

Anti-Agnipath protests: Several detained for attempting to block highways

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JAMMU, June 17: Several youths were detained as they took to streets in Jammu and Kashmir and tried blocking highways to protest against the newly launched Agnipath military recruitment scheme, an official said.

The unhappy army aspirants demonstrated in Jammu, Kathua and Rajouri districts of the state. Police resorted to lathicharge and detained several protesters

The protesters have threatened to intensify the agitation in the coming days.

However, a case under relevant sections has been registered at Police Station Gangyal against the protesting youth.

Another group of protesters tried to block the Jammu-Pathankot Highway near Kalibari Chowk in Kathua district, the official said, adding that police dispersed those who pulled down a poster of Union Minister Jitendra Singh and raised slogans

armed forces, which has sent a wave of frustration amongst the youth of the country, who have reacted angrily throughout country. He sought to withdraw it and hold regular recruitment to the armed forces, as before including the backlog of past over two years.

The NSUI extended its support to the protesting army aspirants. National President Neeraj Kundan in his tweet appealed to the students protest peacefully and announced that NSUI will raise the issue through Sainik Satyagraha Nationally against the Government's decision. The Rajasthan Unit of the organisation will march Delhi from Bikaner on 21st June. In his statement to the media, Neeraj Kundan said that this Government takes decisions and makes schemes without consulting the interested parties. "We will raise this issue on the streets, in the parliament and if necessary will go to the court", he added. National Spokesperson of NSUI Harshad Sharma said that NSUI will go in every city and every street to stand with these protesting aspirants.



Army aspirants raising slogans during protest at Kunjwani in Jammu.

after they became violent and indulged in stone pelting at Kunjwani Chowk on Jammu-Pathankot Highway.

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Accusing police of high-handedness, one of the protesters said that the aspirants had just started assembling when police resorted to lathicharge without any provocation.

He said that they reject the new scheme and took to streets to press for their recruitment as per the previous scheme.

"We have submitted our forms for recruitment in the army in February 2020 and have already cleared the physical and medical examination. The written test was not undertaken by the army over the past one year and now they have come up with this scheme which is unjustified and anti-youth," he said amid anti-BJP sloganeering.

against Bharatiya Janata Party. Another group of protesters blocked the Jammu-Rajouri National Highway near Muradpur before dispersing peacefully on the intervention of police, the official added.

Unveiling the scheme on Tuesday, the government said youths between the ages of 17 and-a-half and 21 years would be inducted for a four-year tenure while 25 per cent of them will be subsequently inducted for regular service.

The youths to be recruited under the new scheme would be called 'Agniveer'. A major objective of the scheme is to bring down the average age of military personnel and cut ballooning salary and pension bills.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma while addressing a press conference lashed out at the new recruitment scheme "Agnipath" for

Dulloo discusses modalities for promotion of wool based industries

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SRINAGAR, June 17: Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department, Atal Dulloo today held a meeting to deliberate upon different aspects of promotion of wool based industry here in J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Vivek Bharadwaj; Director, Sheep Husbandry, Jammu/Kashmir; Director I&C, Jammu/Kashmir; Director Handicrafts & Handloom,

Jammu/Kashmir; MD JK Industries and many other officers from the concerned Departments. Jammu based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dulloo stressed upon the officers to devise a viable framework for making wool industry a success in the UT. He emphasised on the fact that wool is the only raw material that is available in abundance here and can support a large industrial setup.

He maintained that such an industry has a potential to provide employment to thousands of our

youth thereby tiding over the problem of unemployment here. He asked the officers to look into all the aspects of reviving this industry here including the one on PPP mode. He observed that a well-thought plan has all the chances of being successful once implemented efficiently.

The ACS, Agriculture observed that it is the only natural fiber in which the nation is deficient. He gave out that proper processing, grading, marketing, and value addition will turn around fortunes for farmers dealing with it. He enjoined upon them to put all the relevant infrastructure to optimal use so that the wool farming becomes remunerative.

The ACS, Industries & Commerce reiterated that the promotion of the trade is government's priority. He remarked that the New Industrial Policy has all the attributes for promoting trade and business across J&K.

He noted that any proposal for reviving this industry would be supported unequivocally. He gave out that J&K has enough resources to support any such initiatives. He further asked them that they might look into the possibility of finding the relevant Central Schemes for supporting this initiative.



Officials of Powergrid handing over two Doppler Ultrasound Machines to Director Health Services Jammu on Friday.

Powergrid provides '2 Colour Doppler Ultrasound Machines' to DHSJ

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JAMMU, June 17: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (Powergrid), a Maharatna PSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India, has provided 'Two Colour Doppler Ultrasound Machines' to Directorate of Health Services Jammu (DHSJ) under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for strengthening the medical infrastructure of the Sub District Hospital Kot Bhalwal and Community Health Centre Akhnoor, here today.

Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, Powergrid Northern Region-II handed over the two hi-end latest technology ultrasound machines of Rs 43 lakhs to Dr Sanjay Sharma, Deputy Director Health Services Jammu in the presence of Vinod P Baxala, General Manager (HR), Powergrid, Dr Harbaksh Singh, CMO Jammu, Dr Kusum Mattoo, BMO Kot Bhalwal, Dr Saleem, BMO Akhnoor and others.

These facilities will augment the existing health infrastructure at SDH Kot Bhalwal and CHC Akhnoor in Jammu division, said a health officer, adding that these latest technology ultrasound machines will also provide great comfort to the populace of these areas which otherwise have to visit hospitals in Jammu city.

The authorities of the Health

Department Jammu thanked the Powergrid for providing the two hi-end machines and requested Powergrid to continue contributing to the health infrastructure development in Jammu.

"Under CSR activities, the health sector is one of the thrust areas of Powergrid especially in the Government hospitals of rural and urban areas across the country with the belief that adequate medical infrastructure is important for the well being of the general masses. During the last three years, Powergrid has taken up many CSR initiatives in Jammu province amounting to Rs 2.5 crores, informed an official of Powergrid.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Powergrid Northern Region -II with headquarter in Jammu, is having its transmission system spread in the States of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and UT of Chandigarh, Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

The restoration work was

Traffic restored on Jammu-S'ngr NH

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, June 17: One way traffic on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was restored after 11 hours of blockade due to massive land slide near Banihal late this evening.

Official sources said that highway was blocked at around 10.10 am on Friday due to falling of boulders during road widening exercise at Rampadi, about 10 kms short of Banihal from Ramban side. This blockade led to the suspension of traffic movement on the busy highway.

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Comm Secy Revenue visits Rajouri, stresses on digitization of land records

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RAJOURI, June 17: Commissioner Secretary, Revenue Department, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today visited Rajouri district and chaired a meeting to review the functioning of Revenue Department here.

During the meeting a detailed discussion was held on status of writing of Jamabandis, change in land use, retrieval of state and Kachari land, functioning of Patwar Khanas, progress made under delineation besides issues related to developmental works were also deliberated upon.

Addressing the officers in the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary underlined the priorities of the Government like digitisation of Jamabandies, online delivery of various revenue services and other public friendly initiatives recently started by the Government to bring transparency and accountability in the department.

Bidhuri also directed the revenue officers to educate the public about the online portal through which certain revenue records can be viewed and downloaded without any inconvenience. He also stressed on digitization of land records at the earliest.

He also exhorted upon the officers to work with zeal and dedication to provide best services to the

public and contribute in lessening the hardships of common masses.

While taking stock of the online revenue services being provided to the general public, the Commissioner Secretary was informed that a number of revenue services are being provided to the general public through online mode.

The Commissioner Secretary asked the concerned officers to ensure that online services are provided to the public timely so that they don't face any problems.

Moreover, issues impeding the developmental projects like Government Degree Colleges were also discussed in detail wherein the Commissioner Secretary passed necessary instructions to the concerned officers to take effective measures to resolve the developmental bottlenecks so that the execution of work on the projects shall not be delayed.

DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal; ADDC, Pawan Kumar; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; ADC Nowshera, Sukhdev Singh Samyal; ADC Kotranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; AC Defence, Saleem Qureshi; Tehsildars and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Earthquake hits J&K

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SRINAGAR, June 17: An earthquake of magnitude 5.2 on the richter scale hit Jammu and Kashmir today, officials said.

The tremor was recorded at 2:52 pm, the officials said. The epicentre of the quake was at latitude of 36.46 degrees North and longitude of 71.09 degrees East in Afghanistan, the officials said.

It hit a depth of 260 km. The tremors caused panic among the people who rushed outdoors for safety.

However, there were no reports so far of any injury or damage to property, the officials added. (PTI)

AM Hyundai launches New Hyundai Venue

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: AM Hyundai-the biggest signature dealership of Hyundai Motor India Limited in Jammu and Kashmir, today unveiled the highly awaited New Hyundai Venue in presence of Social Media Influencers at its dealership in

Content Creator, Janvi Jamwal Fashion Influencer, Vivek Mahajan Celebrity Fashion Photographer, Rahul Wanchoo Musician and Singer, Zoodie Media Personality, Dr Ibra Fashion and Lifestyle Influencer, Akhil Artist and Musician, RJ Abhishek and Mansi Sharma Fashion Model.



Dignitaries unveiling New Hyundai Venue.

Paloura. Accentuating the Hyundai SUV Life, the new Hyundai Venue is geared up to redefine lit experiences for customers with its bold design, power packed performance, space, comfort, advanced technologies and connectivity.

HML Officials, Ojas Kapoor TSM NRO 1, Ankit Kumar H-TSM NRO1, Akshat Bhargava ISL NRO, Nittin Sharma TPSM NRO1 and Soham Kamotra National Champion U018 Chess Championship unveiled the car in presence of Himansh Kohli Lifestyle Influencer, Danish Khan Fashion Model, Dhananjay Singh Charak Mr Universe 2022, Divya Kapoor Tattoo Artist, Gaurav Kapoor Tattoo Artist, Arshiya Sharma Super Dancer Chapter 4 Finalist, Arti Mahajan Dingra Fitness and Lifestyle Influencer, Jeda the Cop Fashion Vlogger and Coffee Lover, Latika Sharma Fashion Model, Poonam Koul Fashion Model, Jasraj Illustrator and Digital

The unveiling took place in presence of Chairman AM Hyundai Group, Jatinder Gupta, Managing Director AM Hyundai Sanjay Mahajan, Director Sudershan Gupta, Director Ankur Mahajan and Director Akshay Mahajan.

Speaking at the launch of the New Hyundai Venue, Chairman AM Hyundai Jatinder Gupta said, "The New Hyundai Venue has been developed to personify the aspirations of our beloved customers. With a keen focus on design, technology, functionality and space, the new Hyundai Venue is here to elevate customer experiences and amplify the Hyundai SUV Life. Being India's No 1 SUV maker of 2020 and 2021, we are immensely grateful to our customers for placing their love and trust in brand Hyundai. The new Hyundai Venue will build further on the legacy of this brand and thrill customers with its bold and dynamic persona, while enabling the next level of comfort, connectivity and convenience".

Plus 2 Officers Association highlights issues, demands

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JAMMU, June 17: All J&K Plus 2 Officers Association held a meeting, here today with Executive Council members and District Presidents for highlighting the issues and demands of the cadre.

Main issues being taken up by the Association for redressal within a short span of time include; MACP for all the Plus 2 cadre Officers, filling up all posts of School Education Department from Lecturers to Jt Directors level, regularization of all Incharge incumbents, etc.

three years for Soft Zones, two years for Hard zones and one year for very hard zones for ATD 2023 and also require consideration of some more areas as Hard and Very Hard Zones.

Those who attended the meeting, included Rajeev Kumar Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar Pandita, Kapil Banotra, Dr Karan Singh, Sangeet Jamwal, Laxmi Jamwal, Anil K Sudan, Prem Paul Verma, Ravel Singh, Didar Singh, Rahul Des Raina, S Joginder Pal Singh, Dev Raj Sharma, Rajesh Kr Sharma, Aditi Sharma, Amit Kumar Sharma, Navneet Gupta and others.

Glowing tribute paid to H L Chatta on his 8th death anniversary

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JAMMU, June 17: Rich tribute were paid to former president of All State Kashmiri Pandit Conference (ASKPC) and RSS ideologue, Hira Lal Chatta on his eighth death anniversary here, today.

In this regard Shardanjali meetings were held at various places in Jammu and Delhi to recall the services of late leader to the community and nation. Amar Balidan Trust of which Chatta was one of the founders held a function here, today in which the participants while recalling the services of the late leader said Chatta served the community up to his last breath. They said that Trust was established by the visionary leader to help younger generation to overcome their educational, social and other issues. They said Chatta will be always remembered for his services.

Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) also paid rich tribute to veteran leader at a function at New Delhi. KPC chief, Kundan Kashmiri while recalling his services towards the community and the country said he during the time of crisis after mass exodus of KPs fought for their rights till his last breath.

Other KPC leaders, Tej Pandita, M K Raina, Dr Saraf, Sushil Bhat and R L Raina said that Chatta served the nation and com-

munity like a soldier even in Kashmir Valley. He was a threat to the detractors of the nation always. BJP activists also held a meeting here to pay tribute to H L Chatta. The meeting was chaired by Ajay Bharti spokesman of the party and former MLC in which his role as a social activist and party leader was highlighted. The meeting was attended by H L Bhat, in charge Intellectuals and Senior Citizens Cell, Ashok Kangan senior leader, BB Gosani and Moti Lal Bhat incharge Religious and Social Organisations said Chatta will always be remembered for his contributions in political and social field. He served BJP in Kashmir at that time when people were making distance from the party but he always felt proud of himself to be the member of Jana Sangh and later BJP which according to him was a means to serve people.

All State Kashmiri Pandit Conference (ASKPC) the organization which he served for decades as president and general secretary also paid glowing tribute to Chatta who they said imbued the values of simplicity and selfless service to the nation. His services to the cause of community especially after mass exodus in 1990 were highlighted. The meeting was chaired by president ASKPC R K Wangnoo and those who attended it included R L Koul, Veena Gurtoo, Ravi Raina, Ashok Dhar, P K Bhat, Daizy Bhat, nana Jee, Ravinder Koul and Sanjay Bakshi.

Cochlear implant surgery restarted at GMC Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, June 17: In a significant development, the Department of ENT GMC Srinagar has restarted cochlear implant surgery for deaf and mute children.

In this regard, 4 cochlear implant surgeries were done on June 14, 15 in the department of ENT GMC Srinagar at SMHS Hospital Srinagar under the Mentorship of Prof (Dr.) Alok Thakar, Head of the department of ENT, AIIMS, New Delhi.

Dr. Alok Thakar was in Srinagar in connection with an MoU signed between Director AIIMS and Principal GMC Srinagar for carrying forward the cochlear implant program smoothly in the future.

Pertinent to mention the surgery is being done for deaf and mute children preferably before 5 years of age for the development of hearing and then speech to live a near-normal life. GMC said that Cochlear

Implant surgery incurs a huge cost on the part of the patient as the implant itself costs in lacs of rupees. Previously because of financial constraints and COVID-19 for 2 years, implants couldn't be done.

"However as part of MoU by the Department of ENT GMC Srinagar, this surgery is expected to benefit children with such disabilities in the future. Furthermore, all facilities for rehabilitation of such children are there in the ENT Department at SMHS Srinagar."

Moreover, GMC Srinagar said, children with poor financial backgrounds who are unable to afford implants will be registered under the ADIPs-a scheme providing free implants for deaf and mute children below 5 years of age after fulfilling the requisite criteria.

The Principal GMC, Prof Samia Rashid has lauded the efforts of Prof Alok Thakar from AIIMS New Delhi and HoD ENT GMC Prof Manzoor Ahmad Latoo in this direction.

Mobile snatching case solved, 2 arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 17: Talab Tillo Police solved a mobile snatching case with the arrest of two persons.

As per police sources, on May 27 this year a written complaint was lodged at Police Post Talab Tillo by a person namedly Jaspal Singh, son of Suram Singh of District Reasi regarding snatching of his mobile phone near Gole Pulli by two snatchers.

Acting over the complaint, a case under FIR Number 60/2022 under section 382 IPC was registered at Police Station Nowabad and investigation started.

To work out the case, a team from Police Post

Talab Tillo led by PSI Rajesh Kumar was constituted under the supervision of SHO Nowabad Inspector Vijay Sharma and DySP Headquarters Swati Sharma.

The team put in hectic efforts and finally nabbed two snatchers, who were identified as Satyam Bhagat, son of Parmod Bhagat of Colonel Colony District and Aryan Sharma.

On their disclosure, 8 mobile phones including the snatched mobile phone were recovered. A bullet motorcycle used to commit the crime has also been seized.

Further questioning of the arrested persons is going on to ascertain their involvement in other theft cases.

Dr Pargal leads CMC Ludhiana team to remove 22 kg tumor

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JAMMU, June 17: 32 year old male from West Bengal was given a new lease of life by the Department of Plastic Surgery at CMCH Ludhiana after they

Ludhiana in May this year, following which he was evaluated by the Department of Plastic surgery. In view of poor nutritional status and low haemoglobin.

Patient was given multiple blood transfusions and steps were taken for adequate

nourishment pre operatively. Following this, Head of Department Plastic Surgery Dr. Pinki Pargal along with her team of surgeons Dr. Eldo Varkey George, Dr. Jharna Verma, Dr. Pallavi Nigam and Anaesthetist, Dr. Narjeet Kaur took on the challenge and successfully excised the large mass.

Post operatively, the patient recovered without any complications. Histopathological examination of the excised mass, revealed a highly aggressive rare tumour. The surgeons expressed how it was satisfying to see the patient who was brought to them in a wheelchair, walk out of their ward with a smile on his face towards a healthier and happier life.



Team of CMC doctors after successful surgery.

removed a 22 kg tumor from the his lower limb. Patient who hails from Bengal visited multiple doctors over the years for the tumor but all of them had refused to operate on his leg fearing the complications and high mortality rate involved in the surgical excision.

Patient approached CMCH

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- Hostel: There is no hostel facility at present.
- Selection will be made on marks obtained in 10th class only.
- Minimum age should be 14 years.
- Submission of Application: Prescribed format can be download from website of NSTI (W) Jammu <http://nstinjammu.dgt.gov.in> or obtained from the respective NSTI. Filled application form is to be submitted at the respective NSTI latest by 15.07.2022 along with the passport size photograph Self attested copies of marksheet, school leaving certificate and caste certificate etc.

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