

## Women power in India growing like no other country in world: Andrabi

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: Chairperson, Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today chaired the inaugural ceremony of the two days' programme on 'Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education' as the chief guest.

The programme was organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies (Government College of Education) Srinagar. Dr Andrabi was accompanied by Vice Chancellor of Kashmir University Prof Neelofar Khan, Prof Emeritus & Eminent Educationist Prof Pam Rajput, Director Colleges Prof Yasmeen Ashai & the Principal of the Institute Prof Seema Naaz. The galaxy of Heads of Higher



Chief guest and other special guests during Capacity Building Program for Women Managers at Srinagar.

Education Institutes of Kashmir Division & eminent women educationists participated in the event. In her address Dr Andrabi said that after centuries of adverse times for women, this era has paved the way for the female folk to regain the lost glory. "Women are born leaders. In India women are experiencing a rise like no other place on the globe. We have the highest number of Women Vice Chancellors in reputed Indian Universities now. The AIIMS Delhi Director is a lady. Chandrayan-3 Mission has eminent women in the Board of Directors. Indian Women are now leading at home and at the global arena", Dr Andrabi said.

She said that in contemporary India discrimination in choosing women as the leaders in the education sector has ended and now women are getting equal opportunities in sectors of life. "The capacity building initiatives are necessary to infuse confidence in the women leaders so that they are able to deliver with their utmost capabilities. In Jammu & Kashmir, after decades of discrimination with the capable women, equal opportunities are being provided to them and they are excelling in their fields of responsibility. She hailed the organizers for this very important initiative to uplift the morale of the women leaders and managers in the higher education sector.

## Ladakh Adm gives green nod to addl DPR of Rs 169 cr to power projects

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LEH, Aug 17: The Ladakh Administration, under the guidance of Advisor UT Ladakh, Pawan Kotwal, has taken a significant step towards enhancing the power infrastructure and ensuring reliable electricity supply to the border areas of the Union Territory.

In a recent meeting of the UT Level Reforms Committee, Phase-II of the Annual Action Plan for the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) for the UT Ladakh was approved, marking a major milestone in the pursuit of improved



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## Cong to defeat fake narrative of BJP in coming polls: Wani

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BANIHAL, Aug 17: JKPC president Vikar Rasool Wani has said that Congress is capable of defeating fake narrative, political exploitation and will ensure defeat of BJP's divisive policies in forthcoming elections.

He said the people in the entire country are yearning for the change, which is set to happen after the 2024 elections in the country.

"Congress Party has served the people to the best of its ability and shall continue to fight for safeguarding democratic institutions, which have become prime target of Modi Govt for the lust of power," Wani said while addressing an impressive rally at Mangit in Block Khari of Banihal segment.

JKPC chief assured the people that Congress Party shall continue to fight for safeguarding democratic institutions in the country, which have become prime target of BJP Govt for the lust of power. He said since the BJP assumed power at Centre everything started reversing especially the developmental process, employment generation has received severe setbacks, skyrocketing prices of essentials and many other issues confronting people due to the misrule and mismanagement on the part of Modi Govt.



JKPC chief Vikar Rasool Wani addressing public meeting in Mangit area of Banihal on Thursday.

Wani said though BJP Govt is making tall claims and doing everything to show that J&K is prospering and people are happy and termed these claims contrary to the ground situation, the matter of the fact is, people have been pushed to wall in every respect, confronting with economic distress and extreme unemployment. Youth are feeling frustrated due to the extreme unemployment leading to the drug menace, which is a matter of serious concern for the public.

He said J&K has been left on the mercy of some bureaucrats, who are only making statements on development and many other things, the matter of the fact is, people are not being heard with the result they have been left unrepresented and their grievances remain unresolved.

Referring to the development of Banihal, Wani highlighted the

work done by the Congress for the overall development of Banihal especially construction of roads, providing and upgradation of hospitals, installation of transformers and many other facilities for better living and assured the people of Banihal that Congress Party shall remain committed for the inclusive development of people of Banihal.

Wani claimed that newly floated DPAP is an offshoot of BJP and people of J&K are well aware that this Party has been formed to mislead and divide electorates to benefit BJP and cautioned the people about its (DPAP) designs while terming it a hallmark of betrayal.

Those who addressed the gathering including JKPC secretary and DDC Banihal Intiyaz Ahmad Khanday, Feroz Ahmad Sheikh, Abdul Rashid Naik, Sarpachess- Ghulam Hassan, Mohd Maqbool Sheikh, Ali Mohd Malik besides others.

## HC upholds PSA of OGW

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SRINAGAR, Aug 17: High Court today dismissed the plea of OGW of militants challenging the detention order passed under Public Safety Act and said he is involved in unlawful activities.

High Court upheld the PSA of one Zubair Ahmad Bhat of Okey Kulgam who was detained under PSA on 10.04.2022 by the District Magistrate Kulgam in view of his subversive activities.

The court said that the respondents have complied with the mandate and safeguards provided by the Act while passing order of detention against the detainee Bhat as such his writ petition challenging the order of detention merits dismissal and is, accordingly, dismissed.

Justice M A Chowdhary recorded that the court cannot substitute its own satisfaction for that of the authority concerned and decide whether its satisfaction was reasonable or proper, or whether in the circumstances of the matter, the person concerned should have been detained or not.

Court while holding the order of detention legally valid said the purpose of J&K Public Safety Act, 1978, is to prevent the acts and activities prejudicial to the security of the State or maintenance of public order and these acts are preceded by good amount of planning and organization by the set of people fascinated in turmoil.

"They are not like ordinary law and order crimes. If, however, in any given case a single act is found to be not sufficient to sustain the order of detention that may well be quashed but it cannot be stated as a principle that one single act cannot constitute the basis for detention. On the contrary, it does. In other words, it is not necessary that there should be multiplicity of grounds for making or sustaining an order of detention", reads the judgment.

Court said the grounds of detention unmask that the detainee Bhat had inclination towards unlawful activities which ultimately resulted in his becoming a hardcore over-ground worker for militant outfits, and in the past he very ingeniously avoided getting incriminated openly but he was found involved in the case registered against him.

## Expedite recruitment process in J&K: Sham Lal Sharma

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JAMMU, Aug 17: BJP vice president and former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma and party vice president, former Mayor, Chand Mohan Gupta accompanied by secretary J&K BJP Vikas Choudhary and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan J&K

changes have taken place in the Jammu & Kashmir since the abrogation of Articles 370 & 35(a). He credited the vast development in J&K to the commitment of BJP leadership to genuine addresses the issues faced by the masses.

During the day long sitting, the BJP leaders were apprised of the



BJP leaders listening to public grievances at Jammu on Thursday.

incharge Dil Bahadur Jamwal listened to the grievances of a large number of deputations and individuals drawn from different areas of the UT at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here, today.

Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma appealed the LG administration to expedite the recruitment process to empower the youth of Jammu & Kashmir. He asked to increase the job avenues/opportunities in Government/semi-Government/private sector for the youth of the region. The former Minister also praised the Service Selection Board for fixing recruitment agency and expressed hope that all the vacant posts in various departments will be filled strictly on merit basis within six months.

grievances related to saving land from erosion in Upper Raipur Domana, opening of Social Welfare Centre in Beli Charana, fixing crates at Khud, construction of drain, upgradation of deep drain in Greater Kailash, inadequate supply of drinking water in Barnai road, Bantabal, construction of culvert bridge in Ward No. 3 Khour, replacement of street lights etc.

Sham Lal Sharma, Chand Mohan Gupta and other leaders took up every problem narrated with the higher officials of concerned departments for early disposal.

Vikas Choudhary and Dil Bahadur Jamwal penned down the grievances put forth by the masses and coordinated the camp proceedings.

## 7-day multi lingual short story festival begins at JKAACL

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JAMMU, Aug 17: 7-day multi lingual short story festival by the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) begun today at JKAACL premises in Jammu.



One of the participants presenting her short story during multi-lingual short story festival by JKAACL at Jammu.

This is for the first time that such a big festival of short stories is being organised by JKAACL. In this 7-day festival, writers of Dogri, Hindi, Punjabi, Gojri, Pahari and Kashmiri languages will present their short stories. The festival will feature senior writers along with young budding writers of J&K.

The festival was inaugurated by Padamshree Dr Jitender Udhamपुरi by lighting of ceremonial lamp, in the presence of Padamshree Mohan Singh, Dr Om Goswami and Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL.

At the outset, Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL, said that the festival has begun with Dogri Language conference as it is the most prominent language of the region. He said there is always a conflict between two things one

is self-interest and other is public interest. If we think of public interest by keeping self-interest aside, only then our society will flourish, he added.

Guest of honour Dr Om Goswami gave, in his address, expressed his concern about the discontinuing of various schemes run by JKAACL for the development of Art and Culture. He requested the authorities to revive those schemes.

The chief guest Padamshree Mohan Singh, in his speech, praised the efforts of Padamshree Dr Jitender Udhamपुरi and Dr Om Goswami for the development of Dogri literature.

In his presidential address, Padamshree Dr Jitender Udhamपुरi said that such kind of festivals gives us an opportunity to listen and learn various aspects of language.

The inaugural session concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Shahnawaz, Editor cum Cultural Officer, JKAACL. This session was conducted by Reeta Khadyal, Assistant Editor, JKAACL.

After the inaugural session, short stories were presented by Santosh Sangra, Inderjit Kesar, Sumita Bhadwal, Raj Rahi, Saroj Bala, Krishan Sharma, Rajeshwar Singh Raju, Shiv Dev Sushil and Jagdeep Dubey. This session was conducted by Pawan Verma. Tomorrow on 18th August, writers of Hindi language will present their short stories.

## Samba police seizes 7 more vehicles for illegal mining

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Aug 17: In continuation to drive against illegal mining launched on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police, Samba, Benam Tosh, police has seized seven more vehicles including one excavator which were being used for illegal mining in district Samba.

Police teams comprising of SHO Police Station, Samba, Rajeshwar Singh and SHO Police Station, Vijaypur, Tribhawan Khajuria under the supervision of DySP Garu Ram, SDPO Vijaypur Rohit Kumar and Additional SP, Samba, Surinder Choudhary have seized seven more vehicles including one excavator being used for ille-

gal mining at different locations in Samba district.

The seized vehicles included one JCB without registration Number, five dumpers bearing Registration Numbers JK21G-7098, JK21H-0430, JK21H-6739, JK02CT-4277 & JK21G-0372 and one tractor trolley bearing Registration Number JK21G-5583.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Samba, Benam Tosh said that total 116 vehicles have been seized in past seven months for illegal mining by Samba police after launching special drive against illegal mining. Police would continue checking the wrongdoings of mining mafia till illegal mining is completely stopped in the district, he added.

## Shaheen conducts extensive tour to Neel villages

Excelsior Correspondent

BANIHAL, Aug 17: National Conference (NC) leader and District President Ramban, Sajjad Shaheen expressed grave concern over dilapidated road conditions and lack of health care facilities in far-off areas of the Banihal Assembly Constituency.

Shaheen visited several villages including Gagoni, Batoo, Harwari, Zazri, Parihinder during his day-long tour and interacted with people who complained about scarcity of drinking water for several weeks in the area.

The villagers of Gagoni demanded construction of a footbridge at Gagoni (Malik Grath) on river Neel and also demanded uninterrupted electricity supply in the area and improvement in health services.

Shaheen decried the neglect of the present dispensation due to administrative inertia. He said that there is no mention of development in the to-

do-list of the Government in Jammu & Kashmir except photo op, saying that the far flung areas have become a byword of widespread and inescapable poverty, unemployment and development deficit.

Shaheen said the road network is also in a dilapidated condition that has impacted the mobility and added to the miseries of the people. He particularly referred to the bad shape of the Gagoni-Batoo stretch of Neel road. The District President urged the Roads and Buildings Department to take up restoration and up gradation works on immediate bases.

He said complaints about defunct utility services have also been received from Khari-Trigam-Mahoo- Mabgit, Pogal-Paristan, Sumar, Sarachi, Amkote-Thachi, Hijhal, Nowgam, Bajmasta, Chaka, Sarbagini, Bingara, Kumbra, Phagow, Maligam, Chaknarwah, Sumar and other areas.

## AIBCU opposed to granting extension to Commission

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: All India Backward Classes Union (AIBCU) held a virtual meeting under the chairmanship of its president, Abdul Majid Malik, today. It strongly opposed the proposal of the chairman GD Sharma of socially and educationally backward classes of JK- UT seeking an extension of the Commission for more than six months.

It was stated that Commission was set up in March 2020 for a specific period to submit its report but it failed and got extensions after extension.

The report so submitted was a deliberate act to create confusion among the categories and in every category, attempts were made to add general category people like West Pakistani refugees in the OBC category and likewise in the ST category entry of general category people on the name of Pahari Tribals.

The meeting said this proposal for seeking more extension for six months has raised questions that what Commission was doing for the past more than three years after the completion of such a long tenure of the Commission. The meeting alleged that the Government was befouling people since independence as there were only committees and commissions in Jammu and Kashmir and present Commission has also become a part of those committees and commissions.

Participants in the meeting said the Commission could not serve the purpose for which it was constituted.

OBCs of JK- UT must rethink to come out from

Morchas (they are not even the basic members of the party). Their presence in the Morchas has damaged the OBCs much and Morcha people would be held responsible for such a loss later on.

Besides, OBCs are appealed to remain vigilant and united to defeat to those who have been the looters of their rights in J&K.

Those who participated included Ashiq Hussain Hajam, Abdul Rashid Fouji, Sandokh Chand, Jagdish Raj Verma, Nandan Lal, Gurmest Singh, Master Sain Dass, Prof Kali Dass and many others.

## NHAI's Toll Tax collection illegal: Manjit Singh

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Aug 17: Apni Party provincial president, Jammu, and former Minister, Manjit Singh today criticised NHAI continuing the practice of charging Toll Tax at Sarore in Samba district despite the worse condition of Jammu-Pathankot Highway.

The former Minister chaired a meeting of Apni Party at Ramgarh where he discussed emerging developmental issues and Toll Plaza issue. The meeting was organized by district president, Samba, Legal Cell, Sahil Bharti.

In his speech, Manjit Singh expressed concern over the plight of the commuters who have been facing unnecessary harassment from the NHAI because the charging of Toll Tax has not stopped at Sarore despite a series of protests.

"Apni Party had staged dharna at Sarore Toll Plaza last year, demanding that the Toll Tax collection should be stopped till the construction work/ widening work on the highway is completed and accordingly, the party leaders led by the Apni Party provincial president Manjit Singh met the district administration in Samba and con-

## Entrepreneurship development program begins at SMVDU

Excelsior Correspondent

KATRA, Aug 17: Week long Entrepreneurship Development Program, funded by Higher Education Department, was inaugurated at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University.

In his inaugural address, Prof Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, motivated the students that entrepreneurship is the only route through which one can realize their true potential. He also apprised the audience that

the objective of this program is to ignite the young minds for entrepreneurial activities and apprise about how the Government is intervening to provide platforms to budding potential entrepreneurs.

In his inspirational speech, Rajneesh Sharma, Director and Founder, Trikuta Agro & KNK Chemicals, J&K, encouraged students to pursue their dreams and become entrepreneurs and to be instrumental in employment generation.



Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu along with S&T staff offering floral tribute to Col Sir R N Chopra.

## CSIR-IIIM Celebrates birth anniversary of Col Sir R N Chopra

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 17: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu celebrated 141st birth anniversary of Col Sir R N Chopra, the Founder Director of IIIM, here today.

To commemorate his birth anniversary, Dr Zabeer Ahmed, incumbent Director, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu along with Scientists, Technical & Administrative Staff, Scholars and other workers paid respectful homage to him by offering floral tribute over the statue of Col R N Chopra.

On the occasion, while addressing the gathering, Dr Zabeer Ahmed recalled the mission and vision of this great son of the soil and said that Col R N Chopra was a pride of Jammu, known as father of Indian Pharmacology, who at that time when no facilities were available, had done quite remarkable work on Cannabis and other potential medicinal plants. In 1964, he was first to introduce Mentha arvensis, to India, later named as Mentha Shivalik and brought it under cultivation by which India became its largest exporter in the world.

Dr Ahmed added that Col R N Chopra, about more than 80 years ago established this institute of national importance in the area of natural products drug discovery and started the journey of Science here. He further entrusted his S&T colleagues of CSIR-IIIM that real tribute to this great scientist would be if they strive hard to accomplish his dreams of doing cutting edge science which would have far reaching impact nationally and globally as well.

Prominent among others present on the occasion, included Er Abdul Rahim, Head RMBD & IST; Dr Anindya Goswami, Sr Principal Scientist; Dr Asha Chaubey, Head, Fermentation and Microbial Biotechnology Division; Dr Dhiraj Vyas, Head, Plant Sciences and Agrotechnology Division (PSA) and Dr Saurabh Saran, I/C Technology Business Incubator and AIC.

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Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020  
promulgated by Govt. of India

All the electricity consumers are hereby informed that Ministry of Power, Government of India, have promulgated the Electricity (Rights of Consumer) Rules, 2020 on 31.12.2020 under section 176 of Electricity Act, 2003. Under the said Rules, Govt. of India provides that there shall be no gratuitous/willful load shedding by Electricity Distribution Companies.

Under these Rules, 24x7\* power supply is a right of the consumers and if a Distribution Company resort to willful load shedding then consumers have the right to claim compensation from the Distribution Company. Central Government has also laid down criteria for maximum time taken by a Distribution Company for various services which include Connection, Disconnection, Reconnection, Shifting, Change in Consumer Category & Load, Serving of Bill, Resolving Voltage and Bill related complaints.

Any delay in providing these services will lead to providing compensation to consumers by Distribution Company. Copy of the Rules can be downloaded from: <https://powermin.gov.in/>

For more information you may also visit your concerned DISCOM website: <https://www.jpdd.co.in>, <https://kpdcl.jpdd.net/>

\*Except for categories of consumers specified by Commission