



Minister for Housing, Raman Bhalla addressing public meeting at Nai Basti on Sunday.

## 19 new tubewells in urban pockets of Jammu city soon: Bhalla

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: To stabilize the drinking water supply system in the water deficit areas of Jammu city, Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture Raman Bhalla today said that Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) has undertaken the Jammu and Kashmir Urban Sector Development Investment Programme (JKUSDIP), financed by the ADB through multi-Tranche Financing Facility (MFF) for drilling of 19 new deep drill tubewells in City of Temples under the estimated cost of Rs. 40.12 crore.

This was stated by the Minister while addressing a gathering at Nai Basti in Vijay Park after laying first deep drill tubewell under the JKUSDIP, here today.

Mr. Bhalla informed that the

deep drill tubewell at Nai Basti including laying of water supply pipes in periphery areas of the locality would be completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.25 crore.

He said under the JKUSDIP, the process for drilling of tube wells at CPS Narwal, Fruit Market (Green Belt), Channi Himmat Sector-2 (Panch Mandir), Channi Himmat Sector-1 (CPS PHE), Channi Kamala, Malik Market, Sainik Colony Sector-F, Sainik Colony Sector-G, Ambika Colony, D/C Block Gandhi Nagar, Bandhu Rakh, Nai Basti, Gandhi Nagar Block-A, Fruit Market (Green Belt), Channi Himmat Sector-7, Sainik Colony Sector-D and Dilli (PHE Station) have been completed and would be started one by one shortly.

The Minister said under JKUSDIP, twelve tubewells to be constructed in Jammu East

under Lot-1 and seven in Jammu West under Lot-2 with the facilities of pump room cum operator room, installation of pumping machinery, AVR Electric Panel, creation of electric sub-station, providing liquid chlorinator to chlorinate the water and laying of rising main and inter connections.

The Minister said that faster development of urban, rural pockets and its periphery areas of the State was on the top priority of the development agenda of the Government. He said that upgradation of road network, education, power, irrigation, RDD and PHE sectors have been given top priority by the Government. Mr. Bhalla said that massive road connectivity has been launched with a view to accelerate economic activities in the urban, rural and remotest areas of the State.

Mr. Bhalla asked the PHE and ERA authorities to lay drinking water supply pipes in the uncovered areas of the urban pockets and urged the people to use drinking water judiciously.

## GCW Parade to organize Women's Science Congress on Oct 24-26

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Government College for Women, Parade Ground, is going to organize the 2nd J&K Women's Science Congress next month from October 24 to 26 on the theme "Empowering Women through Science and Technology".

The grand venture, sponsored by the J&K State Council for Science and Technology and State Department of Science and Technology, is designed to spread the understanding of the need to empower women and involve them effectively in nation building activities tapping their potential.

Leading women scientists will deliver lectures on their contributions. This will help in breaking the myth that still persists that women are less suited to pursue science and encourage more women to pursue the field, said Dr Hemla Aggarwal, Principal of the College and patron of the Congress.

Dr Pragya Khanna, Organizing Secretary of the Congress, enumerated the objectives of the Congress that included advancing and promoting the cause of science in India; the publication of Souvenir, proceedings and more importantly the Directory of Women Scientists of J&K; to bring women scientists of the State

## Rather asks Banks to cover hinterland, bad pockets

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: Minister for Finance and Ladakh Affairs, Abdul Rahim Rather today asked the Banking Institutions to extend their reach in the hinterland, in order to support inclusive growth.

Speaking to a gathering, after inaugurating a Bank branch of HDFC at Chadoora in district Budgam, Mr. Rather asked the Banks to reach out to rural and unbanked areas to give impetus to the economic and business activities in the State. He also urged for improving Credit-Deposit Ratio (CDR) adding that the role of Banks in socio-economic emancipation was pivotal.

Appreciating HDFC for opening its 60th Branch in the State today, Mr. Rather said opening of business units by different Banks promotes healthy competition in providing better services to the people which ultimately goes in the favour of customers. He asked all the 39 Banking Institutions working in the State to strictly follow the guidelines of RBI, adding that the State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) is closely monitoring performance of each Bank with regard to credit flow to priority primary and agricultural sectors.

Mr. Rather said that HDFC is one of India's premier banks providing wide ranging financial products and services to its 28.5 million customers across 1891 cities and towns across the country, with 53% of its Branches in semi-urban and rural areas. He said within a relatively short

span of time, the Bank has emerged as a leading player in the retail banking, wholesale banking and treasury operations. While urging the Banks to provide hassle free credit facilities to the people, Mr. Rather called for utilizing loans properly and purposefully. He also asked the people to repay loan installments regularly as it was imperative for keeping the money cycle in order.

The State Head of the HDFC Bank, Zubair Iqbal highlighting major achievements of the Bank said that the Bank has a national distribution network of 3210 branches and 11088 ATMs and is considered Asia's No 1 private sector Bank since last 6 years.

MLC, Ali Mohammad Dar, SP Budgam Irshad Ahmad and concerned officers of the HDFC and district administration Budgam were also present on the occasion.

## GCW organizes Poetry, Symposium on Communal Harmony

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: The NSS Unit of Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar Jammu, organized poetry session



Students of GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu who claimed positions in Poetry and Symposium posing for a group photograph.

and Symposium of BA Part I won first and second prizes respectively, while Ramneet Kour of BA Honours and Diksha Sharma of B Sc 2nd year shared the third prize.

and Symposium on the Communal Harmony, as part of ongoing Sadhbawana fortnight Celebrations here.

While addressing the students, Principal of the College Dr Kiran Bakshi, who was also chief guest on the occasion, emphasized upon the students and youth to play active role in maintaining peace, communal harmony and brotherhood.

"Religions never preach hatred rather teach us good moral values," she said.

About 30 students participated in the event. Student recited poetry and expressed their views on communal harmony in English, Hindi, Urdu and Dogri.

In the poetry competition, Diksha Kumari of B Sc Part II

## Coalition Govt set into motion golden era of development: Mir

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: Minister for Tourism GA Mir today said that the present Coalition Government has set into motion a golden era of development, adding that the coming years will be a turnaround in socio-economic transformation of the State.

Addressing public meetings today at Lok Bhawan and Shopora in his home Constituency, Dooru, the Minister said "an unprecedented era of development and peace has dawned in the State during the current dispensation and every possible resource is being mobilized and pooled to provide basic facilities to the people with focused attention on equitable opportunities of development and uniform justice to poor and backward areas." He said Government is abreast with the

problems of the people and no stone will be left unturned to redress their grievances.

The Minister said provision of responsive, accountable and transparent governance is one of the top priorities of the

satiate their vested interests are hell bent to vitiate the atmosphere of peace by raising frivolous issues. "But they will never succeed in their nefarious designs because the people are aware about their machination



Minister for Tourism GA Mir addressing a public meeting at Srinagar on Sunday.

Government, adding that landmark acts including RTI, PSGA and Vigilance Commission have been enacted by the Government for the purpose.

"Enactment of these laws is sequel to Government efforts to provide corruption free governance to the people," Mir said and added that the people have to avail benefits of these laws. He said 69 services have been brought under the ambit of PSGA.

Mir said, in view of the primary importance of road connectivity in socio-economic transformation of the society, the Government has under taken a massive programme to construct roads and bridges in every nook and corner of the State. "Now each and every village having a population of 250 souls will essentially be connected with road network under PMGSY", Mir added.

The Minister cautioned the people about the forces inimical to peace, adding that some defeated elements in order to

and double standards. They have neither any agenda nor any mass base and rely only on politics of lie and deceit. He said no body will be allowed to disturb the peace and conducive atmosphere of the State.

The Minister said tourism is the backbone of State's economy and its expansion was the priority of the Government. He said tourism elevation means the prosperity of the whole State. "Tourism sector is not enemy of anybody but the friend all of us. We should cash it by positive way for our prosperity", he asserted.

Later, Mr. Mir reviewed pace of progress of various ongoing developmental projects being executed in the area under core sectors. He received detailed appraisal of physical and financial statuses of the projects. He impressed upon the concerned to redouble their efforts and accelerate the pace of ongoing projects ensuring their time bound completion for the benefits of the people.

## Last year's flood, rain victims of Kathua still await relief

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Sept 1: The last year's flood and rain victims of district Kathua have expressed their concern over non payment of relief to them till date and demanded immediate clearance of all the pending cases.

In a plea to State Government, they said while Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has announced Rs 87 crore as relief to be disbursed among the flood and rain victims of this year, in Kathua district the people who have suffered lot of damage due to flash floods and rains last year have not been paid compensation till date despite the assurances by authorities and legislators.

They said despite approaching the district administration from time to time they were informed that the issue has been taken up with Divisional Commissioner and a detailed report has been sent to him in this regard in August last year.

In its report the DC informed the Divisional Commissioner that total 519 houses have been damaged in Kathua district during the natural calamities, rains and heavy floods during August last year.

The letter said, while 148 houses were fully damaged, 371

were damaged partially during the rains and floods. Besides, 19 pet animals were killed in these natural calamities in the district, he added.

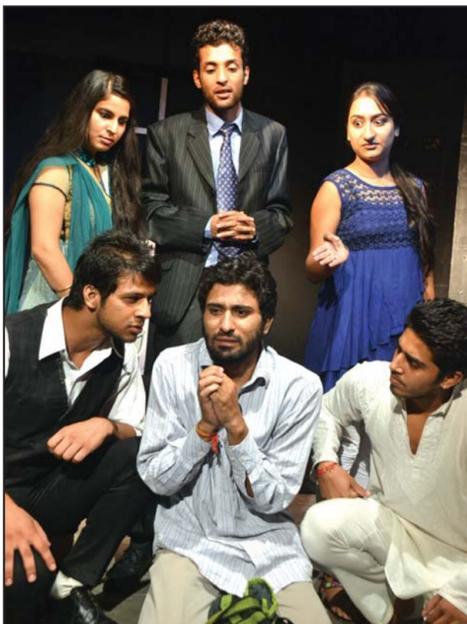
The DC in his communication has further stated that 220-5 kanals of land has eroded in the district while crops on 174-04 kanals of land was also damaged.

While furnishing tehsil-wise details, he said in Kathua tehsil alone 35 houses were fully damaged while 87 were damaged partially. In Hiranagar tehsil, 10 houses were fully and 15 were partially damaged.

The letter said in Billawar tehsil, while 19 houses were fully damaged 53 were damaged partially. In Basohli tehsil 84 houses were fully damaged while 216 were damaged partially, it added.

Three pet animals each were killed in Kathua, Hiranagar and Basohli tehsils while 10 were killed in Billawar, the letter said, adding 137-15, 39-00 and 32-10 kanals of land were eroded in Kathua, Hiranagar and Billawar tehsils respectively while the crop over 174-04 kanals of land was damaged in Kathua district alone.

However, no relief has been paid to the people due to paucity of funds till date, it said.



A scene from Hindi play 'Bheed Main Raunda Hua Aadmi' staged by Natrang at Jammu on Sunday.

## Natrang stages 'Bheed Main Raunda Hua Aadmi'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Natrang today staged "Bheed Main Raunda Hua Aadmi", a Hindi play in its Sunday Theatre Series at its studio theatre.

The play has been written by Vinod Kumar and directed by Neeraj Kant. The play very symbolically and effectively portrayed the deteriorating condition of a common man in the present society.

The play presents a situation where everyone is engrossed in his/her own interests, irrespective of the growth and development of the society as a whole.

A poor man who has recently got a job wants to elevate his life but encounters many hurdles in it. As he is shabbily dressed, no one pays any heed to him on the contrary he is humiliated everywhere because of his appearance and status and also for his dream to live a so called high-class life. The play very beautifully shows that there are

very rare chances for a common man to make his own identity and fortunately if someone gets it, he would be forced to be a part of the crowd and live according to their desires. After all this oppression, one is left with no option but to be a part of the mob as it appears the only way for the survival, no matter if it resembles the life of the insects but still it is life and the weak and the meek accept it. The metaphor of the mob had played a vital role in the play.

Natrang actors who presented the play included Ashwani Bali, Mohammad Yaseen, Uplaksh Singh Kotwal, Sushel Raina, Neha Sharma, Sheetal Sharma, Mahikshit Singh Sambyal, Pankaj Verma and Bhupesh Malhotra.

The lights were designed by Rahul Singh and music was rendered by Syed Mudassar Ali Shah. Vineet Sharma did the presentation and the show was coordinated by Sumeet Sharma.



Congress MLA Indu Pawar addressing a public meeting at Sum on Sunday.

## Indu Pawar addresses public meeting

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: MLA and State president of Mahila Congress, Indu Pawar conducted a public meeting in Sum Panchayat under Marh Assembly constituency and highlighted the achievements of Congress-led UPA Government.

She also inaugurated the lanes and drains, constructed from her CDF and listed the works done by her in the constituency. "Several works like construction of roads, lanes and drains, installation of hand pumps, have been completed while for construction of Flood Protection wall, the concerned officers of the department have already inspected the sites and the work is likely to start very

soon, she said.

The MLA emphasized that better quality of life to all citizen of the country was fundamental need and the Congress has taken care of all such needs in shape of education to all, Right to Information, Right to Work (MGNREGA) and now Right to Food Security Bill.

She stressed that need of the hour was to maintain unity among party cadre and work whole heartedly for implementation of Centrally sponsored schemes for women empowerment, MGNREGA, Right to Information, Right to Food Security and strengthening of Panchyati Raj.

The meeting was attended by a large number of people, particularly women of Sum Panchayat.

## NSF membership drive from Sept 9

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: National Secular Forum today announced a month long state-wide membership campaign under "Yuva Sadasya - Abhiyan" from September 9.

Talking to media-person here today, NSF president Sukhdev Singh said that the drive would also be held at tehsil levels to register more and more youth as members of NSF. "The leaders of the Forum will reach the youth in every corner of the State and make them aware of the policies of the Central and State Government which are against the youth," he added.

First time voters, rural youths, backward and scheduled caste and tribes and young boys and girls between the age group of 18

Tafcon Ltd organizes Road Show for 9th PAMEX 2013

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: Tafcon Project (India) Private Limited in collaboration with All India Federation of Master Printers (Apex body of printers in India) organised a Road Show for 9th PAMEX 2013 in preparation of forthcoming Exhibition at NCR Noida in November 2013.

A video presentation was shown to the members of Jammu Printers Association, the local organisers of the above show, here today.

Earlier, a general body meeting of Jammu Printers Association was held here today, where problems faced by the printers in general and solutions thereof were discussed.

Kamal Chopra, general secretary, North India Printers Association was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, he encouraged the printers of Jammu to follow the new and latest trends in printing.

Anil Gupta (Krishna Designer Printer), who recently received a National Gold Award 2013 was also honoured during the meeting.

## MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

Appendix

Garrison Engineer 969 Engrs Works Section on behalf of President of India invites applications from eligible enlisted Contractors of MES and enlisted/un-enlisted Contractors working with other Govt Departments meeting eligibility criteria for selection of Contractors for issue of tender of under mentioned work :-

Srl No	Name of work	Estimated cost (in lakhs)	Completion period	Amount of earnest money	Cost of tender in favour of
1.	Special repairs to loading platforms including ramps of 07 x IGLOOS & 5 x Esh and other sanctioned works at Baramulla under GE 969 EWS.	Rs 14.00	06 Months	Rs 28,000/-	Rs 500/- in favour of GE 969 EWS payable at Baramulla

Last date of receipt of application : 10 Sep 2013

Eligible Criteria	
(i) For MES enlisted contractor	(i) Category of works: "E' a(i)
(ii) For other contractors	(i) Meeting enlistment criteria of MES with regards to Having satisfactorily completed requisite value of work, Annual turnover, working capital, fixed assets etc.
(iii) Date of issue of tender	: 11 Sep 2013
(iv) Date of receipt of tender	: As mentioned in the tender documents.

- Notes:-**
- Application not accompanied by requisite value DD/Bankers cheque towards cost of Tender shall not be considered for issue of tender.
  - Contractors not enlisted with MES will be required to enclose necessary documents to prove their eligibility as given above including affidavit for no recovery outstanding.
  - In case of rejection of application for issue of tender, the applicant shall be refunded the cost of tender. However contractor may appeal to next Higher Engineer Authority i.e. CWI for rejection of his application for issue of tender whose decision shall be final and binding and contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation what so ever for non issue of tender.
  - The above details are also available on MES website www.mes.gov.in.