

Killing of Udhampur youth by terrorists widely condemned

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 30: Various organizations and individuals have strongly condemned the killing of Udhampur youth Deepu by terrorists in Anantnag where he was working with a circus company.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who represents Udhampur in the Lok Sabha, condemned the terror attack and sought strict security measures to prevent such targeted killings in the Valley.

"While on a visit to Chennai, I was extremely shocked to learn about the brutal killing of young Deepu who hailed from Majalta, district Udhampur and was earning meager livelihood in Anantnag. BJP Karyakartas have already reached the house of the bereaved family to provide all possible help. While strongly condemning the killing of this youth from a poor family, it is strongly urged that strict security measures be enforced to prevent such target killings and also to act as deterrent against terror activities," the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office wrote on Twitter.

Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad has strongly condemned the killing of Deepu and said that terrorism is a menace that needs to be fought by all collectively.

He tweeted: "Strongly con-

demn the heinous act of killing Deepu of Udhampur by terrorists in Anantnag. Terrorism is a menace that needs to be fought by us collectively. It is a curse against humanity!"

Azad expressed solidarity with the victim family and urged upon the authorities to bring the culprits to justice.

The Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu also condemn the dastardly act of target killing of Deepu and urged the Govt to deal a stern final blow to the enemies of peace and of India.

During an emergent meeting of the Bar, presided over by President of the Association, Sr Advocate Vikram Sharma, the members voiced serious concern over the game-plan of the terrorists and their masters across the border in selectively targeting the peace-loving civilians.

Vikram Sharma, while speaking on the occasion, exhorted the Govt to give a deterrent and befitting response to those waging war against India from within and outside. He stressed that the J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu stands for the unity in diversity India is known for, and, therefore the terrorists shall not be allowed to design or pose any threat to the Indian union.

Former MLC, Vikramaditya Singh strongly condemned the selective killing of Udhampur youth and termed it as an act of

cowardice by the terrorists. He said that such acts are being carried with the sole aim of vitiating the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu and Kashmir.

He demanded that perpetrators of the crime should be identified at the earliest and handed over exemplary punishment so that none dares to raise the ugly head against this nation that strongly believes in global peace and harmony.

Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) Jammu and Kashmir unit protested against killing of another Hindu youth in Kashmir. Shiv Sainiks assembled under the leadership of J&K chief Manish Sahni at the party office Roopnagar Jammu and torched an effigy of the "Kashmir Freedom Fighter", an organization that has taken responsibility for the murder. Sahni demanded a Government job and cash assistance of Rs one crore to next of kin of the deceased.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Spokesperson J&K, Partap Singh Jamwal strongly condemned the heinous terrorist act and said that peoples of J&K will not tolerate the killings of innocents. He asked the Government of India to take strict action against the sponsors of terrorism. This attack clearly indicates that the Government of India has failed to eliminate terrorism and their sponsors, he added.

Kick starts macadamization worth Rs 1.7 cr J&K witnessing unprecedented development: Bharat Bhushan

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JAMMU, May 30: DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi today kick started macadamization work of 2.1 Km road with an estimated cost of Rs 1.7 cr from Village Jerry Kherry to Village Kanger under 'City and Town' Plan.

On the occasion, BDC Chairman, Kuldeep Raj, Ajay Sharma district general secretary BJP, Sarpanch, Amin Choudhary, Rakesh Singh, Mandal president BJP, Ex Sarpanch, Narinder Singh, Asgar Ali district president ST Morcha BJP, DySP retd Ghulam Rasool, Ganga Ram and others PRI members were present.

Referring to works started today, the DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan said that the execution of works has been initiated and all pending roads would be macadamized in a phased manner, with no compromise with quality of work. Special care will be taken during execution of different works so that the quality can be maintained and people don't have to suffer in future, he added.

Bharat Bhushan, while stressing upon the executing agency to maintain quality of the work, said that it should be completed within the prescribed time.

The DDC Chairman was apprised by the public about the lack of various other facilities. Taking note of all the highlight-

ed demands, he assured people that all their demands would be fulfilled at the earliest. He also assured that besides development projects, various welfare schemes meant for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor and needy will be taken at the door steps of the genuinely deserving people in the constituency.

He also lauded LG Manoj Sinha led administration for leaving no stone unturned in carrying forward the priority schemes and projects launched by the Centre from time to time. He said it is the result of synchronized efforts of the Union Government and the UT Administration that Jammu and Kashmir is today witnessing unprecedented number of developmental projects on ground and that too being carried out at unprecedented pace.

The DDC Chairman said that he will continue efforts to work tirelessly for ensuring all round development in Jammu making it a model area offering all basic amenities and facilities to its dwellers.

Abdullahs, Bhalla, others grieved over loss of lives in Jhajjar Kotli accident

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JAMMU, May 30: The bus accident near Jhajjar Kotli, Jammu, which claimed the lives of ten individuals and left several others injured, has evoked profound grief and condolences from various political parties and leaders in the region.

The President of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, Dr Feroz Abdullah, and Vice-President Omar Abdullah expressed their heartfelt anguish over the tragic incident.

They extended their sympathies to the affected families and urged the local administration to provide all necessary support and assistance to those injured in the accident.

Raman Bhalla, the Working President of JKPC, termed the accident as extremely unfortunate and offered his deepest condolences to the families who lost their loved ones.

He emphasized the need for the administration to take effective measures to prevent such fatal road accidents in hilly areas, questioning the lack of

checks on operators, drivers, and conductors despite the presence of strict traffic rules.

Bhalla called for a collective effort from all concerned agencies to devise strategies that would effectively prevent such accidents and protect precious lives.

The Apni Party also expressed profound grief and offered their condolences to the affected families. They acknowledged that no words could ease the pain of the bereaved families and prayed for their strength during this difficult time.

Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of JKNC Jammu, expressed profound grief over the loss of lives in the tragic incident and conveyed his condolences to the affected families.

He urged the divisional administration to provide the best available medical care to the injured and to investigate the causes behind the rising number of accidents in the region.

Ajatshatru Singh, a senior BJP leader, expressed his grief and prayed for peace for the departed souls and strength for the bereaved families.

He called on the administration to provide relief and adequate compensation to the affected families and ensure the injured passengers receive the best possible treatment free of cost. Singh urged the LG administration to take immediate action to prevent such accidents and protect human lives.

Gaurav Gupta, former gener-

al secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu, expressed grief over the loss of lives and extended solidarity to the bereaved families.

He appealed to the government to provide medical assistance to the injured and compensation to the victims' families.

Tasleema Akhter, State Secretary of the Democratic Progressive Azad party, expressed deep sorrow and anguish over the incident.

She highlighted the alarming increase in road accidents on the Jammu-Srinagar highway and urged the LG administration to provide immediate ex-gratia relief to the injured and the families of the deceased.

Akhter demanded the best possible medical treatment for the injured individuals.

Rajesh Gupta, Chief of the National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) in Jammu and Kashmir, expressed his anguish and concern over the routine road accidents in the region.

He criticized the lack of preventive measures and called for a change in approach to focus on accident prevention rather than relying solely on post-accident measures.

Veteran National Conference leader and National Spokesperson, Er Rishi Kilam has also termed the accident as shocking.

He has appealed the administration to provide better medical facilities to the accident victims and adequate compensation to the families of those injured in the accident.

PM Modi made India global power: Sat

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 30: Nation needs PM Modi as he is the only leader who has taken out India from the shackles which were halting the development in the country.

He not only made India a global power but also made it one of the fastest growing economies of the world. This was stated by former Minister and senior BJP leader, Sat Sharma (CA while holding a public meeting at Ward 32 of Jammu West Assembly segment.

Sharma was also accompanied by Talab Tillo Mandal president BJP, Keshav Chopra and several others.

Sat Sharma said that development has reached out to every nook and corner of the country and J&K is also a major part of it. He said today "We are in a situation where world leaders seek advice from us and take India as a role model and that has happened due to the pro public policies of the PM Narendra Modi led Central Government which has uplifted the standards of our

country in every stream. Such a thing was not present prior to 2014 and these nine years of BJP led NDA Government have given us so many things including improved defence system, jobs for youth, support to farmers, self employment schemes for everyone, housing for all, toilets in every home and dozens of other things which gave India a global name", he stated. Sharma also said that in the last nine years the lifestyle of people has improved a lot and PM Modi deserves credit for it.

Keshav Chopra said that BJP is committed to serve the public in every way possible and its policies have led to a great significant change in the system which has made people happy and people want to see BJP and PM Modi leading the country again. He also said that only BJP has the capacity to serve the country and it can be seen from the positivity that has given a major boost to the country in the last nine years.

Raman Sharma, Sumit Malhotra Binny and several others were also present on the occasion.

Sai'n Meera'n Bhakhsh Trust distributes relief

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POONCH, May 30: Sai'n Meeran Baba Darvaish Ghulam Qadir Trust distributed relief, medical aid assistance of Rs 3,18,000 to 49 poor, orphan, widows, patients and handicapped people at Shahpur, Guntrian in Poonch district.

Trust members said that applications were received from various poor background individuals of different places in Poonch, Rajouri and Kupwara, seeking relief, Medical aid on various grounds from Sain Miran Baba Darvesh Ghulam Qadir Trust on the on the basis of being extremely poor IAY, PHH & BPL categories persons consists of widows, orphans, handicapped, suffering from various serious ailments like heart problem, cancer, bone

fracture, psychiatric, paralysis disease patients, besides poor downtrodden people seeking relief assistances for their livelihood and marriage ceremony of their daughters.

A total 49 cases were approved/ sanctioned by the Trust Committee members headed by Managing Trustee from trust money on extreme compassionate grounds after verifying all cases through different mediums and Rs 3,18,000 were distributed to them through cheques.

Chairman Trust, Mohd Rashid Bhat said that the cheques were distributed in presence of all members to help these people who were seeking relief on different genuine grounds and such practice shall be continued in future as well to help the masses.

MC president Uri among dozens rejoin DPAP

Excelsior Correspondent

URI, May 30: In a significant development dozens of political workers from various parties including Municipal Council president Uri Bharat Kumar have joined the DPAP in Uri region of North Kashmir today.

Block president Congress Ajaz Ahmed Beigh also joined DPAP. The massive joining took place in presence of senior party leader, and DPAP treasurer Taj Mohiuddin at Chandanwari.

"DPAP is committed to its promises made with the people of J&K and will leave no stone unturned for the redressal of the miseries of the general public," Taj Mohiudin said on the occasion.

He said the people in J&K were deceived by the successive regimes who have always neg-

lected their genuine demands. Such political leaders sadiistically played with their emotions for which they will be never forgiven," he said.

President MC Uri Bharat Kumar while joining the party said, "I couldn't sleep these 21 nights in the Apni Party."

He added Apni Party has no base in the constituency and sams any political agenda for the Jammu Kashmir UT. Kumar said if the people of the UT have to come out of the prevailing chaos, it is possible only with DPAP which has a clear vision and mission for it.

The other leaders who joined the party on the occasion included Aijaz Ahmad Beigh Block president Congress, Aijaz Ahmad Dardkot, Molvi Miyan Zahoov VP AAP, Mohd Ashraf Mir District gen secretary AAP, Akbar Din and many others.



DC Doda Vishesh Mahajan inspecting ongoing development work at New Bus Stand on Tuesday.

DC Doda inspects progress on multi storey car parking

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DODA, May 30: Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Mahajan today inspected the status of work on the upcoming multi storey car parking here in the Bus Stand.

Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SE R&B (PWD) Circle Doda RP Singh, Executive Engineer R&B Doda,

Manoj Gupta, EO MC Doda Yousf-Ul-Umar and other officers.

Inspecting the project, DC Doda directed the executing agency to expedite the pace of work on the prestigious project and ensure its completion within the stipulated time frame.

He said that it will go a long way in providing quality infrastructure facilities to the people.

Four injured in Ramban accident

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, May 30: Four individuals, including two brothers, sustained critical injuries after a van they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a gorge near Peerach on the Dalwass-Kadma link road in the Chanderkote area of Ramban on Tuesday evening.

The incident occurred when a van (JK02-5356) veered off the Dhalwass-Kadma link road at Paparya near Peerach, causing four people to sustain injuries.

Promptly, they were rushed

to the District Hospital in Ramban for initial medical assistance, after which all the four injured individuals were referred to the Government Medical College and Hospital in Jammu.

The injured have been identified as Kewal Singh, 25, son of Kaka Ram; Nittu, 14, son of Khem Raj; Raj Kumar, 25, and Bhusan Kumar, 14, all residents of Paparya Tehsil in Ramban District.

Police have registered a case under relevant sections of the law and taken up further investigation.

4 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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POONCH, May 30: The District Mining Officer (DMO) Poonch, Javid Iqbal, today seized four vehicles involved in illegal transportation of minerals in different parts of the district.

The seizure came after a series of inspections and surveillance operations conducted by the Geology and Mining Department in coordination with the civil administration and the police.

DMO said that operation was carried out on the direction of the Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, Yasin Choudhary, to curb the menace of illegal min-

ing and transportation of minerals in the district.

The team laid a Naka near the mining site at Draba and intercepted two dumpers carrying minerals without valid permits and documents. The DMO seized the dumper and handed it over to the police for safe custody.

During another operation, one Tipper was seized at Jhulas with the joint coordination of the in-charge of the police post in Jhulas, and another tipper at Chandigarh, which was taken into custody by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Surankote and later handed over to the police.

Illicit timber seized, smuggler held

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, May 30: Police here today seized huge quantity of illicit timber in forest area of Marmat in Forest Division Range Doda and arrested the timber smuggler involved in the crime.

Acting on specific information through reliable sources, cops from Police Post Goha led by PSI Ankush Sharma, Incharge Police Post Goha seized illicitly extracted timber in Forest Compartment No. 34 of Forest Range Marmat.

The illicit timber was extracted after falling green

standing trees illegally in the forest area by timber smuggler Hidayatullah, son of Mohd Ramzan, resident of Behota Marmat who was arrested by police from the spot.

His associate Tanveer Ahmed, son of Ferooq Ahmed, resident of Behota Marmat is absconding whose search was going on.

The whole operation was carried out under the supervision of SSP Doda, Abdul Qayoom.

An FIR with number 114/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Doda in this regard and investigation started.

Dir CSIR-IIM inaugurates Dental Camp by IGGDC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 30: Post Graduate Department of Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics of Indira Gandhi Govt Dental College (IGGDC) Jammu conducted a Screening-cum-Restorative Dental Camp at IIM, Jammu.

The team of Dental Surgeons led by Dr Azhar Malik, HoD Post Graduate Dept of Conservative Dentistry conducted screening and on the spot restoration of the staff of IIM. The event was organized in association with IIM Staff Club, Jammu.

Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIM, Jammu and President CSIR-IIM Staff Club inaugurated the event with opening remarks on importance of oral hygiene. Senior faculty from Dental College apprised the RRL school children's and others regarding standard oral care and measures to prevent caries.

Session was chaired by Dr Zabeer Ahmed Director CSIR-IIM, Jammu, Abdul Rahim

Chief Scientist, Dr Azhar Malik Prof & Head, PG Department of Conservative Dentistry, IGGDC, Jammu, Dr Shashank Singh, Senior Principal Scientist & Vice President CSIR-IIM, Staff Club, Jammu Anju Bala Principal, RRL School, Jammu.

Senior Faculty Dr Ajay Gupta Associate Professor, Dr Rachna Dhani, Assistant Professor, Dr Shamim Anjum, Assistant Professor, Dr Ravinder Bhagat, Dr Sachin, Dr Sukhbir Kour, Dr Sangeeta Bhagat from IGGDC, Jammu. Resident graduate students and Dental technical staff did spot restoration, evaluation and restoration of dental problems and oral related diseases of RRL School children's and IIM Staff.

Other Executive members of Staff club Dr SR Meena, Sport Secretary, Rajni Kumari, Cultural Secretary conducted the proceedings of the event.

The Camp was organized under the over all guidance of Prof Rakesh Gupta, Principal, IGGDC Jammu in success of Dental Care program.

Ramakrishna Mission holds youth convention

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 30: Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu organized a "youth convention" to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Ramakrishna Mission today. Swami Jaynadharanandji Maharaj, secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu explained the programme in brief to the audience. He said that Swami Vivekananda established the Ramakrishna Mission and inspired everyone the ideal of realizing 'Atmano Mokshartham Jagat Hitaya Cha', which means salvation for oneself and welfare of the world. Vivekananda had great hope from the youth, he added.

He said Ramakrishna Mission is organizing 125 youth conferences in its branch centers across the country to make youth aware of Vivekananda's teachings. Some youth selected from these branch centres will be sent to Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math in the coming December. They will get a chance to participate in youth conference at Belur Math, the headquarters of Ramakrishna

Math and Ramakrishna Mission.

Swami Anupamanandji Maharaj, secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Chandigarh, addressed the youth on the topic "Personality Development as guided by Swami Vivekananda". In his simple and effective style, he said how Vivekananda's ideal can be helpful in forming a high-quality personality. Through example, he said that the teachings of Vivekananda can inspire even a person who is going to commit suicide and make him to walk on the path of social welfare. Inspiring the youth, Anupamanandji explained in detail the immortal sermon of Vivekananda 'Arise, Awake and Stop not till the goal is achieved'. The programme started with Vedic chanting. It included Swadesh Mantra, guided meditation sessions, motivational lectures and cultural performances. A question answer session was also conducted.

I.K Raina was also present in this session. The program ended with the National Anthem. About 200 students from various colleges participated.

Prof Ved Kumari Ghai passes away

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 30: Veteran Sanskrit Scholar and Padma Shri awardee, Ved Kumari Ghai passed away today after a brief illness.

She was born on December 16, 1931, in Pratap Garh Mohallah, Jammu and after completion of her school education in Jammu, she did her MA in Sanskrit from Punjab University in 1953 and PhD in Sanskrit from Banaras Hindu University in 1960. She married to Dr Ram Pratap, also a Sanskrit scholar. She was head of Sanskrit

Department in Jammu University until her retirement on December 31, 1991. She was also involved in social work and Government of India awarded her Padma Shri in 2014. She was also awarded Gold Medal by Jammu and Kashmir Government for social work, President's Award for Sanskrit and Dogra Ratan award etc. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has condoled the demise of Prof Ghai and said that she was an inspiration to three generations of academicians, including himself.



BJP leaders releasing a devotional album at Jammu on Tuesday.

Yudhvir, Priya, Zorawar release devotional album 'Jyot Jage Darbar'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 30: Yudhvir Sethi, BJP J&K vice president, along with Priya Sethi, National Executive Member BJP and former Minister and Zorawar Singh Jamwal, BJP leader today released a devotional album 'Jyot Jage Darbar' in a programme held here today.

Renowned singers. Sunil Sharma, Sahil Lucky, Suraj Singh and Professor Anupama Singh also graced the occasion. In his address Yudhvir Sethi complimented the singer of devotional song Hari Hans besides musicians and composer on the release. He praised the artists for devoting their services to the divinity of Maa Durga in a melodious composition and hailed the efforts of organizers.

The lyrics of the songs have been given by Inderjeet Kesar, music by Rakesh Anand, video Director, Shubam Singh and video was edited by Bupinder Singh. The recording of the album was done at Krishna Digital Studio and Audio Mix Master at Gourav Beats Studio. The Album was completed under the banner of the Wave of Art.

Observing that music knows no boundaries, Sethi said it binds the people in a unique cord and generates har-

mony in the society. "And, when music relates to spirituality, it directly touches souls and creates an aura free of tension and hatred", he said, adding that music plays pivotal role in preserving culture and taking it beyond boundaries. Sethi said the young artists deserve all the encouragement by the organizations associated with promotion of art and culture besides the electronic channels. "The young artist deserves to be encouraged by providing her appropriate opportunity to showcase her talent on a bigger canvass," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi congratulated the entire team of video album and hoped that this will make waves in music industry besides is liked by people across the country. Priya Sethi asserted that the J&K Union Territory has no dearth of talent but the only need is to identify and polish it by expert hands. She hoped that such music album will inspire young artists of J&K to explore their hidden talent and make their niche in the society. Zorawar Singh hoped this would go a long way to promote local talent and said that youth should be educated about our traditional values which are the foundations of our age old heritage.



Participants of Writing Competition with the college Principal and others during prize distribution function at GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

GCW Gandhi Nagar organises writing competition

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 30: Students Standards Club of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu organised standard writing competition in association with BIS Jammu, here today.

The club shared the onus for spreading awareness amongst the students and the faculty regarding the standards of purity given by the BIS.

Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal of the host college, lauded the efforts of the club and reiterated the pertinence of being aware and informed buyers so that no seller should be able to sell low quality goods to innocent buyers.

The resource person, Marmik Kotwal, deputied by Bureau of Indian Standards,

Jammu and Kashmir, elaborated BIS standard marks with the help of audio visual aids to the participants.

Demonstration of BIS Care app was made to check the authenticity of various items available in the market with the help of ISI mark, HUID, R number etc. After the presentation, the standard writing competition was held in which student members of the club participated.

Prof Minu Mahajan distributed the cash prizes of Rs 1000/-, Rs 750/-, Rs 500/- and Rs 250/- to the students who secured 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions respectively.

The whole proceedings were conducted by Haspreet Kour, member of the club under the guidance of Prof Malti Rajput, another mentor of the club.