



Central Waqf Council team of Union Ministry of Minority Affairs during Kargil visit.

CWC team inspects educational institutions in Kargil

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: A Central Waqf Council (CWC) team of Union Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) today visited Kargil and inspected many educational institutions and coaching centres in and around the town which get grants from the Ministry under different schemes.
The CWC team comprised Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Haneef Ali, Munawari Begum and CWC Secretary Shadab Zeb Khan and it also visited Ladakh University and inspected implementation of many projects of MoMA.
The team reviewed scholarship facility of the Ministry for local students.
Later Dr Darakhshan Andrabi told reporters that after the abrogation of Article 370 and grant of Union Territory status to Ladakh,

Constitute COI to probe scams of ex-ministers, MLAs: Harsh Dev

Excelsior Correspondent
UDHAMPUR, Aug 25: Making an appeal to the Lt Governor to constitute a Commission of Inquiry (COI) against some MLAs and ministers who have accumulated huge wealth and disproportionate assets in the last six years, JKNPP chairman and former minister Harsh Dev Singh lambasted the erstwhile State Govt for having failed to take action against the blemished politicians of BJP and PDP who had plundered public exchequer, encroached State lands, Forest, Municipal and JDA lands besides having installed illegal brick kilns, stone crushers and raised mammoth movable and immovable properties across J&K by abusing their position and authority.
Singh said that media and even erstwhile Governor SP Malik had referred to several scams in the J&K in insurance contracts, power projects, Forest Department besides large scale illegitimate back door appointments but the bigwigs continued to enjoy immunity in view of their political clout with no action initiated against corrupt politicians. He said that the outgoing Governor was on record having made repeated statements about some politicians having raised palatial bungalows at several places including Srinagar, Jammu, New Delhi and elsewhere through ill gotten wealth. But no action was initiated against

BJP pays floral tributes to Thakur Baldev Singh

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: Bharatiya Janata Party senior leader and JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru along with BJP TalabTillo Mandal president, Keshav Chopra today paid a floral tribute to BJP former J&K president and former Member Parliament of Jammu-Poonch Constituency, late Thakur Baldev Singh by organising a 'shardanjali sabha' at Wazir Lane Bohri, here today.
District general secretary Adv Karan Sharma and Ward president Ashok Wazir were also present during the event.
On the occasion, Sanjay Kumar Baru said Thakur Baldev Singh ji was a strongman who never compromised on the Party principles. "He was totally a

500 knee replacements performed with TMT technique

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: Over 500 stitchless knee replacements surgeries have been performed with new 'True Motion Technique' (TMT) technique at Ivy Hospital since its launch in January this month.
Dr Bhanu Pratap Singh Saluja, Director and Head at Ivy Institute of Orthopaedics & Joint Replacement, said that TMT is a simple and elegant technique for knee replacement involving only 15-20 minutes. It gives a full range of motion within 48-hrs of surgery. After a knee replacement surgery, a patient can walk within six hours of surgery with stitch-less incision and no further follow-up is required, he asserted.
Since its launch, we have performed 500 patients with a 100% success rate. The technique is a blessing in disguise from the conventional knee replacement procedures.
The benefits of TMT includes; minimum incision, minimum blood loss, minimum hospital stay, no ICU stay, no drainage pipes (urinary/epidural), zero infection rate and minimum therapy required, informed Dr. Bhanu.
Meanwhile, Dr Bhanu has over 15 years' experience in the field and has performed more than 15000 joint replacement surgeries till now.



Dachhan gets mobile connectivity

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: After 75 years of independence, the people of Dachhan finally got the mobile connectivity due to holistic and pragmatic approach of Chairperson District Development Council Kishitwar Puja Thakur. This has brought immense satisfaction among the people of the area.
On winning the DDC election from Dachhan, this was the first promise made by the DDC Chairperson to the people of Dachhan and today that promise was fulfilled by her by inaugurating the Airtel towers at Dachhan. This has installed a lot of confidence among the people of the area who had ushered their faith in her able leadership, she said.
"Today marks the beginning of a new era of progress and development for the people of Dachhan," Thakur said. People from all walks of life thanked Chairperson for her

DSEK asks CEOs to switch to online mode for affiliation of schools

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 25: The Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) today directed the Chief Education Officers (CEOs) of the Kashmir division to switch over to the online mode of recognition and affiliation of private schools.
In an order issued DSEK has asked the CEOs to switch over to online mode from the offline mode for recognition and affiliation of private schools as a major reform towards transparent and efficient governance in the School Education Department.
"Pursuant to the instructions of Administrative Department conveyed vide letter No: Edu/Adm/03/2021/Sgr Dated: 29-07-2021 and endorsed by this Directorate vide No: DSEK/GS/54/Mist/2021/858 dated: 18/8/2021 to all Chief Education Officers of Kashmir Province for switching over to online mode of recognition/affiliation of Private schools as envisaged under SRO-123 dated: 18-03-2010 read with SRO-292 dated: 02-07-2018 as major reforms towards a transparent and efficient governance in the School Education Department for all stakeholders w.e.f 1st August 2021," order issued reads.
It further stated that the link to access/approach the portal is schemadujammusc.in/pvt/school which has also been informed to all the CEOs.



Office bearers of Rotary Club of Jammu Midtown during a function at Sehora village on Wednesday.

RCJ Midtown initiates project to make females self dependent

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: Rotary Club of Jammu (RCJ) Midtown donated two sewing machines, 200 meters cloth, paper and other necessary accessories to females of Sehora village for making cloth bags to make them self dependent, here today.
The project was initiated in Ward 32 of the village among economically weaker section of the society with an aim to make Sehora village a 'happy village' so that the females of the village can earn their livelihood with their hard work.
"Rotary Club of Jammu Midtown has adopted this village long back and we have

NHPC management warns public not to move near River Chenab

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: The management of Dulhasti Power Station, NHPC Limited has cautioned general public of District Doda and Kishtwar and public of village Dul, Benzwar, Cherhar, Bhandarkot, Hasti, Kandani, Prem Nagar and Pul Doda to not to move near river Chenab on August 28 (Friday) as the gates of Dulhasti Power Station Dam shall be opened for reservoir flushing during this period.
The dam gates of Dulhasti Power Station will be opened for reservoir flushing on 27.08.2021 (Friday) from 00:00 hours to 18:00 hours, that is, from the midnight of 26.08.2021 to till

Livestock theft case solved, 2 arrested

Excelsior Correspondent
RAMBAN, Aug 25: Batote Police solved a livestock theft case with the arrest of two persons.
As per police sources, on 23 August this year a complaint was lodged by a man namely Abdul Wahid, son of Bashir Ahmed of Sana Tehsil Batote, District Ramban with Police Station Batote stating that some unknown persons had stolen away his livestock from his cattle shed during the intervening night of 22nd and 23rd August.
"Some villagers noticed sound of goat nearby and I immediately checked the cattle and found some goats missing from shed. I along with my brother chased the sounding goats, but the thieves attacked them and they received head injuries", the complainant said, adding that the thieves managed to fled away from spot with

Bhardwaj reviews functioning of National Health Mission

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 25: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Health and Medical Education, Vivek Bhardwaj, today chaired a review meeting regarding working and performance of National Health Mission Jammu and Kashmir in the UT.
The meeting was attended by Mission Director, NHM J&K, Yasin Choudhary; Director Finance H&ME, Zahoor Ahmad; Additional Secretary H&ME, Gh Rasool Mir; OSD H&ME, Dr Shaqfat Khan; State Nodal Officer, NHM, Dr Mohammad Shafi Koka; Programme Managers and other officers from State Health Society, NHM and Norway India Partnership Initiative while Director Planning, NHM, Rajini Charak; FA & CAO, SHS, NHM, Abhishek Talwar and NHM officers from Jammu division participated online.
ACS enquired from the officers about their role and responsibility besides their mode of work. He appreciated the role of NHM in improving various indicators related to healthcare in the Union Territory and assured complete support to the department in its endeavors towards strengthening the existing system.
Mission Director NHM gave a detailed power point presentation regarding the activities and achievements under National Health Mission in J&K.

Art 370 our birth right, hope to get justice from SC: Rana

Excelsior Correspondent
MENDHAR, Aug 25: Former MLA and senior NC leader Javed Rana today claimed that Articles 370 and 35-A were the birth rights of the people from J&K and hoped that they would get justice from the Supreme Court of India.
While addressing people during his visit to border area of Mankote, Tain and Charangari near the Line of Control, Rana said no doubt people of the area are suffering a lot due to problems but public has appreciated the role of National Conference for its contribution and his work which he has done during his tenure as MLA.
People of the area expressed their gratitude for upgrading the middle school Tain as High School, providing road net work under NABARD, providing of lift water supply to the area, motorable bridges at Chajalla and Mankote tehsil and CD block for Mankote beside settlement of poor and downtrodden people in the colony on the road side at Charangari.
While speaking Rana

Art 370 is a dead issue now: Balbir to PAGD

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of BJP asks People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) to digest the fact that Art 370 is a dead issue now and has become part of the history, which has no relevance to be discussed.
Spokesperson of the J&K, BJP, Balbir Ram Rattan, while putting forth his party's view point on the demand for restoration of Articles 370 and 35-A, said that bringing back Special Status is next to impossible and the PAGD leaders should stop misleading the people on false assurances. It would be better if the PAGD leaders utilize their time and energy in contributing to the development process initiated by the BJP government under PM Narendra Modi.
Balbir said that the poor response to the repeated calls by PAGD, even in Valley to

Kalsotra resents re-employing retired engineers in RDD

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: All India Confederation of SC/ST/OBC Organisations today opposed the Government move of re-employing retired engineers in Rural Development Department on contractual basis.
RK Kalsotra, State President Confederation, while talking to media persons, here today, said that there are more than 70000 educated unemployed engineers in the UT who are in a state of distress with no employment opportunities.
"In such a condition, the Government move to recruit

31 Udhampur villages set to be developed as Adarsh Grams

Excelsior Correspondent
UDHAMPUR, Aug 25: Thirty one villages of Udhampur district are being developed as model villages under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) Scheme.
To review the preparation of Village Development Plan for the identified villages being covered the scheme and take a overview of the plan preparation under the Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP), Deputy Commissioner, Indu Kanwal Chib today chaired a meeting with officers of various departments.
At the outset, the District Social Welfare Officer Gourav Gupta gave a detailed powerpoint presentation regarding the schemes and the new guidelines of the SCA to SCSP Scheme which are to be followed by the different departments, while proposing activities under the SCA to SCSP Plan.
During the meeting, the DC issued necessary directions to the Rural Development Department and Social Welfare Department, She asked the twin departments to jointly work out a clear status of the works proposed under PMAGY with immediate submission of the pending estimate so that the village development plans are completed and made ready for implementation.
With respect to proposed Anganwadi Centres, the DC directed PO, ICDS, Udhampur to provide the type design recommended by the Government for preparation of estimates. She said that the Anganwadi Centres so constructed should be model AWCs. She also directed the Social Welfare Department to ensure that the ceiling of Rs. 20 lakh per village under PMAGY Scheme was not breached.
With respect to the SCA to SCSP scheme, the DC directed all the departments present to lay emphasis on income generation, skill development components with focus on training youth in trades in demand in the market to enable them to earn livelihood.
She also stressed upon the special component of the Scheme providing for skill development with livelihood generation/ self-employment of BPL, SC women and specially abled population. She directed the department to come up with creative ideas to engage this population group so that they contribute in the up-lift of their families and steer out themselves from the vicious cycle of poverty.
She said that the focus should be on a low-input cost oriented scheme with result oriented output while keeping the socio-economic environment of Udhampur district in mind. All the departments were directed to submit the proposed plans under SCA to SCSP at the earliest.
Chief Planning Officer, GM DIC, DFO, Assistant Commissioner Development and officers of different departments were present in the meeting.



A Tempo Traveller trapped in flooded Patti Nallah, near Trehu village in remote Khawas area of Rajouri district on Wednesday.

Clean shave for 13 passengers as Tempo trapped in flooded Nallah

Excelsior Correspondent
RAJOURI, Aug 25: At least 13 passengers and a driver had a 'clean shave' when a Tempo Traveller was trapped in a flooded Nallah in remote Khawas area of district Rajouri this evening.
Official sources said that it was heavy rain in Khawas and Kalakote area today and a Tempo Traveller was on way to Khawas from Kalakote town via Moghla and Trehu. When the vehicle reached at Patti Nallah ahead of Trehu, the water level in the Nallah was rising.
The driver tried to sped away through the Nallah between the water level increases. But as the vehicle reached in the middle, the flooded water stated pushing down the vehicle. The passengers started crying for help and

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Nami Dogri Sanstha alleges corruption in AIR Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) has expressed strong dismay over the neglect of All India Radio (AIR) Jammu where Dogri culture, language and literature have allegedly been ignored systematically under the nefarious designs of non-Dogri knowing officers who claim to have the patronage of Prasar Bharti chief.
In a statement issued here today, President of the Nami Dogri Sanstha, Advocate Harish Kaila said that even after raising the matter of neglect of Dogri culture besides series of corruption activities prevailing in AIR Jammu with CEO Prasar Bharati, no action was initiated against the

Uniforms for Gen, OBC category students sought

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 25: Questioning the logic behind depriving General/OBC category children (boys) of their school uniforms, Teacher's Welfare Association President, Jasmeet Singh Madaan has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to immediately pass necessary instructions to the concerned in order to rectify the order and ensure no student is deprived of school uniform under the scheme on the basis of their family background.
Expressing serious concerns over the manner in which an order has been issued, Madaan said who will stand up and respond to queries of young children when they will ask why they have been deprived of their school uniforms and on what basis.
Madaan said as per the order children belonging to SC/ST/BPL in boys section are entitled to receive their school uniforms barring General/OBC category boys.