

Power supply to remain affected in several areas

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 1: In order to carry out various upgradation/repair works, the power supply to Manjakote, Ghangri, BG and Mendhar shall remain affected on May 02 from 08 am to 01 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Thannamandi, Darhal, Fatehpur, Bhattian, Sialsui, Dhangri, Dhanwan, Dungi-Keri, Mandi, Shajin, Loran, Sunderbani town, Thandapani, Phall, Banpuri, Kangri Seri-Syal and Bhambla shall remain affected on May 02 from 08 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Jawar Nagar, city, Khandli, DD and Muradpur shall remain affected on May 02 from 08 am to 10 am.

Power supply to Solki, Siot, Lamberi, Bagnoti, Narian, Chowki-Jhangar, Qila Darhal, Nowshera town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 02 from 08 am to 11 am. Power supply to Satwari and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 03, 06 and 08 from 10 am to 10 am.

Power supply to Bathindi and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 04, 07 and 08 from 10 am to 02 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Greater Kailash, Ratnu chak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 04 from 10 am to 02 pm and power supply to Transport Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 05 from 10 am to 02 pm.

Meanwhile, the power supply to Channi and adjoining areas

shall remain affected on May 04 and 06 from 10 am to 02 pm and supply to Bishnah and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 03, 04, 05 and 06 from 10 am to 02 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Kullian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 03, 06, 07 and 09 from 10 am to 02 pm. Meanwhile, the power supply to Sunderpur, Chawala and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 05 and 06 from 10 am to 02 pm.

The power supply to Miran Sahib and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 05, 07 and 09 from 10 am to 02 pm. Power supply to Chatha and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 03, 05 and 07 from 10 am to 02 pm.

Meanwhile, the power supply to Chinoore, Chaudhar Lane and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 03 from 10 am to 02 pm and the supply to Chinoore, Laxmipuram and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 05 and 07 from 10 am to 02 pm.

Power supply to Thatar Mohalla, Tara Vihar, Paloura Chowk and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 04 and 06 from 10 am to 02 pm. Power supply to Babliana and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 03 from 10 am to 02 pm and power supply to Transport Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 03 from 10 am to 02 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Nanak Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected

on May 2 and 4 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Power supply to Dogra Hall, Rehari, Resham Ghar Colony, Bus Stand, Jewel, Hari Market, Raghunath Bazaar, Kaleeth Mohalla, Kanak Mandi, Manda, New Plot, Sarwal, Part of Karan Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 2 from 09 am to 1 pm. Power supply to Purkhoo, Domana, Barn, Batera, Shamachak and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 2 from 9 am to 1 pm. Power supply to Receiving Station Smalpur, Raya, Gurah, Mandal, Ratnuchak, Sainik Colony and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 02 from 08 am to 01 pm. Power supply to Receiving Station Nandpur, Adhlair, Baba Chamlyal and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 02 from 08 am to 01 pm. Power supply to Hoop Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Housing Colony, Chinor, Durga Nagar, Buta Nagar, Sheeli, Part of Sidhra, Bamiyal, MES Nagrota, PHE Sheeli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 3 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Ploura, MC Domana Machhalian and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 3 from 8 am to 1 pm.

JKPCC expresses concern over rising casualties, inadequate arrangement of oxygen

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JAMMU, May 1: J&K Pradesh Congress Committee senior leaders today expressed grave concern over the worrisome situation due to steep rise in number of cases and casualties besides lack of adequate facilities in the entire country including J&K.

Senior leaders and vice president of JKPCC, Raman Bhalla and Ravinder Sharma chief spokesperson JKPCC expressed shock over loss of precious lives allegedly due to lack adequate arrangements of oxygen and termed it very unfortunate situation, after more than a year to make necessary arrangements to deal with COVID.

As the reports of shortcomings in the health system including shortage of oxygen have been continuously pouring in leading to huge sufferings of the people, the senior Congress leaders have also made a special request to Govt to facilitating their visit to the hospitals to meet the attendants and the authorities to know the present situation.

The leaders expressed shock and anger over the loss of several precious lives, as over 289 per-

CEC takes stock of patient care at dedicated COVID Hospital

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KARGIL, May 1: Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC) of LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan along with Deputy Commissioner and CEO LAHDC Kargil, Santosh Sukhadeve took stock of patient care facilities at dedicated COVID-19 Hospital Kurbathang here today.

Superintending Engineer PWD Kargil, Ved Prakash; Executive Engineer R&B-II, Kacho Mehmoor Ali Khan; Executive Engineer PHE, Subhash Chander; Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, Om Prakash; Executive Engineer PDD, Altaf Hussain; Medical Superintendent Kargil, Dr Fatima Nissa; Nodal Officer dedicated COVID-19 Hospital, Dr Abdul Jailil besides other concerned officers accompanied the CEC.

The CEC inquired about the status of establishment of second oxygen plant, status of facilities of beds, medicines and other requisite facilities required for the COVID-19 suspected and positive patients.

About 2nd oxygen plant, the concerned engineers of Mechanical Division informed the CEC that the plant has been completed in all respects and will be

tested within 2-3 days. They said that with the operationalization of the 500 LMP capacity plant, total oxygen generation at COVID-19 Hospital will go up to 1000 LMP.

The officers also informed that the hospital has a capacity of 120 beds which is being enhanced to 230 in coming days.

The CEC was further informed that there are presently 23 patients in dedicated COVID-19 Hospital out of which 9 are positive cases.

The officers also informed that uninterrupted power supply is being ensured through the grid while for power backup establishment of one more feeder besides power lines from 1500 KV GD station at Kurbathang and Iqbal Mini Hydel Project are being worked out.

It was further given informed that water supply requirement is being met through the bore well as well as water tanker system.

Taking note of the requirement of backup power system, the CEC directed the Executive Engineer PDD to expedite the establishment of alternative lines.

He also assured appropriate steps to run the hospital mess by outsourcing it in a timely manner.

Dr Brij Mohan assigned charge of Principal GMC Rajouri

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JAMMU, May 1: Government today assigned the charge of the post of Principal, Government Medical College



(GMC) Rajouri to Dr Brij Mohan Gupta, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, GMC Jammu.

"Dr Brij Mohan Gupta, shall look after the charge of the post of Principal, GMC Rajouri, in his

CEC Gyalson, MP JTN call on LG Mathur

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LEH, May 1: The Chief Executive Councillor LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson and Member Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal (JTN) today called on Lieutenant Governor (LG) Radha Krishna Mathur at Raj Niwas, here today.

CEC Gyalson and MP JTN discussed the progress of the COVID-19 vaccination drive in the Union Territory and further plans for procuring adequate COVID vaccines for the third phase of the vaccination drive in the Ladakh.

They also discussed issues of the surge in COVID-19 cases and relaxations and relief for the tourism sector, which have been adversely affected by the pandemic since last year.

They also discussed with the LG regarding the promotion of employees in various departments, issues about wildlife clearances for developmental projects across Ladakh and sought LG Mathur's intervention in expediting the processes.

DDMA Srinagar establishes COVID-19 War Room

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 1: In order to facilitate the general public regarding COVID-19 related queries and to ensure systematic redressal of such issues, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Srinagar today launched 24/7 dedicated Helpline at COVID-19 War Control Room.

The facility was inaugurated by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole in presence of Chairman DDMA Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad.

After inauguration, the Divisional Commissioner was given a brief about the facilities available at COVID War Room. The Divisional Commissioner was given a brief demonstration about the initiative and was told that people can log on to the website www.waseela.in and can get real time information about COVID-19 related issues including the number of isolation beds, Oxygen & beds as well as normal beds available in city hospitals. Statistics about positive cases, tests conducted, vaccination details, information regarding

containment zones etc. shall also be available on the web portal.

The Divisional Commissioner was further informed that all City hospitals have been mapped with the COVID-19 War Room so that all information is timely updated on the website.

People can dial helpline No.s *01942483650* & *01942483651* for any query with regard to COVID-19.

The Divisional Commissioner appreciated the efforts of DDMA for timely setting up of the Control Room to facilitate the people in this crucial time.

On the occasion, the Chairman DDMA said the basic purpose of establishing the Covid-19 War Room is to provide instant information to the people about Beds, Oxygen, Ventilators, ICU available in the hospitals besides addressing other Covid-19 related issues. He also said that necessary support in the form of medicines and food etc will also be facilitated for the deserving covid positive persons especially ones belonging to BPL families through voluntary organizations.

15 bovines rescued

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KATHUA, May 1: Kathua and Samba police have rescued 15 bovine animals in twin districts during various nakas today.

As per reports a police team of PS Kathua succeeded in foiling bovine smuggling attempt in its jurisdictional area and rescued one dozen bovines besides seizing the vehicle involved under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua, R C Kotwal.

Today a police team of Police Station, (PS) Kathua on naka checking at Satkey Chak intercepted a truck bearing Registration No JK02AF-7041 which was being driven by person namely Love Krishan, son of Vikramjeet of Ward No. 08 RS Pura Jammu. On checking of the vehicle, 10 bovines were found loaded in it.

A case vide FIR No.210/2021 U/S 188/IPC 11/PCA, Act has been registered at PS Kathua.

While in another instance, the police party PS Kathua noticed one Mahindra Bolero bearing Registration Number, JK08J-9409 which was being driven by unknown person who was asked to stop for checking. Sensing danger, the person stopped the vehicle far behind the Naka point and fled away while leaving vehicle abandoned. Thereafter, the police team

was able to rescue two bovines thus, making a total of 12 bovines which were rescued on spot. Another case vide FIR No. 213/2021 U/S 188/IPC, 11/PCA Act has been registered at Kathua police station and further investigation into this matter has been initiated.

Kathua police has rescued three bovines in the jurisdiction of Police Station, Ghagwal.

Acting on reliable information regarding transportation of bovines, a police party of PS Ghagwal laid a strong vehicle checking naka at Samotre Di Channi, Ghagwal link road and while checking signalled a Mahindra vehicle having Registration Number JK14D-9058 coming via border road Kathua to stop. The driver abandoned the vehicle at few meters away from the naka point when chased by the Police party and fled taking advantage of darkness.

During checking of the vehicle, three cattle were found laden inside it without any permission. All the cattle were rescued and shifted to safer place. The vehicle used for transporting the bovines was seized on spot.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 95/2021 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act stands registered at PS Ghagwal and investigation started.

NDS organizes Dogri Lok Sangeet Sabha

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JAMMU, May 1: Nami Dogri Sanstha (NDS) organized "e-Dogri Lok Sangeet Sabha" on its digital platform.

Well known Poetess Sudershan Kumari "Darshi" presided the function whereas Yash Pal Yash (general secretary NDS and renowned poet and music composer) conducted the programme. He critically evaluated each folk song presented and offered his comments as well.

Capt Lalit Sharma (convener) and Advocate Dogra Harish Kaila (president NDS) organized and supervised the programme. The folk singers who participated in the programme were Ram Paul Dogra, Neelam Sharma, Rakshita Khajuria of Army Public School Miran Sahib, Gurjeet Kour of Army Public School Miran Sahib, Des Raj, Sarvita Sharma, Jasleen Kour of Army Public School Miran Sahib, Sulinder Kumar and Radhika Raina of Army Public School Miran Sahib.

Speaking on the occasion, Sudershan Kumari "Darshi" said that Dogri folk music is our treasure and is always soothing, mesmerizing and melodious.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks presented by Dr Sushil Bhola.

AJKLTF holds virtual meet on Research Paper competition

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 1: An online meeting under the banner of All Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Teachers Federation (AJKLTF) got organised under the chairmanship of All India organising secretary of ABRSM Mahendra Kapoor.

He highlighted the basic purpose of organising such competition and said that this will serve as a platform for the teaching community at school education level and higher level to explore new ideas and finally an amalgam of ideas would be created. The topics for research paper at school level participants are Inculcating the Spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat through Education, Effectiveness of online teaching, Holistic development of children, role of mother tongue and Implementation of new education policy 2020 opportunities and challenges.

Kapoor further briefed the participants about the registration process and said that anyone desirous to participate in this competition need to register himself or herself through online Google form by paying a token money of Rs 100. They can write the paper in Hindi or English or any regional language of their choice and the word limit is 3000 to 5000 words and the last date for submission of paper is May 31, he added.

He said that the first prize is of Rs. 21,000, second is of 15,000, and third is of Rs11,000 and seven consolation prizes of Rs. 5100 each for this competition.

He appealed to all affiliated organisations to take up this as a challenge and pen down their innovative ideas without copying and pasting and submit the same through the Google form.

All the Zonal, District and State level office bearers participated in the meeting and showed a keen interest in the forthcoming national level event-Essay competition-2021. Dev Raj Thakur state president assured the maximum participation of teachers from J&K in upcoming "Essay Competition". Rattan Sharma State general secretary also assured of providing all possible services to the society during this pandemic.

Participants who were present in the meeting are Darshan Bharti State senior vice president, Renu Kumari, Avni Sen, Sanjay Sharma, Gurdeep Kumar, Gulshan Raina, State secretaries, Sanjay Kumar, Radha Krishan, Mohan Singh Parihar, Rahul Sharma, Neeraj Parihar, Dr Khem Raj, Dr Amit, Rakesh Kumar, Dr Shakti, Naresh Manhas and others.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Neeraj Sharma State vice president of AJKLTF.

Employee of Indian Railways, Ram Dayal Rana retired from his services yesterday at Jammu. He joined Indian Railways on June 11, 1983 and served the department for about 36 years.



DDC Kathua, Rahul Yadav chairing a meeting on Saturday.

DDC Kathua reviews implementation of PMAY

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KATHUA, May 1: District Development Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Yadav today reviewed the progress and implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)- Housing For All (Urban) Scheme, here at a meeting of line departments.

Chief Planning Officer, Programme Officer DUDA, Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Kathua, Executive officer Hiranagar and Basohli attended the meeting.

It was apprised in the meeting that Municipal Council Kathua has started construction work of 373 houses against 917 approved cases, while in MC Basohli work on 95 houses has been started

against 208. Similarly, work on 143 houses has been started in MC Parole against 234 sanctioned cases, and 96 in MC Hiranagar against sanctioned 295 cases.

In MC Lakanpur work of 11 houses has been started out of 40 cases and in MC Billawar work of 131 houses has been started out of 225 cases.

The DDC impressed upon the Municipal authorities and District Urban Development Agency to strictly adhere to guidelines of the scheme. He also laid thrust on adopting hassle free procedure for sponsoring the cases by respective municipalities so that maximum beneficiaries can avail the benefit of the scheme.

Govt fails to stop black marketing of oximeters: Youth leader

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JAMMU, May 1: Youth leader Partap Singh Jamwal today accused the J&K Administration of turning blind eye towards black marketing of oximeters, which are in demand due to surge in Corona cases.



Youth leader Partap Singh Jamwal addressing media persons at Jammu.

He said that due to shortage of oximeters in the J&K, the hoarders have started selling it on exorbitant rates, causing extra burden on the pocket of poor public.

Taking dig at the BJP Government in Centre as well as Lieutenant Governor's administration of J&K UT, Jamwal said

that due to their wrong policies the black marketers were encouraged to do it unabated.

He further alleged that the Modi Government has failed to stop the black marketing of oximeter and adding that the MRP of a branded oximeter has now surged to double due to increase in demand.

"Branded devices come up with a one-year replacement guarantee. The low priced variants which have also seen an increase in price do not provide such warranty, but are also selling like hot cakes," Jamwal alleged.

Partap appealed the Lieutenant Governor to take strict action against those engaged in black marketing of the same. He also requested the civil society to come forward and raise their voice against such elements.

Arrested drug peddler makes abortive bid to escape

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 1: A drug peddler made an abortive attempt to escape from the custody by threatening a cop here today.

As per police sources, a drug peddler identified as Vikram Singh, son of Uttam Singh of Anand Nagar Bohri arrested in a case registered under FIR Number 76/2021 under Section 8/21/22 NDPS Act with Police Station Nowabad made a vain attempt to escape from the custody of Police Post Talab Tillo by threatening a cop with paper cutter.

A fresh case under FIR Number 84/2021 under Section 332, 353, 223 and 511 IPC has been registered against Vikram Singh at Police Station Nowabad and investigation initiated.

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IGP pins SgCt rank to two officials

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JAMMU, May 1: Inspector General of Police (now ADGP) Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh pinned rank of Selection Grade



IGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh pinning new SgCt rank to official.

Constables (SgCt) to the officials namely SgCt Sandeep Kumar and SgCt Nitam Sharma who were recently promoted by the Zonal Police Headquarters, Jammu in a simple function held this afternoon.

While felicitating the officials, IGP Jammu Zone (now ADGP) congratulated and wished them good luck for their bright future.

Janardhan Singh, DySP (S), Private Secretary to IGP Jammu was also present on the occasion.

BJPMM holds virtual meet

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, May 1: A virtual meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mahila Morcha of district Samba was chaired by JKUT Mahila Morcha, media secretary and Prabhari district Samba, Prema Nanda, along with district president, Mahila Morcha, Sonia Thakur.

She interacted with Monika Jamwal, Payal, Radha, Neeru, Kanta Devi, Arti Sharma district general secretary and all general secretaries of Mandals.

Prema Nanda applauded the significant role played by Mahila Morcha Samba and praised their

selflessness and dedicated service towards the public of their areas during first wave of the COVID-19.

She said that during this period of second wave, the women activists must reach out to the people, especially those living in remote and far flung areas and help them in providing food, medical assistance and other essential items. She asked the women activists to make people aware about all the Dos and Don'ts related to COVID-19. There are many who are propagating misinformation among the people which must be countered with facts, she added.

BJP OBC Morcha distributes edibles in Baramulla

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 1: On the direction of Brahm Jyot Satti, president BJP OBC Morcha JK-UT, Fayaz Ahmed, district president BJP OBC Morcha, Baramulla and district convenor along with his teammates visited Sangrama constituency today and distributed relief material to them under the mission "Sewa Hi Sangathan".

They identified the needy families of area and distributed

many grocery items and edibles to them after following all SOPs and guidelines of COVID Pandemic.

They also visited house of BJP dedicated worker Mudassir Hasan who recovered from COVID-19 recently and enquired about his health.

After that they had a tiny meeting with civil society head and assured him that BJP is taking appropriate steps to save people from this deadly virus. They also praised JKP for tireless working to maintain social distance.