



Construction work abandoned on a bridge since last 15 years in Mendhar area of Poonch district. -Excelsior/Rahi Kapoor

Bridge in Darana village could not be built even after 15 yrs

Excelsior Correspondent

MENDHAR, Oct 27: The inhabitants of Darana village near Mendhar in border district of Poonch are awaiting the construction of a bridge over local river for the last 15 years. The villagers are now worried about the fate of this vital bridge.

The villagers and their school going children often risk their lives while crossing this river and specially when it is flooded or semi-flooded. The school going children many times remain stranded on the either side for hours during rainy season. During floods, this river forces these school going children to remain confined within their houses.

Locals of the area claimed that Ward No. 4 of Jogi Mohalla of Darana village remains cut off during rainy season. There is urgent need to construct a bridge and ensure road connectivity. Many times political leaders made false claims during elections but this

demand of the public remained unheard. They said that construction work of this bridge was started by the PWD department 15 years ago. When the construction work was inaugurated by local MLA and later left incomplete.

Another local villager alleged that a little work on this bridge was started about ten years ago at the time of elections, but since then the work has been abandoned due to the reason best known to the people at the helm of affairs. The people face lot of difficulties while shifting patients of the area to the hospital. He said the tall claims of the local leaders/ former legislators have totally exposed in their tall claims of massive development in Mendhar area. He said the villagers demand inquiry into the matter why the bridge work was stopped and what about the funds sanctioned for the same about 10 years ago. They have sought the intervention of the Governor and his District Administration in this connection.

'Cure India' holds workshop on clubfoot treatment at GMC

Excelsior Correspondent

BARAMULLA, Oct 27: Cure India's Jammu and Kashmir unit today held a day-long continuing medical education (CME) program at Government Medical College (GMC) hospital in Baramulla to train doctors and medical assistants in the treatment of clubfoot.

Noted orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Mathew Varghese and paediatric orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Alaric Aroojis delivered lectures on the Ponseti method of clubfoot management and the latest techniques to treat clubfoot across the world.

Dr S Mathew and Aroojis performed tenometry and casts for the patients on the spot in order to raise awareness among the participating doctors about the importance of effectively treating clubfoot. "Today was the sixth refresher training on the Ponseti method of clubfoot management and we ran the programme in collaboration with GMC Baramulla's department of orthopaedics," said Rubia Hamid, Programme Coordinator, Cure India J&K.

Cure India runs its programme in J&K with the goal of eradicating disability caused by clubfoot and runs six clinics in Jammu and Kashmir. "We are smoothly running the programme in the region and our clinics are functional at GMC Hospital Anantnag, SKIMS Medical

College Bemina, JLNH hospital Rainawari, Bone and Joint Hospital Srinagar, GMC Jammu and Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu," Hamid said.

She added that they have over 2200 children enrolled with them in the entire state to whom they are providing free treatment, besides free braces for children with deformities.

Cure India had brought doctors from sub-district hospitals, primary health centres and participants from district early intervention centres from across Baramulla, besides doctors and practitioners from premier health institutes in J&K for the programme. "We receive patients from across the district, including the far-flung areas of the neighbouring Kupwara district. We provide them with guidance and treatment but later on refer them to the Cure India clinics of Srinagar," Dr A R Badoo, said.

Clubfoot is a deformity present from birth that severely twists the foot downward and inward, making walking difficult or impossible. Cure India has been running the programme in J&K since 2015 to dispel notions and myths around clubfoot and make people aware that clubfoot can be treated completely.

Dr Santosh George, Cure India's country director, and head of training and capacity building Atula Jamir was also present during the training.

Sena flays selective approach in vacating Govt accommodation

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: Shiv Sena J&K Unit here today flayed the J&K administration for selectively asking the politicians and bureaucrats to vacate Government accommodation ignoring the favoured ones.

In a press conference, Shiv Sena J&K leaders addressing a press conference at Jammu on Thursday.

Manish Sahni, Shiv Sena J&K president said despite directions of High Court, the J&K administration is adopting double standards in getting Government bungalows vacated

from former leaders and ministers.

He said that notices are being issued to the leaders and ministers of opposition parties to vacate Government bungalows ignoring those of ruling BJP like former Dy. CM of BJP," he maintained.

"Many of the former ministers, ex-MLAs, politicians and their families and former bureaucrats are illegally occupying government bungalows and quarters," the Shiv Sena leader claimed appealing J&K LG, Manoj Sinha to issue directions to former legislators and bureaucrats to vacate Government property without any delay and discrimination.

Shiv Sena general secretary, Vikas Bakshi and Vinod Kotwal were also present in the press conference.

Govt failed to provide security to minorities in Valley: JTC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: A meeting of Jagti Tenement Committee (JTC) and Soan Kashmir Front (SKF) was held under the chairmanship of its president, Shadi Lal Pandita today.

Addressing the meeting Pandita said that Kashmiri Pandits are being killed in the Valley for several months for which the BJP Government is responsible as it failed to provide security to them.

He said due to increasing selective killings the Kashmiri

Pandits had to migrate from the Valley again like as 1990 and there is a possibility of more migration is going to take place in the coming days which is a question mark on the BJP Government.

Pandita said that Roop Krishan Bhat was killed in Kashmir Valley some days back whose family has migrated to Jammu and they have no livelihood.

Pandita demanded cash assistance of Rs 50 lakh and a Government job to the wife of Roop Krishan Bhat who was martyred in Kashmir Valley.

DC Srinagar inspects progress of work on Tankipora Bridge

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 27: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today undertook a visit of various developmental sites to conduct onsite inspection of the works being carried out on construction of Tankipora Bridge and public parking facilities for the Offices of Financial Commissioner Revenue(FCR), Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar.

On the occasion, the DC took a round of all the spaces earmarked for the said car parking facility and passed several directions on the spot. He asked the

concerned Executing agency to speed up the progress of work so that the parking facility is made operational at the earliest.

The DC also asked the revenue authorities to issue notices to the concerned agencies for vacating the idle sheds in the identified parking to pave smooth way for demolishing of such structures.

The DC further asked the executing agency to start work on construction of Footbridge over the Kut kul to connect the parking facility with Amar Niwas Complex housing offices of the Financial Commissioner Revenue (FCR), Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar.

While reviewing the pace of work being executed on Rs 7.42 crore project for construction of second Tankipora bridge adjacent to DC Office Complex, Srinagar, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised that over 60 percent work including piling and other allied works on the bridge has been completed so far and work is going on fast pace.

On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned executing agency to accelerate the pace of work by employing more men and machinery so that the project is completed in a set timeline keeping in view the limited working season for construction work.



Jatt Sabha leaders honouring senior community leader and former MLA Choudhary Payara Singh at Jammu on Thursday.

J&K Jatt Sabha honours Choudhary Payara Singh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: J&K Jatt Sabha members today honoured Choudhary Payara Singh, a long time president of the Sabha, for his struggle for the OBC status for Jatt community in Jammu and Kashmir.

The delegation of Sabha members included J & K Jatt Sabha president , Manjit Singh, ex-Minister, Sukhmandar Choudhary, ex-MLC, Vikram Chandhawa, Kamal Choudhary, Harbans Choudhary, Mohinder Choudhary, Jatt Sabha Jammu Urban district president, corporator Ch Dwarka, Choudhary Jarnail Singh, and others.

The Sabha members congratulated Choudhary Payara Singh for his struggle to achieve the demand raised by him for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir for the OBC status to the Jatts.

Issuing a statement, the Former Minister, Manjit Singh said that "Choudhary Payara Singh had led an unforgettable movement for the Jatts so that their social, economic and political status can be uplifted."

He said that the Sabha will honour its other members who worked for the Jatt welfare in Jammu and Kashmir and did not come to public attention.

"Their struggle and hard work had worked and finally the Government of India accepted the demand on the recommendations of Justice G.D. Sharma Commission," he said.

He said that their struggle has not ended but the old leadership provided them inspiration and they must be honoured and respected for their efforts.

He said that the Jatt population is scattered along the borders and they were displaced many times in three wars between India and Pakistan. They were forced to abandon their homes and they had to re-settle at the border belt.

He said that these people have remained neglected politically as well and the political parties failed to give them appropriate representation and it has given rise to resentment among the community members.

MSJK stages anti-Pak protest

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: Mission Statehood J&K (MSJK) leader, Sunil Dimple here today staged anti-Pakistan and anti-China protest and flayed the target killing of religious minorities in Kashmir which has allegedly led to migration of Kashmiri Pandits.

Addressing protesters the MSJK leader demanded liberation of PoJK, Gilgit and Baltistan from the illegal occupation of Pakistan as Pakistan is committing atrocities on religious minorities there.

He said that PM Modi should call all party meet on target

JAMMU, Oct 27: At least 20 passengers were injured in a mini-bus accident which took place near Chowki Choura here today.

As per official sources, a mini-bus met with accident near Chowki Choura area here, resulting into injuries to around 20 persons.

After getting information, police team rushed to the spot and shifted the injured to a civil hospital in Chowki Choura, from where some of the injured persons were referred to GH Akhnoor and Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) Jammu for specialised treatment.

A case under relevant sections has been registered at Police Station Akhnoor and investigation started.

Deliverables be saturated with mass public participation in B2V4: Dr Sehrish

Excelsior Correspondent

BARAMULLA, Oct 27: In connection with Phase 4th of Back to Village programme commencing in the district from tomorrow, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting with media persons of the district at Dak Bungalow.

Dr Sehrish said that the media is a significant pillar of democracy for deliverance of transparent and accountable governance to the people and added that the District Administration will always be available for coordination with the people who are engaged directly or indirectly in promoting development and wellbeing of the society.

She asked the media persons to act as a bridge between the public and the Government by highlighting the issues of the

public so that the Government can act swiftly to provide relief to the people especially in the upcoming Back to Village programme.

The DC stressed upon the media persons to work with added zeal in disseminating awareness among the people in the Back to Village programme meant to hear the issues and grievances of the people at their doorsteps. She asserted for the media to adopt a coordinated approach for holistic coverage of the Back to Village programme.

Meanwhile, District Information Officer, Jahangeer Akhnoor informed the chair that Back to Village Programme will be given a highlighted coverage across the various platforms of media. He further briefed the chair that an action plan for holistic coverage has already been devised to highlight all the phases of B2V4.

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JK people have totally rejected Pakistan: BJP

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 27: BJP district Srinagar under the Presidency of Ashok Bhat organised a grand Shaurya Divas function here, today where former Minister and party general secretary, Sunil Sharma was Chief guest. This is for the first time this type of programme has been organised where it was fully made to know that the people of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir totally rejected Pakistan and it's ideology and they tied their fate with mother India.

On this occasion Ashok Bhat while addressing said "We the people of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are lucky enough as we are with the nation which has strong Prime Minister and who is working hard to make the nation strong, developed, self reliant and prosperous. I am proud of my nation, my Union Territory, he added.

He said "We are much pleased and must never forget sacrifice of son of the soil Mohammed Maqbool Sheerwani and other martyrs who fought Pak raiders. Besides, role of Maharaja Hari Singh was remarkable that J&K has become a part of developed nation".

Bhat further added had the then Prime Minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru not wasted and delayed for months POJK would have been the part of our mother India". Besides, they celebrated the occasion by bursting crackers and distributing sweets and lighting the streets and party office on the occasion.

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Dr Rajouri Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

Deptt wise status of public grievances on LG Portal reviewed in Rajouri

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Oct 27: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the action taken by the concerned departments on the grievances reported on LG Portal by the general public.

Officers present in the meeting were ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmoed Malik; AC Defence, Saleem Qureshi; CAO, Sohan Singh; CMO, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar; DMO, Naseeb Bajrang; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed department-wise disposal of grievances and obtained to-date status wherein the concerned officers briefed about the same.

The DC stressed on the early and quality redressal of the genuine public issues to mitigate their sufferings.

While taking note of the pendency of grievances in respect of the departments, the DC asked the concerned officers to find out the cause of the issues so that the public don't have to complain for the same issue again and again.

He also asked the officers of the concerned departments to look into the issues reported by the general public on priority and co-ordinate citizen-friendly solutions at their own level.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner chaired a meet-

ing of the concerned revenue officers to review the progress regarding generation and distribution of land passbooks in the district.

During the meeting, the DC inquired about the number of land pass books to be generated and the progress achieved in this regard.

Speaking at the meeting, the DC said that issuance of land pass books to the lawful owners of land is a step to add transparency in the public service delivery in the Revenue Department.

He also said that the land pass book entries carry the evidentiary value of the record-of-rights and other public record for all intents and purposes before the courts and the financial institutions including Banks.

Stressing upon the officers to ensure accurate and up-to-date revenue record entries in the land passbooks being issued to the land owners, he asked them to ensure that the land pass books are distributed among all the lawful land owners at the earliest.

He also asked the Revenue Officers to ensure that maximum land passbooks are generated and distributed among the land owners in the district at the earliest.

The DC also directed the revenue officers to submit the progress in this regard on a daily basis and achieve the targets within the shortest possible time.

Former Minister and senior BJP leader during a meeting with inhabitants of Ward 41 Jammu on Thursday.

Sat Sharma holds public meeting at Ward 41

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: After getting inputs that inhabitants of Ward 41 of Jammu West Assembly segment are having complaints with the administration over various issues, former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West, Sat Sharma (CA) held a public meeting and gave a patient hearing to the grievances of the people.

With a mission to provide every possible facility to the residents of his Assembly segment at their doorsteps, former MLA said that he interacted with the masses as well in order to know about their grievances and take stock of the remaining works to be done in the areas.

Sharma said that a fruitful discussion was held with the locals and many things came up during the public meeting where the

locals have stressed upon taking some utmost important works in the area and it will be seen that these works are taken up and completed in a stipulated time frame, he added.

He said that he has asked the concerned officials of various departments to immediately prepare the estimates and take up the works for remaining works and if any other area has left behind in terms of development, such works should also be taken up in order to provide better infrastructure to the locals of the area.

District general secretary Rajesh Gupta, Vinod Wazir, Jatin Sethi, Yash Pal Shivgotra, Jatinder Khajuria, KL Sharma, Kali Bhagat, Babu Ram, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Anprej Singh, Chuni Lal Raina, Omkar Verma, MT Krishan, Kewal Krishan and several others were also present

Mauritius bringing out book on Balwant Thakur

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: The theatre organisations of Mauritius are bringing out a book on the life and contribution of Padamshree Balwant Thakur who is currently the Director of world's biggest cultural centre based in Mauritius.

The book is ready and likely to be launched by the President of the Republic of Mauritius in the 1st week of November, 2022 at an exclusive function.

Aimed at disseminating information about Balwant Thakur in Mauritius, this book features a precise journey of Balwant Thakur followed by analytical features on him being a playwright, theatre director and a cultural administrator. Interestingly in this book his multifaceted personality is being projected independently highlighting his unique contribution to the world as playwright, theatre director and cultural administrator.

Ever since Balwant Thakur joined Mauritius as the cultural head of India, he revolutionized the entire cultural scene by introducing new innovative ways of showcasing the creative presentations. The kind of theatre which he put into practice was something new to Mauritius and he introduced a new approach to children theatre both in terms of

Congregations

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: The bi-annual congregation of Sehra Wale Khatir Biradari is going to be held on October 30 at Shri Sehra Wale Devi Devta, Lalyal (Kanachak) with religious ambience. The function will start with Hawan and conclude with Purnahuti at 11 AM. Thereafter, Bhandara will be organized for the devotees.

The annual congregation of Phawa Mahajan Biradari will be held at Mill area (RS Pura) on November 6 instead of November 8 on account of Chandra Grahana.



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