

CT Scan services likely to resume in City Hospitals

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 4: After remaining out of order for the past one week, the CT Scan services in the City Hospitals will be made fully operational in the next couple of days to cater the needs of the trauma and other patients.

Official sources told the EXCELSIOR that the CT Scan machines in the Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) and Shri Maharaja Gulab Singh (SMGS) Hospital catering to the needs of trauma and others patients coming from various parts of the Jammu region remained out of order for around one week.

The reason behind non-functioning of the machine in the GMC was due to non-working of the main part of the CT scan machine "Tube", sources added.

Due to it, hundreds of patients (emergency and in-patients) have been facing problems as they were being referred to Chest Disease (CD) Hospital, sources said.

The snag got developed in the CT Scan machine around one week back in the GMC due

to the increasing work load as on daily basis around 70 to 80 patients were being diagnosed by this lone machine, sources said, adding, "had the proposal for installation of two new CT Scan machine in the GMC been cleared by the Government such a situation would not have arisen".

"No doubt the patients are being referred to CD Hospital, yet this arrangement is putting patients as well as attendants to inconvenience".

The attendants have to move towards private clinics for the conduct of the test as they have to wait for a long time to get the test conducted in the machine in CD Hospital, sources said.

About the non-working of the CT Scan machine in SMGS Hospital, sources said, "this machine too developed a snag due to non-functioning of one of the parts of camera, which resulted into non-availability of test reports".

Talking to Excelsior, one of the attendants of the trauma patient admitted in the GMC Hospital said "If any kind of mis-happening will take place

in this entire process of conducting CT Scan test, who will be responsible?".

He alleged that huge funds were being utilized by the Government, but they cannot install additional CT Scan machines in such big institutions for the convenience of the patients.

When contacted Dr Ghansham Dev, Head of Radiology Department, that due to non-working of "Tube", the lone CT Scan machine in the GMC Hospital became non-operational.

"The 'Tube' has been brought and in a couple of days, the machine will be made fully operational for the convenience of the patients in GMC", he asserted.

When asked about non-functioning of CT Scan machine in the SMGS Hospital, Dr Ghansham said "one of the parts of the camera was not working, due to which sometimes the reports got delayed due to printing error.

"We had also brought that part too, which will make the machine operational in coming few days", he asserted.



Provincial President NC Devender Singh Rana interacting with students of IIMC at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan on Wednesday.

Rana interacts with students of IIMC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 4: Provincial President Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday said that apart from restoring peace and undertaking holistic development, the single most achievement of the National Conference led Government in Jammu and Kashmir has been ensuring people's participation in decision making at the grass roots level, giving them a right to question besides making administration transparent and accountable.

Interacting with the students of Indian Institute of Mass Communication and Abhinav Mathur, Assistant Professor. Those who raised questions included Hema Handoo, Kritika Joshi, Gaurav Gupta, Avantika Gupta, Ashim Sarkar, Darpan Mago, Sumeda Sharma, Supriya Bhatia, Youns Ahmed Dar and Diviya Sharma.

Mr Rana enumerated the developmental initiatives and said a strong edifice has been laid for sustained development, harnessing power, bringing about reforms and making the administration transparent at all levels. He referred to the reconstitution of State Accountability Commission, setting up of State Vigilance Commission and introduction of Public Services Guarantee Act and said these are path breaking initiatives to combat corruption, enable people to seek redressal to their grievances and getting their problems solved in a time bound manner.

When asked about the plank being taken by National Conference in the coming elections next year, Mr Rana said the report card of Omar Abdullah Government would be best bet to go to the people. He said the Chief Minister has been striving for seeking solution to the political problems of the State alongside ensuring development and restoring peace.

Senior National Conference leader Anil Dhar was also present on the occasion.

Rs 15,000 fine imposed

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 4: Legal Metrology officials today fined a firm in Jammu an amount of Rs 15,000 for carrying an advertisement in the print media in violation of Packaged Commodities Rules.

Acting on a complaint lodged by a Valley-based citizen against the firm, Assistant Controller Legal Metrology, Kewal Krishan, and Deputy Controller, Srinagar, collected evidence against the firm and served a legal notice to the firm for breach of various provisions of Packaged Commodities Rules.

"The management of the firm, which does whole-sale business of various products such as consumable goods like edible oil, food packages as well as durable goods like TV/LED/computer accessories, confessed the violation and ensured the department that the same shall be rectified within one week," an official of the department said.

He said the department slapped a fine of Rs 15,000 on the management for carrying catchy advertisement.

1 dies as two fall from walnut trees

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 4: Two persons fell down from walnut trees at different places in Anantnag district.

A police spokesman said one of them died while the condition of other one is reported to be stable.

Mohammad Ashraf Check, son of Abdul Gani of Manzgam, Aherbal, fell from a walnut tree at Behram Sahib, Khanabal, in district Anantnag and died on the spot.

In another similar accident, Abdul Ahad Bhat, 42, adopted son of Abdul Aziz Wani of Khanpora, Uttersoo, fell from a walnut tree at Khanpora, Anantnag and was injured. He was shifted to District Hospital Anantnag for treatment and his condition is reported to be stable.

Spread message of non-violence: Manohar to GGF members

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 4: Underlining the need for encouraging those volunteers who are ready to render their services for betterment of society, the Minister of State for Finance, Planning, Cooperative and Higher Education, Dr Manohar Lal Sharma has asked the members of Gandhi Global Family (GGF) to spread the message of truth and non-violence of Mahatma Gandhi besides working for strengthening the secular character of the State.

The Minister was addressing a function organized by GGF in connection with celebration of Foundation Day of the organization here today.

State President, GGF, Padamshree S.P.Verma and other senior functionaries of the organization which included S.U.Temiri, Balbir Singh, G.M.Shah, Riyaz Ahmad and Haji G.N.Ganie were present on the occasion.

The Minister asked the members to organize symposiums at district, tehsil and block levels to sensitize people about the principles of the Mahatma Gandhi having relevance with present era and situation.

Dr Manohar said that some groups are trying to disturb peace atmosphere of the country by dividing people on religious and regional lines and called upon members to stand firm against such anti-national elements. "It is our collective responsibility to stop such elements from implementing their nefarious designs" said the Minister, adding that living together in peace was a part of Gandhian philosophy.

Appreciating the Union Government for passing Food Security and Land Acquisition Bills, the Minister said that such bold and visionary decisions which would have far reaching effects on the development of the country.

Earlier, S.P.Verma, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the activities of the organization.

S.U.Tamiri presented vote of thanks.

Later, the Minister awarded the district Coordinators of Kupwara, Ganderbal and Bandipora for the efforts they put in place for expanding the membership in their respective districts.



Newly announced office bearers of JKSAAC posing for photograph at Jammu on Wednesday.

JKSAC to launch district level agitation against State, Central Govts

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 4: Jammu and Kashmir Sharnathi Action Committee (JKSAC) held a meeting under the chairmanship of its president Gurdeep Singh Pandey and flayed the State and Central Governments for their failure to redress the long pending demands of PoJK DPs of 1947, 1965 and 1971.

While speaking, Pandey warned the State and Central Governments to launch district level agitation against the discrimination meeting out with displaced persons. He said that Government is misleading the

displaced persons for the sake of votes.

Ronik Sharma, general secretary and spokesperson demanded additional compensation for delay in settlement, special treatment for employment and settlement of trade, etc.

On the occasion, Davinder Singh has been appointed as district president of Jammu, Manjot Singh as vice president, Amit Singh as general secretary, Harvinder Singh as secretary, Parvinder Singh as joint secretary, Baljeet Singh as organizing secretary and Lucky Singh as publicity secretary.



Tanishq customers posing for photograph during experiential tour to Tamil Nadu.

Tanishq organizes experiential tour for customers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 4: Tanishq, India's largest and most preferred jewellery brand, got their elite customers of J&K on an experiential tour to the manufacturing unit in Hosur, Tamil Nadu.

In the tour, 16 Tanishq customers from Jammu as well as Srinagar took part to experience the entire jewellery making process and the best practices at the Tanishq place.

Speaking on the occasion, Sujad Sood, Area Business Manager, Punjab and J&K said "Tanishq has been synonymous with superior craftsmanship, exclusive designs and guaranteed product quality".

"Having established ourselves as a desired brand loved for its quality and range, we wanted our customers to understand how Tanishq jewellery is created", he added.

"I am sure this visit to the manufacturing unit would have helped them gain an insight into the operations in our manufacturing facilities and a sneak peek to the process of jewellery making that they love to adorn", he added.

Speaking in detail about the manufacturing unit, Neha said that employment of a large number of physically challenged persons was really impressive. The business ethics of Tanishq are quite commendable, which have resulted in high trust factor for

the customers.

Brij Padha, participant of the tour and Tanishq customer said that it was amazing to see so much gold for the first time through this visit.

As a jewellery customer I understand the entire jewellery manufacturing process and safety standard followed at the manufacturing unit", Padha added.

Villagers demand regular power supply

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Sept 4: People of various villages in the district today urged the administration to provide regular power supply.

The villages including Gulaban, Mir, Devkund and Panjar are facing power shortage for the past two months and the Government is not paying any heed towards that.

"We appraised Deputy Commissioner Yasha Mudgal about the problem and she assured to take up the issue with the concerned authorities, but till date nothing has been done, compelling us to come on roads", said Rattan Chand, Panchar.

"We will hold protest against the Government and the District Administration, if regular supply will not be provided to the aforesaid villages", he added.

2 killed, 5 school children among 10 injured in road mishaps

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 4: Two persons were killed while ten other injured in different road accidents across the Kashmir valley today.

A police spokesman 5 school children were injured in a collision between a tipper JK02AR/7540 and school bus JK01K/7307 at Baroosa in Ganderbal district.

The spokesman said Itizqa Majid, Zahid Zahoor, Noorian Tariq, Zahida and Kamran Rashid of Safapora were injured. All the injured were removed to District Hospital Ganderbal for treatment.

A Santro car JK01M/6500 driven by Fayaz Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Gani of Khwajabagh, Maloora hit a motorcycle JK01K/9884 at Maloora in district Srinagar, resulting in on spot death of the motorcyclist Ghulam Qadir Malik, son of Ferooq Ahmed of Malikpora, Hajin of Banidpora district.

An unidentified woman was hit and injured by an unidentified vehicle near Hatrick Bypass, Hyderpora in Srinagar district.

She was removed to JVC Bemina, Srinagar for treatment, where she succumbed to her

injuries. Her body has been kept in mortuary room at Panthachowk for identification.

The spokesman said a Tata Sumo JK03C/6292 hit and injured a girl, Bazila Fayaz, 5, daughter of Fayaz Ahmad Rafter of Shangus in Shangus in district Anantnag. She was shifted to a hospital for treatment.

A pedestrian, Ghulam Mohammad Ganie of Dialgam was injured when a motorcycle JK03A/3256 hit him at Dialgam, in district Anantnag.

The spokesman identified the motorcyclist as Bashir Ahmad Kadoo, son of Ghulam Mohidin of Ashjipora. A pillion rider Masrat Jan, daughter of Bashir Ahmad Kadoo was also injured. Both the injured have been shifted to a hospital for treatment.

A Tata Magic without registration number hit and injured two pedestrian Nayeema Akhter daughter of Habibullah of Waskoora and Ghulam Rasool Gani son of Mohammad Subhan of Braripora near Kulangam Bridge in Handwara area of Kupwara district. The injured have been shifted to District Hospital Handwara for treatment.

Police has registered cases in these accidents, the spokesman said.

JKATA holds demonstration, demands regularization

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Sept 4: Raising slogans against the Government Jammu and Kashmir Agricultural Technocrats Association (JKATA) held one-day protest dharna and demanded amendment in Cabinet decision as per assurance given by it regarding regularization of Rehber-e-Ziarat.

Agricultural technocrats assembled at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park here and held protest demonstration the against Government for not amending Cabinet decision of 2011, under the leadership of Dr Surinder Radotra, president JKATA along with district Kathua unit president Joginder Singh.

Dr Radotra warned the

State Government to take regularization initiative as early as possible and if the Government failed to do the needful, a forceful agitation would be launched. He demanded one time regularization after completion of seven years of regular services as ReZ.

Prominent among those who attended and addressed the meeting included Dr Vinod Sharma (chairman), Dr Manmeet Singh and Raju (vice president), Sanjeev Chib (Kathua), Ravi Salaria, Sanjeev Verma, Dr Sikander Singh Jamwal (VP Jammu district), Dr Vinod Kumar and others.

An appeal was issued to entire cadre to remain united to achieve the goal.

GCW Parade celebrating 'Nutrition Week'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 4: PG Department of Home Science, Government College for Women, Parade is organizing various activities to celebrate the ongoing 'Nutrition Week'.

The theme of the celebration is "Food and Nutrition for Better Health of Adolescent Girls". The celebration aims to raise awareness of the importance of healthy eating for optimal health among the students.

In this connection a cooking competition, "Healthy Breakfast for Adolescent Girls" was held today in the Home Science Department.

Dr Hemla Aggarwal was the chief guest on the occasion, who, while speaking, stressed upon the importance of appropriate lifestyle and healthy eating habits to pre-

vent diseases and improve quality of life and increase life-expectancy.

She advised the students to eat a varied selection of foods from every level of the food pyramid which would supply different nutrients, vitamins and minerals needed for good health and to include plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains in the diet and be physically active.

On the occasion, Dr Shashi Kaul, Dr Aruna Dubey and Prof. Nidhi Kotwal were the judges.

The first prize was bagged by Anjuman and Ramneek, second prize by Priyanka, Deepika and Varsha and third prize by Vandana, Neha and Lalita.

Among others present were Prof. Tabbasum Ara and Prof. Barbara Kaul.

JSM takes serious note of disputed statements of CM, Mufti

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 4: Taking strong objections to the frequent statements made by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and PDP chief, Mufti Mohd Sayeed, which directly or indirectly dispute the integration of J&K State with India, Jammu State Morcha (JSM) termed these as a betrayal of the Indian Constitution and their own conscience.

"These statements do not behove of a person who is under constitutional oath of protecting the integrity and sovereignty of the country and to a person who remained State Foreign Minister of the country and is holding the charge of Chief Minister of an Indian State", said JSM president, Prof. Virender Gupta and vice-president, HB Khajuria, in a joint statement issued here today.

"It is strange that he does not utter a single word against Pakistan when its forces violate the LoC and international border and inflict casualties on this side of the border. But when Indian

forces retaliate he talks of restoring peace on the borders", they added.

They also strongly criticized the statements made by Mufti Mohd Sayeed that all the solutions of J&K problems lay in his basket. His statement asking the people to give him forty seats in the State Assembly and then he would solve the Kashmir issue, once for all is merely foolishness and misleading, the JSM leaders maintained.

"His claim that PDP's road map is a key to address political and socio-economic aspirations of the people of State is contrary to his previous records as Chief Minister of the State. In fact Mufti is one among those who are responsible for the present turmoil in Jammu and Kashmir State. The situation in Valley got more aggravated during his tenure as Union Home Minister", they added.

They cautioned the people of Jammu region, against falling in the trap of Kashmiri leaders who have always inflicted injustice and injuries to their sentiments.



People protesting against dumping of garbage at Darsu, Udhampur on Wednesday.

People protest over dumping of garbage

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Sept 4: People of Darsu area of the district today held a protest demonstration against the Municipal Corporation and administration against dumping of garbage in the area.

Amid slogans against the Government and the Municipal Corporation, large number of people of Darsu area assembled at Dhar Road and blocked the vehicular movement for couple of hours.

The protestors alleged that

the district administration and Municipal Corporation is playing with the life of people by dumping the garbage in the area. As the rainy season is going on and dumping of garbage in the area will lead to health hazard, one of the protestors said.

On getting information, tehsildar Sapna Kotwal and Additional SP Benam Toshi rushed to the spot, pacified the agitators and assured necessary action in this regards.

Later, the protestors dispersed and the vehicular movement was restored.

8 bovines rescued, one held

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU/UDHAMPUR, Sept 4: Police today rescued 8 bovine animals and arrested a smuggler.

A police spokesman said that, on specific inputs, police party from Udhampur Police Station led by Inspector Deepak Jasrotia laid a naka near Jakheni and intercepted a Mahindra vehicle bearing registration number JKO2AQ-3844.

During checking, police recovered four bovine animals and arrested the smuggler, who has been identified as Rashid, son of Hussain of Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

A case under FIR number 272/13 under Section 188 RPC, 3 PCA Act, 119/117 MV Act has been registered at Nagrota Police Station and manhunt launched to arrest the absconding driver.

Meanwhile, police party from Nagrota Police Station led by SHO Parvez Sajjad under the supervision of SDPO Khalik Choudhary laid a naka at TCP Nagrota and intercepted a Tata Mobile vehicle bearing registration number JKO2AU-5636.

During checking, police recovered four bovine animals and arrested the smuggler, who has been identified as Rashid, son of Hussain of Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

A case under FIR number 272/13 under Section 188 RPC, 3 PCA Act, 119/117 MV Act has been registered at Nagrota Police Station and manhunt launched to arrest the absconding driver.

On getting information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body from the gorge.

The body has been handed over to family members after autopsy, while a case has been registered and investigation started.

During search, police rescued four bovines, while the driver of the vehicle managed to escape from the spot.

A case under FIR number 279/13 under Section 188 RPC, 3/5 PCA Act, 119/117 MV Act has been registered at Nagrota Police Station and manhunt launched to arrest the absconding driver.

Woman falls from hill top, dies

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Sept 4: A woman died after falling into a gorge from a hill top in village Kothi Panchari, here.

As per reports, Sita Devi, wife of Khemraj, residence of village Kothi Panchari had gone to collect woods, when she slipped from the hill-top.

On getting information, police rushed to the spot and recovered the body from the gorge.

The body has been handed over to family members after autopsy, while a case has been registered and investigation started.

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