

Omar inaugurates J&K Bank's National Business Centre in Mumbai

Excelsior Correspondent
MUMBAI, Sept 2: Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah today highlighted the role of Jammu and Kashmir Bank in the economic development of the State and enhancing trade and commerce activities within and outside the State.

Omar Abdullah said the growth and development of Jammu and Kashmir Bank with the passage of time has been significant and its success story is glaring and extra-ordinary. He said J&K Bank is touching new highs as a successful and growing business company which has made its mark in the country.

The Chief Minister expressed the hope that J&K Bank would grow further and emerge as one of the leading business companies in the country.

The Chief Minister was speaking at a function after inaugurating J&K Bank's National Business Centre at Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai in the presence of Deputy Governor RBI, H R Khan and Chairman and CEO J&K Bank, Mushtaq Ahmad.

The complex is strategically located in Mumbai's latest com-

mercial hub surrounded by headquarters of premier Banks, financial institutions and other companies of India. The state-of-the-art building owned by the Bank houses the Bank's Zonal Office (West), Treasury Operations Office and a Business Unit.

The event was attended by the Bank's customers, corporate leaders, businessmen, people from media and the Bank's top management including Executive Presidents, Presidents and other functionaries.

"While pushing deeper into the unbanked pockets within the State, I am delighted to see J&K Bank marching ahead matching steps with country's best Banks and financial institutions", he said.

"With diametrically opposite economic realities co-existing in this country you have to serve the poorest and help the growth and economic development of the State", he told the Bank management.

The Chief Minister also appreciated the leadership capacity of the Chairman of J&K Bank, Mushtaq Ahmad and congratulated him for the new initiatives taken for the growth and development of the Bank.

The multi-storied structure consists of a basement, a still level floor, a balcony and nine upper floors. The interiors of the building have been designed in a way to blend the latest décor, eco-friendly aesthetics with the cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

The ambience within the center has been embellished with Khatamband ceilings, paper-mâché artworks on its walls and pillars, Panjrekari and Khatamband patterns interspersed with colourful motifs imprinted on the glass walls.

Earlier, in his welcome address Chairman J&K Bank said, "As the only listed company from the State of Jammu and Kashmir, J&K Bank believes that financial empowerment lies at the heart of social and economic development of people. We have been doing this through the processes that in due course lead to comprehensive growth and development of society."

Expressing concern over the economic scenario of the country, he said, "As bankers our role assumes more importance and we must contribute to the country's well-being wholeheartedly and responsibly."

Sensational Anmol Jaswal puts J&K on country's singing map

***Emerges runners-up in prestigious 'Indian Idol Junior' show**

Govind Sharma
JAMMU, Sept 2: Promising singing star of Jammu and Kashmir, Anmol Jaswal, has brought laurels not only to the City of Temples but to the entire State by



emerging runners-up in the prestigious Sony TV Entertainment Show 'Indian Idol Junior 2013' thereby helping Jammu and Kashmir to carve a place on the Country singing map.

The young talent apart from winning hearts of many singers of great repute, has also touched the melody queen Lata Mangeshkar with his sweet and melodious voice. He also won 'Best Performer Award' twice during the three months journey of the show.

The show that enthralled the viewers across the Country and touched a billion hearts, a journey which started with 86 contestants from across India came to an end yesterday night as India got its 'First Indian Idol Junior'.

The show was adjudged by three genius from the music world, Shreya Ghoshal and music composers, Vishal and Shekhar.

Anjana Padmanabhan was crowned the winner by living legend Amitabh Bachchan himself while Anmol Jaswal secured second runners-up position in the finale of the show, which was graced by Bollywood stars Priyanka Chopra and Shahid Kapoor.

"It was a great experience. We

all worked hard continuously for three months to win the laurels. We were like a family and had our moments of joy and sorrow during this three months journey of the show. We learned a lot from each other and our judges, who told us about our shortcomings, which we rectified as the show advanced", said the sensational singing star, Anmol Jaswal while sharing his experience throughout the show.

However, he expressed that SMS ban on prepaid connections in the State served as a stumbling block otherwise he would have secured the title.

When asked about his future plans, Anmol said that three months long rigorous competition in the show has made him tired and he wants to take some rest.

"Presently I have no future plans, but my aspirations are very high. I want to become a perfect playback singer and compose my own music. I will not stop here, this is the only beginning. I have to travel a lot and fulfill my aim" said the sensational star.

Belonging to a middle class family which resides in Greater Kailash, Anmol started singing since he was two and a half years old. He learned classical music from his father, Surpal Jaswal, who is a music teacher. His mother is a housewife as well as a singer and gives training to children from home.

A student of 9th standard in Model Academy, Jammu, Anmol, has many achievements in his name. He won 3rd prize in Sangam Kala Group competition and 1st in Bollywood Music Academy, Rangbhoomi and Devotional Song Competition. Besides, he always stood 1st in various Inter School Competitions, he participated. Apart from it, he has received a Jammu Star award and done numerous local shows.



Governor N N Vohra, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand and top police officers posing during Investiture Ceremony at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar on Monday. —Excelsior/Amin War

Investiture Ceremony held at Raj Bhavan Governor presents President's Police Medals to 90 officers, men

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 2: N. N. Vohra, Governor today presented the President's Police Medals for Gallantry and Distinguished and Meritorious Services to 90 Police officers and men at an impressive Investiture Ceremony held at Raj Bhavan here today.

They included 36 President's Police Medals for Gallantry, 5 President's Police Medals for Distinguished Services and 49 President's Medals for Meritorious Services. These Medals were awarded to J&K Police personnel during 2011 and 2012. Among the recipients of the Medals were the next of

kin of one of the gallant Police Jawans who had laid down his life for safeguarding the security of the nation.

The Governor interacted with the recipients of the Medals and lauded their valour and devotion to the duty.

Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister; Tara Chand, Deputy Chief Minister; several Ministers and officers of civil and police administration besides family members of the recipients of the Medals were present on the occasion.

Later, the recipients of the Medals had group photographs taken with the Governor, Chief Minister and other dignitaries.

Work on Baglihar-II to begin soon PDC to go for capacity addition of 9000 MWs during 12th, 13th Plans

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 2: The foundation stone of stage-II of the Baglihar project is now being laid shortly. This would be a reiteration of the commitment of the Government to bring a turnaround in the State's economy by tapping the huge hydro potential of the State, estimated at 20,000 MW, in a systematic and time-bound manner. The Board of Directors of JKSPDC has already approved a capacity addition of 9000 MW in the State during the 12th and 13th Plan period.

Commissioning of the 50 MW Baglihar HEP Stage-II would be an important milestone in this regard in the continued efforts of the Government led by Omar Abdullah to bridge the supply demand gap with respect to electric supply in the State.

Baglihar HEP has been conceived on River Chenab as Run-of-River Scheme with a generation capacity of 900 MW of power, to be developed in two stages of 450 MW each, with a common dam near Ramban. The Stage-I has already been completed at a cost of Rs. 5827 crore and was commissioned in 2008-09 having a capacity of generating



Dilapidated condition of road from JP Chowk to Indira Chowk. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Indira Chowk to below Gumat road in dilapidated condition NBCC's apathy puts businessmen, commuters' life at stake

Ajay Raina
JAMMU, Sept 2: National Building Construction Corporation's (NBCC's) apathy has proved fatal not only for the commuters and business community, but also for the VIPs, as the road from Indira Chowk to below Gumat continues to be in deplorable condition for the past over four months.

Nearly one kilometer of the aforesaid road is in dilapidated condition and the concerned agency--National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) is not paying any heed towards that, thereby putting the life of the commuters, shopkeepers and general people at risk.

Road accidents are taking place on this awful road every day, but NBCC responsible for repairing and reconstruction of the said road is watching all this with open eyes but has not taken any concrete steps to reconstruct the road for the relief of the people in general and commuters in particular.

Not only the common masses and shopkeepers, VIPs are also made to face the warmth of this dilapidated road, as this

road also leads to Civil Secretariat of the winter capital. Talking to Excelsior, one of the commuter Vishal Sharma, who is also a college student said that, "I have to pass from this road to and fro on daily basis to reach my college and back home and this road is in worst condition for the last over four months. On rainy day, it is just impossible to ply two-wheeler on this road as due to rain, the road gets slippery and could lead to accidents", Sharma added.

"Why to dig road and put the life of the people at risk, if it can not be reconstructed to its original form after finishing the work", Sharma said while making mockery of the concerned agency involved in the repairing of the road.

Ramesh Tak, president, Traders Welfare Association, Bus Stand expressing his anguish said that the road was dug some four months back by NBCC for some sewerage work, but till today it has failed to bring the road in its original form.

"We met Chief Engineer, Public Works Department

(PWD), who assured us that the road will be repaired after completion of the Shri Amaranth Yatra, but no step has been taken in this regards till today, thus compelling the shopkeepers to come on roads and hold massive protest", Tak added.

"Around 400 shops exists in the bus stand and this road is the life line for them", he said, adding that due to dilapidated condition of the road, the tourists inflow has seen a downfall, resulting into large scale sufferings to the shopkeepers.

General Manager NBCC told Excelsior that, they have completed their part of work and there is need of black-topping which is to be done by Road and Building (R&B) Department. He said that as the rainy season is going on the black-topping of the road is not possible at this time.

When contacted SD Manhas, Superintendent Engineer (SE), Public Works Department (PWD) said that the aforesaid road is to be repaired by NBCC as PWD is not responsible for reconstruction of the said road. "We have nothing to do with this road as NBCC is wholly responsible for the reconstruction of the road", Manhas informed.

Prasad inaugurates Model Police Station

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 2: Jammu and Kashmir Police is upgrading its building infrastructure to provide better working and living facilities to its personnel. Various office and residential accommodations have been constructed across the State to strengthen the building infrastructure under the modernization scheme.



DGP, Ashok Prasad inaugurating Model Police Station at Harwan on Monday.

This was disclosed by the Director General of Police (DGP), Ashok Prasad, while commissioning the Model Police Station building at Harwan today. He said that in view of the increasing responsibilities, the Organization has been focusing to upgrade the working conditions for its personnel as per the latest requirements. Constructions are made keeping in mind the modern facilities and techniques of construction, he added.

Mr. Prasad appreciated the efforts of the officers and engineers

for the personnel, who are always found busy facing tough situations. Proper supervision by the senior officers would make performance more fruitful, said the DGP.

Before commissioning the building, the DGP was briefed by ADGP Headquarters, S.P. Vaid and Executive Engineer PCD, N. D. Khawaja about the construction of the Police Station Building. He was told that the two storied building was constructed by PCD within one year at a cost of Rs. 1 crore and is having hostel facilities and residential quarters. It would help to provide better policing to the people with quick response, overlooking the tourist resort. Earth quake resistant column structure has been utilized in the construction as per the prescribed norms. The multi-storey building has been completed within stipulated time, the DGP was informed. They assured that all the constructions would be completed within the time frame. DGP also discussed the pace of progress achieved on other works presently under execution in Kashmir Division.

The DGP was accompanied by Additional Directors General of Police P.L. Gupta, D.R. Doley and Dilbag Singh, Inspectors General of Police Dr. B. Srinivas, A. K. Choudhary, Deepak Kumar, Abdul Ghani and Dr. K.K. Saini, D/Gs AK Atri and S. A. Mujtaba, SSP Sarngar, SAH Bukhari and other senior police officers.

Kailash Kund Yatra flagged off with religious fervor from Dudu

Excelsior Correspondent
UDHAMPUR, Sept 2: Three-day historical Kailash Kund Yatra alongwith Charri Mubarak was flagged off from Vasuki Nag Temple Dudu early this morning with traditional fervour and gaiety, jointly by MLA Chenani, KC Bhagat along with Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Dudu Basantgarh, Mohd Anwar Bandy, who has played an instrumental role in re-inventing this old traditional route with support and cooperation of Management Committee of the Yatra.

Lot of enthusiasm and high spirits were visible on the faces of numerous pilgrims hailing not only from Dudu Basantgarh but also from Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Chenani and Ramnagar, who were constantly chanting bhajans and had queued up very early morning to become a part of this historical leg of Kailash Kund Yatra despite challenging weather conditions.

Speaking on the occasion, SDM, Dudu-Basantgarh, said that I am personally monitoring water availability, stay arrangements, larger facilities

HC asks Govt to maintain "status quo" on BSNL land

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 2: High Court directed the Government to maintain "status quo" on acquisition of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) land at Rambagh.

A Division Bench of High Court comprising Chief Justice M M Kumar and Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur set aside the Single Bench order which had rejected an application of BSNL seeking stay on the Government's move to dispose it from the land.

The court admitted the appeal submitted by the BSNL counsel and set aside the order dated 25 May 2013.

"The status quo shall be maintained on the land till the petition is considered and decided finally by the writ court, preferably within a period of two months from the date of judgment," the court directed.

"However, we wish to make it clear that any observation

made in the preceding direction shall not be construed as an expression of final opinion on the issue raised before the writ court. These are our prima facie impressions. The writ court should proceed to consider the controversy on its own merit without being influenced by any observation made here," the court observed.

For the construction of fly-over from Jahangir Chowk to Rambagh, the State Government had issued notice to the BSNL authorities under Land Acquisition Act in 2010 to handover them the land for rehabilitation of the shopkeepers who were displaced due to extension of the road.

But the BSNL had challenged the Government's order in the court, arguing through its counsel, Nazir Ahmad Beig, that the land under occupation of the Central Government Departments or corporations cannot be transferred to the State as per the Land Acquisition Act.

Sumo rolls down; minor killed, 10 injured

Excelsior Correspondent
DODA, Sept 2: A minor boy was killed, while 10 others were injured, when the Tata Sumo was travelling in skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge near Gandoh.

The ill-fated vehicle bearing registration number JK14A-8757 was on its way to Gandoh from Chowri, when the driver lost control over the vehicle and it plunged into 70-feet deep gorge near Sheep quarters, Gandoh.

On getting information, police and locals rushed to the spot and started rescue operation. All the injured were shifted to Sub District Hospital Gandoh in police and other vehicles.

At SDH Gandoh, Shahzad Hussain (7), son of Reham Tullah Zargar of Bhargi, Gandoh failed to respond to the treatment and succumbed to his injuries, while the condition of the injured was stated to be sta-

ble, when last reports came in.

The injured have been identified as Baby (2 months), daughter of Sarfraz Ahmed of Anroor, Raksha Devi, wife of Sunil Kumar of Drai, Om Raj, son of Dhuni Chand of Kansar, Mulkh Raj, son of Diwan Chand of Chowri, Zahir Abbas, son of Reham Tullah of Drai, Naseema Begum, wife of Sarfraz Ahmed of Anroor, Noor Mohammad, son of Mohammad Abraham of Kondaloo, Zahir Ahmed, son of Andul Aziz of Chenyas, Anjum Mubina, daughter of Raham Tullah Zargar of Bargi and Faroz Din, son of Sher Khan of Anroor.

A case under relevant Sections has been registered and manhunt has been launched to arrest the driver of the vehicle, who has been identified as Ravi Kumar, son of Kailash Kumar of Gausar.

However, driver of the vehicle was at large when last reports compiled.

5 hurt in car accident

Excelsior Correspondent
NOWSHERA, Sept 2: Five members of a family including two children were injured after their car met with an accident at Narian in Nowshera area today.

The mishap took place when the car No. JK02AB/3831 was on way to Jammu from Mendhar. When it reached at Narian it mounted on the debris at the hill side being in speed and turned turtle at around 11.30 am. The injured were removed to Sub District hospital Nowshera by the locals. They were identified as Mohd Aziz, Anzreg Akhtar, Mohd Irshad, Kamla Bano and Mohd Farooq from Mendhar.

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NIT No NH/CHT/P&C/W-13/2013-14/2451 Dated 31/08/2013

Online electronic bids are invited on behalf of NHPC Limited, Chutak Power Station for the work: Construction of Concrete walls and providing & fixing TCT PP GAL HI-Rib Sheets for prevention of seepage from roof of MAT. Estimated cost: Rs.47,50,642/- Required Bid Security: Rs 95,000/- Cost of document : Rs 500/- Time Allowed for completion: Eight (8) Months Last date & Time of Receipt of tender document fee & Bid Security: 02.09.2013 (10:00 AM) to 25.09.2013 (05:00 PM) Online Bid Submission: 02.09.2013 (10:00 AM) to 26.09.2013 (12 Noon) Date & Time of opening of Techno Commercial Bid: 26.09.2013 at 01:00 PM.

Note: For more details, please visit NHPC website at www.nhpcindia.com or www.tcil-india-electronictender.com or contact: Sr. Manager (Elect.), Power House Complex, Chutak Power Station, Tel No: 01985-233709, Fax No: 01985-233689 Email: chutak_nhpc@rediffmail.com. Any subsequent corrigendum shall only be published on the website of NHPC or TCIL.

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CORRIGENDUM

The bid submission date has been extended upto 16th-09-2013 for the work of "Providing & fixing of steel crash barriers at site of powerhouse approach road and saspal road at NBHEP, NHPC Limited ALCHI, Leh Ladakh, J&K". For details please visit website <http://www.tcil-india-electronictender.com> and www.nhpcindia.com

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