

Son dies, mother injured in road accident

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REASI, July 3: Young man died and his mother sustained serious injuries when the motorcycle, they were riding, collided with a car on Reasi-Pouni road, here today.

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The deceased was identified as Mohd Khalid (Babu) age around 35 years, son of Late Mohd Sadiq, resident of Sula

Panassa, Reasi. He reportedly died on the spot. His mother Sawan Bibi (60) was seriously injured in the accident. She was immediately shifted to District Hospital Reasi for first aid from where she was referred to GMC & Hospital Jammu.

The accident took place when the motorcycle JK20-7957 collided head on with a swift car (JK02AN 7698) coming from opposite direction near Forest Check Post in Patta area on Reasi - Pouni road. The victims were on way towards Pouni.

DSS all party meet deliberates on modalities of delimitation process

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JAMMU, July 3: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) under its president Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak organized an all party meeting to discuss delimitation process as the Delimitation Commission appointed by the Government of India will be visiting J&K for four

days from 6th July to interact with political parties, public representatives and the J&K administration.

The meeting discussed combined, joint proposal to even out the political imbalance that the people of this region have had to put up with, due to the unjustified lesser number of seats allocated to Jammu under the political hegemony prevailing in the erstwhile State over the past 7 decades.



Prominent political leaders and citizens during a meeting in Jammu.

It was recalled that bias against Jammu was built into the very initiation of the delimitation process in Jammu and Kashmir when, after accession in 1947, only 30 seats were arbitrarily allotted to Jammu and 43 seats to Kashmir without any justification. Jammu province presently has 37 seats, the bias continues as Kashmir has 46.

The leaders discussed the various prevailing imbalances, comparing, each constituency in relation to population, area, topography and density of population and have tabulated details for project-

ing to the Election Commission in a memorandum. The meeting resolved that the 1-hour time allotted for hearing the anomalies of six districts of Jammu province is grossly insufficient and is nothing beyond an eye wash with indifference. The leaders noted that the 2011 census on

which the delimitation is being worked out is fudged and does not reflect correct figures.

It was resolved that the SC/ST, Balmikis, West Pakistan refugees and the migrated population of PoJK must be given their voting rights and the seats kept vacant for PoJK be allotted to PoJK migrants as with rampant demographic changes not many of them are left in PoJK. It was also resolved that the migrated population from Kashmir Valley in 1990 to Jammu and permanently settled in Jammu province must be accounted for in Jammu province.

A short committee was formed to shape up the memorandum on these lines and submit before the Election Commission. Prominent among those who attended the meeting were Sheikh Abdul Rehman (Ex-MP), Prof Bhim Singh (NPP), K B Jandyal (IAS Retd), Brig M S Jamwal, Col Dr Virindra Sahi, Ajay Khajuria, Yash Paul Gupta, Y V Sharma and Gourav Gupta.

Dir Horticulture (P&M) reviews development works in Kupwara, Handwara Mandis

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SRINAGAR, July 3: Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing Department Vishesh Mahajan, on a tour of Kupwara, visited Fruit and Vegetable Market



Director Horticulture (P&M) Vishesh Mahajan inspecting development works in Handwara Fruit & Vegetable Mandi.

Handwara and Kupwara to review the departmental activities and other developmental works going on in the Mandis of the district.

Among others Director was accompanied by the officials from Engineering wing, Deputy Director, and other officials. During the review meetings, the Director Horticulture (P&M) instructed officials to take action against all those allottees who are not complying with the provisions of lease deed in Kupwara and Handwara mandis.

He further instructed the officials to ensure that both the Mandis, which are working partially till now, are made fully operational before 31st of July. He directed that all the shop allottees

in this direction should be contacted for the purpose and asked to comply within time period. He asked the officials to make allottees who have not constructed their shops yet to do so immediately.

Mahajan further instructed that all the allottees/shopkeepers should be pursued to conduct their business activity from the Mandi and if any allottee fails to do so, then all such failing in compliance should be served notices immediately. During his interaction with the stakeholders, he asked them to make both Kupwara and Handwara Mandis functional round the year.

At Handwara Mandi, Director Horticulture (P&M) reviewed and inspected the ongoing macadamisation work being carried out by the Engineering wing. He asked the officers to ensure timelines in execution and maintenance of quality in development works.

At both the Mandis, Mahajan had detailed discussion with all stakeholders wherein a number of issues were raised by the Fruit Association members.

At Handwara, the Director assured the Fruit Association who asked for a provision of canteen in the Mandi, that the same would be constructed in the Mandi this very season.

Rajput Sabha demands law to stop religious conversion

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JAMMU, July 3: Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha has demanded the Government to bring out a law to stop religious conversion in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The demand was raised by Rajput Sabha in its meeting held today under the chairmanship of Bishan Singh, president of the Sabha. The meeting condemned recent issue of conversion of

Sikh girls into Islam at Srinagar and demanded stern action against those involved in it.

All the members present in the meeting said that only solution to this problem is bringing out a legislature by the Central/UT Government that none of the boys and girls can convert their religion without the consent of their parents. This is the only way to maintained peace and tranquility in the UT, they asserted.

Land Allotment Committee clears projects worth Rs 144.66 Cr

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SRINAGAR, July 3: In continuity to the clearance of projects for land allotment by the High Level Land Allotment Committee in various Industrial Estates of Jammu Division with a projected investment of Rs. 2447 Cr., the High Level Land Allotment Committee on Saturday cleared land allotment to 2 mega projects worth Rs 144.66 crore having employment potential of 100 in Kashmir division.

In this regard, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Ranjan P. Thakur, chaired first High Level Land Allotment Committee meeting for Kashmir division today to approve allotment of land for establishing projects having proposed investment from Rs 50 crore to Rs 200 crore under the provisions of J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy in Srinagar.

At the outset, he highlighted that the process of land allotment has been streamlined and is made transparent in a committee based appraisal and allotment method.

The process of land allotment, for the first time adopted a strategy based on different parameters of the Project Report and presentations as envisaged in the Land Allotment Policy 2021-30.

Tazayun Mukhtar Kawos, Director Industries and Commerce, Kashmir (Member Secretary, High Level Land Allotment Committee) presented



Principal Secretary I&C, Ranjan Thakur chairing a meeting on Saturday.

the agenda for five cases before the Committee and expressed optimism that the decisions in the meeting usher in a new era of growth, industrialization and employment generation in J&K besides promoting a culture of entrepreneurship.

The High Level Land Allotment Committee took up all 05 projects for allotment of land in Industrial Estates, IGC Lassipora, IE Khrew and IE Tulbal Sopore of Kashmir Division with a projected investment of Rs 430.41 crore.

After deliberations on case to case basis the committee approved 02 cases of land allotment with a projected investment of Rs 144.66 crore having employment potential of 100. Rest of the 03 projects were discussed threadbare and due to certain shortcomings in the DPRs were referred back for completion. The establishment and registration of new units of air pol-

luting industries in Industrial Estate, Khrew were deferred because of the moratorium by Pollution Control Board.

Approximately Rs. 8,000 Cr and employment potential of 30000 persons in Kashmir are presently under the process of being approved.

In the Union Territory of J&K, Projects worth Rs. 20000 Cr employing 64000 persons in J&K are in pipeline.

The meeting was attended by Farooq Ah Shah, Secretary in Housing and Urban Department, Anoo Malhotra, Director, I&C Jammu, Parvaiz Ah Handoo, Director Planning, Forest Department, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, Managing Director KPDCI, Atul Sharma Managing Director, J&K SIDCO/ J&K SICOP, Fayaz Ah Fayaz, Joint Director, I&C Department, Syed Nadeem Representative from PCB and Mr. Shahid Kamili, President, FCIK Srinagar.

COVID cases progressively declining in North Eastern States: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, July 3: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that COVID cases are progressively declining in all the North Eastern States except Meghalaya.

In a meeting convened to review the COVID situation in North Eastern States, the Minister expressed satisfaction that all the States are catching up with national average in terms of decline in positivity rate. Meghalaya is the only exception which witnessed a surge due to the Corona outbreak in a Jail in District Ri-bhoi, he added.

Dr Jitendra Singh was informed that in the North Eastern Region in the last 48 hours, the positivity rate, which was 3.96% on 30 June 2021 has gone down to 2.94% on 2 July 2021. This is in tune with the national average declining from 2.34% on 30 June 2021 to 2.09% on 2 July 2021.

The meeting was attended by Health Secretaries of all the eight Northeastern States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland as well as Union Secretary Ministry of North East, Secretary North Eastern Council and Joint Secretary Incharge Northeast in the Ministry of Health and senior



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh reviewing the COVID status in the North Eastern Region at a meeting with the Health Secretaries and senior officers of all the eight North Eastern States, on Saturday.

official from NITI Aayog. All the eight States informed the Minister that they are taking regular measures to defeat the second wave of the pandemic and at the same time augmenting the health infrastructure with support from Central Government and the Ministry of DoNER.

Dr Jitendra Singh cautioned that decline in active cases must be followed with greater thrust on vaccination and strict observance of Corona Protocol. He said, he is in constant touch with all the eight Chief Ministers of North Eastern States and whatever help is sought from the States is being promptly provided from the Centre.

The Minister took note of the vaccine supply issues of the States of Nagaland and Manipur and directed the Union Health Ministry officials to address the same on an urgent basis.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that he is taking daily updates from all

the 8 North Eastern States about the prevalence of COVID and necessary health facilities and infrastructure to fight the pandemic in an effective manner. He expressed satisfaction that all the North Eastern States have sufficient bed capacities and oxygen stock. He said, the Ministry of DoNER and NEC are taking proactive steps in supplementing and augmenting the COVID related infrastructure. He also referred to support given by Japan and UNDP for installation of Oxygen Plants in each of the eight North Eastern States.

Dr Jitendra Singh noted that during the 1st phase, all the eight North Eastern States managed COVID-19 very effectively and the entire region emerged as a model of Corona management in the entire country. He, however, expressed concern that during the second phase COVID-19 took a huge toll in the region in comparison to last year.



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