



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha meeting with delegation of All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee at Jammu.

Several delegations call on LG

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: An eleven member delegation representing various Sikh organisations, including elected Presidents of Gurdwara Parbandhak Committees led by Ajit Singh, Chairman, All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee



Financial Commissioner (FC) APD Atal Dulloo along with Dr Uttam Singh (a progressive farmer) at a high-tech polyhouse in Bajalta area of Jammu.

Dulloo inaugurates integrated farming model at Bajalta

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, inaugurated a unique integrated farming model at Hunter's Ranch, Bajalta, here today.
Dulloo also inaugurated Fan and Pad High-tech Polyhouse with soil less farming and a high density Kesar Mango orchard. He took a round of the Farm which is spread in more than 50 kanals.
The Financial Commissioner

called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan here today.
The delegation of prominent Sikh community members put forth several issues pertaining to the community, including Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Board Elections in the light of recent directions issued by the High Court.
The delegation also expressed gratitude towards the Lt Governor for being sensitive towards the issues of Sikh community and making sincere efforts to solve them with alacrity.
The Lt Governor, while giving patient hearing to the members of the delegation, assured them that all the genuine issues projected during the interaction would be taken up with concerned quarters of UT administration for appropriate action.
Meanwhile a delegation of local residents from Latti, Udhampur called on Lieutenant Governor.
The delegation headed by Sarpanch Kasturi Lal Gupta projected various issues of the area pertaining to establishment of Kendriya Vidyalaya School; promotion of Tourism; augmentation of educational, sports & health facilities etc.
The Lt Governor while interacting with the members of the delegation assured them that their demands would be looked into earnestly for their redressal on merit.
Sandhya Gupta, Chairperson of Women Club - Meri Pehchan met the Lt Governor and briefed him on the upcoming initiatives of the organization for promotion of Tourism, Dogra Culture and women empowerment.
Later, former Ranji Player from J&K Rajesh Gill also called on the Lt Governor. Gill has been selected to represent the Indian Veterans Cricket Team in the World Cup to be played in South Africa from 6th March.
The Lt Governor wished the veteran cricketer success in the upcoming International tournament.

Ladakh LG meets top-ranked ITBP officers, CEO Looms, others

Excelsior Correspondent
LEH, Feb 25: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Retd) BD Mishra on Saturday met Principal District and Sessions Judge, Leh, Yashpal Sharma, top-ranked Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) officers and CEO Looms of Ladakh, Lobzang Lhamo here at Raj Niwas.
As per a statement, the LG



LG Ladakh Brig (Retd) BD Hishra meeting IG ITBP, North West Frontier Sanjay Gunjyal and DIG Admin, ITBP NIDF, Ashok Negi at Raj Niwas Leh on Saturday.

Ladakh inquired about the pendency of cases at the District Court in Leh and steps being taken to reduce the pendency of the cases.
It said that he (LG Ladakh) was told by Yashpal Sharma that the pendency of the cases is being brought down through legal awareness activities such as Lok Adalats.
"He was also informed by Sharma that the number of litigations in Leh and Kargil are less than other parts of the country as most of the cases heard at the District Court comprise of matrimonial and commercial disputes," read the statement.
The LG asked the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Leh to make concerted efforts to further bring down the pendency of the cases.
The LG Ladakh also met Inspector General of Police (IGP) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) North-West Frontier, Sanjay Gunjyal and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Administration, ITBP NWF, Ashok Negi.
The Lieutenant Governor reviewed the security arrangements at the border areas of Ladakh with the top-ranked ITBP officials. The IG ITBP

NWF, Sanjay informed the LG about the preparedness to carry out security tasks throughout the year at the border.
The LG asked the officers for ensuring good connectivity, proper stocking and logistic support to the ITBP troops deployed in the forward posts in Ladakh.
Meanwhile Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Looms of members of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) comprising women from remote areas of Ladakh.
Looms of Ladakh was initiated in 2017 with the aim to improve the livelihood of women of Ladakh through handloom and handicraft products made from pashmina and yak wool.
The statement further said that the Lieutenant Governor highlighted the importance of marketing for the sale of the products and the need to provide right and proportionate incentives to the workers.
He inquired about the capacity-building trainings being provided to the SHGs and entrepreneurs in Ladakh. He also instructed the Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, to conduct activities in the lean period during the winters so that the members of SHGs can earn their livelihood during this period also.
Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Saugat Biswas, informed about the capacity-building training programmes held for SHGs and entrepreneurs through NIFD and developing marketing avenues through TRIFED.
He also informed about the establishment of Brand Ladakh Emporium at Leh and the upcoming Brand Ladakh Emporium at Delhi.
The First Lady appreciated the efforts of the members of Looms of Ladakh for the promotion of local handloom and handicraft products.



GOC White Knight Corps Lt Gen Sandeep Jain interacting with Jawans at LoC in Naushera area of Rajouri Sector.

Army Commander reviews security along LoC

Excelsior Correspondent
RAJOURI, Feb 25: The General-Officer-Commanding, White Knight Corps, Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain today visited the Line of Control (LoC) in Naushera area of Rajouri Sector.
The GOC 16 Corps, Lt General Sandeep Jain visited

Srinagar district hits top position at national level for outstanding performance in TPT

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR Feb 25: Marking a significant accomplishment the District Srinagar has bagged top position under Programmatic Management of Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment in India (PMTPT) program for outstanding success with the highest Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment (TPT) completion at the national level.
The District Srinagar was conferred award during All India Quarterly review meeting for Joint Efforts for Elimination of Tuberculosis for PMTPT implementation held at New Delhi from 7-9 February 2023.
Besides Jammu and Kashmir, the States including Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, UP, Haryana and UTs of Delhi and Ladakh were among the participants in the race.
The Srinagar District has been awarded under Project JEET being jointly implemented

by William J. Clinton Foundation, Centre for Health Research & Innovation (CHRI) and Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics.
The project JEET is aimed to set up effective and sustainable structures to strengthen existing systems and seamlessly extend quality TB care to patients in the Public and private sector funded by Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
The project has also been meant to contract agencies at the District level to work closely with the patient and all patient touch points, including Chemists, Pharmacies, Clinics, Providers, Hospitals, Laboratories and NTEP and engage with the NTEP network at National, State and District levels.
Speaking about the achievement, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad has lauded the efforts of the District TB Control Authority in leading Srinagar towards a TB free District.

Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital starts OPD services in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: North India's leading healthcare provider Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Saket today announced the launch of its exclusive Multi-Speciality OPD services in the city in association with Dawa Bazaar Pharmacy,
Yawar Shoaib Ali- Consultant, Neurosurgery from Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Saket.
During the launch of the OPD services, Dr. Ramneek Mahajan talked about robotic surgery.
He said: "The MAKO system at Max Smart Hospital uses



Dignitaries releasing two books by eminent writer Shashi Padha in Jammu on Saturday.

Books by Shashi Padha released

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: In a function organized at Govt. Women College Parade, Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti (RBPS) today released two books 'Moun Ki Aahatayn' and 'Yaadon Ki Anugoonz' written by eminent writer Shashi Padha.
Prof. R.D Sharma, Ex. Vice Chancellor of Jammu University was chief guest while Prof. Lalit Magotra presided over the function and Prof. S.P.Saraswat was the guest of honour on this occasion.
In his address Prof. R.D Sharma said that Shashi Padha's poems are a great insight of natural sounds and childhood memoirs.
Prof. Lalit Magotra complemented Shashi Padha for her concern for Dogri and regional cultural traditions that reflects in her Hindi and Dogri works.
Prof. S.P.Saraswat, Principal of the host College also spoke on the occasion.
Dr. Aruna Sharma presented paper on Shashi Padha's book 'Yaadon Ki Anugoonz' whereas Suman Paul presented her paper on 'Moun Ki Aahatayn.'
Sharing her views, Shashi Padha said that she is indebted to her native land and people who make her recall her childhood and it's her duty if she reciprocates the same affection in penning down the traditions of this pious land.
Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, secretary RBPS Jammu delivered welcome address while Sanjay Samyial presented vote of thanks.

Area domination patrol, route march organised in Rajouri

Excelsior Correspondent
RAJOURI, Feb 25: As a part of areawise combing-domination exercise in various vulnerable areas of Rajouri and Poonch districts, a joint area domination of the Dassal-Pullulian, Rajouri area was organised by RPHQ Rajouri today.
A joint route march cum combing-search/domination patrol was carried out, under the command of DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Dr. Haseeb Mughal, Kumar, Commandant IRP 2nd BN Fatehpur, DySP PC Shivender Singh Jamwal, DySP Hqrs Chanchal Singh and Assistant Commandant 72nd BN CRPF Vinod Kumar also joined the march.
The forces which took part in the route march were SOG Rajouri, CRPF 72nd BN CTT and IRP 2nd BN Fatehpur, Rajouri.
The officers also interacted with the general public during the route march, who also appreciated the role of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in maintaining Peace and tranquility in the border areas of the district Rajouri.



Students of different schools who emerge winners in competitions conducted by JKBOSE posing for a photograph with organisers at Saturday.

JKBOSE conducts competitions of folk song, dance, role play

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: Divisional level folk song/dance and role play competitions were organised by the J&K Board of School Education (JKBOSE) under the banner of National Adolescence Education Programme & School Health & Wellness Programme under Ayushman Bharat Scheme and SDGs of G-20 Summit at SRML Model HS School, Parade, here, today.
The teams from districts Udhampur (GHSS Tikri), Samba (GGHSS Ghagwal) and Jammu (GHSS Khanna Chargal) were declared first, second and third in Role Play Competition whereas the teams from district Udhampur (GGHSS Udhampur), Jammu (GGHSS Nowabad) & Rajouri (GHSS Seri) stood first, second and third respectively.
Prof Parikshit Singh Manhas, Chairman, J&K BOSE was the chief guest who in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of disseminating awareness among the young generation regarding the overall development of the adolescent children by providing them information and counseling. "Sustainability is all about leaving the things unaffected by human activity to ensure a safe future for posterity; this mission can best be carried forth by sensitising the youth. It is a matter of pride that India is holding G20 summit for which entire country is indebted to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. "I appreciate the endeavour of

KCC&I urges Admn to put imposition of property tax on hold

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR Feb 25: The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry today opposed the imposition of property tax in Jammu and Kashmir at stage and urged administration to put it on hold.
A statement issued by the KCC&I said that a meeting of Executive Committee was held to discuss Governments decision to impose property tax in J&K.
"The KCC&I is of the opinion that imposition of property tax in the union territory is not advisable because of the sentiment of Trade, Commerce and Industry is low. The people are not in a position to bear the burden of paying the property tax at this stage," the statement issued here said.
"The KCC&I believes that J&K has undergone a long spell of disturbed period during which time the businesses, citizens ate in to their assets and lifetime savings. And it is now that some sectors which have hugely suf-



Representatives of ICAI and FICCI during an Investors Awareness programme at Jammu on Saturday.

J&K ICAI, FICCI organise awareness programme

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: The Jammu and Kashmir Branch of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (JKICA) organised an Investors Awareness Programme in association with FICCI FLO.
CA Vinay Jamwal, past-Chairman of the branch gave the welcome address and highlighted the importance of women's participation in handling the finances and thus contributing towards the economic growth of the nation.
CA Priya Seht, Executive Member of the branch and Member of Women Empowerment Committee of the NIRC of ICAI conducted the proceedings. She along with CA Ayush Sawhney, treasurer were the panelists for the session and apprised them about the importance of financial planning, investments, savings, frauds in online transactions and the safeguards for the



Dignitaries during the launch of Max Smart Super Speciality OPD services in Jammu.

Opposite Bakshi Nagar Bridge at Akhnour road.
The OPD services will be functional from today onwards with senior clinicians of Max Saket, Hospital from specialties like Urology, Orthopedics, Neuro and Spine visiting Jammu once every month to provide expert consultations.
This OPD launch is yet another patient-centric step towards making quality healthcare services accessible to the people of Jammu and nearby regions.
Present on the occasion were Dr. Ramneek Mahajan- Senior Director (Orthopedics) & Head Joint Reconstruction (Hip & Knee) Unit, Dr. Gaurav Garg-Consultant, Urology and Dr. the Triathlon Knee System (Stryker) with a survivorship of 99.7 per cent and encourages rapid abandonment of crutches, lesser anterior knee pain and reduction in physiotherapy sessions. Robotic surgery preserves all the natural structures of the joint (less tissue damage), ensures minimal pain and early recovery and it is not expensive."
Dr. Gaurav Garg, said, "The launch of these OPD services will help bring world-class Urological expertise to the people of Jammu and adjoining areas while serving those suffering from such related issues."
Dr. Yawar Shoaib Ali also spoke on the occasion.

BVP celebrates Mahila Diwas

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) today celebrated Mahila Diwas at Marble Market, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.
The chief guest on the occasion was Rimpay Singh (Joint Commissioner JMC) while Corporator Neena Gupta and Dr Sapna Gupta were guests of



Prominent women posing together during a function of Mahila Diwas in Trikuta Nagar area of Jammu.

and the special attraction was performance by grand children of Dr Raj Kumari Bhavay Gupta and Prajwal Gupta. Both performed classical bhajan and table.
All branches of BVP gave their yearly report of projects they performed in their branches. On the occasion, BVP honoured regular donors-- Dr Raj Kumari, Ritu Mahajan, Rani Khurana, Asha Aggarwal and Gulati.
Also present on the occasion were Amita Sharma (regional secretary Mahila and Bal Vikas), Arun Sharma, Narendra Mishra, Rajesh Gupta, Dr Santosh Gupta, Ashok Gupta, Vijay Sharma and Mahila Sanjolkikas of all branches.
The programme was conducted by Trishula Gupta (Prant Sanjogika) along with Indu Puri.
A debate on the topic 'Mahila Ghar ko Mandir Bnani hai' was organized on the occasion. Besides, several cultural programmes were organized



Chefs engaged in cooking at Firangi Dhaba Express, Jammu.

Firangi Dhaba launches new brand 'Arz Handi Dum Biryani'

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Feb 25: Firangi Dhaba Express, Jammu today launched its new brand "Arz Handi Dum Biryani" at its outlet located at Sainik Colony, Jammu.
Young and budding entrepreneurs of Jammu and Himachal, Vikram Sharma, Kartavya Bharti Pandoh and Ambar Mahajan (franchisor) have opened this brand under their take-away kitchen.
As Firangi Dhaba Express has already made its mark in the Jammu market with their impressive menu choices and unique dishes along with their classy packaging style, and now yet they are here again launching their second brand "Arz Handi Dum Biryani" which is already very popular in Nurpur (Himachal Pradesh) and Pathankot (Punjab).
The outlet will be serving and delivering 22 types of Biryani, other than the authentic. They will also be bringing a few interesting fusion biryanis as well, at very competitive rates, some of which will be first in Jammu including Dhuni Paneer Dum Biryani, Shahi Chicken Dum Biryani, Butter Chicken Dum Biryani, Andhra Chicken Dum Biryani, Hyderabad Chicken Dum Biryani and Chilli Paneer Dum Biryani.
As per customer demand, one will soon be seeing cafe style sitting at Firangi Dhaba Express, Sainik Colony Jammu outlet.