

# Ramzan terms ASRTU backbone of surface transport

**\* Says SRTC bus fleet to be expanded**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, June 27: Terming Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (ASRTU) as the backbone of surface transport, Minister for Transport and CA&PD Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan said that it provides mobility for the urban and rural population across the country and State as well.

The Minister was speaking at the inaugural function of a 2-day 235th Standing Committee meet (Supplies & Contracts) organized by State Road Transport Corporation in collaboration with Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (ASRTU), New Delhi at SKICC today.

Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (ASRTU) came into existence on August 13, 1965 to bring together all the State Road Transport Undertakings on a common platform with the aim of pooling their resources and knowhow for dealing with various problems faced by them and help them to improve their performance. It consists of various members and associate

members. The Minister said ASRTU plays an important role in promoting affordable mode of public transport to sizeable population of the country.

Ch Ramzan said that the commuters of the State crave to travel on SRTC buses as the drivers of the organization are more technically and professionally trained than their counterparts. He said the trucks (load Carriers) of the organization are also used for ferrying essential commodities in and outside the State.

The Minister highlighted the need for formulation of Transport Policy and Road Safety Policy for traffic regulation. He said that State Government is working for providing more teeth to existing State Motor Vehicle Act.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Transport, Mehraj Ahmad Kakroo said that surface road transport significantly promotes trade and commerce activities in the country. He said quality work, commitment, dedication and punctuality will make State Road Transport Undertakings self-sustaining.

Secretary, Haryana Transport Undertaking Dr Arun Kumar suggested for constitution of Inter-State Traffic Coordination Committee for recommending suitable traffic timing so that better transport facilities are provided to the citizens of the country.

Executive Director, ASRTU P S Anand Rao said that the innovative and the best products produced by automobile manufacturers industry could provide sustainable transport and improve public transport scenario in the country. The association is also working on specifications of buses particularly meant for plying in rural areas.

Among others, Chairman, Standing Committee and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Road Transport Corporation V Babu, Managing Director J&K SRTC, J S Tandon, Director Technical, ASTRU, S K Patra and executive directors from various States Road Transport Undertakings across the country were present.

## JMC seals premises for violation

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 27: Jammu Municipal Corporation today sealed a building premises in Gandhi Nagar area of city outskirts for alleged violation of land use.

Under guidance from KL Khajuria, Commissioner, JMC and Kapil Sharma, Joint Commissioner (Administration), a team of enforcement staff led by Chief Enforcement Officer sealed the premises of the building at H No 1 at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu under Section 8 (1) of J&K Control of Building Operation Act, 1988.

## DRUCC member meets DTM, SP Railways

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JAMMU, June 27: Divisional Railway User Consultative Committee (DRUCC) member, Nitish Mahajan called on Divisional Traffic Manager (DTM), Jammu RN Meena and discussed about various arrangements for the Amaranth Yatra.

Nitish Mahajan discussed issues pertaining to black-topping of internal links of Railway Station and adjoining areas, sanitation and urinals, maintaining hygiene condition in and around Railway Station and installation of water coolers at various locations.

## Jagti inmates protest, warn to intensify agitation

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 27: Fed up with 19 hour power cut and harassment meted to the camp inmates through the hands of authorities the Jagti camp inmates held a protest demonstration today in the camp and warned to take to streets and intensify agitation in case the power supply was not supplied on the same analogy as it is supplied to the other parts of the State.

The irate camp inmates raising slogans against the Government held it responsible for their miserable condition saying that during the construction of the so called township they were promised to be provided all facilities free of cost till their honourable return to Kashmir valley but for last two years the camp did not get more than six hours power supply a day which is totally a violation of human rights.

They said that though Government was duty bound to provide all facilities to the dis-

## Panthers' Party protests against killing of Army jawans

**Excelsior Correspondent**

KATHUA, June 27: The activists of Panthers Party led by its district president Kathua Ravinder Pathania held a demonstration in front of DC Office Kathua against the killing of eight army personnel and injury to others by militants in Hyderabad, Srinagar recently.

The protestors while terming it a failure of Government on security front also torched its effigy and demanded that the Army and security forces be given free hand in containing terrorism in Kashmir. They also warned against the revocation of AFSPA.

## Jammu girl to debut in 'Singh Saheb the Great' starring Sunny Deol

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 27: After TV actors Vivan Bhatena and Pariva



Pranati in Aamir Khan's "Talaash", Jammu girl Anjali Abrol also bagged her first Bollywood project and will debut in the upcoming Anil Sharma's movie titled "Singh Saheb the Great" starring Sunny Deol.

Sushant Singh Rajput coming up with Kai Po Che and an untitled Yash Raj venture with Parineeti Chopra is known to all and the latest one joining the

## DPs submit memorandum to PM

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 27: A delegation of Displaced Persons from PoK called on Prime Minister at Srinagar and submitted a memorandum with charter of demands the other day.

The delegation under the banner of MJR-47 Movement for Justice of PoK Refugees demanded comprehensive and one time settlement of the displaced families from Pak occupied Jammu and Kashmir. They pointed out that three generations of DPs have perished in the camp in Jammu region but Government has failed to provide them justice. The political parties only befooled these people during elections and made tall claims but nothing was done

## Youth Congress organizes one-day convention

**Excelsior Correspondent**

AKHNOOR, June 27: Lok Sabha Youth Congress Committee (LYC) and Block Youth Congress Committee, Akhnoor, today organized a mega 1-day convention under the leadership of LYC president, Satish Sharma, here today.

The objective of the convention was to mobilize youth to strengthen the Congress Party base at the grass root level as also to highlight the party's performance in the State.

Speaking on the occasion, Satish Sharma said that youth is the real strength of India and

bandwagon is Anjali Abrol.

Born on December 16, 1990 in Jammu city, J&K Anjali Abrol was last seen in Life OK "Mahadev" and Star Plus "Raja Ki Ayege Baraat" as Rani and now will debut in the upcoming Anil Sharma's silver screen movie starring Sunny Deol.

Anjali will essay the character of Simran, a Bubbly College going Girl".

"Simran is sister to the character played by Sunny Deol. The movie has names like Ameesha Patel, Amrita Rao, Prakash Raj and Sunny Deol as the lead and will start their next schedule by December 17 in Bhopal.

"I am very excited to share screen space with superstars and find myself lucky to start my Bollywood career with a grade movie", said Anjali Abrol.

So is this the end of TV career for Anjali Abrol? "No, for me work is more important. If I get good work on TV, it will be my pleasure to work for TV as well, Anjali added.

for their welfare. They demanded relief package to the tune of at least Rs 30 lakh per family and till the final settlement they should be paid cash, ration and other relief at par with Kashmiri migrants.

The delegation also demanded that all the pending nearly 9500 DP families be registered whose cases have been rejected. They said nearly 12 lakh population of these DPs was at present in the State and outside. Their children be accorded reservation in jobs and professional colleges/institutes. Special recruitment drive be launched for the youth of the DPs. They further demanded that proper housing colonies be raised for the DP families. Convener, Jagjeet Singh Sudan was leading the delegation.

## Paramedical students urge for issuance of datesheet

**Excelsior Correspondent**

RAJOURI, June 27: Paramedical Trainees Undertraining Association has requested Commissioner Secretary, Director Health Services, Jammu to issue the datesheet for examination for the session 2013-14, which had been stayed by High Court of J&K.

In a meeting of the Association, held here under the chairmanship of its secretary, Atul Bali, all the participants requested the Commissioner to immediately issue the datesheet of the examinations, which were already late for 6-7 months. Those who attended the meeting were Mudsar Ayoub, Shakshi Sharma, Hardesh Kumar, Shahida Kousar and Satpal Sharma.

## 3000 still missing, fate uncertain

**GUPTKASHI/GAUCHAR, June 27:**

As the mammoth rescue operations in the Uttarakhand disaster neared completion, around 2,500 survivors remained to be evacuated in Badrinath and Harshil today but concerns grew over the fate of 3,000 people who were reported missing.

Amid fears of epidemic outbreak, the focus shifted to retrieving bodies buried in debris and expediting mass cremation of more victims in Kedarnath town, which bore the brunt of destruction from floods and landslides after heavy rains pounded the hill state nearly a fortnight back.

Hampered by intermittent rains, rescue efforts in multi-agency operations continued throughout the day with over 1,000 stranded pilgrims from Badrinath and 511 from Harshil being evacuated, 12 days after the rain fury, a state official said. Air sorties by choppers were halted for a few times during the day due to bad weather.

A total of 1,04,095 people have been evacuated so far, according to NDMA Vice Chairman M Shashidhar Reddy.

Sixteen more bodies of victims who perished in the disaster in Kedarnath were consigned to flames in the second round today, according to Ravinath Raman, a senior IAS officer who is overseeing the mass cremations. Yesterday, 18 bodies were

## Kanimozhi, Raja elected to RS

**CHENNAI, June 27:**

DMK President M Karunanidhi's daughter Kanimozhi was today reelected to Rajya Sabha with Congress support from Tamil Nadu after a contest with actor Vijayakanth's DMDK candidate.

Four AIADMK candidates, including the party leader in Rajya Sabha V Maitreyan and CPI's D Raja, however, registered comfortable wins as expected in the elections for which voting was held for the first time in 17 years.

45-year-old Kanimozhi, an accused in the 2G scam, sailed through the contest for a second term with 31 votes after five Congress' MLAs voted in her favour along with two votes each from two smaller parties—Puthiya Thamizhagam and Manithaneya Munnetrak Katchi. One vote of the DMK combine is understood to have been held invalid.

The Congress decision came as a surprise against the backdrop of the bitter separation between the two parties after

## SC dismisses PIL on US snooping, says remedy lies before other forum

**NEW DELHI, June 27:**

The Supreme Court today refused to entertain a PIL seeking direction to the government to initiate action against Internet companies involved in sharing Internet data from India with US' National Security Agency.

The apex court said it cannot entertain the petition as Indian agency is not involved in it and allowed the petitioner, former dean of Law Faculty of Delhi University S N Singh, to move any other forum for seeking remedy against Internet companies and the US agency for snooping data resulting in violation of right to privacy.

"The petitioner may have right to privacy against foreign companies but this right is not covered under Article 21 of the Constitution. The petitioner can move before any other forum for remedy," a bench of justices A K Patnaik and Ranjan Gogoi said.

The bench also said that the

consigned to flames to kickstart the mass cremation.

Chief Secretary Subhash Kumar said more bodies will be cremated in batches after completion of all formalities like their identification and preservation of their DNA samples.

A second team of doctors, forensic experts and police personnel has left for Kedarnath to complete the formalities, he said.

Around 2,500 stranded people are still waiting to be evacuated but rescue operations in Kedarnath are over, ITBP Director General Ajay Chadha told reporters in Delhi.

With the Army, IAF, ITBP and NDMA finetuning strategies to bring the rescue mission to an end, Lt Gen Anil Chait, General Officer Commanding in Chief (GOC-in-C), Central Command expressed confidence that "Operation Surya Hope" could be wrapped up in the next few days.

Reddy, on his part, hoped that the rescue operation would be completed by tomorrow while Subash Kumar said the rescue operations will have to be stepped up tomorrow.

At a news conference in Dehradun, Kumar said about 3,000 pilgrims are still missing.

The rescue operations and the mass cremation process have been affected because of bad weather, DIG Sanjay Gunjyal said, adding that the formalities for the cremation of the victims

were also taking time. The Health Department has warned people in adjoining areas near Kedarnath not to consume river water as it may be highly polluted.

With the air thick with foul smell of decaying bodies in the area adjoining the Kedarnath shrine, the department has expressed apprehensions about spread of various diseases.

"We are now quickly cremating the bodies which have been recovered. But given the scale and nature of the tragedy, there is a likelihood that many bodies could still be lying in open spots, where rescue personnel have not been able to find or reach them," Ravikanth Raman, nodal officer of rescue operations in Guptkashi, said.

Reddy at his news conference said that 560 people have died in the disaster, 476 injured and about 344 people are still missing.

Reddy's figures are lower to official estimates of 822 people having lost their lives in the rain fury.

The Centre, meanwhile, said no outbreak of any water, food or air-borne disease has been reported from the flood-affected areas of Uttarakhand.

A three-member high-level committee from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is in Dehradun to review the public health situations with state health authorities. The team had left yesterday.

"No outbreak of water borne/food borne/air borne or direct contact diseases has been reported from affected areas," said a Health Ministry statement. (PTI)

Man found dead under mysterious circumstances

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, June 27: A middle aged man was found dead under mysterious circumstances at his residence in Nanak Nagar area of the winter capital. As per reports, 46-year-old Surinder Singh, son of Parkash Singh of Sector 8, Nanak Nagar was spotted unconscious by the family members in his room.

They shifted him to Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), where doctors pronounced him as brought dead.

The body has been handed over to family members for last rites after completion of legal formalities. Police has taken the cognizance.

The bench, however, was not convinced and said that it cannot pass any order against the US government and its agencies as it has no jurisdiction over them.

Singh sought directions to the Centre to "take urgent steps to safeguard the government's sensitive Internet communications" which are being kept in US servers and are "unlawfully intruded upon" by US Intelligence agencies through US-based Internet companies operating in India through agreements signed with Indian users, shared 6.3 billion information/data with National Security Agency of US without express consent of Indian users.

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Sri No.	Particulars of work	Cost/Time of work	Details of tender documents
1.	Providing, laying and compaction of ready-mix WMM 75mm thick (compacted), WMM 100 mm thick (compacted) bituminous (HMP) mix for dense bituminous macadam 75 mm thick (compacted), dense bituminous macadam 60 mm thick (compacted) and BC 40 mm thick (compacted) between km 155.00 to km 165.850 on Basoli-Bani-Bhadherwah road in 114 RCC sector under 35 BRTF Project Beacon in J&K state. Tender No. CE(P) BCNU/07/2013-14	(a) Cost: Rs. 1094.30 Lakhs (b) Period of completion : 360 days (c) Earnest money: Rs. 6.00 Lakhs	(a) Cost of tender: Rs. 3000/- (b) Availability: On or after 02 Jul 2013. (c) Submission : Up to 1200 Hrs on 23 July 2013
2.	supply and stacking of stone mallet 53-26.5 mm stone chips 26.5-4.75 mm and river sand for surfacing works between km 155.00 to km 165.850 on Basoli- Bani- Bhadherwah road in 114 RCC sector under 35 BRTF Project Beacon in J&K state	(a) Cost: Rs 134.07 Lakhs (b)Period of completion : 240 days (c) Earnest money: Rs. 2.0115 Lakhs	(a) Cost of tender: Rs. 1000/- (b) Availability: On or after 02 Jul 2013. (c) Submission : Up to 1200 Hrs on 23 July 2013

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**Cost/Time of work:** (a) Cost: Rs. 253.05 Lakhs  
(b) Period of Completion: 240 days  
(c) Earnest Money: Rs. 3,00,00/-

**Details of Tender documents:**  
(a) Cost of Tender: Rs. 2000/-  
(b) Availability: On or after 08 Jul 2013  
(c) Submission upto 1200 Hrs on 29 July 2013.

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**Cost/Time of work :**  
(a) Cost : Rs. 132.73 Lakhs  
(b) Period of completion : 240 days  
(c) Earnest money : Rs. 1,99,100/-

**Details of tender documents :**  
(a) Cost of tender : Rs. 1000/-  
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