

DC Srinagar holds interaction with stakeholders on adapting fire safety measures

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 30: In wake of recent fire instances in Srinagar city, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today held an interaction with Market Associations, Trade bodies, Houseboat Associations & other Stakeholders and officers of Line Departments to discuss the modalities regarding the safety measures to be taken to reduce and avoid the fire incidents.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Superintendent of Police(Hqtr), Joint Commissioner, SMC, Joint Director, Fire & Emergency Services, all Tehsildars and other concerned were present in the meeting.

The meeting held a detailed discussion with regard to conducting of the safety audit and taking precautionary measures to avoid occurrences of fire incidents in the City.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on installation of fire extinguishers in every Residential/Commercial structures, Shopping Malls, Religious places including Masjids, Temples, Gurdwaras, Churches across the City to protect the properties and valuables from the fire. He also emphasised on equipping all Government Offices and all essential installations with fire fighting machinery to safeguard official records besides avoiding disruption of essential supplies.

The DC also stressed on

launching a mass awareness campaign on the safety and precautionary measures to prevent fire incidents, besides capacity building to tackle any exigency caused due to fire incident. He said lack of knowledge about vigilance and precautionary measures is a major concern and people must know the techniques to control fire at the initial stage.

On the occasion, the Joint Director Fire & Emergency, Bashir Ahmad highlighted the fire safety measures and appealed to all to adopt the fire safety guidelines including switching off electrical gadgets during night, checking home LPG cylinders for expiry date and any leakage before accepting them from the vendor, regularly change the pipe connecting the cylinder to the stove burner. He also stressed on preparing an emergency plan to follow in case of a fire hazard and Keeping an extinguisher at home and learning how to operate it. He also suggested that every household must keep at least one water full container as an immediate fire fighting measure.

He informed that more than 40% fire incidents of Valley occur in Srinagar District and 23 fire stations have been kept in place at different locations of the City.

Deputy Commissioner further said that public training and vigilance are key to control fire incidents. Ward/Mohalla level trained Civil volunteers can play a crucial role in controlling fire hazards.

DC Reasi discusses modalities to contain fire in Thakrakote Forest

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REASI, Apr 30: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal today chaired a meeting to chalk out strategies to contain fire that has broken out in Sailanjan area of Thakrakote Forest of district Reasi.

DFO Jyotsana, SSP Amit Gupta, SDM Angrez Singh, ACR Sanjay Badyal, DSP HQR Iftikar beside other officers were present on the occasion.

Commissioner directed the district officers and Police to work in unanimity to contain the Forest fire in Thakrakote Forest. She emphasized on chalking out a foolproof strategy to douse the fire to minimize the loss to the Forest flora and fauna.

She asked the concerned to supplement the efforts of Forest fire fighters from forest department who are working 24x7 unbridledly to minimize the wrath unleashed by the fire in the area.

DC directed to establish a surveillance team to patrol the area and said that any defaulter if found around the area, must be dealt strictly as per relevant provisions of the law.

It is pertinent here to mention that the fire in the compartment number 40 and 41 of Sailanjan Forest area of Thakrakote was broken out on 26 April, causing devastation in the Forest with huge loss to biodiversity and local communities which thrive on forests for their livelihood.



CCBL chairman and directors installing CA Joginder Singh as professional director of the Bank on Saturday.

CCBL co-opts CA Joginder Singh as Professional Director

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: The Board of Directors of the Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd, Jammu has co-opted Joginder Singh, Chartered Accountant as Professional Director who is senior partner of M/s JSVP & Co (Chartered Accountant firm) having three decades of professional experience as practicing Chartered Accountant with vast experience in Auditing, Banking, Direct and Indirect taxes and corporate laws etc.

Joginder Singh remained as Chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Branch of NIRC of ICICA Jammu in the year 1999-2000 and Secretary for two terms of

J&K Branch of NIRC of ICICA. He was appointed Additional Director on the Board of Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd as nominee Director of Reserve Bank of India from October, 1998 to October, 2001 and remained Member of the Audit Committee of the J&K Bank Ltd for three years. He is serving as Advisory Member on the Board of various Educational Institutions/Trusts.

Parveen Kumar Sharma, Chairman of the Bank expressed that the appointment of Joginder Singh as Professional Director of CCBL will prove as a milestone in overall improvement in working of the Bank.

DGP sanctions retirement gift

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: As a token of appreciation of their services to the department, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh has sanctioned retirement gift of Rs 2.58 crore in favour of 258 police officers and officials who are retiring from active services after attaining superannuation or taking voluntary retirement today.

Retirement gift of rupees one lakh each was sanctioned in favour of 11 Gazetted officers, 209 Non-gazetted officers, 31 lower subordinates, and seven followers. These personnel belong to different units and wings of the department.

The retirement gift is sanctioned to police personnel from the Contributory Police Welfare Fund at the time of his/her retirement. The gift serves as a token of appreciation for his/her services rendered to the department.

Man arrested for raping woman

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: A man has been arrested for raping a woman in village Langer of Greater Kailash here today.

As per police sources, a complaint was lodged by a lady with Police Station Gangyal stating that a man identified as Mohammad Sikander, son of Maseet Khan of Village Kheda Amroha, Uttar Pradesh, at present Greater Kailash entered into her house at village Langer and allegedly raped her.

Acting over the complaint, a team from Police Station Gangyal led by SHO Inspector Joginder Singh conducted series of raids and finally nabbed the alleged rapist.

A case under FIR Number 46/2022 under Sections 376 and 458 IPC has been registered against the alleged rapist at Police Station Gangyal and investigation started.

Sharnarhi Action Committee delegation calls on Dr Subramanian Swamy

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Apr 30: A delegation of Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) called on Dr Subramanian Swamy, Member Parliament and former Law Minister of India.

The delegation, comprising Capt Puran Singh Chib, Dr Narinder Sharma, Inderjeet Singh, Munish Rishi, Rahul Singh and led by Gurdev Singh (President JKSAC), apprised Dr Swamy about the legitimate issues of DPs of 1947 from PoK concerning their settlement pending redressal for the last several decades.

He was also told in detail about the suffering and injustice they have met at the hands of various J&K and Central Government, which derailed their settlement and deprived them of their constitutional rights. Dr Swamy was urged by the delegation to impress upon Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and Home Minister, Amit Shah to accept and implement the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs report number 183, a perfect roadmap to resolve the DPs issues concerning their final settlement till PoK is liberated from Pakistan and DPs claims

are registered as has been asserted by Gol from time to time. Dr Swamy was further apprised that Parliamentary

children of Kashmiri migrants have been given employment package and reservation in whole of the country knowing the fact that they left Kashmir



Delegation of JKSAC meeting with Dr Subramanian Swamy at New Delhi.

Committee report number 183 is a complete documents which has taken cognizance of all the DPs issues particularly payment of Rs 30 lakhs as interim relief, employment package /reservation for their wards in Government services and technical institutions and de-freezing of their share of seats besides other components.

"The DPs' wards have not been given any kind of employment package/reservation in Government services/institutions nor they have been given any kind of concession till date whereas on the other hand the

valley because of certain socially adverse conditions absolutely contrary to DPs of 1947 who were thrown out forcibly," they explained and reiterated that DPs were also demanding de-freezing of their Assembly seats since 1967 out of 24 seats designated for the area under the illegal occupation of Pakistan.

Dr Swamy listened to the delegation very carefully and assured to take up their issues on priority with Gol, Prime Minister and Home Minister of India at appropriate time and promised that they would be informed accordingly.

Dr Anju Jamwal to take over as HOD Anaesthesia

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: Dr Anju Jamwal will take over as Head of the Department (HoD) Anaesthesia at Government Medical College (GMC) here.

The order in this regard was issued by Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal and Dean GMC Jammu.

According to the order, consequent upon the superannuation of Dr Smriti Gulati, Professor and Head, Department of Anaesthesia GMC Jammu, it is hereby ordered that Dr Anju Jamwal, Professor, Department of Anaesthesia shall take over the charge of the Department of Anaesthesia from tomorrow.

BJP Govt fails to provide basic amenities to people: Javed Rana

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Apr 30: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led Government at the Centre has failed to provide basic amenities to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

This was stated by senior National Conference leader and Party's President Pir Panjal zone while addressing a meeting of office bearers of Zonal team of Rajouri Poonch districts.

He discussed the political scenario of Jammu and Kashmir and said that the miseries of common masses across Jammu and Kashmir have increased manifold as the present government has miserably failed to provide basic amenities to the people of hilly terrains. He stated that the Government has failed to provide uninterrupted power supply during the whole month of Ramazan which holds special significance for the people of this region irrespective of their community affiliations.

Lamenting that with already onset of hot summer days, the Power Department in the hilly regions is resorting to frequent

Patiala clashes 3 senior police officers shunted out, mobile internet services suspended

PATIALA, Apr 30:

The Punjab Government on Saturday shunted out three senior police officials, including an inspector general, and suspended mobile internet and SMS services in Patiala district, a day after clashes between two groups over an anti-Khalistan march left four people injured.

The AAP Government in the state transferred the inspector general of police (IG) Patiala Range, the Patiala senior superintendent of police and the Patiala superintendent of police with immediate effect.

A spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office said Mukhinder Singh Chhina has been appointed as the new IG-Patiala while Deepak Parik will be the new Patiala SSP.

Wazir Singh has been appointed as the new Superintendent of Police of Patiala.

Chhina replaces Rakesh Agrawal as IG (Patiala Range) while Parik takes over the post of SSP-Patiala from Nanak Singh.

Police and district administration authorities on Saturday claimed that the situation is under control and peaceful in the city. Heavy police security has been deployed at the site of the clashes outside the Kali Mata temple here.

Various Hindu outfits had given a call for a bandh in protest against the Friday incident. Several markets in Patiala city remained shut on Saturday.

Representatives of some Hindu outfits lifted their 'dharna' outside the temple and deferred their proposed protest march after police and district administration assured them of action within two days against those who were behind the disturbance and violence on Friday.

The groups had clashed over the anti-Khalistan march, hurling stones at each other and brandishing swords. Police had to fire in the air to bring the situation under control.

This is the first major law and order incident in the state under the Bhagwant Mann-led state government. Opposition parties had attacked the AAP-led regime, alleging that the law and order in the state had collapsed.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had ordered a probe into the clashes and had said that not a single culprit will be spared.

The order to suspend mobile



DC Sakshi Sawhney along with SSP Nanak Singh stand outside Kali Mata temple after clash between two groups in Patiala on Saturday. (UNI)

internet and SMS services, except voice calls, was issued by the state's Home Affairs and Justice Department.

"In exercise of power conferred upon me by virtue of temporary suspension of telecom services (public emergency or public safety) rules, 2017, I Anurag Verma, Principal Secretary, Home Affairs and Justice, do hereby order suspension of the mobile internet services (2G/3G/4G/CDMA), all SMS services and all dongle services etc provided on mobile networks except voice calls in the territorial jurisdiction of the district of Patiala from 9:30 am to 6 pm on April 30," said the Government order.

"And, where there is an imminent danger of loss of life and or damage to public/private property, and widespread disturbances of public tranquility and communal harmony, as a result of inflammatory material and false rumours which are being/could be transmitted/ circulated to the public through social media/ messaging services on mobile internet services, all SMS services and dongle services," it said.

To thwart designs and activities of "anti-national and anti-social groups or elements", maintain peace and communal harmony and to prevent loss of life or damage to public or private property, the order said, it has become necessary to take necessary steps and measures to maintain law and order due to "unavoidable circumstances" in Patiala district in public interest.

RTI activist demands CBI probe into purchases made through GeM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: Balvinder Singh, a renowned RTI activist demanded State wise CBI probe

GeM made procurements exceeding the State exchequer amounting to crores of rupees annually by purchasing items from 30 per cent to 300 per cent higher than



RTI activist Balvinder Singh interacting with media persons at Jammu on Saturday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

into the purchases made through GeM by every Government Department during the last five years.

Addressing a press conference, he said that to remove existing malpractices in the system due to buyer-seller interaction and to increase transparency and efficiency (time and cost) of procurement, Government of India brought Government e-market system on 8th December 2017 and made it mandatory for every Government Department to buy and hire services through GeM only.

Singh claimed that because of the number of shortcoming in the GeM system as on date, approximately 20 to 50 per cent commission is being involved in the transaction made through GeM.

Singh said one of his RTI filed in the Directorate of Health Jammu revealed that how a person who was made Incharge of

the prevalent market rates. He added that similar is the case with Rural Development Department JKUT whereby one

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very interesting revelation is made in the reply received from two BDO offices—BDO Mandal Phallian and BDO Akhnoor. Both these BDOs purchased lime powder on more than 50 to 70 per cent higher rates than the prevailing market rates, he said.

Balvinder Singh said that this is the tip of the iceberg and if the said system is prevalent in other States of the country then the scam amount can go upto thousands of crores annually.

He demanded State wise CBI probe into the whole purchase made through GeM by every Government Department during the last five years.



A scene of Dogri play 'Eh Ghar Mera Nai'

Dogri play 'Eh Ghar Mera Nai' staged in Academy's festival

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: In the Spring Theatre Festival 2022, organised by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Society for Environment and Modern Art today staged a Dogri play 'Eh Ghar Mera Nai', written by Shiv Dev Singh Susheel and directed by J R Sagar Poonam Sharma (associated director) here at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu.

The play "Eh Ghar Mera Nai" revolves around Ram Dass, the central character of the play, who is a retired Teacher having one son, daughter in law and a grandson. The daughter in law is eager and ambitious to send her son to boarding school while the father -in-law and grandson both refuse to accept her proposal. Ram Dass, the father in law of Saroj is very badly treated in his own house while he is the owner of his house. Finally, the son is sent to boarding school.

Ram Dass feels helpless because of being side line by his son and daughter-in-law and finally decides to leave the house forever as he thinks that it is useless to live in that house where the elders are treated like worse than animals.

The artists who mesmerized the audience included J R Sagar as Ram Dass, Poonam Sharma as Saroj, Suresh Kumar as Divan Chand, Seema Devi as Kanta, Sandeep Manhas as Kartar, Sandeep Sharma as Sadesh and Aman Sharma as Sumit.

The set was designed by Sandeep Manhas while Costumes were designed by Poonam Sharma, Make-up by Seema Devi and Music by Suresh Kumar. Hall management and publicity was handled by Anita Chandpuri while lights were designed and operated by Ravinder Sharma and sound by Lokesh Chander. Paramjeet Singh Titto sang the lyrics of the play as a playback Singer.

Yasir Hussain enthralls at Mirchi Live Concert

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: The sensational voice of Yasir Hussain enthralls Jammuites at Mirchi Live Concert in JDA Centre Park, Bahu Plaza.

Spreading his happy waves, 98.3 Mirchi Jammu also introduced two fresh voices 'Mirchi Rohit' & 'Mirchi Chaitanya'.

The event also witnessed mesmerizing performance of son of the soil Shubham Shiva with Akhil on guitar.

A handout stated that Jammu Park Smart joined hands with Mirchi to bring the concert to promote folk and artists of Jammu.

It was driven by Welo City Skoda Jammu and the RJs made a grand entry to the venue riding the brand new Skoda Slavia and Skoda Kushaq.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Speciality Hospital Katra remained health partner and the event was co-powered by Mulk Raj Ashok

Kumar Jewellers with associate sponsors Legno Furniture and Hospitality partner remained Anutham Hotel & Resort.

The pre event meet and greet session was graced by Principal Secretary Higher Education & Information, Rohit Kansal and Assistant Commissioner General Rakesh Dubey.

RJ, Mirchi Shwetima said, "We promised to keep the city happy since we launched in 2017 and I believe we have pretty much stood upto city's expectations too but now it's time we bring about freshness and new energy in form of new RJs who I am sure are going to receive a lot of Love from Jammu."

The Mirchi Live in Concert was hosted by Mirchi RJ Simran and Mirchi Abhishek who ensured everyone present had a great time with fun engagement activities.

Sumit Kakkur, Cluster Head Mirchi 98.3 extended vote of thanks.

Construction of Bus Stand Banihal HC quashes land acquisition notifications

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: Division Bench of High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi has quashed the notifications issued by Collector Land Acquisition Banihal for acquisition of land for construction of Bus-Stand Banihal situated in village Devgole and Krawah.

The land owners through Advocate Irfaan Khan challenged the notifications issued by Collector Land Acquisition Banihal as the same have lapsed rendering the proceedings invalid. It was submitted that declaration under Section 6 of Jammu and Kashmir Land Acquisition Act was issued on 29-06-2011 for land measuring 13 Kanals 4 Marlas situated at village Devgole and Karwah and admittedly period of two years as provided under Section 11-B of Jammu and Kashmir Land Acquisition Act has expired from the date of declaration of intended acquisition

and final award under Section 11 of Jammu and Kashmir Land Acquisition Act has not been made/ published within the statutory period as such the acquisition proceedings have automatically lapsed.

After hearing Advocate Irfaan Khan for petitioners and Senior AAG S S Nanda for respondents, the DB observed, "it is evident that no award has been made under Section 11 of the Act within a period of two years from the date of the declaration issued under Section 6 of the Act. There is no dispute to the date of declaration which happens to be 29.06.2011 and, therefore, period of two years has clearly expired but with no award."

"We are of the opinion that the land acquisition proceedings have lapsed by virtue of Section 11-B of the Act and notifications issued under Sections 4 and 6 of the Act have lost all efficacy and have been rendered meaningless", the DB said and accordingly quashed the notifications.

Cop shoots self to death

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: A cop shot himself dead inside a barrack of a police station here today.

As per police sources, a cop shot himself dead inside a barrack of Police Station Arnia.

The deceased was identified as Pankaj Verma, a resident of Pasgal, Arnia District Jammu. He was posted in Police Station Arnia as constable.

The body of the deceased has been shifted to mortuary of Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for completion of medical and legal formalities.

Arnia Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Unfair rent by tenant to landlord is harassment: CJM

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 30: In a case of application under section 8 of Houses and Shops Rent Control Act for enhancement of rent in case titled "Parshotam Dev Gupta Vs. Vijay Kumar" in respect of premises of a building situated at Mohalla Partap Garh, Jammu, the court of Rent Controller (Sub-Judge/CJM), Jammu allowed application and enhanced monthly rent in respect of premises from Rs. 400/- per month to Rs. 5,000/- per month from date of application i.e 10.02.2010.

While allowing the application of landlord, the court of Rent Controller observed that evidence led by applicant explicitly demonstrates non-applicant to be in possession of premises as a tenant and that the rent agreement relied upon by applicant/landlord also corroborate the assertion of applicant that rent in the locality of premises in question akin to one in the occupation of tenant was around Rs.

3,000/- as on the year 2008.

Court further observed that "the fact that Mohalla Pratap Garh, Jammu, the place where premises in question is situated - is commercially viable locality where price of land has scaled up/increased many folds since 1996 - also remains uncontroverted" and maintained.

"In these circumstances, the payment of rent of Rs. 400 per month for the premises by tenant, is plainly un-fair, exceptionally meager and hugely un-just" adding, "indeed, for a tenant to pay monthly rent of Rs. 400/- even as on the year 2010 at a place like Mohalla Pratap Garh, Jammu is not only extremely dis-maying, dis-illusioning and disgusting for a landlord but also an outright harassment in backdrop of huge increase in inflation and substantial rise in the market value of premises in question, the court said"

With these observations, the court directed tenant to pay monthly rent of Rs. 5,000 to landlord from the date of application.