

Tribute paid to Maharaja Gulab Singh on his 200th Coronation Day

Excelsior Correspondent

AKHNOOR, June 17: "The contribution of founder of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir Maharaja Gulab Singh is unimaginably significant because unlike other rulers who changed boundaries of the country from within, this great monarch expanded India far and wide by conquering parts of China, Tibet and even

Earlier, the function commenced with paying of the floral tributes to Maharaja Ranjit Singh and Maharaja Gulab Singh by Vikramaditya Singh along with Martand Singh, Trustee of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust, Sham Lal Sharma, senior BJP leader and former minister and K P Singh, Chairman of the Maharaja Gulab Singh Raj Tilak Celebration Committee. The



Vikramaditya Singh, Sham Lal Sharma and others at Jia Pota Ghat in Akhnoor for paying tribute to Maharaja Gulab Singh on 200th Coronation Day on Friday.

Afghanistan." This was stated by Vikramaditya Singh, Trustee of Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust and former MLC, after paying tribute to the great Maharaja while celebrating his 200th Coronation Day at Jia Pota Ghat in Akhnoor today.

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Vikramaditya Singh said that Maharaja Gulab Singh was not only the warrior and able administrator but also a secular person as there was complete freedom of worship during his regime. He said that Maharaja Gulab Singh never forgot his roots and was approachable by the people.

Raising serious concern over the communal tensions, Vikramaditya Singh asked people of J&K to remain vigilant from the anti-national elements who are trying to create wedge between the communities for their vested interests. He appealed to the people of Jammu Kashmir to maintain communal harmony and universal brotherhood at all costs to defeat nefari-

prists of the J&K Dharmarth Trust performed the rituals amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras.

Sham Lal Sharma, senior BJP leader and former minister, in his address, said Maharaja Gulab Singh restored order in his territories, reduced refractory chiefs and through remarkable campaigns connected Kishtwar, Baltistan, Ladakh and Gilgit. He appealed to the youth of Jammu region to play their vital role in reviving the lost legacy of Dogra valour during the past seven decades.

Martand Singh said that Jammu and Kashmir State was established by not only Maharaja Gulab Singh but all the great ancestors of today's youth of the region. The need of the hour is to once again come forward and work for the overall development of the region, he said.

Yuva Rajput Sabha President Rajan Singh Happy, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, Chairman of Team Jammu and Maha Mandaleshwar Mahant Rameshwar Dass also spoke on the occasion.

Northern Army Chief reviews security along LoC

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SRINAGAR, June 17: Northern Army Commander, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, today



Northern Army Commander paying tribute to martyrs.

reviewed the security situation along the Line of Control and cautioned Army Commanders along the LoC not to let their guard down.

Lt Gen Dwivedi accompanied by Lt Gen ADS Aujla, Chinar Corps Commander, visited the formations and units, where the local Commanders briefed him on the

emerging security challenges effectively. "The Army Commander also complimented all Government agencies for their close coordination in maintaining peace in the region and reaching out to the people wholeheartedly."

Meanwhile, Northern Command celebrated its 51st Raising Day at its headquarters in Udhampur district with its commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi exhorting all ranks to rededicate themselves to safeguard the nation.

The Northern Command has been at the forefront of the nation's effort on the western and northern borders as well as to counter security challenges posed by terrorism and externally sponsored proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Command has consistently displayed its professionalism by conducting successful operations along the borders and in the hinter-



Apni Party leaders at a party programme in Jammu on Friday.

Apni Party represents aspirations of both regions: Altaf Bukhari

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JAMMU, June 17: Apni Party president, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari today said that Apni Party represents the aspirations of the people of both the regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a joining programme, Altaf Bukhari said that the joining of people from different segments of life shows that Apni Party has been able to win the confidence of the people who belong to various areas of Jammu region.

"The policy of equitable developmental of the Party has attracted the people," he said while welcoming the prominent people from Udhampur district who joined Apni Party in his presence and senior vice president Ghulam Hassan Mir, provincial president, Jammu, Manjit Singh, provincial vice president Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, district president, Udhampur Hans Raj Dogra, district vice president, Haji Noor Mohammed, and other leaders.

Those who joined Apni Party include Talib Hussain, Fazal

HC upholds acquittal in kidnapping, rape case

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 17: High Court has dismissed the appeal of prosecution challenging the verdict of trial court's acquittal of an accused in kidnapping and rape case for failing to prove the offences.

The FIR with regard to commission of offences under for kidnapping and rape was registered against accused-Jai Paul and Jeep Singh in Police Station Assar in Doda district on a complaint was lodged father of the victim of village Chadota Patta of Assar Doda in July 2016 and after completion of the investigation, the offences under

Sections 363/376/342/506/109 RPC were established against the both persons and the charge sheet was produced before the Court of law.

The trial court after hearing the prosecution and the defence, framed charges against the accused persons for the commission of offence under Sections 363, 376, 342, 506 and 109 RPC. However, the accused persons denied the charges. Prosecution in a bid to prove its case examined its witnesses, and after completion of the trial, the Additional Sessions Judge acquitted the accused persons from the charges framed against them.

The judgment of acquittal has

paredness," he said. While appreciating the current state of peace prevailing along the Line of Control, the spokesperson said that the Army Commander

land. To commemorate the occasion, a defence spokesman said the Chief of Staff, Northern Command headquarters, Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani laid a wreath at the Dhruva War memorial, paying homage to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Dwivedi exhorted all ranks to rededicate themselves to safeguard national integrity and continue to perform their task with fortitude, dedication and professionalism.

The General Officer extended his good wishes to the families and defence civilian staff of the command and complimented the troops for their steadfastness, resolve and exemplary devotion to duty, the spokesman said.



ADGP Mukesh Singh expressing his views during a function at Jammu on Friday.

ADGP distributes Rs 33 lakh to COVID Police Martyrs families

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh handed over 11 cheques worth Rs 33 lakhs to the families of eleven Police COVID Martyrs families of Jammu province provided by Mankind Pharma under Corporate Social Responsibility in a function held at Zonal Police Headquarters here this morning.

SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli, Staff officer to ADGP Jammu Ashok Sharma, Private Secretary

to ADGP Jammu JS Slathia and other police officers besides the team of Mankind Pharma which include Senior Sale Marketing Manager Anil Khandoori, ZSM Jagjeet Singh Kang and Regional Manager Rakesh Kumar were present on the occasion.

The ADGP Mukesh Singh on behalf of J&K Police thanked the team of "Mankind Pharma" company and hailed their noble gesture towards the families of COVID-19 Police Martyrs.

The program was compared by SSP Mubassar Latifi.

Minor reshuffle in JU Admn: Sanjeev Mahajan is Controller Examination

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Jammu University today ordered a minor reshuffle in JU administration at top level and appointed Sanjeev Mahajan as Controller of Examination.

Dr Sanjeev Mahajan, Joint Registrar (Finance) shall function as the controller of examination, in addition to his existing duties, till further orders, relieving Prof Jasbir Singh from the additional charge.

An order in this regard was issued today by the JU Registrar following which Sanjeev Mahajan formally took over the charge of Controller Examination. According to another order, Prof Lalit Sen from the Department of Computer Science & IT, shall function as the Provost Boys Hostel, in addition to his existing duties, relieving Prof Satinder Kumar from the additional charge.

Prof Satya Paul from the



Package employees protesting in front of Relief Organisation on Friday.

Package employees continue protest for relocation

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Continuing their protest, the PM package employees posted in Kashmir Valley held a demonstration in front of Relief Organisation here today in

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support of their relocation demand. The irate employees with placards and banners in their hands urged the Government to accept their demand without further delay in view of the targeted killings in the Valley. The protestors including male and female employees said that they were ready to serve in Kashmir Valley and had volunteered themselves for that but with the targeted killings and harassment faced by them they can't throw their and their families in more risk.

The protestors alleged that the administration had failed to ensure security to them with the result the employees belonging to minority community became safe targets of terrorists. The Government over the years failed to listen their woes and took the issue casually with the result they became safe and soft targets of militants.

They said shifting within Municipal limits is not any solution to their problem as Ajay Bhat was also serving within Municipal limits that too in Magistrate's office where he was gunned down in broad day light. When an employee



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Dr Jitendra Singh, Manoj Sinha and Karan Singh at Raj Tilak Divas of Maharaja Gulab Singh at Hari Niwas in Jammu on Friday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

ED's action against Rahul Gandhi Many protesting Cong leaders, workers detained in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Several senior leaders and Congress activists were taken into custody while holding a strong protest demonstration near Press Club against the vindictive policies of the BJP Govt against the Congress leadership, especially Rahul Gandhi.

A large number of congress workers, women and youth activists of District Congress



Cong activists taking out protest march in Jammu on Friday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

voice of opposition. He said Congress shall not be cowed down by such tactics and would fight back the repressive policies of Modi led BJP Government and safeguard the democracy.

A heavy contingent of police stopped the protestors from proceeding towards Raj Bhawan and they were taken into preventive custody and taken to district police

Committee Jammu Urban and Jammu Rural led by senior leaders including PCC vice president Mula Ram, Th Balwan Singh, TS Bajwa (Ex-MP), Ved Mahajan (Ex-MLC), Hari Singh Chib (DCC president Jammu-R), Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Dr Karan Bhagat, Ricky Dalotra, Ritu Chaudhary, H S Mehta, Sanjeev Panda, Rajvir Singh, Dr RK Khajuria, Satish Sharma (Ex-Corporator) and several others assembled near Press Club Jammu and started protest demonstration.

2-yrs on, Azadgunj-Khadiniyar road in dilapidated condition

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 17: Authorities have failed to repair the 8-kilometer long road stretch from Azadgunj to Khadiniyar in the old town of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Constructed under PMGSY, the road has been lying in a dilapidated condition for the last nearly 2 years, even as the locals have been time and again urging the concerned



Dilapidated condition of Azadgunj-Khadiniyar road in North Kashmir's Baramulla. -Excelsior/Abid Nabi

authorities to carry out the necessary works, but to no avail. "The road is a vital one, but remains in shambles as the authorities do not seem to be bothered to macadamize the road to ensure that the daily commute for the people becomes easy," Javid Ahmad, one of the residents said.

The residents said that the road has high traffic flow and is a very important link for the commuters while the road is also leading to a Gurdwara in the area, putting the people from the Sikh community in much hardship. "The road is full of potholes and makes it difficult for us to commute and it is not like the authorities are not aware of it, they very well are, but are not giving any attention to it," Latif Ahmad, another resident said. It is to be noted here that the road

and Chief Engineer PMGSY to look into the issue without any delay and ensure that the road is macadamized and the issues which the people are facing are put to an end.

"The road is not in any remote far off area, rather, it is very well there in the old town of Baramulla and the matter should have been resolved way before; now we request the authorities to initiate the necessary action in this regard, especially on the 3 km road from Azad Gunj To Drangbal." the residents said.

AEE, PMGSY Irfan Shafi Parry told Excelsior that the road is in maintenance and the concerned contractor is going to get the road repaired. "It has already been notified and the concerned contractor is duty-bound to do it; it will be done soon," he said.

DC Srinagar reviews health sector

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 17: In order to review the healthcare scenario of the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today chaired a meeting of senior health functionaries of the district at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of achievements under Health Sector Schemes, functioning of health Institutions, infrastructure upgradation and the healthcare facilities being extended to patients. He also reviewed progress achieved with regard to coverage under PMJAY-Ayushman Bharat Sehat cards in the district.

A threebare discussion was held on the physical status of projects, financial implications, Healthcare achievements, Patient care facilities, enrolment under PMJAY- Ayushman Bharat, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, TB/Leprosy free Panchayat and Wards, status of online Hospital Management Information System, establishment of Health wellness centres, status of NDHM, RBSK, NPCDCS, JSY-JSSK, IMR/MMR and other related issues.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged upon health functionaries to come up to the expectations of the patients and focus on quality assurance, accessible, affordable health care in the district.

Regarding the achievements made under AB-PMJAY-SEHAT in the district, the DC directed the Zonal medical officers to redouble efforts to achieve 100 percent target of registration of beneficiaries under the scheme in the district.

The DC was informed that as many as 551869 Golden Cards have been issued to beneficiaries of the district so far covering 67 percent families and 61 percent individual beneficiaries under the scheme.

Stressing upon expediting works taken up for upgradation of healthcare infrastructure in the district, he directed the officers to monitor the pace and progress of works to ensure their timely completion for the larger benefit of the general public.

The DC also directed the concerned officers to project the issues that require intervention of the administration by paying site visits and monitoring timeliness, quality of assets besides fixing responsibilities of executing agencies.

Seora, Satwari, Ashok Nagar, Shastri Nagar, MES, Sainik Colony, Part of Ratnuchak, Ramgarh, Rangoor, Kesso, BSF, Mahal, Industry Birpur Complex, Seora, Kanal, Birpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 18 from 6 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Basohli, Bani, Bhoond, Mandali, Phinter, Tandi, Pamala, Baggan and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 18 from 7 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Greater Kailash, Birpur Complex, Seora, Kanal, Birpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 18 from 6 am to 9 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Biaspur, Kalyana Kotli, Sai, Khana Chak, Miran Sahib, Purana Pind and its adjoining areas will remain affected on June 18 from 7 am to 8 am and 1 pm to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Swankha, Chang, Chak Balotra, Maharajpur, Nandpur, Chatstaka, Koth and adjoining areas will remain affected on June 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Tandyani, Ladoli, Baria Danoh and its adjoining areas will remain affected on June 20 from 10.30 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Industrial areas Logate, Logate Kumari, Kathera, Mata Bala Sundri and its adjoining areas will remain affected on June 18 and 19 from 10.30 am to 4 pm.