



Minister for Agriculture Ghulam Hassan Mir addressing a public meeting at Tangmarg on Sunday.

Sense of security can better people's lot: Mir

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: Calling for ensuring sense of security among people, Minister for Agriculture Ghulam Hassan Mir today said security sense among people further leads to improvements in other parameters of life including improvement in standards of life.

Addressing a public meeting after laying the foundation stone of Middle School building at Agrikaln Tangmarg, the Minister said raising the living standards of people would ensure that poverty is minimized and the number of poor in the society decreases. He said the aim should be to free people from exploitation, be it political, economic, social or of any other kind.

Mr. Mir said an exploitation free system should be our ultimate goal where everyone should have a free choice of what he or she intends to do. He said education is one of the core elements which ensure this transformation.

The Minister termed education is the total way of life and a tool which enables students to

face challenges in their future life. He called upon the teaching community to rededicate themselves to the noble cause of enlightening the students with quality and result oriented education so that they could prove their mettle at national and international level. He also urged for inculcating moral education among themselves which he said is the need of the hour.

Mr. Mir said that the Government has taken a series of revolutionary measures to bring substantial and much needed improvement to fine tune the educational set up in the state, keeping in view modern technological and scientific requirements of the students.

The school is spread over 15 kanals of land. The up-coming school building consists of three rooms, lavatory block, and a kitchen and is being constructed under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan which is expected to be completed within two months. An amount of Rs. 18.86 lakh would be utilized for construction of school building, four-walling, besides development of play-field for the school.



Dr Parveen Kataria, Director General, Aryans Group honouring Harpreet Kaur.

Aryans JK student shines in PTU Merit list

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: After achieving many milestones in Placements, Sports and Cultural activities, now Chandigarh based Aryans Group of Colleges is leaving no stone unturned to achieve new heights in academics.

Harpreet Kaur of Jammu and Kashmir, the BBA student (2010-13) of Aryans has made her place in the BBA Merit list of Punjab Technical University (PTU) released recently by scoring 3009 marks out of 3700.

Today a special felicitation programme was held at Aryans campus to honour Harpreet which was attended by all the students of Aryans.

While lauding Harpreet for her achievement, Dr Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans

Group said that the faculty played a major role for her achievement.

Sharing her views, Harpreet Kaur said that the credit goes to her parents, teachers and management of Aryans for supporting her at every stage. She also thanked her twin sister Avneet Kaur, who is also studying with her at Aryans.

Dr Parveen Kataria, Director General, Aryans Group, Dr P B Mahapatra, Director, Aryans College of Engineering, Prof AP Jain, Director, Aryans Group; B S Sidhu, Registrar, Aryans Group; Dr Manjula Kataria, Principal, Aryans College of Education, Sarita Jain, Dean Academics, Aryans Group, Varinder Kaur and Tejinder Kaur, Coordinators, Aryans Group were present on the occasion.

People living in Majalta bereft of basic facilities: Pathania

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JAMMU, Sept 1: People living in Majalta are bereft of basic facilities including drinking water, electricity, road connectivity, health care, animal-care, recreational, educational and other facilities.

This was stated by RS Pathania, general secretary, J&K Pradesh Youth Congress, while addressing monthly meeting of Congress workers at Majalta.

He said that Majalta is now scientifically-acknowledged as "Pandavas" land and has vast potential for pilgrimage tourism, educational tourism and aesthetic tourism also and demanded special package for the same.

Pathania said that Centrally-sponsored schemes are not delivering benefits on ground and there are inherent handicaps and discrepancies in the planning as well execution part of these schemes.

Pathania sought Sub-District Hospital for Majalta, accidental hospital at Manwal, Health sub-centers at Chor Panjian, Pathwar, Neeli, Parla Sundla, Tajoor and Chani, fulfilling the shortage of staff and infrastructure in HS Garh-Dhama, MS

Garh Pamasta, MS Peuni, HS Kakrai, HSS Thail and HSS Khoun and other schools of the area.

Among others present were Uttam Singh, Dr BD Gupta, Ved Pal, Kuldip Singh, Dr Pardip Sharma, Om Parkash, Makhan Lal, Sanju, Rattan Singh, Mohan Lal, etc.

5 injured in road mishaps

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: Five persons including a Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) worker was injured in two separate road accidents across the Valley today.

Police said four persons were injured when a Tata Sumo JK01C/0841 and a Tata 407 JK04/1361 collided near Ompora, Budgam. Budgam Police have registered a case in this regard.

Police said a Scorpio DL3CL/AJ2876 hit and injured a SMC worker Bashir Ahmad Malik resident of Watergam, Kreeeri at Lawaypora, Srinagar. Parimpora Police have registered a case in this regard.

School Education Officers highlight demands

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: A meeting of School Education Officers Association was held under the chairmanship of S Paramjit Singh, president of the Association, for highlighting the long pending demands.

The meet impressed upon the Government to redress the grievances of School Education Officers by conceding their demands, which include their regularization, change the designation as Principal Secondary School instead of Headmaster, transparency in transfer of officers, release of salary of the Headmasters working against the post of RMSA, settling pension cases of School Education Officer at earliest and considering the post of Headmaster/Principal as non-vocational.

Those who addressed the meeting, included S Kulwant Singh, Paramjit Kumar, Ashok Sharma, Himmat Rai, Bachan Lal, Jasbir Kour, Chatter Singh, Anita Sharma, Salim Mohd, Ram Rakha, Kuldeep Langleh, Vinod Mantoo, Prem Paul, Davinder Singh, Sushila Sharma, Binla Rajput and Swarn Gupta.

Announce pending DA installment: NMC appeals PM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) today appealed to Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to announce the pending installment of 10 per cent DA, due from July this year in view of increasing inflation and price hike of essential commodities.

This was stated by NMC president Subash Shastri, while addressing the workers rally at Gandhi Nagar.

Shastri, while giving facts and figures, said that price index which was 5.89 per cent in December 31, 2012 now has increased to 12.59 per cent in June, 2013.

He said the rate of compensation was revised over six months, once in January and in July every year, based on average of the consumer price index for previous months.

This would be the 15th bi-annual increase since the recommendation of the 6th Pay Commission which was accepted

No place for communal, divisive politics: Slathia

Excelsior Correspondent

VIJAYPUR, Sept 1: Former Minister and senior National Conference leader Surjit Singh Slathia on Sunday said that communal and divisive politics has no place in Jammu and Kashmir, a State known for its pluralistic ethos and glorious traditions of co-existence between the people belonging to various faiths and different cultures.

"This unique characteristics has been an eyecore for the parties like Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its proxy in Kashmir People's Democratic Party (PDP) which have been vitiating the atmosphere of harmony and brotherhood by creating wedge between the people, Slathia said while addressing a public meeting at Sarore Adda in Vijaypur Constituency.

The vice president of N C cautioned the people against machina-

tions of these two parties, saying they can go to any extent in polluting the traditional brotherhood for their petty political advantages. In this context, he referred to the volatile situation created by BJP and PDP during Amarnath land row agitation in 2008 thus bringing the State almost to the verge of collapse. "However, the sagacity of people helped in bringing the situation under control", he said, adding that the two parties with extremist agenda got exposed.

Mr Slathia exhorted the people to work for strengthening the bonds of communal harmony, which holds key to progress and development of the State. "Disturbed conditions have proved detrimental to the interests of people and their welfare", he said and made a mention of communal and divisive politics played by BJP and PDP in Kishtwar by aggravating the situation.

DF&SS demands roll back of petrol, diesel prices

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Dogra Front and Shiv Sena (DF&SS) today took out a procession against the rising prices of the petrol products.

The activists of DF&SS led by its president Ashok Gupta raised slogans against the Government and demanded immediate roll back of the recently increased prices of petrol and diesel.

While speaking, Gupta alleged that all this is happening due to the wrong policies of the Government. He stated that common man is reeling under the pressure of continuous price rise and the Government has

become the mute spectator. He demanded immediate roll back of the recently hiked petrol and diesel prices.

Those present on the occasion were Raj Kumar, Bua Ditta, Dhanatar Singh, Vikram Sharma, Sunil Kumar, Raj Singh and various others.

Man missing

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: A man identified as Munawar Ganie, 46, of Ganderbal has gone missing since August 30.

Police said that one, Abid Ganie yesterday reported to Ganderbal Police that he has gone missing since August 30.



KAS aspirants taking part in mock test conducted by SR College of Competitions at Jammu on Sunday.

SR starts mock test series for KAS aspirants

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: SR College of Competitions started the mock test series for KAS aspirants preparing for the Preliminary Examination scheduled to be conducted by the Public Service Commission (PSC) on September 29.

With focus on the examination ahead, the test series included sectional and full length mock tests for general studies and other selected options. "To be continued for next 20 days, such an exercise goes a long way in improving the ability of the students to score higher in the upcoming examination for the elite services of the State," Director of the College, Parveen Sharma said.

Since the Civil Services Examination is considered as one

Sadhotra conducts tour of flood hit areas

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Minister for Planning, Development and Labour & Employment, Ajay Sadhotra today visited flood affected areas of Marh to assess the damage caused to the private and public property in the backdrop of recent rains and flash floods.

The Minister was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu Kalyan Singh, Block Development Officer Marh Tasir Latifi, Tehsildar Settlement and officials from Revenue, Rural Development and other concerned departments.

The Minister visited Chatha Gujra, Karloop, Kalasa Chak, and other villages, where a number of houses have been partially and fully damaged. Large tracks of cultivated land of the farmers has also washed away.

He interacted with the affected families and assured them that the Coalition Government headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is committed to provide adequate compensation to all affected people.

House damaged in fire

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: A residential house was damaged in fire in Achabal area of Anantnag district last evening.

Police said fire broke out in the residential house of Mohammad Maqbool Sheikh at Trehpo, Achabal in district Anantnag, resulting in partial damage to the house. Fire was brought under control with the help of fire tenders and local police.



Minister for Planning, Ajay Sadhotra inspecting flood hit house at Marh on Sunday.

The Minister asked the team of officers to record full details of the losses suffered by each affected family so that their cases are processed for compensation. He assured the people of the area that the administration would extend every help to facilitate their rehabilitation as the Government has already sanctioned Rs 87 crore for restoration of damages to the public assets and to pay compensation to the affected families.

The Minister asked the local administration as well as Panchayat Members to visit the flood affected areas assess the losses including damage to residential houses and loss of cattle heads. He said that report would be forwarded to the Government for release of relief in favour of the

affected families. He said that the Government was aware of the problems of the people who have suffered losses due to flash floods and heavy rains.

He said that the Coalition Government led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has given first priority to restoration of services and repair of public assets, besides rehabilitation of the flood affected people.

Responding to the urgent demands raised by the people for restoration of water and power supply, repair of damaged roads and payment of compensation to those families whose houses were damaged, the Minister assured them that all necessary steps would be taken to meet their demands.

Ramdev endorses separate Homeland demand: PK

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Patanjali Yog Peeth while extending support to Panun Kashmir (PK) for the struggle of Kashmiri Pandits leading an exiled life for last 24 years has also endorsed the demand of Homeland for over seven lakh KPs within Valley of Kashmir.

This was stated by PK here today.

It said endorsing the demand of Homeland and assuring full support to PK convener, Dr Agnishekhar before a huge audience at Hardwar, Yoga Guru Ramdev appreciated the concern and position of PK on the functioning of Indian State and other democratic institutions with regard to ongoing secessionism and Jihad terrorism and its implications on unity integrity and sovereignty of India.

Baba Ramdev, while complimenting Kashmiri Pandits for their immense contribution to Indian culture and civilization in terms of aesthetics, poetics, history, philo-

sophical discourses, spread of Buddhism across Central Asia, China and Tibet and other South Asian countries expressed his surprise and dismay over the continued apathy and neglect shown towards them by State and Central Governments since their forced exile from their millennia old homeland Kashmir in 1990.

Lauding the continued efforts of PK activists and Dr Agnishekhar, for tirelessly pioneering this national cause, Baba Ramdev held six decades Congress rule squarely responsible for the whole mess of things in Kashmir besides scores of recent scams, lot, corruption and depression in the country.

He appreciated the view of Dr Agnishekhar that at a time when America's military engagement in Afghanistan is seemingly coming to a close and Pakistan's influence in Kabul can have direct bearing on the Jehadi terrorist activities in Kashmir, the UPA continues to behave as cowered Government.

NCP will play crucial role in coming Parliament elections: Randhir Singh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Former Minister and State president, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Thakur Randhir Singh today said that NCP led by Union Agriculture Minister, Sharad Pawar, who has been a successful Chief Minister of Maharashtra for four times and a very successful Defence Minister of India, will play a crucial role in the coming Parliamentary elections in the country.

He asked the party cadre to strengthen the party in Jammu city and expose the corrupt politicians who have formed a nexus with corrupt bureaucrats, land mafia, contractors and communal elements in the State for vote bank.

Meanwhile, the State president appointed RC Bali, a social

activist and NCP leader as District president, Nationalist Youth Congress (NYC), Jammu Urban, with immediate effect.

The decision was taken by the State president in consultation with other office bearers of the Party in a meeting held here today.

In order to organize NCP in a proper way, the office bearers also decided to divide NCP into four zones. The first zone includes Jammu West, which comprised of Janipur, Sarwal, New Plot, Rehari Colony, Toph Sherkhania, Subash Nagar, Bakshi Nagar, Bhagwati Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Talab Tillo, Bohri and Nagrota constituency while the second zone include Raipur-Domana and Nagrota areas. The third zone includes Jammu East Constituency and the fourth zone includes Gandhi Nagar area.



Dignitary expressing his views during 'Kisan Ghosti' at Kathua on Sunday.

NABARD organizes 'Kisan Ghosti'

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Sept 1: Kisan Ghosti was organised by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) at village Lakhri, tehsil Billawar.

The programme was inaugurated by BG Mukhopadhyay, Chief General Manager, NABARD in presence of RK Kalsotra, LBO, Suresh Kotwal, Cluster Head, J&K Bank, Kapileshwar Dogra, Asstt Vice President, J&K Bank, Kathua, SL Sharma, Area Manager, JKGB, Balwant Singh, SDAO, Agriculture Department, Aman Kalsotra, DDM, NABARD, Amit Lal, Manager, NABARD, KK Bharadwaj, president, KYASC society, farmers club members, progressive farmers, etc.

Mukhopadhyay interacted with the farmers and encouraged them to share issue and problems they face in the area. He impressed upon the farmers to come forward and avail credit

benefits from the banks through KCC as it is available in hassle-free manner.

Aman Kalsotra, DDM, NABARD explained that the objective of KCC scheme, which is to provide flexible and hassle free credit to farmers, which is cost effective for banks as well as farmers. He explained that new KCC scheme provides for short term credit requirements for cultivation of crops, post harvest expenses, produce marketing loan, consumption requirements of the farmers' household, working capital for maintenance of farm assets and activities allied to agriculture, like dairy animals, inland fishery and investment credit requirement for agriculture and allied activities like pump sets, sprayers, dairy animals etc.

RK Kalsotra, Suresh Kotwal, Cluster Head, J&K Bank, Kapileshwar Dogra, Assistant Vice-president, J&K Bank and Balwant Singh, SDAO, Agriculture Department, Kathua also expressed their views.

Govt fails to control rising prices of essential commodities: JWAM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Jammu West Assembly Movement (JWAM) today held protest against the State and Central Governments for their failure in controlling the rising prices of the essential commodities including petrol, diesel.

Amid slogans against the State and Central Governments,



JWAM activists during protest demonstration at Jammu on Sunday.

the activists of JWAM led by its president Sunil Dimple burnt the effigy of the UPA Government. The protesters also flayed the UPA Government for its failure in controlling the decreasing value of the Rupee against the Dollar.

Addressing the gathering, Sunil Dimple demanded resignation of the Prime Minister as his Government has failed to control the rising prices of petrol, diesel

and LPG.

Dimple asked the Prime Minister to exempt the VAT and Sale Tax on the sale of the petrol, diesel and LPG in the country. He said the Congress has failed to come up to the expectations of the people of the country.

PM should apologize for the missing of the coal scams file from the UPA Coal Ministry office,

Dimple demanded.

He also asked the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to implement the Food Security Bill in the State and also to make immediate arrangements for the supply the sugar.

Among others present were Om Parkash Gupta, Ramesh Chander Kohli, Vinod Suri, Sham Ravi Gupta, Som Nath Sharma, Kulbhushan Tandon, Rohit Abrol, etc.

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