



Former BJP MLA Ashwani Sharma addressing party workers at Bishnah.

Kashmir will get rid of terrorists soon: Ashwani

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 4: Former BJP MLA Ashwani Sharma today said that time is not far away when Kashmir valley will get rid of the terrorists and peace will prevail.

"Recent terror activities in Kashmir valley where BJP leaders and workers are being targeted, is nothing but the frustration of terrorists who have been hit hard by our security forces under operation all out and that is why they are choosing the soft targets," Sharma said while addressing a meeting of party workers at Bishnah constituency.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on various issues including empowering the Panchayati Raj institution on the ground. Sharma said that it for the first time since independence that Panchayati Raj institutions in J&K have been empowered fully and the power

had been given to the people at grassroots level.

Commenting on the local issues of Bishnah Assembly constituency, the former MLA said that the priority is to improve the road connectivity in the whole constituency and efforts are on to achieve this. "We hope to get a degree college in Arnia soon and Government of the day has been apprised of the demand which is going to fulfill in the near future. Similarly, a sports stadium is in offing for Bishnah constituency where youth will be able to nurture their talent and reach to the top," he said.

"Under Prime Minister Awas Yojna, housing for all is becoming a reality and all the deserving people are getting their due share. Poor people of Bishnah are also beneficiaries of this scheme and more people who have been left out will be covered soon," he added.

Govt encouraging boozers: NAUP

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 4: National Awami United Party (NAUP) has demanded a complete ban on the sale of liquor in J&K.

In a press conference here



NAUP women leaders addressing a press conference at Jammu on Sunday.

today, NAUP women wing district general secretary, Shikha Bandral Thakur said that government should ban sale of liquor in J&K as mostly people abuse, fight with their family members and commit heinous crime after consuming liquor.

She claimed that liquor is a curse in the society and "We must come together to defeat

this menace." Thakur said, if the Government can ban liquor in Gujarat, Bihar, Mizoram, Nagaland and at other places then why not same be done in J&K.

Municipal Councillor resigns from NC

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 4: A Municipal Councillor from north Kashmir's Sopore town, Akhtar Rasool Gilkar, resigned from National Conference today.

Gilkar said that in view of the recent attack and for some personal reasons, he has left the party and from now onwards he is not affiliated with any party.

He said that he has done this in view of the recent militant attack on councillors in the town as he didn't get any kind of help from administration or police.

2 drug peddlers nabbed with contraband

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SRINAGAR, Apr 4: The police arrested two drug peddlers and five bootleggers in Bandipora, Anantnag and Sopore and recover contraband substances, illicit liquor from their possession.

A police spokesperson said that based on specific information, a police party from Police Station Bandipora under the supervision of DySP Hqrs established a checkpoint at Gundbal Bridge and during checking, one person identified as Showkat Ahmad Ganie, resident of Saloosa Kreeeri, Baramulla was intercepted. On his checking police recovered 478 capsules/tablets of banned drugs and 30 tramadol injections from his possession.

Arrested person was arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody, while a case, FIR number 42/2021, under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Bandipora and investigation into the matter has been initiated.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that a notorious drug peddler namely Bilal Ahmad Rather resident of Gamroo Bandipora is involved in supplying these drugs. Efforts are on to nab him," police said.

In Anantnag, a Police party during checking at Khanbal intercepted a person identified

as Aasif Ahmad Bhat, resident of Seepan Khanbal.

"During checking, police recovered 400 grams of Charas from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 70/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Anantnag and investigation has been initiated," police said.

In north Kashmir's Sopore area police arrested five bootleggers and recovered illicit liquor from their possession.

Police said that officers from Police Station Dangiwa under the supervision of SDPO Rafiabad established a checkpoint at Dangiwa. During checking of vehicles, an i-20 vehicle bearing registration number JK13F-2783 with five persons on board was intercepted and during search illicit liquor was recovered from their possession.

"They have been arrested and shifted to the police station where they remain in custody. The vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, case FIR No. 58/2021 under relevant Sections of law has been registered in PS Dangiwa and investigation into the matter has been initiated," police said.

Hakla projects issues of Gujar-Bakerwals

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Apr 4: A prominent Gujar leader from Poonch, Shamsher Hakla has said that the need of hour is to take concrete steps for the welfare and upliftment of Gujar-Bakerwal tribes of J&K under prevailing circumstances.

In a press statement here, Hakla said that Gujar-Bakerwal tribes belonging to Islam has its habitation in twenty districts of J&K and they mostly reside in hilly, far-flung and mountainous areas near forests and on the LoC and International Border (IB) of J&K having vast population. Most habitation areas of Gujar-Bakerwals in Jammu and Kashmir lack facilities like road communication, electricity, water supply, medical and

educational facilities which put these tribes in lots of hardships.

He demanded opening of boarding schools in all the districts of J&K on the pattern of Navodaya Vidyalaya for boys and girl students of Gujar-Bakerwal and also establishing a Tribal University in J&K. He also demanded that Gojri language be included in 8th Schedule of Indian Constitution for its upliftment & development. Hakla also demanded to reserve the Assembly and Lok Sabha segments in J&K for Gujar Bakerwal (Schedule Tribe) community.

He urged the Govt to conduct a special survey during the winter season, so that the exact population of Gujar-Bakerwal Tribes of J&K can be established.

Bovines smuggling bid foiled

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Apr 4: Lakhampur Police foiled bovines smuggling bid by rescuing 20 cattle and arrested two persons.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Police Station Lakhampur led by SHO Inspector Sumit Sharma and assisted by PSI Swarn Singh Manhas along with other police officials laid a naka and intercepted a Jammu bound truck bearing registration number UK06CB-2153.

During checking, police team rescued 20 cattle from the truck and arrested two persons, who were identified as Rifaqat Ali, son of Riyasat Ali and Toseem, son of Shabir, both residents of UP.

A case under FIR Number 51/2021 under Sections 188 IPC and 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Lakhampur and investigation started.

Motorcyclists snatch gold chain

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 4: Two persons riding on a motorcycle snatched gold chain of a man in Trikuta Nagar area here.

As per police sources, a man namely Deep Bagati, son of Moti Lal, a resident of Trikuta Nagar lodged a complaint with Police Station Bahu Fort stating that two persons riding on a motorcycle snatched his gold chain in Trikuta Nagar area.

Acting over the complaint, a case under FIR Number 112/2021 under relevant Sections has been registered at Police Station Bahu Fort and hunt has been launched to nab the snatchers.

Unidentified man found dead

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Apr 4: An unidentified young man was found dead under mysterious circumstances near Slathia Chowk Udhampur.

According to the police reports, a man in the age group of 35 to 40 was found lying unconscious near Slathia Chowk. On being informed, Police took the unconscious man to District Hospital Udhampur, where doctors declared him as brought dead.

Cause of death could not be immediately ascertained while the body was shifted to mortuary for identification and other legal formalities.

Construct drain at Lower Gadigarh Bhour Kothey

This is to draw attention of the JMC authorities that the main link between Lower Gadigarh and Bhour Kothey is awaiting



drainage system from the last more than a decade now, every passer-by has inconvenience passing through this lane, many times DPRs prepared but no execution of work at ground leading to sufferings. There is a dire need of construction of drain from the house of Jagdish Lal and Chuni Lal Sharma to end the menace of pollution, garbage etc.

I hope the concerned Councillor and JMC authorities will wake up from deep sleep.

Dr. D.K.Sharma
Ward.No.73, Lower Gadigarh

Injustice with NPS employees

Being a Government employee seems to be a curse as we the employees under NPS (New Pension Scheme) are suffering from past six months as we are not getting our salaries. We the employees of Rural Development Department are working from dawn to dusk to deliver services at ground level. Be it biannually held Back to Village Programme or Gram Sabhas, whether distribution of masks among rural people at the peak of the pandemic without caring for our own safety. Be it the District Development Council election or election for the Chairman of the Block Development Council, we the frontline workers have to be ready even at the dead of the night. We are the nodal officers of the fourteen line departments and have to co-ordinate and maintain a liaison between the administration and public at large. After burning the midnight oil and getting through different competitive phases viz. written exams and interviews we have reached this level just to serve nation in the form of a Government employee but all our hard work, capabilities and office work seems to be a futile exercise which is being done just free of cost.

Who is the culprit? Those not giving the exact allocation of NPS funds or whether the people who are just dancing on the tune of the administration? Why to punish so many employees in spite of finding that one person? Deduction should be made from his salary to get others paid then only he will understand the pain of employees. In the month of march when all dues are to be cleared, funds to be utilized, we are wailing as our children are not able to get admissions, EMI's are not being paid, we are not able to meet daily expenditure. Government on one hand is befitting the employees where now they can encash the arrears credited to their GP accounts but what about those who are waiting for the past two years to get 7th Pay Commission arrears into their GP account? Now they are at the mercy of Finance Department to get approval of their own pending funds. When will we get Justice?

Abisheak Khajuria
HSS Allah

Difficulty in getting Ayushman Bharat Card

Govt of India launched Ayushman Bharat Scheme with much expectations of the common people. The Scheme stands for the welfare of the people by and large. But it is said to state that the implementation of this scheme is not smooth. It is very difficult to obtain an Ayushman Bharat Card in the present circumstances. I have to visit various offices for obtaining this card but still no positive outcome has been received. Being a senior citizen, it is a cumbersome for me to go through this lengthy process. The process of obtaining the card has to be simplified and made available at the door step of people. I request you to please take note of these kinds of issues and take prompt action, so that we will receive these cards as early as possible

Balwant Singh
H.No.26, L.No.2, Adarsh Vihar, Deeli, Jammu.

High time for Govt to fulfil genuine demands: DAK

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 4: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) today said that it is high time that all genuine demands of Doctors of the UT must be fulfilled and Government must abide by its order issued in 2018 in which a high-level committee was framed to address the demands.

Dr Suhail Naik, President DAK said that the committee had to submit its report in one month time, but more than 2 years have already elapsed and the committee failed to submit its report.

"The doctors across the UT have time and again protested peacefully without any strike as we don't want our people to suffer for lack of health care services in strikes especially during Covid pandemic but authorities must not take this as our weakness," he said.

Dr Owais H Dar, General Secretary DAK said that Doctors Association Kashmir has held more than 30 meetings in the last 3 years with previous and current

Directors of Health, Commissioner Secretaries, and Financial Commissioners apart from previous Cabinet ministers of Health and Finance Depts.

Dr Mohd Yusuf Tak, Convenor Jammu and Kashmir Doctors Coordination Committee (JKDCC) said and it is forlorn that despite numerous representations our files are gathering dust at the Civil Secretariat.

"If our genuine demands are not fulfilled then we under the banner of Jammu and Kashmir Doctors Coordination Committee (JKDCC) which includes all the doctors along the length and breadth of the region would be forced to go on token strike. But we don't want to go on strike as of now due to the ongoing 2nd wave of Covid-19," he said.

DAK has appealed to the LG J&K UT, Manoj Sinha, Advisor for HME, RR Bhatnagar and Financial Commissioner HME, Atal Dulloo to take personnel interest in mitigating the long pending genuine demands of doctors of the union territory.

2 persons arrested with illicit liquor

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Apr 4: While foiling a bid of illicit liquor smuggling, the police arrested two persons with consignment in a vehicle from Manjakote area of Rajouri today.

Official sources said that on April 3, 2021, a team headed by Sub Divisional Police Officer Manjakote, DySP Tanveer Jeelani during routine vehicle checking in Manjakote on Jammu-Poonch highway intercepted a vehicle with registration No. JK12A/ 7348 for checking. The police party found con-

signment of liquor in the vehicle.

The vehicle was seized on the spot and two persons travelling in it have been arrested. They were identified as Arif Beig, resident of Gohlad in Mendhar and Azam Hussain, resident of Sarhoti, Mendhar.

Police said that 26 bottles of liquor with 750 ml quantity each and 12 units of 500 ml liquor each have been recovered. An FIR No. 38/2021 under relevant sections of the Excise Act has been registered in Police Station Manjakote and investigation is underway.

Blacktop Subash Nagar Ext-II Road

Kind attention of the JMC authorities are invited towards the bad condition of the bye lane of Subash Nagar Ext-II Ward-39. Entire road is riddled with numerous pot-holes which often turn dangerous for pedestrian as well as motorists especially at night hours.

Despite of making repeated requests for the last one year and more nothing has been by the concerned authorities.

The JMC authorities and the Corporator are again requested to pay attention to the road.

N M Gupta
Subash Nagar Ext-II

Students' woes

Almost one full academic year has already been washed away by the corona in one or the other. However, a bit relief came when online classes were started. But, the problem was of internet connectivity. It was 2G connectivity almost for more than two-third of the academic year. The students living in the rural areas are the most sufferers. They live in far-flung areas. In urban areas, how-

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ever, and somehow internet connectivity, was available through broad band and wifi. But the students who are devoid of these facilities had to depend on the home studies mostly without the guidance of the teachers. Now, suddenly we are told that the examinations are to be given offline. Okay, fine. The students have to appear in the examinations. They are bound to read and take the examinations. But the authorities concerned should also keep in mind that due to weak internet connectivity their online classes were not up to their understanding especially for the students living in far-flung areas. Keeping in view the problems faced by the students, the authorities have the moral responsibility to think over it and to devise some healing plan for the students appearing in the examinations.

Shikhar Koul(Student)
Durga Nagar Sector 11.

Plea to JMC authorities

The condition of the bridal path in Lane No.3, Ward No. 41, Surya Vihar Patta Bohri Jammu is getting eroded day by day as the protection wall adjoining the Canal Tributary D-7 has been damaged on either side.



This protection wall was damaged about one year back when the work of removal of silt from this canal was being executed by the concerned Irrigation authorities. But after the completion of said work no pain was taken up for repair or re-construction of the protection wall of this Canal Tributary D-7.

Such a situation has been continuously damaging the Bridal path adjoining this canal tributary and has been damaged to much extent. As a result of which the drain water spreads into the lanes and enters into adjoining houses, establishments etc. thereby posing great threat to our houses and properties. To prevent its further damage, this protection is required to be re-constructed immediately so as to save the existence of canal as well as the bridal path.

We have requested several times to the concerned authorities for getting this wall and bridal path repaired immediately but each time the authorities made a lame excuse of lack of funds. There is great resentment amongst the local inhabitants against this attitude of the authorities (Irrigation Deptt, as well as JMC authorities).

In case further damage is caused to our properties due to such negligence on the part of authorities, we will be forced to come on roads to stage protest against the authorities.

Hans Raj Manhas
President
Surya Vihar Welfare Committee.

Reconstitute J&K Pollution Control Committee: JKRTIM

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 4: As the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has notified the formation of the J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC), the J&K RTI Movement (JKRTIM) today expressed resentment over it and said that the committee does not represent Govt institutions and civil society groups from Kashmir.

In a statement issued here, Chairman RTI Movement Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat said that he has no personal grudge against the persons made members of the J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC), "but how can Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) not include Govt institutions or NGOs based in Kashmir who work on environmental and climate action issues directly," he asked.

According to a notification dated March 25, 2021, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

has constituted J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) which has a chairperson and 13 members.

"The members include Administrative Secretaries of Industries, Housing & Urban Development, Health & Medical Education, Transport, Jal Shakti, Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, MC GMC Jammu, some NGOs from Jammu like National Development Foundation etc, but there is no mention of SMC, Urban Environmental Engineering Department Kashmir (UEED), Wullar Conservation Authority, Environment & Ecology Department, Lakes and Waterways Dev Authority or NGOs from Kashmir valley," the statement said

Dr Muzaffar said that they appeal the LG Manoj Sinha and the Chief Secretary to intervene while stressing that the Govt must reconstitute this committee.

Medical camp organized

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 4: V2 Care HSW Foundation in association with DIG (Operations) CRPF North Jammu organized a free medical camp to provide medical



People getting medicines at a medical camp in Jammu.

aid to the poor and needy people of Channi Himmat and adjoining areas.

Five doctors including a lady doctor examined the patients in the

camp where over 200 people visited for medical check-up. Three doctors from CRPF—Dr Amit, Dr Neeraj Pandey and Dr Neeru and two from civil hospital—Dr Sham and Dr Anuj Khajuria delivered their services in the camp. Neena Gupta, local Councillor of Jammu Municipal Corporation informed the people about the camp which was again another step by CRPF as far as civic action programmes are concerned. The camp was accomplished under the guidance of Padmaja Jha, general secretary of V2 Care HSW Foundation.



Aspirants of Civil Services attending a comprehensive test series at SR College of Competitions in Jammu.

recently and the aspirants are preparing for these exams.

The College has been providing guidance to the students for the last two decades in the field of civil services and a number of students coached by the College have made their entry into the final lists of prestigious IAS, IPS, IRS, IFS, KAS, KPS and many other national and state level services.

The College has started a test series for Prelims 2021 containing 12 sectional and 8 full mock tests each of GS & CSAT and a comprehensive test series for Mains which include 18 tests for General Studies and 6 tests for each optional.

The students are also being provided with answers and explanations of both preliminary and mains question papers. "The response for the prelims and mains test series is overwhelming and the students have requested the College management to start another test series close to the prelims and mains exam dates so that their preparation is assessed and evaluated," told Praful Sharma, Chief Office Coordinator.

"The College has also been conducting workshops every Sunday by inviting experts from across the country for general studies and various optional subjects and today's workshop was focused on Prelims only," informed Ajay Salathia, Office Coordinator.