

## Ladakh LG reviews progress of dev works

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LEH, Mar 9: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier BD Mishra (Retd) today held a meeting with the Administrative Secretaries to review the progress of develop-

well-being of the people of Ladakh and the overall development of the region.

He also stressed the need for continuous meetings of Administrative Secretaries to address issues faced by the peo-



LG Ladakh Brig (Retd) B D Mishra chairing a meeting of the Administrative Secretaries in Leh on Thursday.

ment works in their respective departments and to discuss future work targets, at Raj Niwas.

During the meeting, the LG emphasized the importance of ensuring the progress of their respective departments for the

ple of Ladakh.

He instructed the Secretaries to take suo moto action in the overall interest and benefit of the people of Ladakh. The Lieutenant Governor also inquired about various issues and demands of the people of



Dharmarth Trust members posing for a group photograph during the 93rd birthday celebration of Dr Karan Singh in Jammu on Thursday.

## Dharmarth Trust celebrates 93rd birthday of Dr Karan Singh

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JAMMU, Mar 9: The J&K Dharmarth Trust today celebrated the 93rd birthday of former Sadr-i-Riyasat, Dr Karan Singh here.

The celebration was marked with great enthusiasm, and a Grand Rudra Abhishek Pooja was performed by the priests of Shree Raghunathji Temple and other temples under the Trust's jurisdiction.

Ashok Kumar Sharma, the Secretary of the Trust, participated in the Pooja. Prasad was later distributed among the participants. The birthday of Dr Karan Singh was also celebrated at the Trust's Central Office in Jammu, where Senior Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President of the Trust, and Ashok Kumar Sharma,

Secretary, along with employees, celebrated the occasion.

Ajay Gandotra prayed for Dr Karan Singh's longevity and highlighted his eminence as a scholar of great fame who had contributed immensely to social work in the state (Erstwhile J&K) and the national arena, uplifting the underprivileged and enlightening the masses on varied subjects, including religion, amity, camaraderie, and pluralistic ethos existing in the Indian sub-continent for ages. He wished him good health and a contented life ahead.

Later, Ajay Gandotra announced a one-day holiday for the employees of the Central Office on March 10, 2023, in honor of Dr Karan Singh's 93rd birthday.

## Seasonal; nothing to worry about: Dr Naveed CD Hospital sees nearly 52 cases of influenza in last 2 months

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SRINAGAR, Mar 9: With the viral infection on rise, the Chest Disease Hospital has received nearly 100 cases of viral infections in the past 2 months, of which 52 per cent cases have been found positive for Influenza with the majority of cases being infected with Influenza-A and half a dozen with Influenza-A virus which is a subtype of H3N2.

As per details, out of 100 cases, 72 required further testing and out of those 52 cases have been found to be positive for Influenza. Out of those 52 cases of influenza, 7 cases tested positive for the Influenza-A virus, which is a subtype of H3N2.

The officials said that the numbers are from the last over 2 and a half months, noting that out of the rest of the samples collected for the RT-PCR testing, 18 per cent of cases tested positive for Respiratory Sensation Virus and just a minuscule number for COVID-19 infection.

Dr Naveed Nazir Shah, who heads the Department of Pulmonary Medicine of Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar told Excelsior that over the past some time, they have been getting more influenza patients and that the majority of cases which have tested positive for influenza were already admitted in the hospital for treatment.

"There is nothing to worry about; it is seasonal and wanes off in just a few days; but it has been documented that more cases of influenza have been

reported," he said. He said that like COVID-19, in the cases of influenza too, the doctors have to take care of patients with underlying medical conditions.

"Those patients might see being admitted to the hospital and will, in most cases, require more attention, while those who are healthy, do not really have to worry about it because it is seasonal; we have been receiving patients complaining of the persistent cough which continues for some time, in some cases extending for weeks together till the symptoms disappear," he said.

Regarding its symptoms, Dr Shah said that those infected with the H3N2 virus will present fever, cough, nausea, vomiting, sore throat, body ache and diarrhoea as symptoms, adding that in the period of a few days, a week-maximum, these symptoms disappear.

He underlined that there was no need to worry about the increase in the cases while noting that the people who have been already vaccinated against the COVID-19 infection will have additional protection against influenza.

"While people do not have to worry, more and more protection is also required at the same time; those infected as well as those who present the symptoms must take the necessary precautions to avoid the further spread," he said.

Large numbers of people in Kashmir for last few weeks are down with fever and severe chest infection. Doctors said that it takes one week to recover.

## Cong committed to women empowerment in J&K: Pawar

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JAMMU, Mar 9: Observing that empowerment of women is a must to ensure the overall development of the society, J&K Mahila Congress president and ex-MLA Indu Pawar today said that the Congress Party is committed for the social, political, and economic empowerment of women in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a meeting in connection with International Women's Day, Pawar said that women are an important segment in society and their role cannot be ignored.

The function was organized to educate womenfolk about their political, social and economic, and constitutional rights. "We want to empower women socially, politically, economically, and weaker sections so that they can get their due share in the society and upgrade their living standard," she added.

She said the aim of organizing such programme was to make women aware of their rights to bring positive revolu-

tionary development. Former Congress MLA pointed out that it was due to efforts of the Congress leadership that political reservations were granted to women in Urban Local Bodies and Panchayat elections in J&K.

Pointing towards conditions of women under the present regime, Pawar said that the Modi government's nine years have led to a deterioration in women's status on several important fronts. The overall pro-corporate thrust of the government's policies on the economic front, its blatant assault on the constitutional principles of democracy and secularism.

She pointed out that the government's refusal to pass the Women's Reservation Bill is an indication of its anti-women approach. "In the 2014 elections, this was the major promise to women", she said, adding, "The average percentage of women in state assemblies is below 9 per cent. With a single majority in parliament, there was no excuse for the BJP to have refused to bring the Women's Reservation Bill," she added.

Ladakh, including funding for the Haj Committee of Ladakh, the activation of the grievance redressal cell in Ladakh, relaxation in norms for the recruitment of teachers, and recruitment of Associate Professors in University of Ladakh.

He also urged the Administrative Secretaries and concerned officials to maintain transparency, accountability, probity, equal dispensation, self-audit, and mid-course correction while carrying out their duties to ensure the welfare and development of Ladakh.

He also informed the departmental Secretaries about his plan to constitute an Immediate Assistance Cell comprising representatives from Hill Council Leh and Kargil, Army, Police, Air Force, and the concerned stakeholders and hold meetings at regular intervals to address the issues faced by the people of Ladakh.

During the meeting, the departmental secretaries and concerned officials informed the LG about the pending works in their departments, the issues they were facing, and the timeline in which the works are expected to be completed.

Advisor Umang Narula, Principal Secretaries Dr Pawan Kotwal, Sanjeev Khirwar, Additional Director General of Police Satish Khandare, Commissioner Secretary Ajay Kumar Sahu among other senior officers attended the meeting with the LG.



BJP leaders listening public grievances at party office Jammu on Thursday.

## Sham, Rana, Arvind listen public grievances

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JAMMU, Mar 9: J&K BJP vice-president and former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma and former-MLA, Devender Rana accompanied by BJP secretary and in charge Grievance Committee Arvind Gupta listened to the grievances presented by a large number of people belonging to different areas of Jammu & Kashmir at party Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here, today.

Numerous individuals and deputations of people from various areas visited BJP Headquarter to meet the leaders with their grievances. They narrated their woes and sought intervention of the party leaders to get their problems solved.

Sham Lal Sharma and Devender Rana after hearing the

problems of the people, took them with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

Sham Sharma said that BJP is concerned to the issues faced by common masses and will ensure that the issues are mitigated. To ensure the robust public grievance redressal, BJP leaders attend to their grievances with utmost dedication.

Devender Rana said that people reach party office with a very positive mindset that their issues would be resolved soon. He said that BJP leaders make every effort to solve the issues represented before them at the earliest.

Arvind Gupta diarised the issues presented by the visitors.

## UT witnessing sweet revolution with Rs 46.65 cr Beekeeping promotion project

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SRINAGAR, Mar 9: Jammu and Kashmir Government has embarked upon multi-pronged strategies to increase number of bee colonies through cluster formation, encouraging bee-preneurship and bee-startups besides developing infrastructure for post harvest management, value addition and marketing.

Beekeeping or Apiculture has been one of the age old traditions in Jammu and Kashmir, which is now turning into a lucrative business with governments' progressive policies and initiatives.

The UT administration, through its Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of SKUAST-J and SKUAST-K and Department of Agriculture, is imparting technical skills among the farmers. Besides, beehives are also being provided to the farmers on subsidy basis to promote beekeeping.

Through apiculture development schemes of current dispensation in the Union Territory, beekeepers are processing crude honey in government facilities for free. For standardization, small-time keepers are also being offered the service of honey testing and logo stamping for better returns in the market. These processing units are a one-stop-solution towards reducing the moisture of honey, filter and bottle it.

To increase their earnings manifold, new-age agri-preneurs are making value addition to honey by making products such as soaps, candles, cosmetics, Ayurvedic medicines, etcetera which are in high demand in the Indian market. As a result, consumers have been switching to

## 'Udhampur to get mega drinking water project'

## Modi Govt taking various measures for welfare of people: Khajuria

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Mar 9: Highlighting various public welfare schemes launched by Narendra Modi Government for the people of J&K, BJP vice president, Pawan Khajuria said that regularisation of colonies for PoJK refugees is one of such a welfare measures in this connection.

Khajuria, while talking to reporters here, today said the previous Governments ignored the refugees totally and they were feeling alienated due to their wrong policies. He, while lambasting the previous State and Central governments said with their anti people policies these refugees were feeling insecure.

He said BJP always supported that such a law should be framed for the welfare of refugees so that they don't feel alienated. He said the West Pak refugees were not even given the right to vote and citizenship rights, which was the great human rights violation but BJP ended this injustice once for all to which they were subjected. Besides, it was the BJP Government led by Atal Behari Vajpayee and later by PM, Narendra Modi which sanctioned compensation for the PoJK refugees and Congress failed to do the same in its 60 year rule at Centre.

He complimented the PM Modi and LG Manoj Sinha for regularizing their colonies.

Khajuria also complimented the UT Government for its initiative in solving the drinking water crisis for Udhampur and settled once for all.



BJP vice president, Pawan Khajuria talking to reporters at Udhampur on Thursday.

He said that after taking up issue with Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha he gave nod to authorities for preparing a project report for ensuring regular drinking water to the people of the town.

Khajuria said the people of Udhampur were facing the lot of drinking water scarcity and water is supplied after interval of five to six days which has resulted a hue and cry in the town and adjoining areas.

He said the issue was taken up with Union Minister and MP from Kathua, Udhampur and Doda Lok Sabha constituency, Dr Jitendra Singh and Union Minister Anurag Thakur who too had assured that the problem will be solved.

He said the Lt Governor issued directives to District Development Commissioner, Udhampur asking him to get a project report prepared for improving water supply in the area.

Khajuria said soon he will visit Delhi to get the project approved so that the drinking water crisis for Udhampur and settled once for all.

## OBC Morcha holds State Executive meet Modi Govt taking historical decisions for welfare of OBCs: Nayab Singh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 9: Nayab Singh Saini, national vice president, BJP OBC Morcha and MP while highlighting the major achievements of Modi Government in last nine years, said that the historical decisions are being taken by this regime for the welfare of the OBCs.

Addressing the State Executive meeting of the Morcha here at Party Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar today, he said "Modi Government passed Bill to grant Constitutional Status to OBC Commission despite non-cooperation and stiff opposition of the Congress. Limit of creamy layer has been increased from 6 lakh to 8 lakh, provision has been made to give the benefit of reservation to the children of PSU employees, which was not being given earlier", he added.

Nayab Singh said, "The process of issuing OBC certificates has been simplified. Earlier it was mandatory to get the verification done by two gazetted officers. Now an official and self-declared affidavit is enough. This has given relief to the common man. Further process to make it more transparent is going on," he



BJP leaders at party's OBC Morcha Executive meeting at Jammu on Thursday.

added. The Working Committee meeting was held under the presidency of Sunil Prajapati, State president BJP OBC Morcha JK UT.

Besides, Nayab Saini, Ravinder Raina president J&K BJP, Rashpal Verma national secretary YJP OBC Morcha, Gajinder Yadav national treasurer and Sanyojak Ghar Ghar Chalo Abhiyaan, Krishan Kumar Mantoo Prabhari OBC Morcha Jammu Kashmir, Munish Sharma, All Morcha in charge, Brahm Jyot Satti, State Executive Member were present in the meeting.

Ravinder Raina, in his address said that the OBC community is one of the major communities in Jammu and Kashmir. He said in coming months OBCs of Jammu Kashmir will get their due share which was denied by

earlier governments top them. He said OBCs of Jammu and Kashmir will be given right in every field.

Gajinder Yadav explained about forthcoming national programme of OBC Morcha Ghar Ghar Chalo, Gain Gain Chalo Abhiyaan which is going to be held from 6th April to 14th April across India.

Sunil Prajapati in his presidential address said under the leadership of Narendra Modi India achieved so many milestones in developments, economic empowerment, and defence. He urged workers to gear up for forthcoming elections in the Jammu Kashmir UT.

Raj Kumar Tarkhan, general secretary, BJP OBC Morcha and Sajjad Hussain Kumhar, general secretary BJP OBC Morcha conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

## Army unfurls 100-ft-high National Flag in Doda

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, Mar 9: The Indian Army on today installed a 100-foot-tall National Flag in the hilly Doda district with a senior officer terming the endeavour a befitting tribute to the countless soldiers who laid down their lives for the nation.

This was the second such high-mast flag hoisted by the Army in the Chenab valley region, which was once a hotbed of terrorism before it was completely cleared over a decade ago.

In July last year, a 100-foot-high national flag was installed in the nearby Kishtwar town.

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General Officer Commanding of the Army's Delta Force Maj Gen Ajay Kumar unfurled the tallest flagpole at the Doda sports stadium along with the Commander, Sector 9, Rashtriya Rifles, Brig Samir K Palande, Doda Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan and Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom.



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Maj Gen Kumar honoured the next of kin of soldiers who had died in the service of the nation and also felicitated members of the civil society who have contributed immensely towards nation-building.

"The tallest flag is a tribute to the countless soldiers of Chenab valley region who have made the ultimate sacrifice while safeguarding the unity and integrity of the nation," the GOC said.

He said the 100-foot-high

national flag, the first of its kind in Doda, was not only a proud moment for the Army but also for all the residents of the hilly district.

"The national flag, which can be seen from a long distance, will make every citizen feel pride for the country," Maj Gen Kumar said.

"The feeling of the iconic national flag which is standing tall and beautiful cannot be expressed in words but surely this is making every citizen of India swelling with pride. This will surely go a long way in inculcating the sense of belonging for the country among the residents of Doda, especially the younger generation," DC said.

Locals especially students and 'Veer Naris' (war widows) who had gathered in large numbers to witness the event expressed gratitude to the Army.

"By inviting us to this event, the Army has made us feel proud of the achievements of my martyred husband. This is the beauty of our Army that they never forget the sacrifices of the soldiers



Karan Singh Wazir, son of Late T S Wazir addressing media persons in Jammu on Thursday.

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## Some people trying to 'sabotage' Delhi Police's investigation, alleges TS Wazir's son

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 9: S Karan Singh Wazir, son of S Trilochan Singh Wazir, the minority community leader who was murdered under mysterious circumstances on September 3, 2021 in New Delhi, claimed today that "some influential people" have been trying to "sabotage the fair investigation" of Delhi Police's Crime Branch to shield the accused.

Addressing media persons here, S Karan Singh Wazir said that initially for a period of almost one-and-a-half-year, Delhi Police made some arrests but the conspirator and mastermind remained at large.

During this period, Wazir said, he and his family members faced hopelessness but later the Crime Branch of Delhi Police did a commendable job by arresting the main accused Harpreet Singh from Jammu and

three key conspirators, Sudarshan Singh Wazir, Harjinder Singh Raina, and Jagpal Singh.

"I'd like to thank the Commissioner of Delhi Police and the entire team of Crime Branch NR-1 of Delhi Police for unearthing the conspiracy. We're now confident that the conspirators won't be spared," he said.

S Karan Singh Wazir said that prior to the arrest of the key accused the latter tried their best to stop their arrests.

"And now, after they have been arrested, their family members have been trying to sabotage the investigation of Delhi Police's Crime Branch," he alleged.

"But I am confident that the Crime Branch of Delhi Police will reach at a logical conclusion in my father's murder case without letting anyone interfere with the process of law," hoped S Karan Singh Wazir.

## Chandigarh University with 703 patents becomes highest patent filing Indian University in 2021-22

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 9: Chandigarh University has been ranked at the top with the highest number of 703 patents filed in a year.

According to the recently released report for 2021-22 by the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trade Marks and Geographical Indications (CGPDTM), Government of India, Chandigarh University has maintained its position as the top

try is 597 patents whereas CU alone has filed 703 patents this year. Over the years, the students and faculty of Chandigarh University have filed a total of 2400 patents, out of which 1747 have been published. As of now, 72.79% of the patents filed by CU have been published already.

In 2021-22, the university filed 81 patents in the field of Medical and Healthcare, 72 patents in Mechanical & Mechatronics, and 50 in Agriculture. In the field of IT, the University has ranked 3rd in the country for filing most patents whereas TCS is on the first position in this category.

Speaking about the achievement of the University, Chandigarh University Chancellor Satnam Singh Sandhu said, "The University is working robustly on a mission to make India self-reliant and self-sufficient in terms of research and innovation in various fields such as science, technology, and medicine. The University aims to make India rank amongst the top five nations in patent filing at a global level."

Dr Sanjeet Singh, Dean Research, CU, said, "The University has allocated an annual budget of Rs 15 Crore for promoting enhanced research and innovation on the campus. Additionally, there are over 100 Core Research Groups (CRG) with more than 1500 students and faculty involved in the development of futuristic products and technologies."

As per the statistics, the total filing of 23 IITs across the coun-

## Principal says staff serving humanity NHRSJCI, GMC recreational activities for docs, nurses

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 9: National Human Rights Social Justice Council of India in association with the Principal GMC Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma organised recreational activities for the doctors and nurses of the medical college in the GMC Auditorium.

Various studies have discovered that day to day routine working in the hospital, while

NGO SUPPORT organised various recreational activities in their place of work like Tambola, lucky Draw, Bingo to help release the stress and pressures of their work place.

Principal GMC Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma said, "We are very proud of our doctors, staff and paramedical staff for their accomplishments and their efforts to serve the nation & humanity in the field of health care services".

Dr Navneet Kaur is the Member of the Gender Harassment Committee, Member SOTTO.

Dr Seema Gupta HOD PG Dept & her team sponsored gifts for the games.

Director NGO SUPPORT for skills Ms Shivani of Hair Master sponsored games for Tambola.

Certificates were distributed by Principal Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma & Dr Navneet Kaur founder Chairperson NGO SUPPORT, Dr Seema Gupta & Shivani.



GMC-J Principal Dr Shashi Sharma with her team sponsored staff during recreational activities on Thursday.

treating patients at all hours creates a certain underlying stress in the life of doctors & Nurses. This stress leads to deterioration in the performance and also leads to development of medical conditions like hypertension, diabetes etc.

To help alleviate this stress,