



Zonal PDP president Eidgah, Ghulam Nabi Bhat Palapori being welcomed by Ghulam Nabi Azad on joining DPAP in Srinagar on Sunday.

PDP Zonal president joins DPAP

Excelsior Correspondent He said that DPAP is the only party that envisages vision and direction to lead J&K in right direction and overcome the prevailing political chaos on ground. Palapori said that DPAP was the only party with pro-people agenda and it has been agitating across J&K against land eviction order by the government. Azad welcomed Palapori into his Party folds and said that his joining will give a boost to DPAP at ground level since he enjoys a good reputation among masses.



Vigyan Parishad J&K team with the students selected for National Level Talent Search Camp.

Vigyan Parishad conducts State Level Camp of VVM 2022-23

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: Vigyan Parishad (J&K), a State Chapter of Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), organized one day State Level Camp and prize distribution ceremony of Vidhyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) 2022-23 for the students of Class VI to XI at CSIR-IIIM Jammu, here today. Twelve top students were selected through rigorous procedure from 99 students, who were initially shortlisted from more than 1000 registered students at the preliminary stage, for their onward participation in National Level Talent Search Camp.

The programme was conducted by Vigyan Parishad J&K team, comprising of Prof Rajni Kant (President), Prof Pawanesh Abrol (Vice President), Dr Parveen Kumar Lehana (Vice President), Samir Vohra (Secretary), Dr Dhiraj Vyas (Secretary), Er Deepak Byotra (Jt Secretary), Pankaj Gupta (Treasurer), Tinny Sawhney (State VVM Coordinator), Vikas Langer, Ajay Verma, Dr Uday Pratap Singh, Social Media Incharge, Rakesh Chobber, Academic Coordinator of VVM, and Vijay Sharma, Hon Secretary IETE, Jammu sub centre. The programme was presided over by President Vigyan Parishad J&K, Prof Rajni Kant, who apprised the audience about the National Level Competitive Examinations which are available for those students who are willing to take up Science as a career. He also conveyed that the VVM examination has, in order to felicitate young budding scientists, continued with a practice of awarding students for their first, second and third rank with a cash prize of Rs 5000, Rs 3000 and Rs 2000 respectively, for each class, along-with mementos and certificates.

Retd Police pensioners seek removal of pay anomaly

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: Alleging discrimination in the pay of Police pensioners and J&K Fire Service personnel, members of Non-Gazetted Police Pensioners Welfare Forum today staged protest demonstration here today. Members of the Forum led by its chairman, Ajit Singh assembled at Press Club in Jammu today and held protest demonstration. They were shouting slogans in support of their demand of removing anomaly in their pay scale. The alleged that Non-Gazetted J&K Police personnel and J&K Fire and Emergency Services personnel were facing discrimination as far as their pay scales are concerned. Referring to the Govt order No. 229-F of 2014 dated 17-10-2014, regarding pay anomaly, Ajit Singh said the effect is being given prospectively, which means from the date of order, whereas, the affect should have been given from the year 1996 when 5th Pay Commission was implemented through out the state but only Police Department was left out. Some of them have even expired. Therefore, at least surviving strugglers should get the benefit.



Retired Non-Gazetted J&K Policemen staging protest near Press Club in Jammu on Sunday.

Singh said Medical Allowance paid by the Central Govt with effect from July 2017 is Rs 1000 per month whereas, J&K is now UT and held the Allowance of employees and pensioners in J&K UT should also be Rs 1000 instead of Rs 300. He demanded 10% reservation for the wards of Policemen for admissions in professions colleges and recruitment. Forum members pointed out that Police employees who retired during last six months have not received their emoluments/dues so far. They requested the LG Administration to release their pending dues without any more delay. Singh said their Forum deputation had also met LG during third week of January and projected demands. The LG Sinha had given assurance to resolve the same shortly.

Govt distributes 28 lakh passbooks in J&K under 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani'

Excelsior Correspondent SRINAGAR, Feb 5: Under the revolutionary citizen centric 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' initiative, about twenty eight lakh passbooks have been distributed among the beneficiaries of Jammu and Kashmir which is aimed to demystify land records for eliminating possibility of manipulation. An official said that through Aapki Zameen, Aapki Nigrani, land records have been made readily available to citizens, and the online revenue service delivery is preventing human intervention and mischief. Similarly, the new land-use laws have ensured that people get a reasonable and fair price for their land and the interest of farmers is protected. The programme aims to modernize management of land records, enhance transparency in the land records maintenance system, thus reducing scope of land/property disputes and facilitate conclusive titles to immovable properties in the country. The major components of the programme included computerization and digitization of land records, survey/resurvey and updation of all survey and settlement records, integration of property registration with land records and cadastral maps for enhancing authenticity and security of data, bringing utmost transparency in the system, Capacity building, and development of Land Records Information System. After 5th, August 2019, Jammu & Kashmir has embarked on an unprecedented development trajectory wherein transformational initiatives in all sectors have been launched. Transparency in maintenance and upkeep of Land records was an area which required an urgent intervention and 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' (AZAN) is a landmark intervention in this direction.

Beopar Mandal protests against shifting of Bus Stand

Excelsior Correspondent RAJOURI, Feb 5: Beopar Mandal members Rajouri today regarding making old Bus Stand as parking place. They told that they have already bring it into the notice of MC Rajouri and told them not to shift Bus Stand as these shopkeepers will suffer a lot and their business establishments will suffer huge losses.



Beopar Mandal members protesting on Sunday.

They said if MC Rajouri is not serious about them then they will take up the matter with the District Administration. They added that there are other vacant places at which parking place can be made in the city but due to unknown reasons MC Rajouri is putting their business into losses. They told if MC Rajouri wants to repair shops they will help in their decision but shifting Bus Stand isn't justified. The shopkeepers have taken huge losses due to COVID 19 and shifting Bus Stand will push them further back. They appealed before District Administration to look into the matter and resolve the issue at the earliest.

Mahindra unveils CRUZIO BS6 School Bus

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: Mahindra Truck and Bus Division (MTBD) today unveiled Mahindra CRUZIO BS6 School Bus. The vehicle was unveiled by MTB ABM, Kamalender Verma; MTB ASM, Kamal Dogra and Dharendra Sharma, Managing Director, Astro India Automobile Unit-II Pvt. Ltd. Present on the occasion were Apurv Gupta, Shri Shri Education Trust; Gambhir Singh Charak, SG Dogra Education Trust; Harpreet Singh Anand, Jammu Sanskriti School; Rohit Gupta, RMG & Kids Planet School and Tarun Behl, British International School. Keys of around 35 school buses were handed over to many prominent schools at the event including British International School, Dogra Higher Sec. School, JK Public School, RMG School and Shri Ram School. Speaking on the occasion, Dharendra Sharma said, "The unveiling of the new CRUZIO range of School bus today, is a defining moment for our Truck and Bus business as we have taken our LCV bus platform to a next level of customer experience. CRUZIO is all set to be a game changer, making it one of the safest, most ergonomic and comfortable bus that will set new standards. I am confident that similar to the BLAZO X HCV & FURIO ICV range, the CRUZIO School Bus range will also set new benchmarks of performance, earnings and deliver better value to the customers."



Executives from Mahindra Truck and Bus Division handing over keys to representatives of different schools in Jammu on the launch of Mahindra CRUZIO BS6 School Bus.

"Mahindra CRUZIO bears the testimony to Mahindra's capability of bringing the best to the Indian customers, since it is based on meticulously gathered consumer insights. If you look at the bus operators in this segment, they are craving for a solution that can balance the end-user benefits and help them optimize costs as well," he maintained adding: "Comfort, Looks, Ergonomics, Operational Efficiencies through connected solution iMAXX and Safety are the key aspects which impacts the reputation of the new age schools & organizations." Talking about the key features of CRUZIO, Dharendra Sharma said, "The unveiling of the new CRUZIO range of School bus today, is a defining moment for our Truck and Bus business as we have taken our LCV bus platform to a next level of customer experience. CRUZIO is all set to be a game changer, making it one of the safest, most ergonomic and comfortable bus that will set new standards. I am confident that similar to the BLAZO X HCV & FURIO ICV range, the CRUZIO School Bus range will also set new benchmarks of performance, earnings and deliver better value to the customers."

BJP holds Working Committee meets of 12 districts across J&K

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir held Working Committee meetings of 12 organizational districts of Jammu & Kashmir including Samba, Kashmir Displaced, Doda, Rajouri, Jammu South, Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Anantnag, Kulgam and Pulwama today. In Doda district, J&K BJP general secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul addressed the Working Committee meeting. BJP vice-president, Shakti Raj Parihar, Pawan Sharma, district president, Vijay Mohan Thakur and other party leaders also addressed the meeting. In Samba, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP vice-president and former Minister, SS Salathia, BJP general secretary & former Minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, former Minister, Chander Prakash Ganga, district president, Samba Kashmiri Singh and other leaders addressed the Working Committee meeting of district Samba. In Jammu South, former Dy. CM, Kavinder Gupta, former MLA Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, Prabhari, Ayodhya Gupta, former MLC Ch. Vikram Randhawa, former MLC, Charanjit Singh Khalsa, district president Jammu South, Rekha Mahajan, Dy. Mayor JMC, Baldev Singh Billawaria and other leaders addressed the meeting. In Rajouri, BJP general secretary & former MLC, Vibodh Gupta, district president, Rajouri Dinesh Sharma and other leaders addressed the Working Committee meeting.



SK Daila, Director Watershed, GOI being accorded warm welcome by villagers in Dansal.

Director Watershed DoLR inspects IWMP works

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: The visiting Director, Watershed Management, Department of Land Resources, Union Ministry of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Sushil Kumar Daila today took an extensive tour of Dansal Block of Jammu and inspected works executed under IWMP. He was accompanied by Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Chief Executive Officer, IWMP, J&K, Project Manager, Jammu & field functionaries. The Watershed Management Committee & PRLs of Nagola thanked the Department for the construction of water harvesting tanks & farm ponds in their Panchayat. The villagers told that the area experiences scarcity of water. The water is supplied by Jal Jeevan Mission tankers which is quite insufficient and the construction of a Water Harvesting Tank in the Panchayat has been helping the villagers by providing water for cattle besides, these structures help in raising fodder crops by the farmers. Anil Sharma, Sarpanch, Panchayat Jandrah & Sher Ali, Panch of Nagola Panchayat also shared their views and requested the visiting Director to include more areas of Dansal Block under Paradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojna so that the economic profile of the locals can be improved who earn their livelihood by raising sheep, goat horse & mulching cattle. Sushil Kumar Daila while speaking on the occasion assured the villagers that their suggestions will be taken care of while sanctioning new projects. He asked CEO, JK IWMP to separately request the Education Department to raise standard of local Primary School to Middle level and boundary wall of the school.



Religious leaders, poets and intellectuals during a national conference on Sunday.

Anjuman-e-Imamia holds conference on birth anniversary of Imam Ali

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: Anjuman-e-Imamia on Sunday held a day-long National conference on the birth anniversary of Imam Ali here at Karabala Complex, Wazarat Road, Jammu. As per a statement, the conference attended by religious scholars, poets, and intellectuals from across the country highlighted the preaching and justice delivery system of Imam Ali. President Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu, Syed Amanat Ali Shah greeted all the guest speakers. Hujat ul Islam Maulana Syed Ghulam Hussain Rizvi from Delhi elaborated the life of Imam Ali and said that youth should imbibe the qualities of Imam Ali for success in their life. Maulana Syed Tasdeeq Hussain impressed upon the gathering to stand up against the cruelty and injustice. Muzaffar Hussain Beigh, former DyCM and Sohail Kazmi, Member JKUT Waqaf Board also addressed the gathering and highlighted the aspects of Imam Ali. Others who spoke on the occasion include Prof Zaman Azurda and Syed Tokeer Hussain Zaidi. Dogra Brahmin Pratididhi Sabha, Ved Parkash Sharma highlighted the role of Major Somnath Sharma in the 1948 conflict. He said that Sharma was a true Dogra who attained martyrdom while fighting the Pakistani intruders. President Tawi Bachao



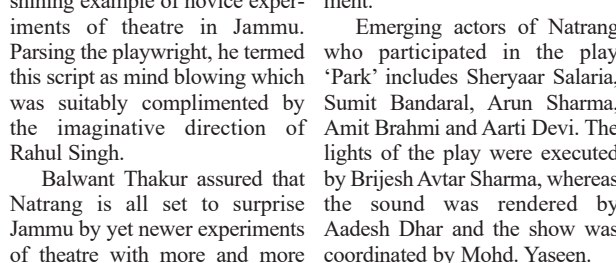
Former Minister, Choudhary Sukhnandan interacting with people during a function at village Bawe da Talab in Marh constituency on Sunday.

Under Modi world recognises India as bright star: Sukhnandan

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organised a joining programme at Bawe da Talab, Gurha Singu in Marh constituency today in which over 100 activists joined the party in presence of Ch Sukhnandan Kumar former Minister and senior BJP leader. While addressing the gathering, he said under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the world has recognised India as a "bright star" as the country is recording healthy economic growth despite global uncertainties. He said India's growth at 7 per cent in the current fiscal is the highest among major economies and the Indian economy is on the right track. He added in the 75th year of Independence, the world has recognised India as a bright star. The BJP senior leader said the Union Budget 2023-2024 gives priority to the deprived sections of society, adding that it "will fulfil the dreams of aspirational society, farmers and the middle class. The Budget 2023 marks the last Budget of PM Modi's Government in the Parliament for this term. The Union Budget was presented by the Government in paperless form like the previous two years. The Government presented the first paperless budget in 2021, Sukhnandan said. Hailing the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament, Choudhary Sukhnandan today said, first budget of Amrit Kaal will build a strong foundation for building a developed India. This budget will fulfil dreams of aspirational society including poor people, middle-class people, women folk and also the farmers. Others who were present in function include Balbir DDC member, Vikramjeet Singh, Sarpanch cum Mandal Pradhan, Mulkh Raj, Sarpanch, Balbir Singh, Sarpanch, Narinder Singh, Sarpanch, Purshottam Sharma, Sarpanch, Sham Lal, Ex-Sarpanch, Raju, Ex Sarpanch, Daljeet Singh, Sarpanch, Anita Langeh, Rattan Singh, general secretary, Lanegh Biradri, Raman Bhagat, ex-Sarpanch Sham Lal, ex-Sarpanch Raju, Swarn Singh, Deepak Pandey, Kiran, Laddi and prominent citizens of the area.

Natrang stages Hindi play 'Park'

Excelsior Correspondent JAMMU, Feb 5: Natrang presented a new Hindi play 'Park', written by Manav Kaul and directed by Rahul Singh at its Studio, here today. Speaking on the occasion, Natrang Director Padmashri Balwant Thakur said that in his consistent effort, Natrang has been endeavouring to showcase new talents through a diverse range of new concepts and scripts. The play 'Park' proved to be a shining example of novice experiments of theatre in Jammu. Parsing the playwright, he termed this script as mind blowing which was suitably complimented by the imaginative direction of Rahul Singh. Balwant Thakur assured that Natrang is all set to surprise Jammu by yet newer experiments of theatre with more and more emerging actors of Natrang who participated in the play 'Park' includes Sheryaar Salaria, Sumit Bhandal, Arun Sharma, Amit Brahm and Aarti Devi. The lights of the play were executed by Brijesh Avtar Sharma, whereas the sound was rendered by Aadesh Dhar and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.



Artists staging Hindi play 'Park' at Natrang Studio Jammu on Sunday.

JKTJAC demands resolution of issues of teaching fraternity

Excelsior Correspondent UDHAMPUR, Feb 5: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) held monthly meeting, here today under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and highlighted burning issues of the teaching fraternity besides seeking attention of the LG administration for resolution of the same. Demanding provision of comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme, Vinod Sharma said that these teachers have been working in the same schools for last more than 20 years even after the clear directions from High Court and CAT that after their regularisation as General Line Teachers, ReT teachers be transferred within the district. He also demanded implementation of Old Pension Scheme in favour of New Pension Scheme employees of the UT as NPS scheme is not employee friendly. Other demands raised in the meeting were; consideration of mutual transfer cases of 3rd Teachers, ReTs appointed under Order No. 635 and ReTs appointed under clear vacancies like that of Teachers Grade II/III; more DPC of Teachers to Masters; regularisation of ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period and conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III; regularisation of Headmasters as same hasn't been done since 2012, conversion of Headteachers posts into non plan posts of Masters to resolve the salary issue of the Masters and provision of release of more than two years arrears of Teachers/ Masters. The meeting was attended by Sham Sharma, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Shamsheer Singh, Jagdish Chander Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, Vipin Raina, Anil Sharma, Sham Singh, Swarn Singh, Binder Kumar, Ajay Thakur, Uttam Singh, Sham Singh, Parshant Sharma, Pama Chand, Sudesh Kumar, Sushma Kumari, Mohd Mustafa, Satpal Sharma and others.