

Bhatnagar launches FAIVM business magazine 'Vyapar Diary'

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: Advisor to Governor RR Bhatnagar today launched business magazine 'Vyapar Diary' of the Federation of All India Vyapar Mandal (FAIVM).
 The magazine was launched by Bhatnagar during a webinar in which all states presidents of FAIVM participated. Bhatnagar, who was the chief guest of the programme, lauded the initiative taken by FAIVM J&K president Dr Sanjay Bansal and his team, and also national team.
 He said that this initiative will definitely help the business fraternity and also update them about changes in the different

sectors. The Advisor invited webinar participants from different states to come and take benefits of Industrial policy of Jammu and Kashmir. He assured full support to FAIVM in future for the business fraternity.
 Speaking during the webinar, Dr Sanjay Bansal threw light on the content of the magazine. National president of FAIVM Jayendra Tanna and RK Gaur (general secretary) also spoke on the occasion.
 Full core committee of J&K FAIVM participated in the webinar. Prashant Singh controlled the webinar activities while Sandeep Mengi (vice president) gave vote of thanks.



Members of Gurudwara Committee of Baba Fateh Singh Ji pose for a group photograph at Jammu on Friday.

DGPC nominates two new Gurudwara Management Committees

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: In a bid to streamline and to bring more effectiveness in management of Gurudwaras, DGPC Jammu has nominated two new Committees of Gurudwaras.
 As the tenure of previous Committee of Sri Guru Singh Sabha Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu was over, so as per the norms of DGPC a new committee has been formed on the recommendation of local DGPC member S. Jagpal Singh, cashier DGPC Jammu and under the presidentship of S. Somnath Singh with other office bearers including S. Gurmit Singh, senior vice president; S. Jatinder Singh, vice president; S. Jagjit Singh, secretary; S. Kawaljit Singh, joint secretary; S. Parvinder Singh, cashier with

members like S. Narinder Singh, S. Paramjit Singh, S. Manjit Singh, S. Malvinder Singh, S. Amanpreet Singh and S. Jagdeep Singh.
 Management of Gurudwara Baba Fateh Singh Ji till now was directly managed by DGPC Jammu.
 On the demand of Sikh Sangat and on recommendation of S. Balvinder Singh, vice president DGPC Jammu, a new committee under the chairmanship of S. Attar Singh, a renowned Sikh personality was formed with members S. Harbhajan Singh Behal, S. Dilbag Singh, S. Satwinder Singh, S. Tejinder, S. Deedar Singh and S. Sukhwinder Singh.
 In a rare move all the members refused to accept any post and voluntarily offered services as Sewadars.

MRs visiting GMC Baramulla during unscheduled hours

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Oct 7: Violating the rules and regulations, a number of Medical Representatives (MRs) are day in and day out seen visiting the GMC, Baramulla during unscheduled hours.
 Ideally, the MRs of various pharmaceutical companies are supposed to meet the doctors on duty only after 2 pm, however, in open violation of the norms, they are seen roaming around, trying to meet the doctors as soon as the OPDs start functioning in the morning.
 "Their presence not only disturbs the entire functioning but at

the same affects the patient care; the authorities need to take note of it," said one of the attendants of the patient at the hospital.
 The official of the hospital, when the matter was brought to their notice, said that they have already issued necessary orders to ensure that the MRs visit the hospital and meet the doctors only after 2 pm.
 "Some of them were caught and we have told them that they are not allowed before 2 p.m. We have already issued orders. Before 2 p.m., there remains the rush of people and once that decreases, post noon, they can visit after that; I will direct the security people as well to take the necessary action," Dr. Javid Ahmad, MS GMC, Baramulla said.

4 thieves arrested with stolen items

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: Vijaypur Police arrested four thieves along with stolen items.
 As per police sources, today a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Vijaypur by a complainant namely Narinder Singh, son of Kuldeep Singh of Chak Salarian, at present Ward Number 10 Vijaypur regarding theft of the scraped part of his vehicle (tipper) by some unidentified persons. The tipper after accident was parked by the owner in his plot and the damaged iron scrap was kept in the tipper.
 Acting over the complaint, a case FIR Number 155/2022 under section 379 IPC was registered at Police Station Vijaypur and investigation started.
 During the course of the investigation, a team from Police

Station Vijaypur headed by SHO Inspector Rajeev Kumar and assisted by PSI Vikrant Kotwal under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur Priyanka Kumari and SSP Samba Dr Abhishek Mahajan after arduous efforts coupled with scrutiny of CCTV cameras footage of nearby areas, developed some lead in the case and succeeded in the arrest of 4 thieves, who were identified as Sawan Majotra, son of Tejinder Majotra of Ward Number 4 Vijaypur, Rahul Majotra, son of Daljeet Kumar of Ward Number 6 Vijaypur, Romi Massi, son of Bashir Massi of Ward Number 12 Vijaypur and Sandeep Kumar, son of Surinder Kumar of Ward Number 1 Thalori Vijaypur.
 On their disclosure, stolen items were recovered in the instant case.
 Further investigation into the case is going on.

Balwant Thakur's play being presented in four languages

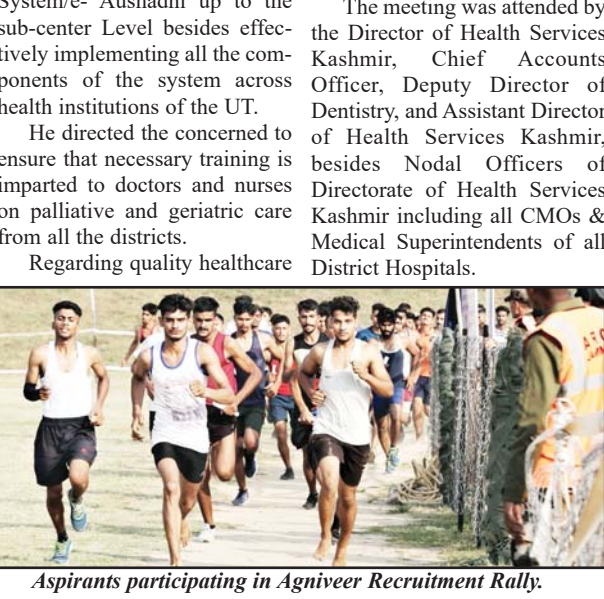
Excelsior Correspondent
 PORT LOUIS (Mauritius), Oct 7: Balwant Thakur's highly acclaimed play 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun' is being presented in four languages-French, Creole, English and Hindi in Mauritius.
 Under a unique initiative of Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Government of Mauritius this popular play of Balwant Thakur has been chosen to be presented in four languages with the motive to take the play to the entire population of this multi-lingual country.
 The first presentation of this play is being inaugurated by Minister of Arts and Cultural

Heritage, Government of Mauritius at Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture next Sunday.
 Play 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun' was found more contemporary and appropriate for Mauritius and on a special request it has been translated into French, Creole and English.
 'Aap Hamare Hain Kaun' shakes parents, educationists/guardians of society out of reverie of materialism, consumerism and unbridled desires.
 This play compels elders to look around and clear the mess they have created due to their own amorous ambitions and rat race.
 Parents see in their children as an extension of their unfulfilled dreams and force them to become stereotypes and kill the bountiful charm in them.
 The play deals with contemporary problems that younger generation is up against from their own loved ones and surroundings.

Secy H&ME reviews working of DHSK, stresses improving delivery

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Oct 7: Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat to review the functioning of the health sector in the Kashmir division.
 During the meeting, various key performance health indicators were discussed threadbare and all the Chief Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents of the Kashmir division were directed to improve the public health delivery system holistically.
 Director of Health Services, Kashmir, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather gave a brief presentation on the achievements and bottlenecks besides highlighting measures towards ensuring better public health delivery.
 The Secretary emphasized the need for devising a comprehensive healthcare delivery system wherein all the services such as preventive, diagnostic, and curative services are provided to the needy so that out-of-pocket health expenditure is minimized.
 He asked for extending drug dispensing under Health Management Information System/e-Aushadhi up to the sub-center level besides effectively implementing all the components of the system across health institutions of the UT.
 He directed the concerned to ensure that necessary training is imparted to doctors and nurses on palliative and geriatric care from all the districts.
 Regarding quality healthcare

services, the Secretary directed the officers to identify more such institutions which can apply for National Quality Assurance Standard Certification. He impressed upon them to utilize the approved funds for the infrastructure to the maximum besides ensuring the follow-up of DPRs of NABARD with the concerned District Development Commissioners.
 While reviewing the functioning of the National dialysis program, he expressed his dismay over the less number of dialysis sessions being undertaken despite having a good number of machines available and directed for improvement in the functioning of this program for the benefit of patients.
 He stressed laying more focus on ABDM and asked Chief Medical Officers to improve its functioning within the next few days. The Secretary further laid stress on increasing the availability of Jan Ashudi drugs at hospitals and stressed increasing the sales of these drugs in government hospitals. He said people must be made aware of the benefits of these affordable and quality medicines.
 The meeting was attended by the Director of Health Services Kashmir, Chief Accounts Officer, Deputy Director of Dentistry, and Assistant Director of Health Services Kashmir, besides Nodal Officers of Directorate of Health Services Kashmir including all CMOs & Medical Superintendents of all District Hospitals.



Aspirants participating in Agniveer Recruitment Rally.

Agniveer Recruitment Rally Unprecedented response received from aspiring youth of Jammu Division

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: Unprecedented response has been received from the aspiring youth of Jammu Division in the Army's Agniveer Recruitment Rally, which is being organised by Army Recruiting Office, Jammu at Jorawar Stadium, Sunjan here.
 The recruitment rally is being conducted for the aspiring youth from 10 districts of Jammu and Kashmir including Samba, Kathua, Jammu, Udhampur, Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar.
 In this recruitment rally, the candidates will be enrolled into Indian Army as Agniveers under the Agnipath Scheme.
 The recruitment rally began after being flagged off by Zonal Recruiting Officer, Punjab and

J&K in presence of officials from Army, Civil Administration, J&K Police and Health Department. He conveyed his best wishes to all the candidates attending the rally.
 An unprecedented response has been received from the aspiring youth of Jammu Division.
 Indian Army has been working together relentlessly in close coordination with the civil administration to make this rally a great success.
 The Civil Administration has extended all possible support to facilitate in smooth and streamlined conduct of this rally.
 Army Recruiting Office, Jammu has advised all candidates to carry all certificates as per the Notification issued. The candidates should carry the Character Certificates from Police and Sarpanch with their photos duly attached on the certificate, failing which, the candidature will get rejected.

Deputation of KP package employees meets Sethi



BJP leader, Yudhvir Sethi meeting a deputation of KP employees of PM employment package in Jammu on Friday.

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: J&K BJP vice president, Yudhvir Sethi while advising the protesting KP employees to resume their duties has appealed to the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha to release the withheld salaries of these employees in view of the festive season ahead.
 A deputation of Kashmiri Pandit (KP) employees under PM's Employment Package posted in Kashmir valley, presently protesting in Jammu today met Sethi and brought to his notice that the Union Territory Administration has ordered withholding of their salaries which has made it very difficult for them to meet family expenses.
 The deputation members told the BJP leader that the protesting KP employees are in Jammu due to extraordinary situation resulting due to target killings in Valley.
 After listening to woes of KP employees Yudhvir Sethi

assured that the Govt stands fully committed to provide safe and secure atmosphere to the government employees including the PM Package KP employees posted in the Valley.
 He told them that even the Home Minister Amit Shah during his visit to J&K has made it amply clear that the Govt will not tolerate terrorism at any cost.
Kashmiri Pandit Sabha expresses concern
Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) held a meeting and expressed deep disappointment over the fact that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah failed to address the concerns of the Kashmiri Pandit Community which had high hopes from his visit to the Union Territory.
 The Sabha was expecting that Amit Shah would make some announcements about the problems being faced by the displaced community but he did not make even a mention about the community in both his public meetings.

Dheeraj discusses lay-out plan of Satellite Township

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Oct 7: Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development, Dheeraj Gupta today chaired a meeting to review the progress of formulation of lay-out plan of the proposed Satellite Township to be developed at Rakh Gund Aksha Bemina.
 A number of important issues were discussed in the meeting relating to the master-plan of the project, infrastructure, drainage plan, road network, particularly the construction of approach road to the township in line with the Srinagar Master Plan requirements. Principal Secretary gave directions for early completion of topographic surveys and preliminary estimation of the project.
 The meeting discussed various components of the project like preparing the plan for housing, conceptual layout of residential plots and flatted accommodation. Besides the plan for commercial spaces, recreation centres, institutional set-up, public amenities and other facilities required in the township were discussed in the meeting.
 Principal Secretary emphasized that the development plan should be in conformity with the

urban design principles, the development control regulations and the architectural guidelines.
 It may be recalled that Housing & Urban Development Department has proposed construction of a modern Satellite Township at Rakh Gund Aksha and the implementation of the project has been assigned to Srinagar Development Authority. The proposed township shall have serviced plots, multi storied apartments, town homes, commercial areas, hotels, golf course, green spaces and natural ponds.
 During the meeting, DDF Consultants, which has been engaged as Consultancy for the project, gave a detailed presentation on various components of the project and the layout plan of the project area was finalized. The township is coming up in the vicinity of the proposed Medicity and the new High Court complex on a land parcel measuring 147 hectares and would become a major attraction with regard to planned architectural development in Srinagar City.
 The meeting was attended by Chief Town Planner Kashmir, Vice Chairman SDA, Special Secretary Housing, Senior Town Planner SDA and the Consultancy team of DDF Consultants.



Adarsh Gupta, DDM NABARD Reasi posing for a group photograph with pass out trainees at a valedictory function.

SBI RSETI trains 49 persons

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: Training programmes on 'Beauty Parlour Management' and 'Jute Product Udyami' were conducted by State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI) and sponsored by Union Ministry of Rural Development.
 Forty nine trainees hailing from village Kheral, Reasi, Katra and Salal participated in the training and learnt entrepreneurship skills.
 At valedictory function Adarsh Gupta, DDM NABARD Reasi distributed Skill Qualification Certificates amongst pass out trainees.
 Sajaid Ahmad Beg, Lead District Manager (LDM), Reasi and Nem Kumar Gora, Director SBI RSETI Reasi were also present on the occasion.
 The DDM NABARD and the LDM interacted with participants and deliberated about various finance schemes of the Bank which these trainees can avail to set up business units.
 The LDM assured the participants of all assistance in availing credit facilities and hoped that they will show enthusiasm in setting up their units.
 Speaking on the occasion Nem Kumar Gora, Director RSETI impressed upon the trainees to act as ambassadors of RSETI and spread the message in their areas so that more and more youth can avail the benefit of training facilities provided by the institute.
 Director RSETI Reasi also informed that the institute is going to conduct new batches of 'Computerized Accounting' and 'Tailoring for Women' in coming months and the interested candidates may register themselves for the same with RSETI, Reasi.

Dr Sheetal bags National Young Scientist Award
Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: Dr Sheetal Dogra (Project Associate, V P T S K U A S T Jammu) has been conferred with P a r o f Amalendu Chakraborty National Young Scientist Award for the year 2022.
 Wife of Chandan Khanmotra and daughter of Shambu Ram & Sushma Kumari, Dr Sheetal bagged award for the presentation entitled "Aetiology of Primary Chronic Gastroenteropathies in Dogs - A comprehensive study" which she has presented in the Canine Medicine Session.
 Dr Sheetal, who lives in Patta Bohri (Jammu), received the award at XVIII Annual Convention of Indian Society for Advancement of Canine Practice (ISACP) & National Symposium on 'Newer Concepts and Approaches in Small Animal Practice and Welfare' organized by the Department of Veterinary Medicine, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, recently at Navania, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
 The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates from various National Institutes and leading Universities of the Country. Dr Swaran Singh Randhawa, Director Teaching Veterinary Clinical Complex (PhD Major Guide) GADVASU congratulated her for the research excellence and recognition in the national conference.



Insurance assistance being provided to SMVDSB staff as a welfare measure.

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Excelsior Correspondent
 KATRA, Oct 7: To mitigate the financial impact and help employees with insurance coverage as a staff welfare measure, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board under the chairmanship of Lt Governor, JK UT is leaving no stone unturned to cover all its employees under the Group Personal Accident policy to protect them against the medical expenses incurred due to injury or death resulting from an accident during service.
 Under the ambit of the provisions of this policy of SMVDSB insured through J&K Bank in association with IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited, a financial assistance of Rs 30 Lakh has been provided to the family members of the deceased employee Lt Kuldeep Chand who lost his life in the current year while in active service of SMVDSB.
 The cheque worth Rs 30 Lakh was handed over to the family of the deceased today by Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB at Central Office, Katra, in the presence of Mahesh Sharma, FA/ Chief Accounts Officer, SMVDSB;

Rajesh Gupta (Zonal Head, JK Bank); Pavwan Shaah (State Head, ITGI) and Faheem Fayaz Zargar (SBU Head, ITGI).
 Notably, to facilitate employees of SMVDSB, the JK Bank has conferred the "Preferred Customer" status to the Shrine Board for its exclusive dealings with respect to all banking related services. By the virtue of this MoU, "Phone Pe Loan" facility is given to the employees of the Board at concessional rate of interest without any documentation and processing charges with quick turnaround time. It also entitled the employees to avail a multitude of benefits and privileges tailored exclusively for them. J&K Bank has been facilitating SMVDSB in its endeavour to provide digital solutions to various services like donations and yatra registration etc.
 Speaking on the occasion, CEO SMVDSB said that there are clear directions of the Chairman (Lt Governor, JKUT) to initiate immediate proactive measures for providing relief to the deceased's family in the need of hour due to untimely death of the employee.

Govt committed to development of crafts, artisans: Prashant

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Oct 7: Principal Secretary Industries & Commerce, Prashant Goyal, today reaffirmed that the Government is committed to support Jammu and Kashmir towards development of crafts and artisans.
 Goyal stated this while addressing distribution ceremony of certificates and artisans cards at Kashmiri Haat here.
 Director National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), New Delhi, Dr Aquil Ahmad and Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Mehmood Ahmad Shah, trainees, artisans and other concerned were also present on the occasion.
 Speaking on the valedictory function, Principal Secretary said that Craft Development Institution (CDI) has adopted a comprehensive approach towards making Kashmir handicrafts competitive

with huge mark sustainability. He reiterated that the Government of India is determined to extended all possible support to J&K and its artisans for the development of crafts.
 He applauded NCPUL for planning to establish new training centers and other support requirements so that youth get employment and can subsequently contribute to themselves and society at large. He said, so far, GI tags have been acquired for seven products while this tagging for seven more products is in process.
 Director NCPUL, who is also chairman of Aabru Welfare Society, and Director Handicrafts and Handloom also spoke on the occasion.
 On the occasion, Goyal distributed certificates among 80 girls, 40 each from CDI Srinagar and 40 from Aabru Women Welfare Society Bandipora who have successfully completed their six month course in paper Machie.



Estate employees protesting on Friday. - Excelsior/Rakesh

Estate employees stage protest, demand reorganization of deptt

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: Employees of Estates Department J&K today staged a protest demanding reorganization of the department.
 Scores of employees of the Department assembled this morning in front of Press Club Jammu and raised slogans in support of their demands while appealing the LG administration for reorganization of the department.
 The protesting employees said that in the year 1973 when the department came into existence there were only 250 quarters approximately to look after and provide facilities to the Government employees occupying the quarters/bungalows but by the passage of time, the strength of the Government quarters increased to above 3550.
 They said despite increase in number of Government quarters, the limited staff of the department continued to render their services. "Since 1973, we have been pursuing for reorganization of the department so that the strength of the employees is increased and they can get not only next higher promotion but also provide effective services as far as maintenance of Government property is concerned but all our efforts proved futile," they added.

The protesting employees said that successive Governments cheated employees of Estates Department and deprived them of service benefits and time bound promotion by not conducting the DPC meeting. They said daily wagers working in the department have been completely ignored and their services have not been confirmed after 1994. They also sought 2½ days salary for the staff of the department engaged in essential services and maintenance, on the same analogy as that of other departments.
 The agitating employees appealed the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to give a judicious view to the demands of the JKEEA and accordingly pass directions for the reorganization of the Estates Department and mitigation of other demands.

Protest of package employees enters 146th day

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: The protest of Kashmiri Pandit (KP) package employees here today entered day 146 demanding relocation outside Kashmir valley.
 These employees today staged protest demonstration under the banner of All Migrants (Displaced) Employees Association Kashmir in the office premises of Relief Commissioner Migrant Jammu.
 The protesting employees claimed that they cannot live and perform their duties under perpetual fear and panic in Kashmir as the ground situation is not conducive for their living and working in Kashmir.
 They urged upon the LG administration that they should not be forced to resume duties back in Kashmir as situation there at present is not favourable for their living because of selective killings.
 One of the protesters said that they should be attached to Relief Commissioners' Migrant Office Jammu and their services be utilized at various migrant schools, relief counters etc.
 They said that their protest will continue till their demand of relocation is not fulfilled by the Government.

4 MOs deployed to NHM, 2 to JKMSCL
Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Oct 7: Government today accorded sanction to the deployment of 7 Medical Officers (MOs) to various organizations/institutions of Health Department.
 According to the Order, Dr Sat Pal Pangotra (I/c BMO Nowshera) and Dr Samina Nazir (I/c DHO Kathua) have been deployed to JKMSCL while Dr Lekh Raj (EH BScI) has been deployed to AB PM-JAY SEHAT Scheme.
 Further, Dr Parvesh Kumar Chalotra (NTPHC Chak Malal), Dr Vijay Kumar (ANMIT School Kishtwar), Dr Jitender Mehta (on deputation to JKMSCL) and Dr Syed Gazala Nazki (on deputation to GMC Srinagar) have been deployed to National Health Mission (NHM).