

Union MoS for Commerce and Industries reaches Ganderbal on two-day visit

Excelsior Correspondent and other issues for increasing its scope. The Minister while replying to the issues said that the purpose of visiting the Industrial Estate was to take first hand appraisal about its functioning adding that



Union MoS Anupriya Singh Patel inaugurating public outreach programme in Ganderbal on Wednesday.

third Phase of the Public Outreach Programme of Central Government in order to assess the ground level development scenario and to listen to grievances and public demands. On day one, the Minister visited old Industrial Estates Ganderbal where she was briefed about the functioning of industrial estate in which over 90 units are established.

On the occasion, the Minister interacted with the Association of Small Scale Industrial Unit Holders Ganderbal who apprised her about the issues being faced by various unit holders and demanded augmentation of various facilities within the estate viz upgradation of canal road, drainage and effluent treatment plant, sustained marketability

Social Justice and Empowerment and would be run by Hope Disability Centre. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister complimented the district administration and Hope Disability Center for establishing Senior Citizen Home and said that Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has taken responsibility for welfare, social justice and empowerment of disadvantaged and marginalized sections of society including the elderly.

She said that under Public Outreach Programme of Central Government, about 70 ministers are visiting J&K to assess the ground level development scenario and review the implementation of various government schemes on the ground to make life of people more comfortable and take development scenario to new heights under the able guidance of Sh. Narendra Modi Ji. She said that in this regard, ministers of all departments are visiting J&K to have first hand appraisal about the development needs pertaining to their departments so that planning is done accordingly.

She further said that central government is committed to provide better employment avenues to the local youth of J&K and in this regard four new industries are coming up in the district Ganderbal.

Later, she also distributed mobility aids among the beneficiaries.



Copies of MoU being displayed after signing by JU & LJK Economic Growth & Development Dialogue.

JU signs MoU with LJK Economic Growth & Development Dialogue

Excelsior Correspondent Entrepreneurship and Innovation. He further said that both organizations will work together for Home Stay training to promote Rural, Religious Tourism.

Prof Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management JU and CEO, Special Purpose Vehicle Foundation JU, briefed that signing of the MoU will open new opportunities and open windows for the betterment of students who by way of this programme will get the necessary exposure.

MoU will make an effort to showcase business opportunities in J&K to potential investors, drive strategic sector-specific investments from private sector stakeholders across India and the world. The review shall be undertaken to view schemes & policies of the government with respect to industrial growth and investment promotion in J&K and students will truly benefit from such activities as this will help them to understand the gaps and see for themselves if tomorrow he wants to become an entrepreneur and how well he imagine to implement these schemes.

Among others, Manish Ahluwalia, core team members including Sat Sharma, Surinder Gupta, Rajiv Gupta, Harinder, Rajesh and Dr Vinay Thusoo, Incharge Media were also present on the occasion.

HC quashes termination of Tourism Deptt employee

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 12: High Court has quashed the order whereby the services of the petitioner came to be terminated on the basis of allegation of unauthorised absence from duty.

While quashing the termination order of Abdul Rashid Durrani, an employee of Tourism Department, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey observed, "the records bear testimony to the fact that adequate opportunity of hearing has not been provided to the petitioner and the rules of natural justice have been made a casualty", adding "the rules relating to reasonableness, good faith, justice, equity and good conscience, which are a part of law and relate to administration of justice and fairness, have been followed in breach and, resultantly, it has caused miscarriage of justice".

"It goes without saying that the condition precedent for initiating a disciplinary action against any member of the Government service in general, and to which the petitioner belongs in particular, is not only the conduct of an enquiry, but it should also appear that due adherence and strict compliance to the manner and procedure as laid down under Rule 145 of the Rules has been followed in its letter and spirit and any deviation thereof will render the order imposing penalty bad and liable to be set

Dheeraj chairs UTLC meet to discuss approval of Revised Action Plan under SBM-U 2.0

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, Oct 12: Principal Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department (HUDD), Dheeraj Gupta today chaired 1st Union Territory Level Technical Committee (UTLC) meeting for approval of Revised Action Plan of various implementing agencies under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

Commissioner Secretary Forest, Ecology & Environment, Sanjeev Verma was also present. During the meeting, it was informed that the revised Action Plan of SBM-U 2.0 duly vetted by IIT Jammu has been forwarded to Administrative Department for approval of UTLC.

It was given out that for JMC, the revised cost is Rs. 164.43 cr while as approved cost is Rs. 149.01 cr. Similarly, for SMC the revised cost is Rs. 375.45 cr and approved cost - Rs 226.44 cr with the enhancement of Rs. 149.01 cr.

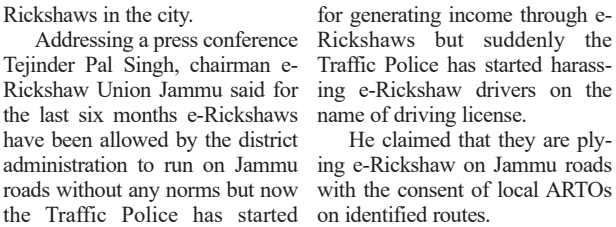
Like wise, the revised cost is Rs. 239.72 cr and approved cost is Rs. 191.65 cr with enhancement of Rs.48.07 cr and the revised cost is Rs. 118.85 cr and the approved cost is Rs. 81.94 cr with the enhancement of Rs. 36.91 cr for DULK and DULJ respectively.

The meeting held threadbare discussions over the justification of revised costs in SBM-2.0, door-to-door coverage-

Drivers of e-rickshaws claim harassment by Traffic cops

Excelsior Correspondent He further asked if the rules and norms of District Administration Jammu are above the directions of Union Transport Ministry.

JAMMU, Oct 12: The e-Rickshaw Union of Jammu today expressed disappointment against the Government for harassing poor drivers plying e-rickshaw on Jammu roads and demanded proper guidelines for running e-



Members of e-Rickshaw Union addressing a press conference at Jammu on Wednesday.

Rickshaws in the city. Addressing a press conference Tejinder Pal Singh, chairman e-Rickshaw Union Jammu said for the last six months e-Rickshaws have been allowed by the district administration to run on Jammu roads without any norms but now the Traffic Police has started harassing e-Rickshaw drivers by fining them on the pretext of driving license.

He claimed that the Union Minister for Transport, Nitin Gadkari has clearly said that e-Rickshaws would not be considered as motor vehicles and hence won't be covered under the Motor Vehicles Act.

"Hence for e-Rickshaw there is no need of a driving license," Singh said.

Fast Track Court acquits rape accused

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 12: A Fast Track Court here today has acquitted a rape accused of the charges levelled against him. The Judge also noted that the accused had admitted that the prosecutrix was his wife and she had lodged a false case against him due to domestic and matrimonial dispute.

"Therefore, on cumulative consideration of the matter in its totality there is no concrete evidence on record connecting the accused with the commission of the offence," the Judge maintained concluding that the prosecution case has failed and the accused Ram Murti was acquitted of the charges levelled against him.

Retaining wall in Khushipora craves official attention; residents aghast

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, Oct 12: A retaining wall in the Khushipora HMT area on the outskirts of Srinagar city is lying damaged for the last more than 5 years while the authorities have not paid any heed to the repeated complaints from the residents.

The residents of the area said after the retaining wall was damaged, they tried to reach out to the officials of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), however, they said, they did not get any response.

A complaint in this regard was also lodged with the J&K Grievance Cell, which then prompted the authorities to take note of the matter and issue necessary directions.

Those in the know-how of the matters said that following that complaint an estimate was made

Procurement of C&T Vehicles for achieving 100% D2D collection.

The meeting also reviewed the status of Land Transfer for establishing Waste Processing Units, Legacy Waste Management-Bio-Remediation, Processing of Dry & Wet Waste - Construction of MRF & Composting Pits, Machinery for MRF facilities. Besides, reviewing the installation of mechanical component of transfer station at 5 locations (Stationary compactors, Hook Loaders), Plastic Waste Management, ODF+ Certification, Proposal for CT/ PTs including aspirational Toilets and Proposal for IEC and Capacity Building.

On the occasion, Principal Secretary also sanctioned several projects while also directing for revisions of various other projects for final approvals.

Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Director Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Kashmir/Jammu, Director SBM-Urban, Director Finance H&UDD, Development Commissioner Works, Chief Engineer UEED, representatives Finance Department, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Rural Development Department, Jal Shakti, Pollution Control Committee were present in the meeting.

DDC Samba reviews progress of JJM

Excelsior Correspondent SAMBA, Oct 12: A meeting under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta was held to discuss in detail progress of ongoing works of JJM in the District.

All the Contractors allotted JJM work was present in the meeting. The supervising Engineer Hydraulic circle Jammu and out station contractors attended the meeting through video conferencing. Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE division Samba and the Assistant Executive Engineers civil and mechanical were present in person.

The DC discussed component wise works and bottlenecks. Moreover all such issues which needed immediate joint visits by engineering staff and all other concerned departments and contractors within the next two days.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair by Sunil Sharma, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Samba.

Railway employees observe one-day hunger strike, project demands

Excelsior Correspondent the aegis of the Northern Railwaymen's Union in Jammu as well in support of their demands including restoration of old pension scheme, prohibition of privatization and corporatization, filling of vacant posts, completion of cadre restructuring.



Railway employees sitting on hunger-strike at Railway Station, Jammu.

In Jammu too, a one-day hunger strike was held at the railway station under the aegis of the Northern Railwaymen's Union by the railway employees. The employees have warned that if their 11-point demands are not met soon, then railway employees across the country will go on a nationwide agitation, the responsibility of which will be of the Ministry of Railways and the Government of India.

On Wednesday, all railway employees gathered at the railway station of Jammu under the aegis of Northern Railwaymen's Union and staged a one-day symbolic hunger strike, protesting against the Ministry of Railways and the Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion, Northern Railway Men's Union branch president SB Das said that on the call of All India Railwaymen's Federation, railway employees across the country are protesting against their long standing demands but the Railway Ministry and the Government of India are not taking the demands of the railway employees seriously.

He said in protest against the Government's arrogant behavior, along with all over India, railway employees are on hunger strike today under

Dr Jitendra calls on Governor Telangana, discusses Central projects

Excelsior Correspondent HYDERABAD, Oct 12: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology, MoS PMO, Space and Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh called on Governor Telangana & Lt. Governor Puducherry, Dr Tamilai Soundararajan at Raj Bhavan and exchanged views about the status of various Central projects launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the State of Telangana.

The Minister also discussed the modalities to implement Science, Technology and Innovation in schools, particularly aimed at girl students in the State.

Dr Jitendra Singh appreciated her address at the 'Women Scientists Conclave: Self Reliance', at CSIR-IICT in Hyderabad, where Dr Soundararajan stressed on the need for encouraging more girls to take up research in science. The Minister promised all help from the Ministry of Science and Technology and the CSIR centre for empowering the girl child.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed Dr Soundararajan that only last month, Lucknow's three prominent scientific institutes opened their gates to curious boys and girls as part of the 1st foundation day celebration of the CSIR. The

three CSIR labs - National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) and Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) intro-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh being greeted by Governor Telangana and LG Puducherry, Dr Tamilai Soundararajan when he called on her at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad.

duced students to their innovations. Dr Jitendra Singh said, CSIR-India Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) and CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) at Hyderabad will also open their gates for school students to inculcate scientific temperament among them, which the Governor deeply



Director School Education Jammu Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma inaugurating an exhibition at Teacher's Bhawan, Jammu.

SCERT organizes JLN Science, Math & Environment Exhibition for children

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 12: State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) Divisional Office Jammu organized Divisional Level Jawahar Lal Nehru Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition for children and a seminar on Scientific Academic Institute of India in collaboration with NCERT New Delhi, today at Teacher's Bhawan, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The events aimed at inculcating the scientific temper among the growing and budding future scientists studying at Secondary and Senior Secondary Level, was inaugurated by Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu as chief guest, in presence of H R Pakhroo, Joint Director SCERT J&K, Rajesh Kumar- Personnel Officer Directorate of School Education Jammu, Chief Education Officer Jammu, Principal DIETS, SCERT Faculty, students and escort teachers.

The Chief Guest observed all the models exhibited by the students of various schools with keen interest. He impressed upon the significance of the innovative, creative, and experiential learning among the students and providing frequent opportunities for giving the students wider exposure.

Harjit Singh Uppal's Punjabi book of poetry released

Excelsior Correspondent the department also expressed their views on this occasion. A retired administrator of a bank and President Punjabi Sahitak Sabha, R S Pura, Harjit Singh Uppal has come to the fore in recent years, though he has been writing for a long time. In his poetry, he has written Ghazals and poems with equal proficiency. He is well versed in Vazan, Behar and Arooz, the basics of Ghazal writing. In the released book, there are



HOD Punjabi addressing in book release function at JU on Wednesday.

41 Ghazals and 41 poems associated with nature. The role of nature in all the activities of human beings is the main feature of his poetry. The vegetation, its greenery, flora-fauna, the musical harmony of flowing water of rivers and springs with other elements of nature are found in abundance in his poetry. Harjit Singh Uppal also spoke on his creative process of poetry writing.

Prof Baljeet Kour, Head Department of Punjabi, presented a welcome address. Proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr Harjinder Singh, Assistant Professor & Organizing Secretary of the event. Dr Pritam Singh, Assistant Professor & Coordinator of the programme extended the vote of thanks.