

Union MoS inaugurates Investors Education, Awareness & Protection Conference

Excelsior Correspondent Ministry of Corporate Affairs. The event was also graced by Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Member of Parliament from Srinagar; Anita Shah Akella, CEO IEPF Authority & Joint Secretary, MCA; Sanjay



Union MoS Rao Inderjit Singh inaugurating Investors, Education, Awareness & Protection Conference in Srinagar on Friday.

gured day-long Investors Education, Awareness & Protection Conference at SKICC.

The conference was organized by the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the aegis of



Secy Tourism Sarmad Hafeez during a meeting with Pahalgam Hoteliers club.

Secy Tourism discusses modalities for promoting Pahalgam as preferred destination

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, Oct 28: Secretary, Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez, today held a meeting with Pahalgam Hoteliers Club to discuss modalities and arrangements for making Pahalgam vibrant throughout the winter season so that Pahalgam emerges as one of the finest winter destinations in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting had deliberate discussion on several issues and strategies as well needed to be planned and implemented for boosting tourism in the picturesque abode of Pahalgam with specific focus on winters.

The Department of Tourism in collaboration with Pahalgam Hoteliers Club is initiating several innovative steps in this direction like arranging musical evenings and a month long festivities starting from 20th December, 2022. The whole Pahalgam market would be illuminated magnificently during these days so as to make give a phenomenal outlook to this heaven on earth during the winters.

Ex-MLC pays tribute to Qila Darhal martyrs

Excelsior Correspondent NOWSHERA, Oct 28: Former MLC and senior Congress leader, Ravinder Sharma today visited Shaheed Garh, to pay rich tribute to the martyrs of Qila Darhal (Nowshera) in an impressive function held at Shaheed Garh.

Senior officers of Army, Civil, Police including Brig P. Acharya, Col Narain Babu, SSP Rajouri Mohd Aslam, ADC News Th Kartar Singh, SDPO Nowshera Tufail, president DGPC Prof Hardial Singh, family members of martyrs and thousands of local population attended the Shradanjali Samaroh and paid homage to the martyrs in whose honour an impressive function is held every year to remember the supreme sacrifices of civilians and army personal during 1947 tribal invasion and in subsequent wars.

Recalling the supreme sacrifices of Jathedar Ram Singh, Hukam Singh, Pritam Singh,

8 injured in tempo traveller, truck collision on NH

Excelsior Correspondent The injured were identified as Shakeel Ahmed, son of Abdul Rehman of Maligam Pogal, Mudasir Ahmed, son of Mohammad Ashraf Shohil of Neel, Nazir Ahmed, son of Abdul Qayoom of Chamalwass, Rayees Ahmed, son of Mohammad Iqbal of Maligam Pogal, Farooq Ahmed, son of Mohammad Iqbal of Chamalwass, Waseem Ahmed, son of Bashir Ahmed of Pogal, Naseer Ahmed, son of Mohammad Abdullah Sheikh of Chareel Banihal, Rayees Ahmed, son of Mohammad Iqbal of Maligam Pogal and Zubir Ahmed, son of Mohammad Shafi of Runigam Ramsoo.

A case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Ramsoo and investigation started.

IEPF Authority, India Post Payment Bank and Department of Posts, CSC e-governance, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce, Central Reserve Police Force.

During the inaugural session, Rao Inderjit Singh and Dr Farooq Abdullah released various major initiatives of IEPF Authority and Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

The Minister during his keynote address appreciated IEPFA's initiative of conducting the Conference on Investor Education & Awareness in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.

He also shared ideas, need and significance of spreading inclusive financial literacy, investor awareness & protection for overall economic growth and nation building.

Dr Farooq Abdullah also spoke on the occasion and thanked IEPFA for organizing the conference in Srinagar and hoped that the conference will help to make people aware about the online frauds in J&K.

IEPF Authority has been established under sub-section (5) of section 125 of Companies Act, 2013 with the objective of promoting Investor Education, Awareness and Protection and for administration of the IEPF fund. It has undertaken a wide gamut of activities to accelerate the pace of investor education among the masses at large.

Till date more than 65,000 Awareness Programmes covering 30 lakh citizens have been conducted by IEPFA. In addition, more than 28,000 claim refunds have been approved with transfer of about 1.6 Cr shares and related dividends.

It was informed in the meeting that a winter festival will also be held in the month of December and January to promote Pahalgam vigorously as one of the most favorite and sought out winter destinations.

The meeting also discussed other issues like signages and facade at Pahalgam market besides making club house functional at Pahalgam Golf Course.

The Pahalgam Hoteliers Club assured the administration their full cooperation for making Pahalgam an all weather destination.

Moreover, various other activities are in offing in Pahalgam which inter alia included nature walk, bird walk and heritage village walk.

Bhag Singh, Suchan Singh and Lal Chand Bhatgal, who led the fight to repulse the raiders attack in 1947 in Qila Darhal area, Ravinder Sharma said that the nation is indebted to the martyrs who secured and safeguarded the freedom and territorial integrity of the country and generations to come would draw inspirations from the brave souls of the soil.

Former MLC recalled the contributions of heroes of freedom struggle and those civilians and army personnel who gave supreme sacrifices. He recalled the supreme sacrifices of Brig Usman, the saviour of Jhangarh. Sharma disclosed that his own uncle L/Hav Deputy Lal (VRC) was martyred in Rajouri sector on June 15, 1948, so he has special respect and attachment with martyrs and their families. He pleaded for the maintenance and preservation of the local fort (Qila) of the then Maharaja Ranjit Singh and creation of more facilities for the locals and visitors there.

Woman killed, husband, two sons injured in accident

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 28: A woman was killed while her husband and two sons sustained injured when the car they were travelling in hit a parapet in Nagrota here today.

As per police sources, a car collided with a parapet in Nagrota, resulting into injuries to a couple and their two sons.

After getting information, police team rushed to the spot and shifted the injured persons to Government Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared one among them as brought dead, while the condition of three others was stated to be stable, when last reports came in.

The deceased was identified as Reetu, wife of Mahesh Kumar of Rohtak Haryana, while the injured were identified as her husband Mahesh Kumar, two sons Laksh and Yash.

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



Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi, flanked by Ladakh MP inaugurating DKD Gonpa School in Dehradun.

Culture Minister inaugurates CIBS Drikung Gonpa School in Dehradun

Excelsior Correspondent DEHRADUN, Oct 28: Union Culture & External Affairs Minister Meenakshi Lekhi and Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal in presence of Tibetan Sikyong, Penba Tsering inaugurated a Drikung Kagyu Dorjeing Gonpa School, affiliated as branch of Central Institute for Buddhist Studies (Deemed to be University) Leh- Ladakh at Drikung Kagyu Institute, Dehradun, in Uttarakhand today.

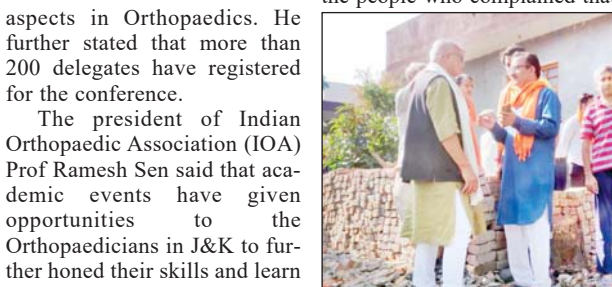
While addressing the gathering, Meenakshi Lekhi expressed, "India is a great nation with rich spiritual and cultural traditions. In Indian origin tradition, we all have the same root with different branches and lord Buddha who is the Lord of Lords has blessed this nation with immense love and spirituality. I used to say that the path shown by Lord Buddha is universal in its appeal because it's an inward philosophy which expresses that before changing the world you should change yourself. And we must cherish the truthful teachings of Lord Buddha. I want to congratulate the

Tibetan Sikyong Pemba Tsering appreciated the initiative taken by Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal to get recognised certificate by affiliating the Gonpa Schools in CIBS Ladakh and also encourages the Tibetan Buddhist Monastic Institutions to get affiliated with the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies of Ladakh to get recognised certificates and other facilities from Govt of India through Ministry of Culture.

The program was attended by Amita Prasad Sarabhai Joint Secretary of Ministry of Culture Govt of India, Dr (Prof) Badiyana Labh Vice Chancellor of CIBS Deemed University Leh, Dr Konchok Rigzen Addl. Administrative Officer CIBS, Dr IB Jha Principal CIBS School Leh and other concerned officials.

Mayor, Dy Mayor visit Anuradhapuram, warn against encroachments

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 28: Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Rajinder Sharma along with Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria today visited Anuradhapuram Barnai to ascertain the problems being faced by the people who complained that



Mayor, JMC, Rajinder Sharma interacting with residents of Anuradhapuram Barnai during visit to the area on Friday.

hundreds year old nullah which was the outlet of Barnai Talab and catchment areas has been encroached by some people with the result many houses got damaged during recent Monsoon rains and the standing crops were damaged.

The Mayor visited the area and held interaction with local inhabitants who narrated their woes to him saying that about six residential houses and standing crops of maize were damaged due to this year's Monsoon rains as the nullah has totally been encroached.

The Mayor was informed that a residential house was constructed in the area on the nullah which is the cause of entire problem and over 200 residential houses go through a night-marish experience when the nullah is in spate during Monsoon.

The Mayor after visiting the area assured the residents that no encroachment of the nullahs assured that the road leading to Durga Nag Community Hall will also be blacktopped and the drainage nullah passing through the area will be covered as the issue was brought in their notice by Kuldeep Rain member of Durga Nag Trust.

Earlier both Mayor and Deputy Mayor participated in the annual Maha Yagya which was organized by Anuradha Puram Welfare Committee led by its president Shiban Krishan and general secretary Vinod Dhar. The Committee also honored Mayor Deputy Mayor and Corporator Kapil Chib on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Mayor said that his office is open for public and he is committed to redress all the genuine grievances of the people. He said the development works will be given pace in Jammu as directives have been issued to all to work in double shifts to complete the backlog.

Interactive session for students held

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 28: GDC Sidhra organised an interactive session for the students of Commerce stream and for faculty of the College in collaboration with IIT Jammu, here today.

Dr Amitash Ojha, Head Department of Humanities and Social sciences and Dr Lakhwinder Singh, Project Officer of IIT Jammu were the resource persons.

Union Minister Sonowal inaugurates seminar on 'Bridging the Gaps in Health Care'

Excelsior Correspondent GANDERBAL, Oct 28: Union Minister of AYUSH, Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated a One-Day Seminar titled "Bridging the Gaps in Health care: Ayush, a Promising Recourse" at Government Unani Medical College and Hospital (GUMC&H) Nawabagh, Ganderbal.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Shyambir, Director AYUSH J&K Dr Mohan Singh, Principal GUMC&H and other faculty members were present on the occasion.

The Minister also inspected various stalls displayed in the college by Directorate of AYUSH, Unani Medical College Ganderbal, Regional Research Center in Unani Medicine, Srinagar, followed by a look on poster presentations of the students in the college gallery.

On this occasion, a video documentary of Directorate of AYUSH was also displayed to showcase the strengths of AYUSH and the progress achieved in Jammu & Kashmir in last few years.

While interacting with the students, the Minister urged them to make people aware about the importance of traditional medicine system which is not limited to treatment but social health and mental health-happiness are included.

While highlighting the importance of Ayurveda, the minister said the WHO has established WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Gujarat, which is the first and only global outpost centre for traditional medicine across the world which gave a recognition of India's contribution and potential in this field and India will emerge as an international hub of global wellness, he added.

On this occasion, Director AYUSH, J&K Dr Mohan Singh elaborated in detail the achievements of the Department in making the AYUSH systems a

or Government land in the Municipal limits of Jammu will be tolerated as there are clear-cut instructions from the Government in this regard. He warned strict action against the encroachers after verifying all the documents from the Revenue Department.

Both Mayor and Deputy Mayor assured the people that the road and other lanes and drains will be constructed in the area and they will issue necessary instructions to the concerned officials in this regard.

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upon the techniques being used by the big companies like Apple, Microsoft, Amazon and Facebook etc. to sell their product.

Dr. Lakhwinder Singh also interacted with the students and faculty on the issues of presentation and interpretation of the data and also interacted with the faculty members on "Recent Trends in Research".

College Principal Dr BB Anand highlighted the importance of Skill under NEP-2020. The entire proceeding of the event was conducted by Ritika Dogra and Dr Attaullah Niazi, while the session was co-ordinated by Dr Anshu Gupta, Convenor, IQAC of the College.



Union Minister of AYUSH, Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal posing with students at Ganderbal on Friday. house hold name in all corners of the UT. AYUSH Health & Wellness Centers have been established and Yoga instructors have been engaged in all AYUSH Health & Wellness Centers for promotion of health and prevention of diseases through Yoga Asanas, he added. The Government Unani Medical College and Hospital Ganderbal was granted permission by Central Government to start the First Batch of Bachelors in Unani Medicine and Surgery (BUMS) course from the academic session of 2020-21 with an intake capacity of 60 seats, he informed.



Prof Naresh Padha & others participating in seminar by JKSC on Friday.

JKSC organizes seminar on '75 yrs of accession of J&K with India'

Excelsior Correspondent Madrassas, Deobandi and Wahabi influence in Gilgit-Baltist that gave the locals a fear that Punjabi Sunni people will be settled in the area.

In his presentation, titled "Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir: Displaced Persons-their legal status and human right violations", Dr Ajay Sharma, said that during Pakistan's aggression of 1947, Mirpur, Muzaffarabad, and few tehsils of Poonch that came under Pakistan's control is called as PoJK and the people who were displaced from their territories are called as PoJK displaced persons. Displacement has resulted into their social-economic and political marginalisation. Majority of PoJK displaced persons are living in J&K while a few families were settled outside J&K by then Government.

The JKSC is a think tank dedicated to the research on Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, and occupied territories of the State of J&K. The JKSC is also involved in the research of the human rights violations in the PoJK and GB.

Former Director General DRDO, Dr Sudharshan Sharma, Prof K L Bhatia, Prof Prakash Anthal, Prof Vinay Chauhan, Prof Sindhu Kapoor, Karuna Chettri, Arun Choudhary, Satpal Sharma, many eminent academicians, journalists, members of the civil society and students attended the seminar. Er Shail Sharma presented vote of thanks while Vasundra Rajee conducted the proceedings.

In his presentation, titled "Instrument of Accession and Events Thereafter" Dr Ganesh Malhotra, brought to the notice of the audience "various legal aspects on accession of J&K in the Indian Union". He also highlighted "the role of Maharaja Hari Singh in signing the instrument of accession."

In his presentation, titled "Understanding Sectarian Conflict in Gilgit Baltistan", Dr Mohd Monir Alam argued that Pakistan policies especially during Zia-ul-Haq's Islamisation process and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's State Resident Law in 1972 led to opening of

Lane caves in near Pir Kho

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 28: A lane near Pir Kho in Ward No. 3 of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has caved in, posing serious threat to the two nearby houses.

Reports said that during recent rains a lane near Pir Kho Dakki suddenly caved in. The house of one Yogesh Joshi and another adjoining one, have come under serious threat. Even the large drain coming from Old City locality has also collapsed and the Nallah water is falling in the collapsed portion. It has further widened the damaged part of Dakki.

The families approached concerned JMC authorities, District Administration Jammu and even uploaded their grievance at the Govt portal/ LG's office at Civil Secretariat but nothing has been done so far in this regard. DC

Dr Mehta appointed Nodal Officer for Cancer Institute

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Oct 28: The Health and Medical Education Department today nominated Dr Jitender Mehta, Programme Manager, National Health Mission (NHM) as Nodal Officer for coordination with TATA Memorial Institute, Mohali, Chandigarh.

He will take up matters related to the State Cancer Institute at Jammu.



A lane caves in near Dakki Pir Kho in Jammu.

have sought intervention of Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha into the matter as they fear tragedy any time.

The order was issued today by Secretary to Government, Health and Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar.