

85% cases settled in Ist Nat'l Lok Adalat

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: Around 85% cases of different nature were settled by 142 benches constituted across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the first ever National Lok Adalat held on Saturday, an official said.

He said, "total 88,723 cases were taken up during the daylong National Lok Adalat at various courts of the UT. Of them, 75,250 (almost 85%) were settled and an amount of Rs 45.05 crore was awarded as compensation or the settlement amount".

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta said that this was the first National Lok Adalat of the current calendar year and total 4 National Lok Adalats shall be organised during the course of the year.

"The second National Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held on May 13, 2023," informed Gupta.

In Jammu District, the official said that a National Lok Adalat was held under the directions of Executive Chairman J&K Legal Services Authority (JKLSA), Justice Tashi Rabstan and guidance of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Administrative Judge, Jammu District.

There (National Lok Adalat), he said, total 44639 cases of civil, criminal compoundable offences, 138 Negotiable Instrument Act, Motor Vehicle Act, Land Compensation Act, Revenue and other natures, were taken up by 23 benches. Of them, he said, 38106 (85%) were settled and an amount of Rs 165665400.6 was realized.

One special bench of Revenue authorities was also constituted under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa and Collector Land Acquisition Act to deal with the cases pertaining to land compensation, he said.

The bench settled 50 cases and an amount of Rs 1.80 crore was paid as compensation to the

land owners, added the official.

The Lok Adalat held in Samba District under the chairmanship of Justice Sonia Gupta, Chairman, DLSA, Samba, took up 531 cases out of which 365 were settled on the spot and an amount of Rs 17552134 was realised as the settlement amount.

In Udhampur District, the spokesperson said, the National Lok Adalat was organized by the Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, Justice Haq Nawaz Zargar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur.

"There 1447 cases of different nature were taken up, out of which 1247 cases were settled on the spot and a total amount of Rs 9644909 was realized," he said.

A total of 1889 cases were taken up for amicable settlement in Kathua District, where 1647 were settled with realization of Rs 20083688.

The National Lok Adalat in Kathua District was held under the chairmanship of Justice Jaffar Hussain Beg, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Kathua.

In Bhaderwah, a National Lok Adalat was organized under the chairmanship of Justice Sunit Gupta, Chairman, DLSA, Bhaderwah. There, 1110 cases were taken up for amicable settlement, out of which 773 cases of different natures were settled and an amount of Rs 5782450 was realized.

The National Lok Adalat in Rajouri District took up 6190 cases of different nature and settled 5866. An amount of Rs 13206250 was also realized during the daylong Lok Adalat held under the chairmanship of Justice Kalpana Revo, Principal District & Sessions Judge Rajouri.

In Poonch District, the National Lok Adalat held under the chairmanship of Justice Ashok Kumar Shivan, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Poonch, total 6269 cases were taken up. Of them, 5824 were settled by eight benches and an

amount of Rs 9527850 was realized.

In Reasi District, the National Lok Adalat held under the chairmanship of Justice RN Watal, Chairman, DLSA, Reasi, took up 1314 cases and settled 1170 while settling an amount of Rs 43, 16, 200.

Meanwhile, the National Lok Adalat was also organized across Kashmir province on Saturday.

In Srinagar District, an official said that the National Lok Adalat was held under the chairmanship of Justice Jawad Ahmad, Chairman, DLSA, Srinagar. There, he said, the 10 benches took up 23576 matters for their amicable settlement, out of which 21133 were settled.

In Anantnag District, the National Lok Adalat organized under the chairmanship of Justice Suresh Chander Katal, PDJ Anantnag took up 4301 cases, out of which 3696 were settled and an amount of Rs 19607901 was realized.

A total of 404 cases were taken up in Baramulla District, where the Lok Adalat held under the chairmanship of Justice Mohammad Yousef Wani, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Baramulla, settled 216 cases. An amount of Rs 75, 36, 433 was realized due to the amicable settlement of the cases in Baramulla.

Similarly, in Budgam District, the National Lok Adalat held under the chairmanship of Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Administrative Judge for District, total 933 matters were taken up for their amicable settlement, out of which 406 were settled. Besides, an amount of Rs 20503436 was realized in toto in the settlement.

Overall 792 cases were taken up for amicable settlement in Ganderbal District during the daylong National Lok Adalat held

under the chairmanship of Justice Ritesh Kumar Dubey, Chairman, DLSA, Ganderbal. Of them, 741 cases were settled and an amount of Rs 6427920 was realized.

In Pulwama District, the National Lok Adalat was organized under the chairmanship of Justice Naseer Ahmad Dar, Chairman, DLSA, Pulwama. There, of 376 cases of different nature taken up, 143 were settled besides realization of Rs 2525000.

In Kulgam District, the National Lok Adalat was held under the chairmanship of Justice Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, Chairman, DLSA, Kulgam. There, total 359 cases were taken up for amicable settlement and of them 211 were settled with realization of Rs 841600.

In South Kashmir's Shopian District, a total of 108 cases were taken up in the National Lok Adalat held under the chairmanship of Justice Riyaz-Ul-Haq Mirza, Chairman, DLSA, Shopian. Of them, 73 cases were settled and amount of Rs 4177133 was realized.

A total of 753 cases of various natures were taken up in Kupwara District under the daylong National Lok Adalat, where 417 cases were settled on the spot and an amount of Rs 7517000 was realized.

The Lok Adalat in Bandipora District was organized under the chairmanship of Justice Amit Sharma, Chairman DLSA, Bandipora. There, total 273 cases were taken up for settlement, out of which 150 were settled on the spot and an amount of Rs 53.64 lakh was realized as settlement amount.

Pertinently, the Lok Adalat across Jammu and Kashmir was held under the directions of Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority (JKLSA), Justice Tashi Rabstan.



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana being felicitated during a function in Jindrah area.

J&K poised for big transformation under PM Modi: Rana

Excelsior Correspondent

DANSAL, Jan 11: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today said that Jammu and Kashmir is poised for a huge transformation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi with equitable development to all and appeasement to none being the mission mode of the government.

"A sound and strong edifice has already been put in place during the past over three years by implementation of various ambitious programmes and projects besides focus on investments to enhance the growth, generate the jobs and deliver of economic benefits to even the last person in the society", Rana said while interacting with the people during his visit to Jandrah, Dhan, Kathar, Bhatyari, Kanyala and Jhajjar Kotli in Block Dansal of the Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

Rana said that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a new era of hope and promise with the era of despondency becoming a nightmare of the past. In this context he referred to the initiatives taken on various fronts including security in both the regions especially security in the Valley, saying the dividends of peace are discernible in terms of economic gaining momentum as

record foothold of tourists thronging various tourism destinations. Obviously, such a huge arrival is benefitting Jammu also, the gateway to the Valley. He said even the political adversaries were acknowledging that the incidents of stone pelting and culture of hartals have been taken over by zest for self sustenance, economic emancipation and participation in governance.

Rana dwelt in detail various path breaking initiatives taken across Jammu and Kashmir during the past nearly four years with an avowed objective of ensuring development, creating infrastructural facilities, strengthening utility services and giving fillip to growth as a result of massive investments. He said the investments will manifest in industrialization on a mega scale thus opening vistas of opportunities for economic empowerment and generation of jobs for professionals, technocrats, educated unemployed besides skilled and unskilled workforce.

Rana said while the Centre is committed to ensure fast-track development in this part of the country, the people too have a challenging role in translating the vision of the Prime Minister in reality on ground to achieve the objective of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas.

CEC Kargil writes to Anurag on AIR Station

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: Chariman-cum-CEC LAHDC Kargil Feroz Khan has written to Union Minister for information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur regarding All India Radio (AIR) Kargil Station.

"The AIR Station & the Doordarshan Kendra are located at a strategic place like Kargil. I would like to state that the AIR Kargil station was inaugurated way back in 1997, with a 1 KW transmitter, in order to counter the narrative of Radio Pakistan (Skardo & Gilgit). It was subsequently upgraded to 200 KW power transmitter in 2003. This station went on to become a favourite among Balti and Shina speakers on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC). In fact it succeeded in pushing Radio Pakistan (Skardo & Gilgit) into oblivion," Khan said in the letter. "With a small team of local staff, (AIR) Radio (Kargil) also serves as the headquarters for four other stations and has a sanctioned post of Deputy Director General (DDG). It used to be headed by a Station Director earlier. Only recently has it come into my notice that the post of DDG has been shifted to Leh which has a 10 KW Radio Station. This is likely to hamper the smooth functioning of AIR-Kargil which caters to four major allied stations i.e. AIR-Drass, AIR-Taisun, AIR-Padurn and AIR-Hambotlinga FM Station. The FM Station at Hambotlinga is expected to promote local culture while simultaneously countering the anti-

India narrative broadcast in Balti, Purgi and Sheena languages on Radio Pakistan from across the border, the letter said.

Khan said, recently 34 casual employees of AIR-Kargil were sacked without any explanation and notice. They had spent precious years of their youth working at the station. Owing to its strategic location, this station needs to be empowered, strengthened and nurtured. What is more important is that morning transmissions are required to be started besides online local programmes and relating livestreaming sessions, he asserted. On the other hand the CEC said, there is an urgent need to upgrade the programme development capacity of Doordarshan, Kargil. This is one of the oldest demands of Kargil District in Kargil, the national TV Channel can play the same role as All India Radio to showcase and promote local culture while also providing employment opportunities to local youth. It will also end up strengthening India's geo-political interests among people living across the LoC," he added. A number of languages like Purgi, Balti and Shina are spoken in Kargil. However, the lack of content in local dialects and languages has become a cause of concern among the residents thus defeating the very purpose of establishment of stations of Doordarshan and All India Radio in Kargil. I would, therefore, like to request you to kindly look into these critical issues and direct the concerned authorities to have them resolved at the earliest, Khan said.

Strong steps required to complete public projects: DDC Member

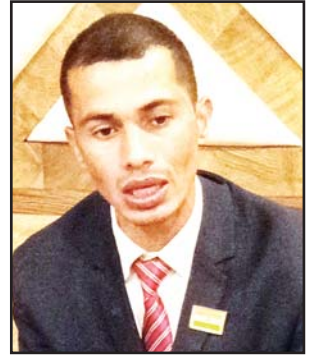
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UDHAMPUR, Feb 11: DDC Member from Panchari Moungr, Jasvir Singh, today said that road connectivity in rural areas is facing serious challenges even after a huge budget allocation from the Union government.

Addressing a press conference here today, he said that common people as well as the Government staff travelling on the PMGSY roads of Panchari Moungr on a daily basis facing huge challenges as road is still not traffic worthy even after 4 years of beginning of ongoing project of up-gradation of road.

It mainly includes Kainthgali-Moungr, Moungr-Bariote, Kainthgali-Malti, Malti-Galiote roads, and a portion of Bariote-Gabbar road as all come under the jurisdiction of PMGSY Division Reasi.

He said that poor road surface resulted in many accidents including the one on Friday at



DDC member Jasvir Singh addressing a press conference in Udhampur on Saturday.

Kainthgali-Moungr road which resulted in serious injuries to many passengers. He showed dissatisfaction regarding the durability of blacktopping and maintenance of road surface and drainage by the concerned contractors in many projects in his area as well outside Panchari Moungr.

CME cum workshop held in SMGS Hospital

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: With the aim to strengthen the Paediatric and Neonatal Emergency & Critical Care facility, the Departments of Paediatrics and Neonatology, Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu conducted a CME cum workshop on the topic "Neonatal Functional Echocardiography and Point of Care Ultrasonography (POCUS) at SMGS Hospital, Jammu.

Principal and Dean, GMC Jammu, Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma was the chief guest of the program. She emphasized upon adopting the point-of-care diagnosis in the Emergency Department in improving the Emergency and Critical Care facilities.

Speaking on this occasion, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatrics, Dr Ghanshyam Saini stressed upon expediting triage and time to diagnosis, as these are crucial in decreasing morbidity and mortality in critically ill patients and said that point-of-care testing has been shown to achieve these goals, leading to improved operational efficiency and, ultimately, better patient outcomes.

Dr Anumodan Gupta (Neonatologist), Dr Deepak Gupta (Paediatric Cardiologist) and Dr Radhika Uppal (Paediatric Cardiologist) are faculty of this CME program. They delivered lectures on the relevant topic and also conducted practical workshops for education of the Paediatricians attending the program.

Dr Ghanshyam Saini, Dr Ashu Jamwal (Ho Neonatology), Professor Paediatrics Dr Sunil Dutt Sharma and Dr Mohd Razaq chaired different sessions of the event. Dr Ashu Jamwal was the organizing secretary of the event. Dr Mansi Jasrotia, Junior Resident Doctor in Pediatrics, conducted the proceedings of the event.

About 60 doctors from Health Department (Periphery Hospitals) including from District Hospital Ramban, Udhampur; GMC Doda; ASCOMS Hospital Jammu and from AIIMS Jammu participated in the program. Besides, all the faculty members of Department of Paediatrics and Neonatology, GMC Jammu; Medical Superintendent and Deputy Medical Superintendent, SMGS Hospital, Jammu attended the program.



USTA leaders addressing a press conference at Jammu on Saturday.

USTA demands repeal of NEP-2020

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: 9th Triennial Provincial Conference of J&K United School Teachers Association (USTA) is going to be held tomorrow at Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust, Bypass Road Jammu wherein C N Bharti, general secretary of the School Teacher's Federation of India (STFI) will be the chief guest.

On the eve of conference, a press briefing was held today for highlighting the demands and issues of the teachers. Talking to the media persons, C N Bharti and leaders of USTA drew attention towards the demands which include restoration of Old Pension Scheme, repeal National Education Policy 2020, maintain strict seniority at division level in promotions of Teachers to Masters as per existing norms, regularize Incharge Lecturers, Head Masters, ZEOs and Principals, etc.

This is a road to privatisation and commercialization of public education with which poor and vulnerable section of society will remain out from the reach of uniform and quality education. He also stressed upon the Government to withdraw New Pension Scheme which is not in favour of teachers and employees and demanded restoration of Old Pension Scheme.

He also appealed the teaching community of Jammu and Kashmir to participate in march to Parliament on February 24 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi to focus on repeal of NEP 2020, ensure free, compulsory & quality Education to all, repeal NPS & PFDA, implement Old Pension Scheme, regularize the services of all Temporary/Ad hoc/Contract/Term Basis Teachers & employees, etc.

On the occasion Pradeep Singh Jamwal, Malik Younis Rahi and Roop Chand were also present.

PWWA organises Healthy Baby Competition

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: As a part of 33rd Police Public Mela, a Healthy Baby Competition was organized by J&K Police Wives Welfare Association (PWWA) at Gulshan Ground here today.

Dr. Archana Choudhary, Suman Singh, Dr. Jayashree Tuti and other PWWA members were present on this occasion.

Atul Sharma, Commandant UTDRF 2nd Bn. organized the event. About 75 babies accompanied by their parents participated in two categories (Junior Group: 0 to 3 years) and (Senior Group: 3 to 5 years).

A team of doctors-Dr. Asha Manhas, Dr. Sadaf Maheen, Dr. Anil Salathia and paramedic staff under the overall supervision of Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal, Medical Superintendent, Police Hospital Jammu examined health parameters of the participating babies. The competition was held for the babies of Police Pariwar from the rank of SPOs/Followers to Head Constables.

In junior group, 29 babies participated wherein Kavya Sambaly daughter of Kuldeep Raj, Mohammad Azan son of Anjrez

Ahmad Bhat and Ranvir son of Ankush Kumar bagged first, second and third prize respectively.

Aahan Sharma son of Anpit Sharma, Diva Pathan daughter of Yasir Khan and Divyanshi Pandita daughter of Pawan Kumar Pandita got consolation prizes.

In senior group, 46 babies participated wherein Chitranshi Bhatt



Children with their mothers and others posing for a group photograph during Healthy Baby Competition in Jammu on Saturday.

daughter of Rakesh Bhatt, Sufian Mahfooz son of Mahfooz Khan and Lokesh Singh son of Hakeekat Raj were adjudged first, second and third respectively.

Drishti Rajput daughter of Mohinder Singh, Manaf Fatima daughter of Mohammad Shabir and Aliza Yousef daughter of Kamran Yousef got consolation prizes.

The prizes will be distributed in the Police Public Mela being held on February 19, 2023 (Sunday).

Dr. Rubinder Kaur, Chairperson, J&K PWWA complimented PWWA members, Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu, AIG (Welfare) PHQ and Commandant UTDRF 2nd Bn for meticulous arrangements and successful conduct of the competition.

Basic resuscitation course conducted at GMC Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: Eighth basic resuscitation course was conducted today at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu.

This was a part of bimonthly program being conducted by the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Medicine under patronship of Dr Shashi Sudhan (Principal and Dean, GMC Jammu).



Nursing staff of GMC Jammu posing for a photograph during a course.

Dr Anju Jamwal (Professor and Head, Department of Anesthesia) is chairperson of the course, Dr Abdul Ghani (Professor, Department of Orthopedics) is convener and Dr Reenu Wakhloo (Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesia) is the nodal officer

of the course.

Other faculty for the course included Dr Anjali Mehta, Dr Arti Mahajan, Dr Jasmeen Choudhary, Dr Neha Sharma, Dr Santosh Rajput, Dr Kunal Sharma and Dr Heena Gupta.

This course is aimed at saving life in critical time and target was to train all the staff members of GMC Jammu. Today's course was dedicated course for nursing staff where more than

30 senior staff nurses including supervisor sisters and incharge sisters took part. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma emphasized the importance of this course and directed all the senior staff nurses to make this a mandatory course for all the nursing and paramedical staff.

Directorate of Ayush celebrates World Unani Day with fervor

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 11: World Unani Day was celebrated with fervor and enthusiasm by Directorate of Ayush J&K at SKICC, here today.

A function was organized at SKICC Srinagar wherein Bhupinder Kumar (Secretary, Health & Medical Education, J&K) was the chief guest of the event. Dr Masood Tanveer (Principal, Government Unani Medical College Ganderbal) and Director Health Services Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Ahmed Rather participated in the function as guest of honour and special guest, respectively. The theme of World Unani Day this year is "Unani Medicine for Public Health".

Speaking on the occasion, Bhupinder Kumar said that Unani is perceived as one of the most ancient and well documented system of medicine equally relevant in modern times and its holistic approach whether for healthy individuals or for diseased ones remains unparalleled. Prevention of disease and promotion of health is the main aim of Unani, he asserted.

He said that the Unani with divine healing properties can become a world leader in providing alternate health care to the people. He stressed on management of diseases and restoration of healthy lifestyle which pro-

vides preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative healthcare with holistic approach based on Unani System of Medicine.

Director AYUSH J&K Dr Mohan Singh, while speaking on the occasion, stressed on reducing the burden of disease and related morbidity and mortality by utilizing the potential of Unani and exploring the potential of Unani to contribute towards National Health Policy and National Health programmes.

He further added that the Unani System of Medicine integrates both external environment like seasons, air purity, food and

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drinks, as well as internal environment i.e. movement and rest, sleep and wakefulness, evacuation and retention etc.

Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Parry, District Nodal officer Ayush, Pulwama, gave key note address on the theme "Unani Medicine in Public Health". Deputy Director, Ayush Kashmir, Accounts Officer Directorate of Ayush, J&K, District Ayush officers, Kashmir Division, Assistant Director Unani, Retired senior Unani doctors/renowned Unani practitioners and Ayush Medical as well as Paramedical staff participated in the event.

Arya Samaj to celebrate 200th Jayanti of Swami Dayanand Saraswati

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: Arya Samaj Kotli Colony Rehari is celebrating 200th Jayanti of its founder Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji today.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji was born in 1824 and is being remembered as a great reformer and scholar of Vedic literature. Jagdish Gupta, president of Arya Samaj Rehari Colony informed that the day will also mark 150th foundation day of Arya Samaj as the organisation was founded in 1875 by Swami Dayanand Saraswati Ji.

He said that Hawan shall be performed in this regard at 8:30 am at Arya Samaj Kotli Colony Rehari while a much bigger programme in this regard shall be organised at New Delhi at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium which shall be inaugurated by PM Modi. "Direct telecast of the New Delhi programme can be watched at Arya Samaj Kotli Colony Rehari as arrangements for that have been put in place," Gupta informed adding that the pro-

gramme will culminate with Langar.

The organisers have invited people from different walks of life to join the celebrations.

NC nominates Jammu Province office bearers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: With the approval of the President Dr Farooq Abdullah, National Conference Provincial President (Jammu), Rattan Lal Gupta has expanded Provincial body and nominated the office bearers of Jammu Province.

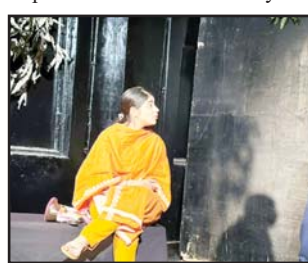
Sardar Harcharan Singh Baby of Poonch and Manzoor Ahmed Malik of Rajouri were nominated as Vice Presidents; Shafiq Mir of Rajouri as Secretary; Narinder Singh Talwar of Rajouri as Joint Secretary and Ankush Abrol of Jammu as Joint Secretary. Gupta hoped that new office bearers shall work with close coordination to strengthen the party at grass root level.

Natrang stages Hindi play 'Park'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 11: Theatre group Natrang here today staged Hindi play 'Park' written by Manav Kaul.

The play was directed by Rahul Singh—National fellow-ship holder of Union Ministry of



A still from Hindi play 'Park' staged at Jammu on Saturday.

Culture in the field of Theatre. Speaking on the occasion Natrang Director Padmashri Balwant Thakur said that in its consistent effort, Natrang has been endeavouring to showcase new talents through a diverse range of new concepts and scripts. The play 'Park' is about three men engaging

in what seems like a petty brawl over a park bench. The story unfolds, as the title suggests, in a park, which could be in any Indian city, where life is marked by the continuous jostling for space.

Three benches stand in this park, one for each of the three men who enter. They squabble, nevertheless, over one halcyon seat, with each man presenting a back story and an argument. It starts out as banter and one-upmanship but turns into something very serious that could escalate into violence.

The actors who performed in the play 'Park' were Sheryaar Salaria, Sumit Bandaral, Arun Sharma, Amit Brahmi and Kananpreet Kaur.

Lights of the play were executed by Brijesh Avtar Sharma whereas the sound was rendered by Aadesh Dhar. The show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen.