

## Sharma starts construction work of causeway

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**AKHNOOR, Oct 10:** Senior BJP leader and DDC Member, Suresh Sharma here today started construction work of a causeway to be built at Gaidda Nala in Panchayat Kathar, Block Maira Mandrian.

Speaking on the occasion Sharma said, after construction

The senior BJP leader claimed that the Government led by PM Modi at the Center is focusing on J&K.

He said that in coming days many development works will be started in Block Maira Mandrian and Chowki Chaura which will benefit people of the area.

Mahant Shri Pawanswaroop Ji Maharaj, BDC

Maira Mandrian, Sushma Devi; AEE PWD, Angrez Singh; BJP Mandal Pradhan, Dr. R a m l a l ; S a r p a n c h, Tarlochan Dutt; Mandal general secretary, Master Chanchal Singh; Mandal vice

president, Parmanand; Mandal vice president, Bodh Raj Sharma; Panch, Amit Sharma; Panch, Anuradha Singh; Captain Rampal, Ratanlal, Captain Omprakash, Ram Ratan, Karamchand, Surya Prakash, Premchand, engineers of the department and others were also present on the occasion.



**Senior BJP leader, Suresh Sharma inaugurating construction work of causeway in Akhnoor.**

of the causeway, transportation will run smoothly there especially during rainy season.

He further said that construction work of road from Gaidda Khad to Jedi Bridge connecting two districts will also be started soon, which will also facilitate devotees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage.

## Gupta flays reviving of public outreach prog

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**JAMMU, Oct 10:** The provincial president of NC Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta has stated that government's decision to revive public outreach programme by 60-70 Union Ministers is sheer waste of money, resources and time because on ground people are confronting with numerous problems as LG Manoj Sinha's administration has been totally paralyzed with policy deficit and mismanagement of funds.

In a handout the NC leader said that so-called public outreach programmes are nothing but Centre's move to give its ministers a break from work to enjoy the splendid beauty of J&K on government exchequers because earlier versions of these programmes have proved futile

exercise on ground and the same can be expected from the one starting on October 10.

"The issue of dearth of water, power and other civic infrastructure is standing tall with no one in the government taking appropriate steps to provide succour to the suffering masses," he said.

Gupta said, at a time when roads are in shambles, NH remains blocked from time-to-time with trucks carrying fruits and other essentials stranded at different places, the priority of the government should be to tackle these problems rather than draining public funds on travel, boarding and lodging of 'spendthrift' ministers who instead of visiting the tourist State on their own expenses prefer to travel under the guise of such unproductive government programmes to befool masses.

## Intl UFC fighter Pawan visits Udhampur for surgical treatment from Dr Balvinder

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**UDHAMPUR, Oct 10:** In a proud moment for the Union Territory, especially Udhampur district, an International UFC fighter Pawan Maan who is also a Super Fight League champion from Delhi, came to Udhampur



**International UFC fighter Pawan Maan posing with Dr Balvinder Singh.**

for the surgical treatment of his dislocated hand and the fractured little finger by Dr Balvinder Singh of the J&K Government Health Services.

Internationally fame UFC fighter Pawan Maan had injured his little finger of left hand besides dislocation of the hand while practicing boxing. He travelled from Delhi to Udhampur for his treatment by Dr Balvinder Singh, Consultant Orthopedics, who is presently deployed at District Hospital Udhampur.

Talking to reporters here today, Pawan Maan said that he was treated by Dr Balvinder Singh for his injuries of hand including fracture and disloca-

tion. He said that after the surgery he is feeling fine and fully satisfied with the surgical and post surgical treatment provided to him.

Maan said that he was surprised to find services par excellence in healthcare institution of Udhampur besides the worth appreciating hospitality and care shown by the staff of the institution. He said that he felt that J&K can become one of the best Health Tourism destinations of India especially in view of its moderate climatic conditions besides the captivating scenic beauty which makes the patient feel fresh during convalescing period.

It is pertinent to mention here that Dr Balvinder Singh is Consultant Orthopedics having done his Fellowship in Joint Replacement and Arthroscopy from Germany and as of today he is not only a renowned orthopedic surgeon but also a famous sports player of India. Prior to Pawan Maan, many other renowned sports players have already received treatment from Dr Balvinder Singh. Last year, an Indian football team player got his ankle treatment done by Dr Balvinder Singh in Jammu.

## MSJK protests against hefty electricity bills

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir (MSJK) activists here today staged a protest demonstration against hefty electricity bills.

The protest was led by MSJK leader, Sunil Dimple who also demanded to restart Darbar Move practise in J&K.

He said that the power projects of J&K should be returned back to J&K and demanded free electricity and drinking water to the people of J&K.

Addressing the protesters Dimple flayed installing of smart meters.

He said that smart meters are running fast and giving more units than the actual consumption of electricity.

MSJK leader claimed that

## Two drug peddlers held

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**DODA, Oct 10:** Police here today arrested two drug peddlers along with narcotic substance.

A police party from Police Post Prem-Nagar Thathri while on patrolling duty at Parnote observed suspicious movement of two pedestrians who were apprehended and narcotic substance was recovered from their possession.

The duo were identified as Payar Singh son of Mega Ram of Belna Jadhpur and Reyaz Ahmed son of Nasrullah Bhatt of Chuteri Phagsoo (Thathri).

Police has registered an FIR with number 108/2022 under relevant sections and investigation of the case has been started.



**Forest staff staging protest at Mendhar on Monday.**

## 'Const of road without forest clearance' Forest staff attacked, protests against Mendhar Admin

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**POONCH, Oct 10:** Forest Department employees from Range Office Mendhar today held protest demonstration against Mendhar Sub Divisional Administration and local police for allegedly helping contractor and other villagers involved in the construction of a road through forest, without taking mandatory clearance from the J&K Forest authorities.

Official sources said that Forest team from Mendhar led by Range Officer, Mohd Salim along with other employees seized a JCB involved in illegal construction of a road alignment through forest at Sailani village in Mankote area of Mendhar. During night, the contractor, a close relative of DDC member along with some people took away JCB and the work was again restarted forcefully. But when the Forest staff again tried to stop the work it was allegedly attacked by a mob of villagers.

The Forest officials alleged that when they approached SDM and SHO Mendhar and sought help but they were provided no assistance. Officials said that construction work is being done by PWD in Sailani village and that road was going through forest land. He said on the basis of information, Range officer including Forester, Guards of the area reached the spot along with Protection Force. A case was also registered under the Forest Act.

Range Officer accused SDM Mendhar and said that he threatened him and asked to 'stay

away from this work, otherwise your job will be in trouble'. He also alleged that people again pelted stone on forest staff when they along with some members of commission set up by SDM reached the area today. He alleged that pressure was being exerted on Forest staff by the local administration for construction of this illegal road for which agency has not sought forest clearance from the concerned authorities.

After this Forest employees sat on dharna in Forest complex and held strong protest against Mendhar administration. They were raising slogans SDM, Tehsildar and police.

SDM Mendhar Jahangir Khan when contacted denied the allegation of threats raised by the RO Mendhar and said that he has set up a Joint Commission for Nishandehi. SDM said he has nothing to do with the construction or allotment of work. They should go by the Forest Act, he added.

While Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Vivek Verma said that he was not aware of the matter, DFO Poonch Suresh Manda said that construction agency PWD has not applied for Forest clearance so far. It is mandatory for any agency. He said they have to apply on line and will get permission maximum by two months. DFO said his staff was attacked by some villagers when they had gone on with the commission set up by SDM. He claimed that senior Forest officials have been informed about the development.

## H&ME Deptt makes DRP compulsory in J&K

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** Health & Medical Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir today made District Residency Programme (DRP) compulsory in the Union Territory.

According to an order issued in this connection, to implement the DRP, the Post Graduate residents admitted during the academic year 2021-22 will be given Compulsory Resident Rotation of three months in District Hospitals as a part of their course curriculum, with effect from 01-04-2023 to 30-09-2024.

"Director, SKIMS Soura (Srinagar), Principal, medical colleges Srinagar/Jammu and Principal ASCOMS Jammu shall ensure placement/deputation of Post Graduate students for the DRP as per the placement schedule/roster notified by the Department," the Order

## JKDT president takes stock of facilities in Kashmir

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**SRINAGAR, Oct 10:** President of Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust (JKDT), Advocate Ajay Gandotra visited Srinagar on a four-day tour during which he took stock of the facilities in temples.

Gandotra expressed satisfaction at the facilities and arrangements at temples managed by the Trust in the Valley. He said that the Trust is taking due and proper case of the Samadhis of Late Maharajas of Jammu and Kashmir namely Maharaja Gulab Singh and Maharaja Partap Singh. He was on a visit to Srinagar on a special assignment of the Trust.

Accompanied by the Additional Secretary of Dharmarth Trust Kashmir Sandeep Khushoo, the JKDT

mentions.

It further states that Director Health Services Jammu/Kashmir shall ensure providing of amenities to the District Residents, including amongst others, suitable accommodation, transportation to workplace (if living quarters are far away) and security especially for lady residents. However, as per the order, this shall be provided strictly as per their entitlements under laid down rules prescribed for the purpose.

"The District Residents shall continue to draw their stipend/strictly as per their entitlements under laid down rules from their respective medical colleges for the duration of the rotation period of three months on the basis of attendance certificates to be issued by the concerned Medical Superintendent of the District Hospital," the order reads.

## JKDT president takes stock of facilities in Kashmir

president visited the Shankaracharya and Gadhadar Temples in the heart of Srinagar City and took stock of the facilities being provided to the visiting devotees on first day of his tour. He also met the Trustees of Dharmarth Trust at Karan Mahal and briefed them about the functioning of the temples and shrines falling under the realms of the Trust.

On 2nd day, he visited Mata Kheer Bhawani Temple at Tulmulla and Shiv Temple at the famous health resort Gulmarg where he reviewed the arrangements and facilities made for the visiting devotees especially during the peak tourist season. He suggested to the management of the temple to further enhance the facilities available at the aforesaid temples.

Today on the concluding day of his four-day tour, the Dharmarth Trust president visited the Shiv Temple at Pahalgam and also reviewed the facilities available there. While expressing satisfaction over the arrangements and facilities in all the temples visited by him, Gandotra said that the J&K Dharmarth Trust is duty bound to provide the best facilities to the devotees making their sojourn to these temples an unforgettable lifetime spiritual experience.

## HM's visit exposed instigators: MC President

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**RAJOURI, Oct 10:** Commending the recent visit of the Home Minister Amit Shah in Rajouri, the President Municipal Council, Advocate Mohd Arif

He further said, "Over the past few days, opposition leaders have been attempting to create division within society and instigated in the name of reservations but the recent visit of the



**MC President, Advocate Mohd Arif addressing media persons at Rajouri on Monday.**

Home Minister cleared all doubts of all sections of the society." The Prime Minister's slogan 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vishwas' is not just a catchphrase and expressed his gratitude to the residents of the Rajouri-Poonch for making the Home Minister's visit and rally a historic event, he asserted.

He further said that the general populace of Jammu and Kashmir now realises that previous Governments, either at the Centre as well as in Jammu and Kashmir, and their leaders in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, consistently misled the population in order to advance their political ambitions.

## Raina dismayed over strict enforcement of biometric attendance

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** Former MLC and spokesperson of J&K BJP, Giridhari Lal Raina has expressed dismay over the directive issued by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir ordering strict enforcement of biometric attendance for all the Government employees including those recruited under PM's Employment Package.

"Such an order is illogical in prevailing situation in which employees belonging to religious minority in Kashmir are being subjected to targeted terrorist violence," Raina said.

Speaking in a meeting of Booth and Mandal level workers of BJP, Raina demanded recon-

sidering of such an intimidating direction.

He stressed that protection of life of every citizen including the package employees, remains the responsibility of administration. The BJP leader asked the Government to issue an assurance of security of life in case it is confident of non-existence of any threat to the life and honour of these employees.

He also expressed disappointment on denial of salary to the minority community employees for several months. "Stopping salary to employees is punishment to his family. Even suspended employees are entitled to subsistence," he opined.

## JKSAC's plea to LG on grant of legal rights to DPs on land

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) has expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha and the leaders of BJP particularly, Ravinder Raina (BJP president for J&K UT), Dr Nirmal Singh) and Dr Narinder Singh for pur-

evacuee lands/space. With the passage of time, DPs raised Pakka houses on such lands as per their needs. They faced many difficulties in absence of legal rights over the lands under the dwellings as they were unable to mortgage their houses/lands to obtain loans from banks.

He said JKSAC was consis-



**JKSAC president, Gurdev Singh addressing DPs meeting in Jammu.**

suing both the Governments providing rights to DPs over lands under their dwellings in different colonies across the Jammu region.

While sharing his views with the members present in the meeting Gurdev Singh, president, JKSAC, alongwith Netar Parkash (gen secy), Santosh Sharma and Tarlok Singh Tara said that JKSAC was continuously raising the issue with the past Govts of J&K as well as Centre from the last many decades, but Govts did nothing in this regard and only paid lip service to DPs and kept the issue hanging. Then JKSAC took the issue of regularization of lands under DPs dwellings alongwith other major issues with all the leaders of BJP.

JKSAC president said after dislocation of the camps in 1952-53 the DPs were scattered by the then Govt across the Jammu region and provided

tently raising the issue with the Govt for granting the legal rights to DPs over the lands under the existing Agrarian laws of 1976. The issue was taken up with Divisional Commissioner Jammu in 2017. The then Div Com issued advisory to all the Deputy Commissioners to take action under Govt order no 254-C of 1965 and under section 3-A of the Agrarian Reform Act 1976 which are in vogue/in-force and the same needs to be implemented. But the Tehsildars did not comply with the above order on the pleas that order should come from Revenue Administrative Department.

He further said the issue was then taken up with the LG Manoj Sinha on Dec 19, 2020 who after hearing issue advised Principal Secy Revenue to process the matter for further necessary action in this regard. After the issuance of the advisory the issue was taken up with Shaheen Kabra the then Principal Secy Revenue and as he desired a detail district-wise list of all such colonies and since then the issue is being pursued with the Revenue Administration. The DPs are now hoping that notification/orders may be issued in the next few days.

## 5 JKP Insp transferred

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** District Police Headquarters, Udhampur today ordered transfers and postings of five Inspectors of J&K Police with immediate effect.

According to the Order, Inspector Chaman Gorka has been transferred from Police Station Udhampur to DPL Udhampur, Inspector Raghubir Singh from DPL Udhampur to Police Station Udhampur as SHO, Inspector Vijay Kumar from Police Station Latti to Police Station Kud as SHO, Inspector Arun Kaul from Police Station Kud to DPL Udhampur and Inspector Zulfikar Ali from Courty Udhampur to Police Station Latti as SHO.

## Man ends life

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** One Deepak Gupta, 50, son of Jagan Nath ended his life by hanging himself from the hook of fan in the ceiling of his house in Peer Mitha area today.

Police sources informed that the deceased was doing a private job.

An FIR in this regard has been registered at Police Station Peer Mitha under section 174 of IPC and investigation started.



**Senior DAP leaders during a public meeting at Billawar on Monday.**

## DAP will fight for restoring statehood to J&K: Tara Chand

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**KATHUA, Oct 10:** Former Deputy Chief Minister and senior leader of Democratic Azad Party (DAP) Tara Chand today said that DAP will fight for restoration of statehood along with safeguarding the land rights of the masses of Jammu and Kashmir.

Tara Chand said Ghulam Nabi Azad is always the first choice of masses as a chief minister of J&K and he will be again become chief minister of J&K. The former Deputy CM was addressing a huge gathering at Billawar.

He along with other members of recently formed central zone committee of the Party including general secretary RS Chib, former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma, former MLA Balwan Singh, senior leader and Advocate MK Bhardwaj, Ex Deputy Speaker Ghulam Haider Malik, Ex MLC Subash Gupta, Ex MLC Vinod Mishra, senior leader Sobit Ali, was there to brought forward the agenda of the Party and to propose the names for district Kathua and central zone committees.

Speaking on the occasion, RS Chib said it was during tenure of Ghulam Nabi Azad as Chief Minister and Union Minister that a large quantum of developmental works were initiated and accomplished in J&K and especially in Jammu division. He said creation of new districts was also gift by then CM Ghulam Nabi Azad to the masses.

Thakur Balwan Singh said that people of J&K feel betrayed by the downgrading of the historic state. He further said that DAP would intensify struggle for the restoration of statehood with protection to jobs and lands for the local people.

Dr Manohar Lal Sharma said that DAP as a party will always fight for safeguarding the rights of the localities and once in power they will deal in time bound manner with land, mining, liquor & construction mafia which under BJP regime has flourished.

M K Bhardwaj said that time has come to overthrow this anti-people and anti-youth BJP Government while Vinod Mishra and Subash Gupta urged the visiting delegates and workers of the party to strengthen the party at grass root level.



**Officials of Postal Deptt declaring open 'National Postal Week Mela' at village Rattian in Miran Sahib, Jammu on Monday.**

## Rattian declared as 'Sampoorn Bima Gram'

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** Rattian village of Block Miran Sahib has been declared as 'Sampoorn Bima Gram' where each house has at least one or other postal insurance policy.

It was declared by Col Vinod Kumar, Postmaster General Jammu Region along with Dr Ankush Bhagat SSPOs Jammu during a function organised to celebrate 'National Postal Week' as part of 'Vittiyi Sashaktikaran Diwas', today.

On this day, the postal department is making all efforts to spread awareness about financial inclusion/empowerment among people of India. It is the first time in Central Jammu Sub-division, Rattian village is declared as the Sampoorn Bima Gram under Rattian Branch Post Office.



**BJP leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurating Patanjali Store in Gangyal area of Jammu on Monday.**

## Billawaria inaugurates Patanjali Store

*Excelsior Correspondent*

**JAMMU, Oct 10:** Senior BJP leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria here today inaugurated Patanjali Store at Ward number 56 in Gangyal and lauded the quality of Patanjali products.

He said that the way Rakesh Kumar, inspired by PM Modi's vision of Atm Nirbhar Bharat, has taken step towards becoming self-reliant by opening Patanjali Store, surely this step will provide employment to many more youths in the future.

He said if young entrepreneurs become job providers instead of job seekers, then they will contribute to the economy of the country.

Billawaria appealed to the youth to take advantage of various Atm Nirbhar schemes launched by the Modi government.

Owner of the Store, Rakesh Kumar said that customer satisfaction will remain his main

This village has around 1000 houses but most of them were covered by postal insurance during the Mela. During the event, Sarpanch Mohd Sadiq and Panch Sunil Verma were also present during the Mela.

Col Vinod Kumar explained about the various postal services available at their doorstep during the function and also made the public aware about the CSC services.

Dr Ankush Bhagat also spoke about other departmental schemes and requested the gathering to avail maximum benefits of the Government schemes and spread information of RD, TD, MIS and other saving schemes of the postal department. The event ended with a resolution that more and more villagers in Jammu division will be covered under RPLI.

## Correction

Apropos the news item titled 'Bhagwati Nagar Committee office bearers get extension' published in October 6 edition of this newspaper, there were some errors in the list of elected members. In the news, instead of Veena Saproo, Sweety Saproo should be read. Similarly, Kapil Pachnanda should be read as advisor & planner instead of cashier. Further, Mohit Mahajan and Guddi Trisel should be read as cashier & accounts and organizer of women wing, respectively.

The error is regretted.

-Editor