manner and size of numeral & letters for mandatory declarations like MRP, Net contents in proportion to quantity & size of the prepacked commodities so that same are clearly legible to the consumers. In few of the products like Kinley 1 litre, Thums -UP 1.5 litre PET bottles the declarations were made in short font size which was putting consumers to a hard job of searching & reading the MRP declarations on the pre-packed commodities because of embossed or perforated techniques of printing the information by the company which is also normally not in contrast colours so it becomes more difficult for consumers to search for the declarations on the PET bottles.

The National Head-Legal operations of the company appeared in person to justify the violations & submitted reply which was not accepted by the department and the company was booked for further legal proceedings in the interest of consumers.



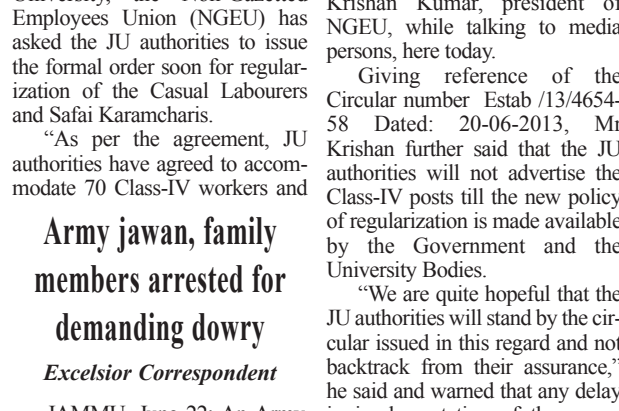
Chairman Legislative Council inaugurating lanes and drains at Mohalla Bhatrian Jammu.

**Malhotra inaugurates upgraded lanes, drains**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 22: Chairman Legislative Council, Amrit Malhotra, on Saturday inaugurated upgraded lanes/drains at Bhatrian Mohalla in Ward No. 7 at Veer Marg. After the inauguration, Malhotra interacted with members of Veer Marg Trader Association.

President of the Association, Sunil Sharma apprised the Chairman of various demands including construction of toilet



JUNGEU president Krishan Kumar & others addressing a press conference on Saturday.

**NGEU asks JU to issue formal order soon on regularization**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 22: Expressing satisfaction over the agreement reached out with Jammu University, the Non-Gazetted Employees Union (NGEU) has asked the JU authorities to issue the formal order soon for regularization of the Casual Labourers and Safai Karamcharis.

"As per the agreement, JU authorities have agreed to accommodate 70 Class-IV workers and

10 Safai Karamcharis on the vacant posts, which are to be filled within 15 days while the remaining workers will also be adjusted soon on regular basis," said Krishan Kumar, president of NGEU, while talking to media persons, here today.

Giving reference of the Circular number Estab/13/4654-58 Dated: 20-06-2013, Mr Krishan further said that the JU authorities will not advertise the Class-IV posts till the new policy of regularization is made available by the Government and the University Bodies.

"We are quite hopeful that the JU authorities will stand by the circular issued in this regard and not backtrack from their assurance," he said and warned that any delay in implementation of the agreement would force NGEU to resume the suspended strike.

Extending gratitude to all the individuals and organizations for their support during the 43-day long strike, the jubilant NGEU leaders today also applauded the JU Negotiating Committee and the Vice-Chancellor, who were used to be criticized daily during the 43-day long strike for their alleged callous attitude towards the Class-IV employees.

Those who were present in the press conference, included, NGEU general secretary Vijay Kumar, Kishore Kumar, Suraj Kumar, Rakesh Kumar and others.

The victim narrated the matter to her parents and they approached the police, following which a case under FIR number 36/13 under Sections 498 A, 147, 323 and 452 of RPC was registered at Khour Police Station against her husband Randhir Singh, father-in-law Rasal Singh, Davinder Singh and Balwinder Singh, brothers-in-law, he said.

"All of them have been taken into custody and the investigation were in process", he added.

**Annual Trishul Bhaint Yatra on July 1**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

DODA, June 22: With a view to review the necessary arrangements for the Annual Trishul Bhaint Yatra to Padder District Kishtwar, District Development Commissioner Doda, Mubarak Singh convened a meeting of officers here today.

DDC impressed upon the officers to put in coordinated efforts during the yatra so that the pilgrims do not face any sort of inconvenience. Various issues were discussed in detail during the meeting which include supply of drinking water, security, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation, fire wood and medicare facility. As per programme, the famous Trishul Bhaint Yatra, Bhagwati Chandi Jagran would be at Doda city on 29th of June at 8:00 P.M and departure of the Yatra from Doda city would be on 1st of July at 8:00 A.M.

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