

Parties condemn killing of SPO, his brother in Budgam

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: The killing of an SPO and his brother in a militant attack at Chadubug Budgam was strongly condemned by several political parties of Jammu and Kashmir.

Unreservedly condemning the brutal killings of siblings SPO Ishfaq Ahmad and his brother, National Conference (NC) president Dr Farooq Abdullah and vice-president Omar Abdullah said that such killings question the Government's claims on peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. They said the killings of Ishfaq and his brother is yet another addition to the scores of others who lost their precious lives this year.

The duo expressed sympathies and condolences with the bereaved and prayed for peace to the departed in the highest stations of Jannat. Among others, party general secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar, provincial president Nasir Aslam Wani and chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq also condemned the incident unequivocally and prayed for

peace to the departed souls.

Condemning killing of SPO Ishfaq Ahmad and his younger brother, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Ghulam Ahmad Mir termed the incident as gruesome and mindless. My deepest condolences to bereaved family, Mir said adding that bloodshed and killing of innocent people must end.

Meanwhile, a JKPC spokesperson said the rank and file of the Party shares the grief with the family of SPO Ishfaq Ahmad and pray for their courage to bear the loss of their siblings. He urged the Government to take serious cognizance of the killing in Budgam and elsewhere in Kashmir and take more effective measures to end the bloodshed.

CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami termed the incident as heinous, barbaric and demanded that perpetrators should be identified and brought to book. "It has sent shock waves into the whole region and everyone is pained and grieved," Tarigami said and expressed condolences with the bereaved family.

Only BJP can provide stable Govt in J&K: Arun

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 27: SAMBA, Mar 27: BJP leader, Arun Kumar Sharma today said that only Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) can provide stable Government in J&K.

Addressing a public rally at Utterbehani of Vijaypur segment, Sharma highlighted several schemes launched by Modi Government and also took stocks of problems and assured them that he will get these problems redressed on priority.



BJP leader Arun Kumar Sharma addressing a meeting at Utterbehani on Sunday.

He said Congress, NC, PDP are parties which spread hatred among the general masses and they do politics for their personal benefits and pleasures. After abrogating Articles 370 and 35A people are getting all Centre sponsored schemes without any delay and corruption. Beneficiaries are taking advantages of Modi Government with transparency. Refugees got benefits by annulling of Art. 370

to support BJP in coming Assembly election and strengthen the hands of Narendra Modi Government. People also praised the works that are done by GoI and are satisfied with the schemes of Government.

Those who addressed the meeting include BDC Chairman, Arshad Begum, Sarpanches Joginder Paul, Yas Pal, Shanti Singh, Ankush Sharma, Madan Lal, Nazir Ahmed, Girdhari Lal and others.

Eye patients operated free of cost by Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Trust

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Mar 27: Patients successfully operated yesterday after screening during free Eye & ENT camp by Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Memorial Trust Udhampur in collaboration with the Udhampur Rotary Eye & General Welfare Foundation and KLSM Rotary Eye & ENT Hospital Udhampur, were discharged today.

The screening camp was organized on March 20, 2022 at Village Kaldi in District Udhampur. In this camp, 315 patients suffering from different eye ailments were examined by the medical team of the hospital. Out of these 315 patients, 67 were identified for cataract surgeries. They were brought in the hospital by the members of the trust for further surgical procedures. 154 patients suffering with ENT ailments were examined. 31 patients suffering with hearing loss were provided hearing aid free of cost.

SR holds workshops for IAS aspirants

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: The SR College of Competitions (SRCC) held a workshop for the civil services aspirants in the College premises at Gandhi Nagar here today.

An expert faculty with wealth of experience from Delhi dealt with the nature and structure of the exam comprehensively.

All the aspects including the scheme and pattern of the exam, approach for prelims and mains, sources of material and the books required, use of online sources and the relevance of newspaper reading in preparing the current affairs and writing test series for both prelims and mains were covered thoroughly and to the satisfaction of the students.

During the session the entire syllabus, the focus areas and the kind of questions asked in the previous years papers were also taken up. Aspirants were also guided about the CSAT and Essay papers also.

The expert faculty from Delhi Gautam Kumar discussed in detail the entire syllabus of civil services examination conducted by the UPSC and JKPCS and suggested a comprehensive step by step strategy to prepare for both the Preliminary and the Mains examination. In a three and half hour long session, he dealt with all the four papers of the

Yesterday, all these patients were operated by Dr Ankur Goel & Dr Sumeru Raina to restore their vision.

Today, 26 operated patients after follow up were discharged from the hospital. On the occasion, a conference was also organized in the hospital premises in which Dev Raj Gupta, Chairman; Asha Gupta, Vice Chairman; Dr Yogeshwar Gupta, Trustee; Satish Chopra, Trustee of Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Memorial Trust; D N Sharma, Chairman; S S Kermi, Finance Secretary of Rotary Eye Hospital Udhampur along with the operated patients and their attendants were also present. Awareness was also given to the patients about the eye care after surgery so that better vision is maintained in future.

Speaking on the occasion, D N Sharma assured to organize such more camps in rural areas of Udhampur till whole of the district becomes avoidable blindness free.

General Studies, Civil Services Aptitude Test and also about the selection of Optional subject. He attended to all the queries raised by the aspirants regarding factors to be kept in mind while choosing a right and suitable optional.

Further, aspirants asked about the ethics, integrity and aptitude paper and the approach to handle the theory and the case studies part. Also they asked about the cut off needed to qualify in the prelims and the mains examination.

He also drew the attention of the aspirants to essay paper and the answer writing practice. He suggested the aspirants to at least attend one comprehensive test series for both prelim and mains examination. The resource person also stressed on the importance of current affairs and the relevant sources to prepare the same. Various other aspects like time management, study material, preparation of notes and newspaper reading were handled in an exhaustive manner.

The attendees included the aspirants preparing for IAS and JKAS 2022 and also undergraduates who will be eligible in a couple of years. "SR College has planned a series of workshops, seminars, webinars and interactions with the IAS officers, KAS toppers and various subject experts" informed Office Coordinator Praful Sharma.

Valley based politicians irked by 'The Kashmir Files': Bali Bhagat

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Minister Bali Bhagat while reacting strongly against the insensitive statements issued by the Valley based Kashmiri politicians over 'The Kashmir Files' has said that these politicians are now crying hoarse over this film as it has exposed the dubious role they played in facilitating the genocide of Kashmir Pandits in 1989.

In a statement issued to media here today, Bali Bhagat said that these Valley based politicians are irked by 'The Kashmir Files'. He slammed former Chief Ministers of erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti of continuing to play divisive politics even on the most sensitive matter involving the minuscule Kashmiri Pandit community the members of which were exiled by the Jehadi elements with tacit support of these leaders and their parties. He said that valley

AIJMS president reiterates demand of OBC status to Jat community

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Mar 27: President of All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) and former Mayor Choudhary Manmohan Singh today reiterated the demand of giving OBC status to the Jat community in J&K on the pattern of 11 states of the country.

In this connection, Choudhary Manmohan Singh visited Nowshera and held a meeting with Jat community during which several issues related to the Community was discussed threadbare.

Speaking in the meeting, Singh expressed resentment against the J&K and Central Governments for depriving the Jat community of J&K of their due share. He stated that in 11 states, Jats are enjoying the benefits of OBC status but the Jats of J&K continue to be deprived of the same. He said that earlier Article 370 was cited as the hurdle in conferring OBC status to the Jat Community but now Articles 370 has been removed from the erstwhile state of J&K and full authori-

ties lies in the hands of the Union Government.

He asked J&K BJP leadership to fulfill its promise by changing words into actions and ensure justice to Jats of Jammu region before holding Assembly elections in the Union Territory. He warned that in case the ruling Government fails to provide OBC status to Jat community then the Party will not get a single Jat vote in any of the upcoming elections in J&K.

Singh said that under Prime Minister's slogan of 'One Nation, One Constitution', Jats of J&K are facing discrimination. He appealed the Prime Minister to do justice with J&K Jats by providing OBC status at par with eleven states of the country.

Ajay Choudhary, Youth President of Jat Maha Sabha Rajouri, Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh Choudhary, Sarpanch Satpaul Choudhary, Sarpanch Ramesh Choudhary, Ex Sarpanch Bindu Choudhary and many others were present in the meeting.

Sectt at Panchayat level be made functional: AJKPC

Excelsior Correspondent

RS PURA, Mar 27: All Jammu Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) has welcomed the decision of LG Administration that Panchayats in Jammu and Kashmir will soon have its own secretariat.

Addressing media persons here today, S. Gurdeep Singh Saini, State general secretary AJKPC and Sarpanch of Gandhi Panchayat of Block RS Pura, said that the Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mehta has issued a directive that Secretariats will be run by the district administration at the Panchayat level and necessary directions have been issued to Deputy Commissioners to identify the government buildings.

"AJKPC welcomes this decision of the government and demanded from that it should be implemented in letter and spirit," Saini said and added that due to no such system at present, people have to wander to get the work done at the Panchayat level, in such a situation, people will be able to meet the concerned employees and get their problems resolved by the formation of Panchayat Secretariat.

Saini expressed disappointment over the fact that after the completion of Panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the government had entrusted the responsibility of 23 government departments to the Sarpanchs, but except a few departments, none of the departments cooperated with the Sarpanchs, due to which the work of people could not be done at Panchayat level.

"This decision of government needs to implement with strictness

Mystery shrouds death of youth

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Mar 27: Mystery shrouds the death of a youth whose dead body was found in his truck yesterday morning at Dug Shazadpur in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh in Samba district.

As per reports during the intervening night of 25/26 March, one person namely Hardeep Singh, 28, son of Harbajan Singh of Dug Shazadpur Police Station (PS) Ramgarh was sleeping in his own truck bearing Registration Number JK14 C 1965 which was parked at his own village. He was found dead by the family members in the morning yesterday when they went to awake him.

Dead body was shifted to CHC Ramgarh for postmortem by his family members and they also informed Ramgarh Police in this regard. The police after taking the cognisance of the matter has registered a case under relevant sections of the law.

so that all the government works of the people can be completed in the Panchayat Secretariat itself," he said, adding that with the formation of Panchayat Secretariat, the problems of the people would be resolved and the Sarpanch would also be able to place the problems of his Panchayat in front of the



AJKPC gen secy, Gurdeep Singh Saini addressing press conference at RS Pura.

concerned officials.

Saini said that after the Panchayat, Block and District Development Council elections, the government is taking steps to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system, due to which the government has now decided to run the Panchayat Secretariat, but the point to be seen is that how much the government is successful in its decision and to what extent people's problems would be solved.

Man killed by brother over land dispute

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Mar 27: A man was killed by his elder brother over some land dispute at village Upper Jakhar here today evening.

As per police sources, a clash broke out between two brothers namely Noor Ali, son of Gulab Din and Shareef Hussain at village Jakhar. The situation turned ugly and Noor Ali seriously injured his brother Shareef Hussain with sticks and fled away from the spot.

The profusely bleeding victim was rushed to District Hospital, where doctors declared him as brought dead.

The body of the deceased has been shifted to mortuary of District Hospital for post-mortem.

A case under relevant Sections has been registered at Police Station Udhampur and hunt has been launched to nab the alleged murderer.

Woman killed after hit by shooting stone

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Mar 27: A woman was killed after hit by shooting stone in Gota area of Chassana, police sources said.

The deceased was identified as Sakeena Begum, wife of Mohammad Shafi, a resident of Hassote Tehsil Chassana District Reasi.

Chassana Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Repair Jammu flyovers

This is to draw the attention of the concerned authorities that the flyover running through the heart of Jammu city is posing



problems to motorists using it for commuting daily. The flyover having architectural fault remains riddled with pot-holes which create great inconvenience particularly during rainy season. Though patchwork is done to make it traffic worthy, it does in reality create more problems, particularly where steel frames have been embedded. The depression created at the steel pipes make journey quite bumpy.

The authorities are requested to keep this flyover free from all faults to enable commuters enjoy a safe drive.

Hope the authorities take notice of this situation.

Rajinder Rasgotra
Gandhinagar, Jammu

Dumping and stinking zone in MC Basohli

There used to exist a panoramic view point hardly 200 meters from Bus stand on the Basohli Bani Bhaderwah highway from where one could have a beautiful view of the water creek formed by the RSD waters. The water below the view point used to be fresh and pollution free. But the MC Basohli has converted it into a dumping site which is always stinking and giving out foul smell. No body can pass through that site without covering his nose. Many times the MC has been seen pushing the dirty garbage into the RSD waters below which is resulting into the pollution of the Lake. The site being at the doorstep of the histor-



ical town Basohli welcomes tourists to the town with stinking environment and foul smell. Many times the MC authorities have been apprised about it but all fell flat on their ears. It is therefore requested to clean the site and save the natives from the impending danger of breaking out of any epidemic.

Shiv Kumar Padha
Basohli

Open Air Theatre inaugurated

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: An Open Air Theatre was inaugurated by Nriyjanali Classical Dance Academy, Hazuri Bagh here.

Sheela Nanda, Commissioner Secretary Welfare was the chief guest whereas Dr Ravi Kumar Sharma, Director School Education was the guest of honour. Sanjeev Rana, Additional Secretary (C), Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), Dr Arvinder Singh Amn, Additional Secretary, JKAACL and Sanjay Kumar Baru, Councillor JMC were also present on the occasion as special guests. The programme was also attended by many artists, art lovers and prominent citizens.

A report on the activities and achievements of the Classical Dance Academy was presented by Dr Priya Dutta, Director of Nriyjanali.

In the end, vote of thanks was presented by Prof Sohaib Inayat Malik.

Prof. Youdhvir starts blacktopping work

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Councillor of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Prof. Youdhvir Singh here today started blacktopping work in Bhaur-I area of Gadigarh.

Speaking on the occasion the Councillor said that blacktopping in other parts of the Ward will also be started soon and that will cost JMC about Rs. 1.40 crore after which the lanes will get a facelift.

He said that JMC Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta has provided the required funds for

Absconding notorious thief arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 27: Bahu Fort Police arrested an absconding notorious thief, who was evading his arrest since long.

As per police sources, on specific information a team from Police Station Bahu Fort led by SHO Inspector Nayat Ali under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari and SP South Mamta Sharma conducted raid and apprehended an absconding notorious thief, who was evading his arrest since

Earlier, Raj Kumar Behrupia formally welcomed the dignitaries and guests.

A cultural programme based



Artists during inauguration of Open Air Theatre at Jammu.

on Kathak classical dance performances by the young and senior artist.

Speaking on this occasion, Sheela Nanda appreciated the establishing an Open Air Theatre in Jammu which would help in projecting the talent of the youth of the region. The other guests also expressed their views.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Raj Kumar Behrupia.

In the end, vote of thanks was presented by Prof Sohaib Inayat Malik.

Prof. Singh asked the people of his Ward to cooperate JMC in various developmental works and in maintaining cleanliness in the Ward.

He asked the people of his Ward to avoid single use plastic and polythene in routine affairs.

Prominent amongst those present on the occasion were S. Balbir Singh, president Gurudwara Singh Sabha Bhaur Camp; S. Balbinder Singh, general secretary; S. Inder Singh, treasurer; S. Hardev Singh, S. Charanjit Singh, Prem Kumar Diga and S. Charnan Singh, former Niab Sarpanch.

Further investigation into the cases registered against the arrested absconder is going on.

Widen Bamba-Shivkhori road

Attention of the authorities is drawn towards the Bamba-Shivkhori road. This road which connects the famous shrine of Shiv Khori Reasi is in a dilapidated condition. This roads needs urgent widening and blacktopping

Being an important connectivity, thousands of devotees visiting Shivkhori, particularly during Shivratri is not traffic worthy right now.

Huge columns of dust get blown up whenever any vehicle passes through it, creating thereby an ugly scene for the pilgrims and local people.

The authorities are requested to get this road metalled on priority basis.

The road will not only attract more pilgrims but will also give a big boost to local economy by generating jobs for the unemployed.

Manga Ram
Choki Choura, Jammu

Water shortage in Kund Udhampur

The Kund area in Udhampur has been facing water shortage for the last 15 years. Despite highlighting it a number of times through the print media, and also by approaching the authorities nothing has been done so far.

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The villagers continue to suffer on account of it particularly during summer days. The villagers have to use other sources of water which gener-



ally remain polluted, and fetching of which remains a source of trouble for them.

It may be mentioned here that the water scarcity issue aggravated after the MAD Devta water tank got damaged after a tree fell on it. The issue was raised during Back to Village programme also. Though the authorities at that time had assured that the matter will be resolved at the earliest, but nothing has happened so far.

We request to the Udhampur Administration to have a re-look on the matter.

K Kumar
Udhampur

Encroachment of general lane in Jawahar Nagar, Talab Tillo

This is to inform to the JMC authorities that general lane in Jawahar Nagar of Talab Tillo has been encroached by some residents of this area. People especially motorists have to suffer while passing through this encroached lane.

It is requested to the JMC authorities to look into the matter and clear the lane from the encroachers of this area. An early action in this regard shall be highly solicited.

R L Raina
General Lane Jawahar Nagar,
Talab Tillo Jammu

Sangam Theatre Group celebrates World Theatre Day, stages 'Bawa Jitto'

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Mar 27: Sangam Theatre Group Reasi celebrated World Theatre Day by staging Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' at its office Studio, here today.

M Akram Khan, Director STG gave a brief about the significance and the history of the celebrations of World Theatre Day, which was initiated in 1961

by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) UNESCO, Paris. It is celebrated annually on the 27th March by the world theatre community.

Mr Khan said that the World Theatre Day highlights the importance of theatre arts, how they played an important role in the field of entertainment and the changes that theatre brings in life.

On the occasion, Dogri play 'Bawa Jitto' was staged by artist of Sangam Theatre Group. The story of 'Bawa Jitto' portrays the age-old saga of exploitation of landless farmers by landlords.

2 vehicles seized for illegal mining

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Mar 27: Atholi Police seized two vehicles for illegal mining and arrested three persons.

As per police sources, during checking a team from Police Station Atholi seized two vehicles involved in illegal mining and arrested three persons. The arrested persons were

Due to the constant and persistent pressures of relatives, with a piece of land as bone of contention, Bawa Jitto, a hard working landless farmer was forced to



Artists of Sangam Theatre Group staging a play to celebrate World Theatre Day on Sunday.

leave his native village. Accompanied by his nine years old daughter, he takes shelter in the house of a friend in Shama Chak, a nearby village.

The artist who played the roles in the play, included Rohit Kumar, Inderjeet Singh, Anamaya, Akshita Thakur, Anil Kumar, Pallavi, Sarita, Aditya Sharma, Rajit Sharma, Rashav Kumar, Veer Singh, Shubham Sharma and Pankaj Sharma.

On the occasion, senior actors, including Mohan Lal, Naseeb Singh, Shadab Khan, Rajesh Kumar and Khajoor Singh interacted with the junior artists.

identified as Ram Jou, son of Prem Nath of Matti Padder, Pawan Kumar, son of Saroop Chand of Sazar Padder and Sarwan, son of Bhupa Ram of Tiary Padder.

Cases under FIR Number 12/2022 and 13/2022 under relevant sections of law have been registered at Police Station Atholi and investigation taken up.

Bovines smuggling bids foiled

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, Mar 27: Batote and Ramban Police foiled bovines smuggling bids by rescuing 203 cattle.

As per police sources, on specific information teams from Police Stations Batote and Ramban intercepted 12 Kashmir bound vehicles.

During checking, police teams rescued 203 bovine animals and seized all the twelve vehicles.

Cases under relevant Sections have been registered at Police Stations Batote and Ramban and investigation started.

Police teams led by SHO Batote Inspector Sudhir Sadotra and SHO Ramban Inspector Sandeep Charak foiled the bovines smuggling bids under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Ramban Pardeep Singh Sen and SP Ramban Mohita Sharma.