

## JBM Group to foray into J&K, Punjab, Haryana, HP, Ladakh electric bus markets

CHANDIGARH, Feb 3: JBM Group is eyeing to foray into the electric bus markets of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, and Punjab with its new portfolio of e-mobility products. The company's electric city buses are currently operational in 12 states. JBM Auto has showcased its 100 per cent electric coach - Galaxy -- and city bus --

ECOLIFE -- at the ongoing EV Expo in Chandigarh, according to a release on Friday. JBM Group Vice-Chairman and MD, Nishant Arya said, "JBM electric city buses, ECOLIFE, are operating across 12 states of India. We now plan to enter the J&K, Ladakh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh and Punjab markets as these states/union territories hold a huge potential for electric buses".

The group rolled out its maiden electric luxury coach 'Galaxy' at last month's Auto Expo and had also showcased three other new series of electric buses, including an intra-city bus - ECOLIFE, staff bus E-BIZLIFE and electric school bus E-SKOOLIFE, the release said. The government has made it clear that it aims to boost the domestic EV manufacturing sector with its decision to increase customs duty on importing EVs, which is a reflection of its larger move towards green growth, Arya said in the release.



SSP Shiv Kumar presenting certificate to a PSO at PTTI Vijaypur, Samba on Friday.

## PSO Refresher Course concludes at PTTI Vijaypur

Excelsior Correspondent VIJAYPUR, Feb 3: The one-month-long PSO refresher course organised by Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur concluded here today. As per a statement, the objective of the course participated by 19 police personnel of various units was to enhance the capabilities and tactics of police officials to protect VIP/protected persons. During the valedictory function of the programme, Shiv Kumar, SSP, Principal PTTI Vijaypur emphasised the importance of PSO course keeping in

view the present security scenario. The course, he said, will help the police personnel in performing their field duties with VIPs/Protected persons "as these trainees have been taught crisis management, reaction drill, evacuation, anti-ambush techniques, tactical position taking and medical contingency besides all required Dos and Don'ts including precautionary measures to be adopted while performing PSO duties". Rajinder Singh Rahi, Vice-Principal, Zia-Ul-Haq, DySP, Kuldeep Kumar among others were also present during the valedictory function.



SMVDU students who participated in students exchange programme at AMETU posing for a group photograph.

## SMVDU participates in students exchange program at AMETU

Excelsior Correspondent KATRA, Feb 3: Twenty students of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) participated in the recently held students exchange program under EBSB and Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at AMET University Chennai. The Students had an on-campus tour where they saw various facilities provided by AMET University for future seafarers. They were also taken to beach walks, and city tours comprising temple visits to cultural destinations, museums and libraries, heritage sites to monuments. The students were also served pure south Indian delicacies in banana leaves along with melodious songs and dance forms to expose and sensitize them to the pristine culture of Tamil Nadu. Students of

SMVDU enthusiastically participated in cooking and they also prepared Chapati, Dosa, Sambar and Curry etc. Students and faculty members were all dressed in the South Indian traditional uniform to show respect and honour the hospitality and warmth of the host institution. Talks on Universal Human Values and South Indian Culture were also organized to show the nuances and intricacies associated with human endeavours. Students also participated in the march past followed by cultural programs on Republic Day, which were collaboratively performed by the AMET Cultural team and the students from SMVDU. The Founder and Chancellor of AMET University along with the Vice Chancellor distributed certificates and mementoes to the participants.

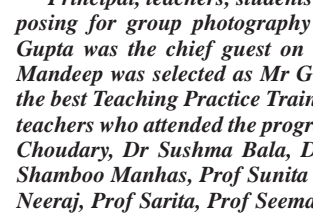


Punjabi singer Vijay Yamla & his team at GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu for performance.

## GCW Gandhi Nagar organizes Punjabi cultural bonanza

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 3: The Punjabi Department of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar Jammu organised a Punjabi cultural bonanza. Bollywood singer Vijay Yamla, the grandson of Late Ustad Lal Chand Yamla Jatt and his team graced the occasion and enthralled the audience with traditional Punjabi folk music complemented with traditional musical instruments of Punjab. The students and the staff were mesmerized by this performance which reminded everyone of antique golden era.

The event concluded with the presentation of memento as souvenir and formal vote of thanks by Dr. Kusum. Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College applauded the initiative taken by Dr. Kusum, Head Dept of Punjabi and motivated the gathering to have such programmes brimming with fun and joy in future also.



Principal, teachers, students and other staff members of the Govt College of Education Jammu posing for group photograph after the felicitation/farewell programme. Principal Prof Akta Gupta was the chief guest on the occasion while as Prof Anju Bala was the guest of honour. Mandeep was selected as Mr GCOE and Mehak Parihar Miss GCOE. Medals were also given to the best Teaching Practice Trainees and student members of various committees of the college. The teachers who attended the programme were Prof Satish Sharma, Dr Rajinder Kour, Prof Anuradha Choudary, Dr Sushma Bala, Dr Taahira Shah, Prof Shalini Rana, Prof Maansi Sharma, Prof Shambho Manhas, Prof Sunita Devi, Dr Deep K Bangotra, Dr Shubhra Jamwal, Prof Vinay, Prof Neeraj, Prof Sarita, Prof Seema, Prof Rubina and Ramandeep Kralia.

## DC Srinagar reviews District Export Plan

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, Feb 3: With a vision to enhance the Export of Goods from Srinagar District to boost the local Economy, a meeting was held today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at Conference Hall of DC Office Complex here to discuss the modalities for formulating a detailed District Export Action for the Srinagar to Develop as Export Hub. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed appraisal about the measures undertaken for boosting exports of various products which are being produced or manufactured in the District. A comprehensive discussion on the subject was held wherein various issues pertaining to the finalization of the District Export Action Plan were discussed. The DC also took a thorough assessment of the Export activities being carried out under different sectors in the District. He was given

feedback about the range of products that are produced in the District having demand in national and international markets and can prove key to make Srinagar an Export Hub under One District One Product (ODOP).



Former Minister Manjit Singh addressing meeting at Ramgarh on Friday.

The earnest & young consultant to J&K Trade Promotion Organization (Industries & Commerce) shared a blueprint regarding the District Export Plan and it was given out that trade of Silk Carpet has been identified under ODOP in Srinagar District. The Silk carpets have gained a good market within

the Country and other parts of the world including Japan, UAE, Thailand, Australia, Vietnam, Singapore and Malaysia based on signed Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). Similarly under long term priority market Kashmir based Silk carpet can target untapped potential markets in USA, Germany, France, Brazil, Italy, Poland Canada, Belgium, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland etc. He also appraised the chair that Walnut Wood Carving, Honey, Chain Stitch, Leather, Pashmina, Kani Shawl, Paper Mache, Copperware and Bakery products have been chosen for District Export Hub.

On the occasion, the DC asked all the concerned departments to undertake concerted efforts to finalize a comprehensive District Export Plan to increase Export volume with adequate market linkage to the Industry. He stressed on taking measures for providing support required by the local industry in boosting their manufacturing and exports with impetus on supporting the industry from the production stage to the exporting stage. The DC said the need to prepare District Export Plans is aimed to identify products and services for overseas markets, which includes specific actions required to support local exporters/ manufacturers in producing/manufacturing identified products in adequate quantity and requisite quality, for reaching potential buyers outside Srinagar, District, J&K and India. He also emphasized that these plans must also address the challenges for exports of such identified products/services, improving supply chains, market accessibility and handholding for increasing exports.

## Theft case solved; stolen tractor-trolley, iron pillar recovered

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 3: Bishnah Police today claimed to have solved a theft case by arresting two thieves and recovering a stolen tractor-trolley as well as an iron pillar on their disclosure. "Acting on a written complaint lodged at Police Station Bishnah by a person named Davinder Singh son of Krishan Singh, resident of Nepal (at present living at Munshi Brick Kiln, Sikenderpur, Bishnah, Jammu) that two persons namely Tayia Gujjar and Shonku Gujjar, both residents of Skinderpur (Bishnah) have stolen an iron pillar and a tractor trolley from the premises of the Brick Kiln, a case under FIR Number 37/2023 U/S 379 IPC was registered in Police Station Bishnah and investigation got started," a Police spokesman said.

He said during investigation, a team of Police Station Bishnah under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh, and led by SHO Bishnah Inspector Vikram Sharma did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance, arrested the accused persons namely Shokat Ali alias Shoki Gujjar son of Hassan Mir and Amjad Khan alias Tayia Gujjar son of Alam Din, both residents of Skinderpur, Bishnah. "On the disclosure of the accused, the stolen items were recovered," he said, adding, both the accused persons were also involved in a case under FIR Number 179 of 2019 of Police Station Satwari. He said further investigation of the case was going on.



BJP leader, Sat Sharma along with JMC Councillor, Neelam Nargotra starting construction work of a lane in Talab Tillo on Friday.

## Sat, Neelam start construction work of lane

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 3: Former Minister and Ex-MLA, Sat Sharma along with Councillor, Neelam Nargotra here today started construction work of a lane in Shiv Nagar area of Ward number 40 at Talab Tillo. Sat Sharma was accompanied by JMC officials; AEE, Raman Kapahi; Media Secretary BJP, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra; Mandal President Talab Tillo, Keshav Chopra and others. Speaking on the occasion, Sharma said that construction of the lane was a long pending demand of residents of the area which has been fulfilled today. He highlighted the major works taken up in the area in past years. The BJP leader also said that other areas of Jammu West

Assembly segment are also kept on priority and wherever necessary, the development works shall be taken up so that people do not face any problem regarding infrastructure in their areas. He stated that more projects are in pipeline and will be executed in a time bound manner. Neelam Nargotra assured the residents that all their genuine demands would be looked into on priority and assured that they shall be forwarded to the concerned authorities for early approval and execution of works. Jaideep Sambyal, Yash Pal Shivgotra, Abhishek Sharma, Rahul Nargotra, Sachin Nargotra, Vikas Kumar, Rakesh Mahajan, Sonali Gupta, Vandhana and others were also present on the occasion.



A team of doctors and other supporting staff posing for a group photograph at a medical camp in Jammu on Friday.

## Medical Camp organized

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 3: A free medical camp was organized here today by Vinayak Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science (VINPS) with People's Hut Foundation (PHF) under Mobile Health Clinic Program of PHF in Akalpur. Organizers of the Camp Dr. Rohit Koul and Dr. Amardeep said that such type of medical health check-up camps for needy citizens will be organized periodically at various locations in Jammu. Facilities provided at the Camp included free consultations by specialists in the field of mental health, anxiety, hypertension, cardiology, ENT, ortho-

dic, gynecology etc. There were also facilities like ECG, sugar testing, oxygen level testing and special menstrual health and hygiene kits were distributed amongst women. The medical camp witnessed a footfall of about 467 persons. Social Activists S. Jagjiv Singh, Chamel Singh and Parveen Chowdhary, Team Member of PHF and VINPS were also present. District AYUSH Officer Jammu, Dr. Suresh Sharma and Medical Camp In-charge, Dr. Dheeraj Raina, Medical Officer along with Dr. Imran and Dr. Hancy Sharma from KIRF accomplished the camp successfully.

## Daily rated workers' wages hiked in Ladakh

Excelsior Correspondent LEH, Feb 3: The wages of daily rated workers engaged in various Government departments and Local Bodies in remote areas of Ladakh have been increased by 10 per cent. An order issued by the Finance Department of the Government of Union Territory of Ladakh said that in continuation to the Finance Department's order dated 15-11-2022, the wages of daily wage

earners/ daily wagers including casual workers/ labourers, under category 'unskilled' and 'skilled', who are duly engaged and working in all Government Departments and Local Bodies in the teshils of Zanskar, Durbuk and Nyoma, shall be 10 % additional to the revised minimum wage already issued in respective categories in terms of SO 117 dated 02-11-2022 notified by the Labour and Employment Department, Union Territory of Ladakh.



Former Minister Manjit Singh addressing meeting at Ramgarh on Friday.

## Manjit urges Govt to release pending financial package for DPs

Excelsior Correspondent SAMBA, Feb 3: Apni Party Provincial President and former Minister, Manjit Singh has appealed to the Govt of India to release the pending Rs 25 lakhs financial package for the Displaced Persons (DPs), here today. It was stated by the former Minister while addressing a public meeting at Khour Salaria in Block Ramgarh, which was organized by District President Legal Cell, Adv Sahil Bharti. Block President Ramgarh, Bachan Lal, Som Lal and others were present during the meeting. He said that the DPs are among the worst affected people who were displaced from PoJK and Chhamb areas following hostility between two countries. "These people were compelled by the circumstances to abandon their own fertile agricultural land, residential houses and commercial places and settled in the border belt of Jammu region. In this situation, it becomes

imperative for the Govt to come forward and help these DPs to re-settle with the financial support," he said. He further said that the previous Union Govt. had sanctioned Rs 25 lakhs per family of DPs but only Rs 5.5 lakh was released and unfortunately this amount too, could not reach all the families. As far as Rs 25 lakhs financial package is concerned, he said, that is still pending with the Union Govt and hence, the Govt should not delay and release it without further delay so that the DPs can be provided financial support to revive their livelihood. The former Minister demanded that the authorities should constitute a team of officials to visit the border villages and ensure development. "The unemployment among the DPs and Refugees youth has increased and hence, the Govt should hold on the spot recruitment in the paramilitary and Indian Army," he demanded.

## Billawaria starts work of drains, tiles in Ward 56

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 3: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria here today started the work of laying paver tiles and construction of drains at Ward number 56, Jawala Ji Colony. Speaking on the occasion Billawaria said the work is being done to provide basic facilities to the

work people will get a lot of relief. Billawaria directed the concerned Engineers and contractor to complete the work within stipulated time by using best quality construction material. The Dy. Mayor also highlighted various government initiatives taken to ensure better quality of living in the city. He further said that Swachh Bharat Mission has been successful



Dy. Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria starting work of laying tiles and construction of drains in Ward 56.

residents of the area and to make them aware about cleanliness and hygiene. He said that with the deteriorated condition of the lane, the passers-by were facing hardships while walking through the area now after completion of this construction

in providing a clean and hygienic environment to people and this development will also help in making the area cleaner and healthier. Mandal president, Ranjeet Singh; M.L. Raina, Suresh Mishra, Suriender Singh and others were also present on the occasion.

## Temple burglary solved within 24 hrs, 2 held

Excelsior Correspondent KISHTWAR, Feb 3: Police today solved a burglary case within 24 hours and arrested two notorious thieves. The burglary took place at a temple after which a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Kishtwar by the members of Shiv Mandir Committee Kishtwar stating that some thieves entered the temple during night hours and decamped with some cash from the temple safe. A case in FIR No. 19/2023 U/S 457/380 IPC was registered at Police Station Kishtwar and investigation started. SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal constituted a special team headed by SHO Kishtwar Inspector Abid Bukhari under the supervision of Dy.SP Hqrs Kishtwar, Ashish Gupta.

Panditgam Kishtwar and a juvenile. They were put to sustained interrogation in which they disclosed to have committed the theft. On disclosure of the accused, recovery of Rs. 5500 was made by the investigating team. Further investigation is going on to ascertain the involvement these thieves in other cases also. Dy Dir Prosecution Deptt transferred

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 3: Jammu and Kashmir Government today ordered transfers and postings in Prosecution Department. As per an order, Ravinder Kumar Rao, Deputy Director (Doda-Kishtwar) in Prosecution Department, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Director, CID Headquarters vice Inderjeet Lal, who shall remain attached with the Home Department, J&K, till further orders.