



Waqf Chairperson, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi laying foundation stone of grand mosque in Hazratbal area.

Darakhshan lays foundation stone of mosque at Hazratbal

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi today visited Hazratbal, Kabamarg in South Kashmir and paid obeisance at the historic Dargah. She laid the foundation stone of the grand mosque which will be constructed in the shrine complex. Dr Andrabi took stock of the shrine management there and issued instructions for upgrading the cleanliness in the campus.

"The construction of this mosque was in the proposals for years but today we are fortunate to lay the foundation stone of this grand structure. The project will be completed within the proposed time frame with the help of the people of the area", said Andrabi while speaking to media after the foundation ceremony.

She interacted with the local public delegations and the representatives of the administration. Andrabi later visited the Aadar

Sharief Khiram in Bijbehara and paid obeisance at the shrine. It is pertinent to remind that this historic shrine was taken over by Waqf Board last year after Dr Andrabi intervened when the Government notification issued years ago was implemented. Public had raised issues of grave misappropriation of funds of the shrine by the earlier local management committee and an high power enquiry was immediately ordered. Now when on the findings of the Inquiry Committee, an FIR has been lodged and legal action against the accused has started, this visit of Waqf Chairperson acquires significance.

Dr Andrabi took stock of the facilities and management and issued orders to upgrade facilities for pilgrimage in view of upcoming festival gatherings at the shrine. She was accompanied by CEO of Waqf Board Dr Syed Majid Jahangir and the Tehsildar of the Board Ishiyah Mohiuddin in addition to others.

Samvedna Society organizes free eye check up camp

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JAMMU, Sept 7: Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra along with District



A student being examined by the medical team during free eye check up camp by Samvedna Society at School for Blinds.

Social Welfare Office Jammu, in collaboration with Sood Eye Center, organised free eye check up camp for the students of Residential School for Blind, Roopnagar Jammu.

Team of experts, comprising of Dr Uzma Choudhary (MS) Eye Surgeon, examined the students. Free medicines were also provided and some students were referred to visit the Sood Eye Center wherein they will get free of cost treatment.

The camp was inaugurated by District Social Welfare officer Jammu, Mamta Rajput. She appreciated the work of Samvedna Society and said that philanthropy services by volun-

tary organisations play an important role by providing much needed aid to the common people. This camp would surely benefit the students of blind school who require ophthalmic consultations by expert doctors, she added.

Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Chopra said that Samvedna Society works mainly by conducting different health camps/ Eye camps targeting all sections and age group in order to address the problem of blindness holistically. "Our motive is to provide best healthcare facilities to the needy people at their doorstep and we will continue to conduct these eye camps in future also so that everyone can take benefit of it," he added.

Mohd Shabbaz, Superintendent of the Blind School, Sanjay Vidrohi, Shahid Hussain Shah, Rakesh Bali, Brijesh Kumar, Satveer Kour, Rajesh, Manoj Tandon, Sushil Gupta, Vikas Kumar, Divyansh Gupta and others were also present during the camp.

Int'l Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies celebrated at Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Fourth International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies was celebrated today at Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, here.

A power point presentation focusing on the theme 'together for clean air' was presented by Dr Parveen Yograj (Medical Superintendent, Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar). He informed that Air pollution is the biggest environmental health risk of our time and over 99% of people breathe unsafe air. He called upon everyone

Dr Arti Nayyar (Deputy CMO Jammu) appealed all to save energy and use solar panels.

A poster colour competition was held amongst more than 120 students of ANMT School Gandhi Nagar and other affiliated paramedical institutes under the supervision of Dr Daizy Parihar (Principal, ANMT School, Gandhi Nagar). Top three position holders were awarded with a memento. First prize was bagged by Riya Gupta, 2nd by Shumta Rana and 3rd by Lakshmi.

A plantation drive was also



CMO Jammu Dr Harbaksh Singh flagging off a rally from OPD Block of Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

from Government and corporations to civil society and individuals to come together for clean air.

"Exposure to polluted air can lead to stroke, cancer, heart and lung disease and more. Polluted air kills 6.7 million people per year and 2.4 billion people are exposed to dangerous level of house hold air pollution," Dr Yograj claimed.

Dr Harbaksh Singh (Chief Medical Officer, Jammu) laid stress on the importance of plantation drive and shared tips to prevent air pollution while

held in the Hospital premises as part of celebrations for creating awareness about role of trees in our environment. An awareness rally was flagged off from OPD Block of the Hospital by all paramedical students and tutors, chanting slogans to prevent air pollution. The Rally passed through Gole Market and other areas of Gandhi Nagar, spreading message of clean air for blue skies.

The function was held under the supervision of Directorate of Health Services, Jammu.

Madras Regiment commemorates Maharajke Day in Samba

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: The 3rd Battalion of the Madras Regiment commemorated Maharajke Day, in remembrance of the brave hearts of the Battalion who made the supreme sacrifice in the operation which began on this day in 1965.

The battalion celebrated the occasion with a wreath laying ceremony at the Samba War Memorial. This event marks the truly heroic sacrifice of the brave soldiers of the Madras Regiment.

The third battalion of the Madras Regiment also known as 'Thagdas' under the 69 Mountain Brigade/ 6 Mountain Division was tasked to capture Maharajke Village, that was located 2.5 kilometers from the International Border and 13 miles away from Pakistan's Siakot. The battalion was nominated as the left forward battalion in Phase - 1 of the Brigade attack with 9 KUMAON and 4 MADRAS as the other two battalions attacking in the second Phase. The Thagdas relentlessly maintained the momentum of assault with exemplary courage and captured the Maharajke defences by 0130 hrs on Sept 8,

1965. A counter attack of the enemy with tanks was successfully repulsed. Subsequently, till 24 Sep 1965, Battalion captured many other enemy localities.

During the war, the Thagdas accounted for 10 Mujahids as Prisoners of War, captured 16 Rifles, 04 Small Machine Guns and a huge cache of ammunition and vehicles. In the entire operation, seven Thagdas including one officer, Maj Piyush Chowdhury, made the supreme sacrifice and 38 were wounded. For these gallant actions, the Battalion was conferred with THEATRE HONOUR 'PUNJAB'.

A War Memorial stands tall at Samba, a proud reminder of the sacrifices made by our soldiers in 1965 Indo Pak War. To express gratitude to soldiers for their selfless services, a Cycle expedition is being undertaken by citizens of Jammu and personnel of the unit, with the support of Samba Army Garrison.

The event is being planned by 3 MADRAS Regiment, NCCHWO and Jammu Hills Sports Club. The saga of valour and sacrifices will be recited to inspire the youth.



DC Budgam inaugurating telecom towers of Jio at Doodhpathri.

Doodhpathri gets telecom network

Excelsior Correspondent
BUDGAM, Sept 7: In a major development, the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today inaugurated the first-ever cellular network connectivity at famous Tourist destination, Doodhpathri. The telecom towers have been installed by Jio at Doodhpathri.

SSP Budgam, A1- Tahir Gillani; Director NIFT, Javed Ahmad; Jio company UT Head, Shehzan Hamid; ADDC, Dr Akramullah Tak; CEO DDA, Nargis Fatima Tak; SDM, Khanshab Tariq Ahmad were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the cellular connectivity which was a long pending demand at such a beautiful tourist destination is indeed a much required achievement for the district administration and all other stakeholders.

The DC said that the network facility will not only help in promoting this destination as one of the best tourist spots in J&K but will also enhance the livelihood opportunity for the locals at this destination.

Expressing his happiness over this development, the DC expressed his gratitude to Jio company, Tourism Department, Forest Department and all other stakeholders for their support in ensuring installation of the twin towers at Doodhpathri in

shortest possible time.

He said that the LG Administration is committed to develop Doodhpathri and other tourist spots including Youstnarg and Tosamaidaan in Budgam as Tourism hubs not only in Kashmir but all across the country and all efforts are afoot to develop tourist related facilities.

The DC said that the network facility will prove as a major development in changing the overall tourism scenario of this tourist spot.

He further said that the District Administration Budgam has also invited NIFT Srinagar to provide designing support for development of Tourist shelters, selfie points, beautification of traditional Doks at the spot. Efforts are on to ensure development of Additional toilet blocks, cafeteria and parking facility at Doodhpathri.

He said that as many as 8 lac tourist visited Doodhpathri during last season, however, this year, the number of tourist footfall has been recorded as 14 lac so far.

SSP Budgam, A1- Tahir Gillani who also spoke on the occasion, said that the destination sans network facility was a cause of concern for all, however, the issue stands addressed now and will prove a game changer for its tourism potential.



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP vice-president interacting with people during public grievance camp at Jammu.

BJP committed to address day-to-day problems of common masses: Sethi

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Government at the Centre headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the mission of Antyodaya and every BJP activist is working tirelessly to ensure that every needy person is able to get off the beneficial schemes launched by the PM Modi led Government.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP vice-president while interacting with people during the public grievance camp held at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kachi Chawni Jammu. Praveen Kerni, Mandal President Jammu East and Raman Sharma, Mandal President Amphalla were also present during the grievance redressal camp.

Sethi said BJP has taken every possible step to ensure development of every community and every region for unprece-

dent development with the target of "Antyodaya". He added that such a clear vision for development in every sector and development in every section has attracted every single individual to support BJP.

He said that it is a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people and ensure that genuine issues of people are redressed in an efficacious way. Earlier in the camp, people from different parts of Jammu visited the party office in the form of deputations to represent the issues such as non-availability of Government ration, verification of land titles, transformer issues, electric poles, street lights, repair of lanes, roads, job and pension issues etc. While giving patient hearing to the deputations, Yudhvir resolved most of the issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on phone.



Apni Party leaders during public rally at Verinag in South Kashmir.

Defeat traditional parties to end decades-long exploitation: Bukhari

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Sept 7: Apni Party president, Altaf Bukhari accused Kashmir's political dynasties and the Congress party of deceiving the people of J&K for decades through their deceptive politics. He called on the people to reject the traditional politicians and their parties in the upcoming electoral processes to put an end to over seven decades of exploitation.

Bukhari was addressing the party's workers' convention at Verinag in South Kashmir, today. On this occasion, several political activists from the area joined Apni Party.

Taking a dig at the conventional political parties, Bukhari said that these parties have consistently deceived the people of Jammu and Kashmir through their political maneuvering and deceptive politics. "History bears witness to the fact that the Congress, which portrays itself as the well-wisher of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, has spared no effort to damage the interests of this region. It orchestrated the arrest of J&K's Prime Minister through a police sub-inspector in 1953 and subsequently reinstated the deposed Prime Minister as Chief Minister in 1975, a move that eroded the sanctity of the highest office and downgraded the region's constitutional status. Again, in 1983, the same Congress party removed the NC government. A few years later, in 1987, Congress joined hands with the same NC to rig the elections. This event eventually triggered a protracted phase of violence that led to the suffering of hundreds of thou-

sands of young people, who either ended up in graveyards or in jails." "However, Congress could only engage in such political maneuvering and tactics with the support of traditional political parties, especially the National Conference, and their leaders," he added.

He criticized the NC for its political deceptions and said, "NC has always befooled people with its deceptive political narratives in order to attain power and remain in power."

"NC has always misled the people with its deceitful narratives and emotionally charged slogans in its quest for power. Firstly, its leader acceded to the country and seized power. After his ouster, his party launched a so-called 'plebiscite movement' to exploit public emotions. However, after 22 years, when the same party was offered power again, it abandoned its movement, claiming that the so-called movement was nothing more than aimless wandering. Its political gimmickry did not stop there but continued with slogans of 'autonomy' and so on. The party even attempted to convince people that it was protecting Article 370. However, now that this article has been abrogated, the same party and its leaders are trying to deceive the public by claiming that they will undo this abrogation."

"Ironically, the NC is now joining hands with the Congress, whose leaders it had passed on derogatory remarks. This exemplifies how the party changes its stance in the quest for power," he added.

NDS releases Vikramjeet Singh's 'Golden Epoch-The Era of Knowledge'

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: "Golden Epoch-The Era of Knowledge", penned by Vikramjeet Singh- a young Police Officer, was released here today by Nami Dogri Sanstha.

This spiritual contented book comprises nineteen chapters depicting various dimensions of spiritualism. It is a complete book related with our lives and life

Brahmleen Dr Kewal Krishan ji Maharaj at very young age and under his patronage and guidance, he did many Abhiyasas and learned the fundamentals of spiritualism. He further said that through the medium of his book, he wants to spread the message of spiritualism and self realisation for a strong and vibrant society.

Padamshri Mohan Singh said that spiritual teachings are a con-



Vikramjeet Singh's book 'Golden Epoch-The Era of Knowledge' being released during a function at Jammu on Thursday.

tinuous process to keep on the path of righteousness. He cautioned to be alert from the so called spiritual saints who intend to collect money under the banner of divinity. He desired the translation of the book in Dogri language and Ashok Gupta former Chief Editor of Academy of Art, Culture and Languages volunteered to take up the task of Dogri translation assisted by the author.

Shalinder Singh, in his address, carried out critical appreciation of the released book which he had read. He said spiritualism is not only path to attain God but it is important as way of life to strengthen the social fabric.

Dr Rakesh Kumar Kaul, Prof Savita Jamwal and Rishi Raj Sharma also spoke on the occasion. Shambu Ram Pyasa extended vote of thanks.

Theft case solved, stolen cattle feed bags recovered

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Miran Sahib Police today solved a theft case by arresting two thieves and recovering stolen cattle feed bags from their possession.

"Acting on information received at Police Station Miran Sahib regarding theft of around 20-25 cattle feed bags from the shop of Neeraj Sharma son of Barita Ram, resident of Maralian, a case FIR Number 137/2023 under Section 457/380 IPC was registered at Police Station Miran Sahib and investigation started," a police spokesman said.

He said during the process of investigation, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO Inspector Bopinder Singh rounded up two suspects with

the help of CCTV footages of the area and on their disclosure, 20 stolen bags of cattle feed were recovered from a Mahindra Bolero vehicle bearing engine number GHDIL69065 and chassis number ZN2GHKDIL86857.

"The accused identified as Mohd Sher Khan son of Mojd Hanief and Sher Ali son of Mohd Sadiq, both residents of Ganeshu Chak (Phallain Mandal, Satwari) were arrested and the vehicle used in their case was seized. It is pertinent to mention that the seized Bolero vehicle was stolen from Vijaypur and a case has been registered in this regard in Police Station Vijaypur," the spokesman said, adding, further investigation of the case was going on.

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya inks MoU with Airbus

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Indian Railways' Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara and Airbus today entered into collaboration to significantly strengthen the Indian aviation sector.

A MoU was signed at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi between Rémi Maillard (President and Managing Director, AIRBUS India and South Asia) and Prof

Airbus is a significant step in achieving this goal." Rémi Maillard, President and Managing Director, Airbus India and South Asia, said, "The partnership with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya will develop a strong pipeline of skilled workforce in the country that will be future ready to serve its fast-growing aerospace sector."

This industry-academic partnership will enable co-development and co-delivery of sector-



MoU being signed between Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya and Airbus.

Manoj Choudhary (Vice-Chancellor, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya).

The MoU was signed in the presence of Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and IT who is also the first Chancellor of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya. Jaya Varma Sinha, the Chairperson and CEO, Railway Board and senior officials of the Railway Board were present on the occasion.

Airbus and Tata had recently announced a partnership to design, innovate, make, manufacture and develop in India C295 aircraft facility at Vadodara (Gujarat). Airbus is the world's largest manufacturer of commercial aircraft and a leading producer of helicopters, defence and space equipment. The company has a long-standing relationship of symbiotic growth with India.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "GSV will focus on intense industry-academia partnerships. All its courses will be designed in collaboration with industry. The students who study at GSV will be industry ready. They will be highly sought after for employment in transportation and logistics sectors. Today's MoU with

relevant skilling courses and programs for regular students and working professionals, joint research and industry experiences for faculty, internships and placements for students and scholarship programs. It will create job opportunities for students as per the industry requirements. It is expected that 15000 students are likely to be placed in Airbus Indian operations.

Focusing exclusively on transport and logistics sectors, GSV is a "first of its kind" university aiming to fulfill the mandate of the National Developmental Plans (PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021 and National Logistics Policy 2022) across railways, shipping, ports, highways, roads, waterways, and aviation etc. Following a demand-driven curriculum and leveraging state of the art infrastructure of all the Centralized Training Institutes of Indian Railways, the GSV shall create a resource pool of professionals across technology, economics, management and policy comprising multidisciplinary teaching (bachelors/masters/doctoral), executive training and research. GSV shall also undertake trainings for Indian Railways probationers and serving officers.

Secy Pahari Advisory Board visits Anantnag, addresses residents' demands

Excelsior Correspondent
ANANTNAG, Sept 7: Secretary Pahari Advisory Board, Sapna Kotwal, and Social Welfare Officer of Anantnag, Muzafar Ahmad Malik, undertook a significant visit to the Pahari hostel in Anantnag and Hardukishroo Aishmuqam, aiming to address the pressing concerns of local residents.

Secretary Sapna Kotwal met with various delegations of Pahari people in the district, marking an

and nurturing atmosphere where residents can pursue their dreams and aspirations without hindrance.

The proposed relocation of the Pahari hostel is seen as a step towards achieving this vision. By moving to a new building, it is anticipated that residents will gain access to better facilities and improved amenities. The ultimate goal is to create an inclusive space where everyone, regardless of their background, feels valued and supported.

The visit of Secretary Sapna



Secretary Pahari Advisory Board being welcomed at Anantnag.

essential step towards understanding and addressing the needs of the community.

The primary demand was the relocation of the Pahari hostel from its current location in Anantnag to another building. This request was made with the intent of improving the living conditions and ensuring a safer, more comfortable environment for the hostel's residents.

Sapna Kotwal emphasized the importance of hostels as not just a place to stay but as a "home away from home" for many students and individuals. She stressed that these facilities should offer a safe

Kotwal and Social Welfare Officer Muzafar Ahmad Malik underscores the commitment of the Government to listen to the concerns of its citizens and take action to address them. Their efforts to engage with the Pahari community and work towards a positive change have been met with appreciation and support from the locals.

As discussions continue, the hopes of the residents are high for a favorable outcome that will not only address their immediate needs but also pave the way for a brighter future in Anantnag district.

Art work of Suman displayed at show in Delhi

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Sept 7: Art work of acclaimed artist, Suman Gupta, son of the soil, has been showcased in an ongoing show in Delhi.

A curated show titled 'Soliloquy' showcased the art that celebrates a generation of artists at the vanguard of contemporary painting is being organised by gallery NVYA at their newly opened space at GA Lounge, General

Aviation Terminal. Suman Gupta's latest works painted in mixed medium on canvas are being shown in this major show.

His paintings are inspired by nature in all its forms in conflict and compatibility with human elements for co-existing in their respected surroundings. But what distinguished this self-taught artist from the rest of his ilk is the apparent ethnic feel of his works.

