

### Advisor Ladakh asks telecom operators to roll out 5G services by 2023

**Excelsior Correspondent** LEH, Oct 11: Stated that the digital communication in Ladakh should be upgraded most urgently, Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula today asked the telecom operators to start rolling out 5G services in Ladakh by 2023.

The identification of land and required paperwork for setting up additional towers should take place during the winter season so that work can start immediately in the next working season. The Advisor exhorted that non-provision of telecom connectivity to villages is the

(Rural), Sachin Lamba apprised the participants that since the first SBC meeting, 62 villages of Ladakh have been provisioned under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) scheme. Further, he shared that a list of 330 villages/hamlets was provided by the Ladakh administration to DoT for the provisioning of mobile connectivity. "Out of these, 192 have been planned under the USOF scheme and the work has been awarded to BSNL while the remaining villages will be planned under phase II", he added.

Principal Secretary of the IT Department, Sanjiv Khirwar asked the telecom operators to come up with a winter action plan to address the issues faced during the winter months.

CGM, BSNL, J&K Circle, Sanjiv Tyagi apprised the meeting that BSNL has been onboarded on PGCIL fiber to ensure redundancy in the BSNL network for the Ladakh region.

Senior DDG, J&K LSA, Sunita Chandra urged the telecom operators to ensure the maintenance of the existing infrastructure so that good quality of service and availability of the network is ensured to the public.

The meeting among others was attended by the Principal Secretary, Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Commissioner/Secretary, PHE, A K Sahu; DDG (Rural), J&K LSA, Shiv Narain; Director (Rural-1), J&K LSA, Sanjay Kumar; Director (Rural-2), J&K LSA, Laxmi and AD (Rural), Vijay Kumar.



Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula chairing meeting at Leh.

Narula said this while chairing the 2nd State Broadband Committee (SBC) of the Union territory of Ladakh held at Civil Secretariat, Leh. He said that

most pressing issue in Ladakh. In far-flung areas, he urged the telecom operators to make internet connectivity a top priority in unreachable areas.

In the meeting, ADG

### IGNOU opens online link for submission of exam forms

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has thrown open the online link for submission of examination forms for December 2022 Term-End Examinations. The December 2022 Term-End Examinations of IGNOU for various Academic Programmes offered by the University will commence from 2nd December 2022 and conclude on 10th January 2023 tentatively. The date sheet has been placed on IGNOU website www.ignou.ac.in and the online link for submission of examination forms can directly be accessed following the link https://exam.ignou.ac.in/ on

IGNOU website homepage. The eligible students can submit their respective examination fees for all eligible as well as backlog courses, provided the programme validity is not over or minimum duration is achieved and pay examination fee @Rs 200/- per course from their Debit/Credit Cards/Internet Banking. Last date for submission of the online examination form is 31.10.2022.

"The students should hurry up and submit their forms well before the deadline since the servers get overloaded towards the end due to huge internet traffic," said Dr Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director in Charge IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu.

### Geelani's son-in-law dies at AIIMS

**Excelsior Correspondent** NEW DELHI, Oct 11:

facing trial in an alleged terror funding case probed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

On October 5, the Delhi High court has ordered his shifting to the AIIMS Delhi for appropriate treatment after he was stated to have been diagnosed with cancer.

Shah told the court he was receiving treatment for certain serious ailments at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML) but it was recently revealed he was suffering from the last stage renal cancer.

While claiming the RML does not have the adequate facility to treat renal cancer, he prayed he be allowed to be shifted to the AIIMS or Apollo Hospital for urgent treatment.

Shah is survived by wife, son and two daughters. (PTI)

### NAUP expresses concern over sale of liquor on departmental stores

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11: National Awami United Party (NAUP)'s president Sandeep Singh today expressed concern over the Government order for sale of beer and liquor on the departmental stores and termed it as a big attack on religious culture.



NAUP leader Sandeep Singh addressing media at Jammu on Tuesday.

cal party and its all leaders who are becoming a mouthpiece of LG administration in promoting the liquor in Jammu province. "Even RSS has tight-lipped on the burning issues of Jammu province," he said.

They appealed to the public to raise their voice against liquor policy of the LG administration and stand with National Awami United Party which is in favour of blanket ban of liquor in the Union Territory as par Gujarat State.

It urged the LG administration that there are so many sources to earn revenue for running a Government and stop indulging the young generation into the mud of the 'Nasha'.

NAUP asked the administration if this is smart city plan, we the people of Jammu and Kashmir not accepting these types of evils which ruin our youth and appealed to withdraw the order immediately.

Manmohan Sudan, general secretary and Vijay Choudhary, Provincial vice president were also present during the press briefing.

### PDP leaders playing divisive politics: Raman Suri

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today said that the bewildered political leaders of People's Democratic Party (PDP) who have lost their relevance are now playing divisive politics based on region and religion to stay relevant. This way PDP is exposing itself, showing its true colours and displaying short-sightedness, he added.

their salaries/remuneration, the tax payers' money was used. Today, when the party is out of power, she's accusing BJP of regional bias, which is ironical as in reality it is PDP that's trying to divide people on this basis.

He advised PDP to come out of this narrow political discourse and think big, in terms of country's progress and prosperity.

He added that the demands of PDP like holding talks with Pakistan, resolving Kashmir issue, restoring Article 370 or returning erstwhile state's flag are nothing but mere rhetoric to confuse the masses and not let youth grow in a new atmosphere where all these subjects have been left redundant.



Retired SRTC employees during a protest in Srinagar on Tuesday.

### Retired SRTC workers seek release of pending post-retirement dues

**Excelsior Correspondent** SRINAGAR, Oct 11:

The retired employees of J&K State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC) today staged a protest against the non-payment of their leave salary and gratuity.

Scores of such employees appeared in the Press Enclave and were seen chanting slogans against the administration for its failure in addressing their issues over the last 2 years.

"We retired back in 2020. We don't have pension benefits and we \* Watch video on www.excelsionews.com

It was earlier assured by the SRTC management that the pending benefits will be released within three months but there has not been any response from them so far," they said.

The protesters said that this kind of attitude indicates that the management is not serious about our issue. "It might seem a small issue for them, but for us, it is about life and death," they said, adding that their several colleagues died and could not get the treatment well in time.

The aggrieved retired employees said that if the SRTC is taking loans from the banks to make sure they release the salary on in-service employees, then, they asked, what is stopping them from doing the same to clear our dues.

"They are operating with a total bias; for those in Jammu, their dues are being cleared, but they are looking the other way when it comes to releasing the post-retirement benefits of those from Kashmir, this is sheer injustice and nothing else," the protesters said.

They urged the LG Manoj Sinha and other higher-ups in the administration to look into the matter, lingering since 2020, on priority so that they heave a sigh of relief and their hardships are eased up.

### DF&SS protests against Mehbooba's remarks against LG

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11:

Activists of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DF&SS) here today staged a protest demonstration against Mehbooba Mufti for her remarks against J&K Lieutenant Governor (LG).

The protest was led by Ashok Gupta, president DF&SS and the protesters raised slogans against Mehbooba.

Speaking on the occasion Ashok Gupta said that Mehbooba's flaying of authorities for not appointing someone from Jammu as J&K LG is blatant disrespect towards the constitutional position and smells of petty regional politics.

"When her father was Union Home Minister he appointed Jagmohan as J&K Governor," Gupta maintained adding, "When she became CM her Principal Secretary was an IAS from outside. During her tenure as the CM of J&K in 2016 she removed



Guests during inaugural of two-day conference at CUJ on Tuesday.

### Two-day national conference begins at CU

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11:

A two-day national conference, titled "Co-Building an Inclusive New Social Order: Reflections from COVID-19", is being organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu from today.

The conference, in collaboration with the Save the Children foundation and the UN Refugee Agency, set over 13 technical, two plenary, and one valedictory sessions. In the inaugural session, Dr Nancy Mengi, Head, Department of Social Work, CU Jammu, highlighted the importance of documenting experiences of pandemic-related trauma.

Mohammad Sharif Bhat, State Head (J&K and Ladakh), Save the Children, spoke about the importance of social harmony and sympathy. Another guest, Prof Ankur Saxena, Department of Social Work, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, underlined the importance of entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility in social work.

Rajinder Singh, ADCC, Samba was chief guest on the occasion. He shared his experience as an administrator of mitigating loss of life during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prof Dev Anand, Dean, School of Basic and Applied Sciences and Head, Computer Science and Information Technology, CU Jammu, addressed the event with a presidential remark. Dr Yashwant

The plenary session was chaired by Dr Vandana Sharma, Head, Department of English, CU Jammu. The panel included Prof Dipankar Sen Gupta (University of Jammu), Prof Ankur Saxena (Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda), and Dr Romesh Sharma (Directorate of School Education, Jammu). A concluding vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Vinay Kumar and Nidhi Singh from the Department of Social Work, CU Jammu.

Singh, Registrar, CU Jammu, and Prof Rasal Singh, Dean, Student's Welfare, CU Jammu were also present for the event. Dr Bhat Iqbal Majeed concluded the inaugural session with a vote of thanks. The first technical session began with a keynote lecture by Dr Manu Arora, Head, Department of Psychiatry, GMC Jammu on the topic, "An Overview of Emerging Challenges in Post-Pandemic World: Mental Health Perspective". He shared his valuable insights and experiences of dealing with mental health issues during a global pandemic.

Four parallel technical sessions of the day dealt with "Children and Adolescents as Vulnerable Group", "COVID-19 and Differently Abled", "Health and Well Being During Pandemic" and "Worker's Identities and Formal-Infomal Divide".

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### 'Disciples' of JP sacrificed his ideology, joined hands with Congress: Shah

**Excelsior Correspondent** SITAB DIARA (BIHAR), Oct 11:



Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah unveiling the statue of Lok Nayak Shri Jayaprakash Narayan at Sitab Diara, in Bihar on Tuesday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah in an apparent dig at the Mahagathbandhan government in Bihar on Tuesday said that those who claim themselves to be disciples of Jayaprakash Narayan have sacrificed his socialist ideology to sit in the "lap" of Congress for power. Addressing a rally here at the birthplace of the hero of the anti-Emergency movement, popularly known as JP, in Saran district after unveiling a 15-foot high statue of the socialist icon, Shah also targeted Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

"JP fought for ideology and no power. But those who do politics in his name have changed sides five times for power and are sitting in the lap of the same Congress against which he fought for all his life. He is power hungry and for power, he sacrificed JP's ideologies and joined hands with the Congress," the home minister said. "He has nothing to do with the ideologies of JP," Shah said, in an apparent reference to Kumar who dumped BJP to form a new seven-party coalition government.

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"This is the reason why the Centre launched Antyodaya Anna Yojna and Ujjwala Yojna, among others. He (Modi) is a firm believer in JP's ideology," the home minister said. Shah also credited the

prime minister for the installation of JP's statue, a project of the union culture ministry. "The Hazaribagh jail escape of JP, his call for 'total revolution', his historic address at Patna's Gandhi Maidan and his struggle during the days of Emergency are his legacy," he said.

UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was also present at

the programme to mark the 120th birth anniversary of the socialist leader.

Adityanath said his government has done a lot for the development of the areas of Sitab Diara that are in the jurisdiction of Uttar Pradesh.

"JP was a towering national leader, he can't be confined to UP and Bihar only," he said. (PTI)

### Placement Drive conducted at YCET

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11:

Avi Softwares conducted pool placement drive at Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology (YCET) in Jammu for the students of YCET, MIET, and University of Jammu. Avi Softwares is product engineering, technology and consulting services provider that partners with organizations to achieve business and digital transformation for them. Leveraging its cross functional knowledge, deep sector expertise and wide-ranging specializations in fields including product engineering, digitization, hyper-automation, DevOps, cybersecurity and data science, the company's mission is to fast-track innovation through each step of the value chain.

For Avi Softwares a total of 35 students were shortlisted for the first round. At the end of the gruelling selection process, which included a written test, technical interview, etc. total seven students were selected among which three of them were selected for training cum placement and four were selected for direct placement. These students will join with the final annual package of Rs 4 lakhs approx. Three students were selected from YCET, one from MIET and three from University of Jammu.

The program was conducted by the Placement Cell of Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu. Many officials from the company and Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology were involved to properly drive the placement process. Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology is leading the effort to give the students of Jammu a chance to have a firsthand experience of placement drives.

Avinash Kumar- Director, Avi Softwares, M/s Akanksha Mengi - HR, Dheeraj Kumar, Shabir Ahmed and Ishfaq Dar - Software engineer hailed the efforts put by the college in nurturing and exploring the young minds for a better tomorrow. Jmamval Group of Educational Institutions (JGEI), Jammu Chairman Er. Vidhi S. Singh Jmamval, Vice-Chairman Shiv Dev Singh Jmamval, Managing Director Er. Renu Bangroo, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Rana Director, YCET and Chief Coordinator Er. B.R Verma congratulated the selected students. The placement drive was coordinated by the HOD of CSE department Er. Robin Kumar, Placement Coordinator CSE, Anshu Sharma and Assistant Training & Placement officer Manjula Sharma whereas the placement drive was organized by Er. Dinesh Gupta, Head, Training and Placement Cell of YCET.

### 15 bovine animals rescued

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11:

Chowki Choura Police rescued 15 bovine animals and seized a vehicle. As per police sources, on reliable information a team from Police Post Chowki Choura led by PSI Pankaj Katoch under the supervision of SHO Akhnoor Inspector Harjeet Singh and SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal laid a naka and intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK03E-7185.

During checking, police team rescued 15 bovine animals and seized the vehicle. A case under relevant sections has been registered at Police Station Akhnoor and investigation started.

### Tea seller saves wild deer from stray dogs

**Excelsior Correspondent** KATHUA, Oct 11:

A tea seller saved a wild deer that ventured into a human habitat from being attacked by a pack of stray dogs here today, officials said. Kailash Kumar was on way to open his tea stall when he noticed a deer being attacked by the dogs near Shaheed chowk in the early hours of the day, they said.

### 6 dumpers indulged in illegal mining seized

**Excelsior Correspondent** KATHUA, Oct 11:

Lakhnapur Police seized 6 dumpers indulged in illegal mining. As per police sources, during the intervening night of October 10 and 11, a team from Police Station Lakhnapur led by SHO Inspector Vijay Kotwal under the supervision of DySP DAR Kathua Sukhdev Singh and SSP Kathua RC Kotwal seized 6 dumpers indulged in illegal transportation of construction material.

### 4 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11:

Kanachack and Chatha Police seized four vehicles involved in illegal mining. As per police sources, teams from Police Station Kanachack led by SHO Inspector Rahul Mahajan and Police Post Chatha led by PSI Harjinder Paul Singh raided different location in their respective areas and seized 4 vehicles involved in illegal mining. DMO Jammu was also intimated about the same.

The mining was being done in violation of order of High Court of J&K. In order to strictly implement the drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators of the law, Jammu Police has initiated strict action.

### Dogri song 'Tere Kanne Payar' released

**Excelsior Correspondent** JAMMU, Oct 11:

In a simple function at GDC Majalta, Dogri song 'Tere Kanne Pyar' was released by Disha Kala Jagat. On this occasion chief guest were renowned literary personality of J&K, Mohan Singh Slathia and the function was presided over by the GDC Principal, Dr Namrata. Speaking on the occasion, Mohan Singh Slathia stressed on promoting the mother tongue and said that such songs are much needed for upliftment of Dogri language.

Principal, Dr Namrata assured all kind of help in promotion of Dogri language. Dr Suresh Sharma said that such type of songs soothe the mind. Singers of song were Ashok Kumar and Vanshika Jaral, lyrics



Mohan Singh Slathia along with others releasing Dogri song 'Tere Kanne Pyar' at Majalta.

was given by Paul Recording Studio Pathankot, Direction was given by Neeraj and Vishal Swal and it was produced by Ashok Kumar. The song has been released on YouTube channel 'Disha Kala Jagat'.

### One dies after shooting stone hits truck

**Excelsior Correspondent** POONCH, Oct 11:

One person was killed in accident after a shooting stone hit a truck near Panar area on Mughal road in Poonch today. Official sources said that a truck bearing registration number UP32MV 1224 loaded with apples was on its way from Kashmir to Uttar Pradesh when reached near Panar bridge, a shooting stone hits on it, after which one person died on the spot, while another was injured.

Deceased was identified as Tofeeq Ahmed (36), son of Qurban Ali and injured as Ashwani Kumar (32), son of Vijay Kumar residents of Sitapur, UP. A senior Police Officer said that both the dead body and injured were taken to SDH Surankote, where injured is under treatment.

### ARTO suspends 9 DLs, imposes fine

**Excelsior Correspondent** DODA, Oct 11:

AR TO, Kuldeep Singh, today launched an extensive checking drive of vehicles on different routes of the District including National Highway NH-244. During the drive, about 158 vehicles were checked out of which 20 vehicles were chalcanned for different traffic violations.

One vehicle was seized for plying without documents and nine drivers were found using cellphone while driving and some 2-wheeler drivers found driving without wearing helmet. The driving licenses of such drivers were placed under suspension which was issued by the Licensing Authority Doda and licenses issued by other Licensing Authorities were recommended for suspension. Beside this, an amount of Rs 183000 was recovered as fine during the drive.