

Farooq for empowering women folk through education



Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy Dr Farooq Abdullah inaugurating Auditorium-cum-Examination Hall at Sonwar on Saturday.

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SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy Dr. Farooq Abdullah inaugurated Auditorium-cum-Examination Hall at Government Girls Higher Secondary Institute, Sonwar today.

Spread over 1893 square feet plinth area, the complex comprising of one main hall, one rehearsal cum back stage area and green room has been completed by utilizing Rs.39 lakh out of MPLADS. The single storied multi-purpose complex having seating capacity of 110 individuals, has been constructed by R&B Department and would be utilized for organizing school functions and conducting examination.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Farooq Abdullah highlighted the importance of education especially of female education, saying that women education is very significant for building a sound society. He said education to one female means education to one full family as mother is associated more than the father in moulding the children. He said education enable the women folk for performing their duties successfully in their day to day life. He said

Inspector's son among accused FIR lodged against 4 for beating up family

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JAMMU, Sept 7: Police have registered a First Information Report (FIR) against four persons for inter-gang and assaulting a family, which was returning from the dinner, at Railway road under the jurisdiction of Trikuta Nagar police station on the intervening night of September 4 and 5.

Pranav Khajuria son of police Inspector Kuldeep Khajuria, former SHO, who had come to the spot along with miscreants to assault the family, was injured as people from the mob, which gathered at the spot beat-up him. He has been admitted in the Government Medical College, Jammu.

Police said they have registered FIR against four miscreants including Shivang Sharma son of Rajinder Sharma R/o Talab Tillo, Archit Mahajan son of Ashwani Mahajan R/o Gandhi Nagar, Guruvijay Singh son of Gurjit Singh R/o Green Belt, Gandhi Nagar and Smarth Baru son of Sanjeev Baru R/o Nanak Nagar.

They said the miscreants intercepted a car in which a family was returning to the house after the dinner on the intervening night of September 4 and 5. They assaulted the car inmates including Arjun Veer Rana of Greater Kailash, his wife police said, adding they

They added that further investigations in the case were on.

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Governor, CM pay tributes to Sheikh Abdullah

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SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Governor N. N. Vohra and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today paid tributes to Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah on his death anniversary and recalled his notable contribution to the development of the State.

In a message, the Governor described Sheikh Abdullah as a tall leader who nurtured a dream of peace, progress and prosperity in all parts of J&K. He recalled the period during which Sheikh Abdullah had worked with eminent national leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and how he had strived for strengthening the cherished values of secularism and democracy. The Governor referred to the crucial Land Reforms pioneered by Sheikh Abdullah, which laid the foundations of equitable development of the State, and the high priority he had devoted to the development of health and education facilities.

The Governor observed that best tribute which could be paid to Sheikh Abdullah would be for the people to work with a missionary zeal for strengthening J&K's deep rooted secular traditions and the bonds of communal harmony, brotherhood and amity, for ensuring peace, progress and prosperity in the State.

Highlighting the struggle and sacrifices made by Sher-i-Kashmir for the cause of people and the State throughout his life, Omar Abdullah said that welfare

DB's directions on PIL seeking lawyers chamber, parking complex

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 7: Division Bench of High Court comprising Chief Justice MM Kumar and Justice Janak Raj Kotwal has issued various directions in the Public Interest Litigation regarding construction of lawyers chamber and multi-storey parking in the High Court complex.

When the matter came up for hearing, Senior Additional Advocate General Gagan Basotra placed on record a copy of order dated September 5, 2013 releasing a sum of Rs 1 crore in favour of the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Jammu for the construction of lawyers chambers in court complex at Janipura subject to usual conditions.

Upon this, Division Bench directed that status report regarding medical facilities be filed before the next date of hearing. The DB also directed the Municipal Corporation Jammu to ensure hygienic conditions and cleanliness in the whole judicial complex and the status report be filed before the next date of hearing.

Senior Advocate MK Bhardwaj, who is also President Bar Association, raised another issue that medical facilities were not available in the court complex and no ambulance has been kept at the High Court complex.

Senior AAG stated that efforts will be made to explore all possibilities to provide medical facilities including an ambulance for any emergency service.

Div Com takes review of developmental activities in Kishtwar

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Sept 7: Chairing a high level meeting of all the district and sectoral officers of Kishtwar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Shantmanu today took a detailed review of all the major developmental activities pertaining to PWD, PHE, Education, Employment, Health, Power, and Agriculture sectors.

The Additional District Development Commissioner, Kishtwar, A S Chib apprised the Divisional Commissioner regarding ongoing works in various departments and the issues presently being faced by them through a Power point presentation.

Going through the details, Shantmanu observed that the issues regarding land acquisition and compensation in PWD, PHE and Education Departments need to be sorted out at the earliest as on account of these problems, the pace of work gets hampered. He directed the concerned officials to work out the modalities in coordination with Revenue Department and expedite the process.

Emphasising the role of self employment schemes, the Divisional Commissioner said that in present economic scenario, major stress on manufacturing and service sectors should be given through these schemes. He directed the Employment,

and public empowerment was his cherished desire and he made all possible endeavours in this direction.

Sher-i-Kashmir propagated and nurtured amity, brotherhood and mutual trust between various sections of the society and lived as a torch-bearer of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Isahi unity. His slogan of 'Sher-i-Kashmir Ka Kya Irshad, Hindu-Muslim-Sikh Itihad' (What is the direction of Sher-i-Kashmir? - It is the unity between Hindu, Muslim and Sikh) still reverberates in the hearts and minds of people and its resonance is equally felt in the mountains, valleys and planes of Jammu and Kashmir, he said and vowed his commitment for strengthening this preaching and teaching of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

Chief Minister said that the best way of paying tributes to the great leader is to follow his footsteps and work together for achieving peace and prosperity for the State and strengthening the cherished secular democratic values. Omar said that the foundation laid by Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah to universalize education and health care facilities in the State and uplift the downtrodden sections of the society by upgrading their socio-economic and education status clearly describes the love Sheikh Abdullah possessed for the common people especially belonging to poorer sections of the society.

Come up with solutions to mitigate challenges of global warming, climate change: Governor to scientists



Governor, N N Vohra addressing gathering after inaugurating INSPIRE Programme at KU on Saturday.

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Emphasizing the tremendous role of science and technology in nation building, N. N. Vohra, Governor, has called for creating a vast corpus of scientists and technocrats to tackle varied problems and taking the State and the country fast forward on the path of self-reliance, progress and prosperity.

The Governor, as chief guest, was inaugurating the 5-day Science Camp for "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE 2013)" for students, organized by the Kashmir University here today. This Science Camp, in which about 300 talented science students from the Kashmir valley are participating, has been sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, under its INSPIRE Programme.

The Governor observed that in J&K we have problems which are peculiar to our State, adding that if we groom our scientists they can

Ambiguity over LAC benefiting China: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 7: Reacting to reports that China has incrementally occupied nearly 640 square km of area on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and the National Security Advisory Board member Shyam Saran having confirmed that China has also stopped Indian troops from patrolling at the LAC, BJP National Executive Member & J&K chief spokesperson, Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that this is an outcome of India's failure to perceive China's well-planned policy to exploit ambiguity over the LAC which has been perpetuated by successive Congress Governments in New Delhi beginning from its first Government headed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and unfortunately even today, despite frequent recent incursions by Chinese, the present UPA Government led by Congress is making no determined effort to redeem this ambiguity.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the LAC, also known as the MacCartney-MacDonald Line, is an assumed border between India and the People's Republic of China. He further elaborated, the LAC is 4,057-km long and traverses three areas of Northern Indian states: Western (Ladakh, Kashmir), middle (Uttarakhand,

Himachal) and Eastern (Sikkim, Arunachal) and added that the phrase "LAC" was coined by the then Chinese Prime Minister Zhou en Lai who used it for the first time in a letter dated October 24, 1959 addressed to his Indian counterpart Jawaharlal Nehru. Unfortunately, he said, neither Nehru nor successive Congress Governments in New Delhi took a serious cognizance of it except for a solitary occasion soon after the China attack in 1962 when Nehru, under pressure from Opposition, felt constrained to state "What is this 'Line of Control'? Is this the line they (Chinese) have created by aggression?..."

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University, observed that it is a very imaginative programme sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, with a view to enable the bright students to pursue science as careers for which scholarships are also available. He impressed upon the students participating in the INSPIRE camp to take best advantage of a galaxy of scientists participating in this programme and interact with them. He wished them fruitful deliberations and bright future ahead.

Earlier, the Governor was presented a memento by Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir.

Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir, speaking on the occasion advised the students to interact with the renowned scientists during the INSPIRE Programme, learn about scientific knowledge and become tomorrow's leaders of science in the State and the country.

Prof. Uma Shanker, Professor at the School of Ecology and Conservation, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore, threw light on the importance of INSPIRE Programme.

Prof. Ron Vale from the University of California said that he was highly impressed with the advancements made by India in the arenas of science and technology.

Prof. Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo, Head of Department, Botany, University of Kashmir, presented a vote of thanks, while Dr. M. A. Shah, Convener of the INSPIRE Programme, gave details of the various workshops, interactive sessions and other activities to be undertaken during the INSPIRE camp.

Referring to the INSPIRE Programme, the Governor, who is Chancellor of the Kashmir

Rare deer captured along LoC

Excelsior Correspondent

MENDHAR, Sept 7: A male 'Barking Deer' was today captured in an injured condition from Balnoi Forest along the LoC by BSF jawans.

The rarest found deer was captured by BSF from the LoC when it along with another deer was trying to cross the LoC. Though one of the two deer managed to cross the LoC, another got trapped between the LoC fencing wires and got injured.

The Commanding Officer, 135 Battalion BSF, Jameel Ahmed Khan, who was on a visit of the area along with his PSOs, ordered his men to capture the injured deer. The BSF personnel took hold of the deer and shifted it to BSF Headquarter Uchhad.

Later the deer was handed over to a Wild Life team which reached there with Range Officer, Mendhar, Javed Iqbal. The Wild Life team, then referred the injured deer to Wild Life Sanctuary, Jammu, for treatment.

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