



India tells its diplomats not to send kids in Pak Schools

NL Correspondent New Delhi, July 25

Amidst growing strain in Indo-Pak ties, India on Monday advised its diplomats and officials posted in its High Commission in Islamabad to make arrangements for education of their wards outside Pakistan from this academic session, virtually downgrading it as a "non-school-going station".

The announcement came after a government's review of staffing and related policies for their diplomatic missions as also prevailing circumstances at the station. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Vikas Swarup said, "It is a normal practice for all countries to review staffing and related policies for their diplomatic missions, including in view of prevailing circumstances at those stations. With effect from this academic session, officials posted in the High Commission of India in Islamabad have been advised to make arrangements for education of their wards outside Pakistan, till further notice." According to officials, there are about 50 school-going

children of Indian officials, who are currently posted in Indian mission in Islamabad. This development amounts to "downgrade" of Pakistan as a "non-school-going station", an official said. India and Pakistan are witnessing growing bitterness after Pakistan and its Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif made provocative statements on the Kashmir situation in the wake of killing of militant commander on July 8. Not only did Sharif praise the Militant but he also remarked that "Kashmir will

one day become Pakistan", a comment which evoked a sharp reaction from External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, who said his dream of the state becoming a part of his country "will not be realised even at the end of eternity". Last week, India had asked Pakistan to ensure full safety and security of Indian officials and their families there in view of the threats of marches and protests at the High Commission after the observance of 'Kashmir's Accession to Pakistan Day' and 'Black Day' last week. PTI

Mobile internet restored in Jammu

Jammu, July 25

Mobile internet services were restored in Jammu on Monday evening after remaining suspended for 17 days following violent protests and widespread unrest in the Valley in the aftermath of the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen militant. The state government had suspended the mobile internet services across Jammu and Kashmir on July 9 to check spreading of rumours by anti-social elements. There were apprehensions that anti-social elements could flare up unrest in the state by circulating controversial messages and videos through social networking sites.

Bid foiled for Anantnag march

NL Correspondent Srinagar, July 25

Even as curfew and restrictions continued to remain in force for 17th day across the Valley, the authorities have detained separatist leaders Syed Ali Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Mohammad Yasin Malik foiling their march to Anantnag in Kashmir valley on Monday. There were reports of protests from a few localities in downtown Srinagar in the afternoon. The police also prevented march to Anantnag from different other areas. The downtown areas of Srinagar



and major towns of Anantnag, Pulwama and Awantipora in Kashmir continued to reel under strict curfew restrictions. Restrictions under Section 144 are in force across the Valley. These restrictions have been in force

following protests and clashes since July 8. At least 45 people have been killed while several others have been injured in these clashes. Meanwhile, the state Congress, after staying away from meeting Rajnath Singh, has

CAPD fails to monitor quality of ration

Mudassar Ahmad Srinagar, July 25

Amid implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) in the state, the consumer affairs and public distribution department has failed to monitor the quality of the food grains, thus raising serious doubts that sub-standard ration being provided to the people. According to an official report, which says that there was no testing laboratory or trained manpower available with the department for conducting quality inspection of food grains thus raising serious doubts that poor quality ration was being provided to the people. As per the PDS (Control) order 2001, the representative of the department and the FCI

should conduct joint inspection of stocks to ensure that quality of food grains conformed to the prescribed quality specifications. As per the manual of the procedures, the department is also to conduct physical verification of all the stocks of central godowns, various sale and storage centres at the close of every financial year. However, the report said that despite CAPD department having stated that regular annual physical verification of the stocks, the shortages/deterioration in stocks of sugar and rice remained un-noticed indicating that the physical verification had not been done properly over the years and the mechanism adopted in conducting

physical verification of stocks in respect of these stores were faulty. Crime Branch in J&K is also probing it and had conducted raids on FCI godowns in the Valley and has sent samples of food grains to laboratories to check whether sub-standard ration was being provided to the people. Minister for CAPD department Chowdhary Zulfikar Ali had also admitted that government was not able to monitor the quality of the rice due to lack of such laboratories in the state. "We only conduct the visual test of the ration by which we are not able to monitor the quality of the rice properly. I have raised this issue with the Chief Minister that there should

be a scientific laboratory in the state which will check the quality of the rice being procured from the FCI," Zulfikar had said. "Once the laboratory is established in the state, there will be a proper monitoring to check the quality of the ration." Further the report said that CAPD department had not maintained proper records at directorate level in Srinagar and Jammu. "Internal departmental reconciliation of dispatches made to each district was also not done. Non-existence of internal control to record transactions related to lifting, dispatches and distribution of food grains is fraught with the risk of misappropriation and frauds remaining undetected," the report states.

Rajnath rules out talks with Pakistan

NL Correspondent Jammu Tawi, July 25

The Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh, has been seemingly compelled to spurn suggestions on reopening of channels of dialogue with Pakistan. Both National Conference leadership and the PDP leader and Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti, have been in favour of reopening the doors of dialogue with Pakistan so that the valley witnessed peace and normalcy. Inside reports said that recent statements from Pakistan including those from Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, have miffed

Rajnath Singh because Sharif and others have openly announced that Pakistan will continue its support to Kashmiris and one day Kashmir will get incorporated with Pakistan. In addition to this continued Pak Army's assistance to militants in sneaking into Kashmir for raising the level of violence too has forced New Delhi to shut the doors for dialogue. During his visit to Kashmir Rajnath Singh was expected to announce reopening of channels of dialogue with Pakistan in order to promote peace but he has found that Pakistan has been

NGOs have to disclose assets and liabilities

NL Correspondent New Delhi, July 25

Delhi: In a measure which could have far-reaching consequences, the Union Home Ministry has decided that all non-profit organisations that receive more than Rs one crore as government funds and over 10 lakhs as donations from abroad, will have to declare their assets. NDTV quoted sources as saying that the NGOs will now be considered public servants. Thus, under the provisions of the Lokpal Act, they are supposed to disclose assets and liabilities every year. At the same time, they have to put out the information in

public domain. As of now, the government tracks only foreign funds and expenditure of NGOs, but henceforth the assets of the non-profits will be looked into as well. The report further quoted sources as saying that this was yet another way for the government to keep an eye on NGOs that are allegedly engaged in anti-development activities. In April last year, the NDA government had cancelled licences of nearly 9,000 NGOs for violation of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). In an order, the Home Ministry had said that notices were issued to 10,343 NGOs

'Violence in J&K, North East affecting 'local' tourism'

New Delhi, July 25

With a series of terrorist activities being reported in Jammu and Kashmir and the North East region, the Centre today said such acts have affected tourism "locally" but ruled out its impact on the overall industry in the country. In a written reply to Lok Sabha, Tourism Minister Mahesh Sharma said, "Though terrorist activities have to some extent affected tourism locally,

SCs, STs, OBCs with 50 pc marks in Master's eligible for NET

New Delhi, July 25

The HRD ministry today said that the candidates belonging to the SC, ST and OBC categories who have secured at least 50 per cent marks in Master's degree from recognised institutions are eligible for appearing in the National Eligibility Test (NET). This information was shared by Minister of State in the HRD Mahendra Nath Pandey in a written reply in Lok Sabha. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that

Cong wants PM's response to Hafiz's war rants, Chinese interference

New Delhi, July 25

A Congress member today raised in Lok Sabha the issue of reported "war" rants by Pakistan-based Jamaat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed and "interference" by China in the Kashmir affairs and demanded a response from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Hum Parliament mei bathe hue hain, aur (Jud chief) Hafiz bhai aur (Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz) Sharif bhai, bhai-bhai ban kar jung karne ki dhanki de rehe hai, aur Narendra bhai chuppi

Chinese media warns India of repercussions

NL Correspondent Beijing, July 25

Taking umbrage at India's refusal to extend visas of three Chinese journalists, a state-run daily on Monday warned of "serious consequences" if the matter was a fallout of Beijing's refusal to back New Delhi's NSG membership bid. "...speculation is swirling that India is taking revenge against China for the latter's opposition to India joining the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)...If New Delhi is really taking revenge due to the NSG membership issue, there will be serious consequences," the editorial in the Global Times said. Three Chinese journalists based in India representing the state-run Xinhua news agency were denied permission for extended stay in the country.

The visas of the three journalists, Delhi-based Bureau Chief Wu Qiang and two reporters in Mumbai—Tang Lu and Ma Qiang, are expiring at the end of this month. All three had sought extension of their stay by a few months till their successors arrive. India's act was described as an "expulsion" by some foreign media, the editorial said. "No official reason was given for the rejection of the visa renewals. Some Indian media claimed that the three journalists are suspected of impersonating other people to access several restricted departments in Delhi and Mumbai with fake names. There were also reports attributing it to the journalists' meeting with exiled Tibetan activists," it said. Quoting its former India correspondent, Lu Pengfei, Global Times said

there is "absolutely no need" for Chinese journalists in India to conduct interviews under fake names and it is completely normal for reporters to request interviews with the Dalai Lama group. "The act has sent negative messages and media communications between China and India will inevitably be negatively impacted," India's editorial titled, 'India's expulsion of reporters is a petty act', said. It claimed that by opposing India's NSG membership, China was not being disrespectful because it was obeying the rule that all NSG members are required to be signatories to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). "India has a suspicious mind. No matter whether Chinese reporters apply for a long-term or a temporary journalist visa, they will

JK BJP endorses Rajnath on 'No talks with separatists'

NL Correspondent Jammu Tawi, July 25

BJP State Spokesperson, Prof. Virender Gupta, welcomed the statement of Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh that "we do not just want need based ties, but to build an emotional relationship with Kashmir." He also hailed Rajnath's statement that "talks will be held with whosoever the Centre can after the restoration of peace with anyone while taking Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir into confidence". However, Prof. Virender Gupta said that no talks should be held with the separatist leaders like Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Yasin Malik, who are not only responsible for the present situation of

Kashmir valley but acting as Pakistan stooges to keep Kashmir boiling for the benefit of Pakistan and working against the interests and integrity of the country. He said that there are number of cases of committing murder of army/security personnel and pro-India elements and instrumental in migration of Kashmiri Pandits and other minority communities, against them. He added that these leaders have waged a war against the India at the behest of Pakistan and favour Kashmir becoming the part of Pakistan. He further added that there is need to pursue vigorously the pending cases against them and action be taken as per the law of the land. He said that this is essential to restore normalcy and peace

in the valley. Prof. Virender further said that the stake holders to whom the talks can be held for resolving the Kashmir/J&K issue are people of Jammu region, Kashmir valley, Ladakh region and Kashmiri Pandits, PoJK displaced persons, people of various religious and ethnic groups. He said that people of Jammu and Ladakh regions who have suffered discrimination and political neglect since J&K acceded to India and PoJK displaced persons need more attention in any negotiation to be held. He said that granting of greater autonomy would harm the national interests and the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Ladakh regions as it shall further

Bio-medical waste disposal: NGT directs Jammu Kashmir to file report

NL Correspondent New Delhi, July 25

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed Jammu and Kashmir Government and state pollution control board to file a comprehensive report before it about the hospitals which were not complying with bio-medical waste rules and the action proposed to be taken against them. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter

Kumar said that report filed by the state pollution control board in relation to the collection, transportation and disposal of the bio-medical waste by different hospitals was not in accordance with law and its affidavit was inadequate. "Normally, we would have directed coercive steps against the erring authorities," the bench said and granted a final opportunity to the government and Jammu and Kashmir

pollution control board to comply with the directions without any delay. "A complete and comprehensive report shall be filed, stating the actions taken against the hospitals in the entire state which are operating without obtaining consent of the board. It should also be stated as to how many hospitals including the big hospitals catering to large number of patients of Jammu and Kashmir are not

complying with the bio-medical waste rules and what action is taken or proposed to be taken against them," the tribunal said. The report shall also deal with the status of bio-medical waste dumping sites and whether they are adequately prepared for the dumping of the bio-medical waste," it said. The tribunal observed that the authorities have not "acted properly" in dealing with the issue of waste to energy plant.

"Srinagar alone generates 400 metric tonnes of waste every day indicating as to what facilities are required before the entire city is converted into a dumping ground," it said. The counsel appearing for the state told the tribunal that even after extending the time for submission of tender, they have not received any tender for waste to energy plant. During the hearing, the state pollution control board filed its affidavit in which it stated

that a joint inspection team comprising of officials and a representative of Central Pollution Control Board had inspected different sites. The bench has posted the matter for hearing on August 11. The tribunal had earlier directed concerned authorities to conduct a joint inspection regarding hospitals and disposal of bio-medical waste in the entire city of Srinagar and Jammu.

Govt sets up help-lines for Kashmiris

Srinagar, July 25

The residents of Jammu and Kashmir working outside the state and the students hailing from the state, studying in various parts of the country, have been asked to contact the Deputy Commissioners of their native districts in case they need of any help or assistance. Such persons can contact Mr Farooq Ahmad Lone, DC Srinagar on phone number: 0194-2452182/2472580 and cell no: 9419008004, Mr Altaf

Ahmad, DC Budgam on phone no: 01951-255203/255205/255204 and cell no: 9419042651, Syed Abid Rashid, DC Anantnag on phone no: 01932-222337/223164 and cell no: 9419000909/9469000090, Mr Muneer-ul-Islam, DC Pulwama on Phone No. 01933-241243/241306 and Cell No. 9419002903, Dr. Nasir Naqash, DC Baramulla on Phone No. 01952-234210/234405 and Cell No. 9419013122, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, DC Kupwara on phone no: 01955-252130/253335

and Cell No. 9419080222, Mr. Sajad Hussain Ganai, DC Bandipora on Phone No. 01957-226085/226084/226051 and Cell No. 9419040369, Mr Tariq Hussain Ganai, DC Ganderbal on Phone No. 0194-2416142/2416433/2416141 and Cell No. 9469562000, Mr. Showkat Aijaz Bhat, DC Kulgam on Phone No. 01931-260500/260499 and Cell No. 9419453888 and Gulam Mohammad Dar, DC Shopian on Phone No. 01933-260987/261910 and Cell No. 9419150994.

GoI has always been reactionary than responsive to unrests here: Karra

'Home Minister's Kashmir visit was exercise in futility'

Srinagar, July 25 (KNS)

Senior PDP leader and Member Parliament Tariq Hameed Karra said that the two-days visit of Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh in the backdrop of the ongoing unrest could be termed as "exercise in futility" as no concrete steps on ground were taken to normalise the situation. Karra expressed his dismay on Home Minister's announcement about constituting a committee to look for an alternative to lethal pellet guns.

"Does that mean that till the committee is constituted and later on it submits its report after two months, the use of such lethal pellet guns would be continued and given the number of people injured and permanently disabled in just 15 days, the number of injured may rise further?"

In an interview to KNS, the senior PDP leader said that it would have been prudent on the part of Home Minister if he would have banned the use of pellet guns. "I am sure the Home Minister must have gauged the public mood in the shape of boycott by all trade bodies including their apex body Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry."

The former finance minister said that it is unfortunate that Government of India has always been reactionary to the unrest in Jammu and Kashmir rather than responsive. "If we look at rest of the country, the Indian State has continuously been confronted with different political and administrative challenges. May it be north-east, casteist aspirations, pro-reservation, anti reservation, excesses on Dalits, Patel reservation, Jatt reservation or even agitation on distribution of natural resources, never ever would you find Gol ruthless or

reactionary." "Everywhere and in every situation, Gol has tried to be responsive and reconciliatory, thereby demonstrating an enthusiastic faith in the masses in Indian democratic system. But whenever the time comes to demonstrate the same high democratic traditions in J&K, the standards are different, which is one of the reasons for mass scale alienation of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

He added that hawkish elements in the country try to portray Kashmir issue as if it is an issue of real estate and not a political issue. "Unfortunately they are totally unaware of the genesis of this particular issue. As if the damage caused by these hawkish elements was not sufficient, the self proclaimed hyper nationalist and hate mongering media also affects the psyche of Kashmiris in a great respect," he said.

He said that they would be rendered speechless if anybody asks them that why out of 30 Indian States, the people of Jammu and Kashmir hold two nationalities. "Why Jammu and Kashmir is the only State which has its own constitution. Why Jammu and Kashmir is the only State which has its own flag and they would not believe that State of Jammu and Kashmir is the only State in country which has a term of six years. Do they have any answer to it?"

He said that administratively the establishment of the country has always tried to project that a contentious and a sensitive issue like ours can be dealt by oppressive and suppressive measures rather than engagement with oppressed and suppressed. "They have always misconstrued that they can resolve this unrest and

alienation just by fragmentation and on the barrel of the gun. They don't understand that transitory stints of calm is not permanent peace and tranquility, but a deceptive calm which piles up over a period of time and just waits for a trigger. That's exactly what happened after the killing of Burhan Wani."

Karra said if the Gol has failed politically here even the State Government cannot be absolved of having failed administratively. "In the present situation the State Government has been chasing the events rather than anticipating them. It saps a one time permanent contingency plan for dealing such situations. On top of it tools of implementing such contingency plans have become a loose fabric having no co-ordination, understanding and surprising without any accountability, our own State Police force being one of them. Unfortunately some top brass Police Officers are more into politicking for earning top slots and plum postings rather than actual policing. Apart from this I find a least mantra of good governance which is, that the State establishment should have followed the Political Executive. Today it is being observed and reflected on ground that it is the Political Executives who follow the State establishment," he said.

He said that due to different pellet guns used to quell the protests this time the critically injured people are on higher scale than the agitation in 2010 when the pellet guns were used at then too. "It was not the same pellet gun which was used in 2010 agitation. Those guns have been replaced by a different type of pellet gun which shoots, firstly, more number of pellets and, secondly, pellets of higher caliber. That means this time

it is a bigger and more lethal pellet than used earlier," he said. "Moreover, I am surprised in 2010 agitation when PDP objected to firing live bullets on the agitators and demanded using rubber bullets which were used later on for some time. Why the same non-lethal rubber bullets were not used this time? In other insensitive approach, the whole situation is demonstrated by not constituting a single commission of enquiry at one given place, even not a single meeting of unified command was convened since the unrest started in July."

On media gag, the PDP leader said, "What is expected of a government where the contentious and sensitive decisions are driven by immature and insensitive political toddlers?" "I have been cautioning both, late Mufi Sabab and Mehbooba ji about the dangerous consequences of the alliance of PDP with BJP," he said, referring to the high anger among people in the ongoing agitation.

He said his stand that the Muslim majority areas of Jammu and Kashmir did not accept it as a holy alliance is vindicated. He said that the hatred against BJP and RSS is not just for the heck of it, it is in a historical perspective which is rooted in 1952 when Shama Prasad Mukherjee came to Jammu and gave the slogan of Ek Nishan-Ek Pradhan aur Ek Nishan to the right winged political parties. He said that the beginning of radicalization and later on polarization of Indian polity was started from the State of Jammu and Kashmir and the Muslims of Jammu and Kashmir cannot forget it. "There was lot of anger piled up among people over a period of time. All the contentious issues like beef

ban, attacks on article 370 and 35-A, separate colonies for Pundits, Saikun Colonies and a failure to provide proper governance was brewing up from quite some time. The sense of cultural, administrative and religious invasion and insecurity thereof pushed the people of Jammu and Kashmir to wall."

He said that it is only in the hands of politicians and establishment at the helm of affairs in Delhi who have to change their negative perception about Jammu and Kashmir and come out of the denial mode. "They don't have to revolve their policies only around land of Jammu and Kashmir. They shall have to think and talk also about and with people of Jammu & Kashmir. They shall have to accept, and sooner the better, that Jammu and Kashmir is not a real-estate issue, it is a political issue. They shall have to come out with the policy of handholding rather than hand twisting. They shall have to come with the policy of winning hearts and minds of people of Jammu and Kashmir by reaching out all shades of the society rather than trampling their just aspirations by using disproportionate force. And they shall have to look for out-of-the-box solution to tackle menace of unemployment confronted by the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. They shall have to repeal oppressive and repressive laws. They shall have to return the unjustified benefits reaped on the natural resources of Jammu and Kashmir and most importantly State's power projects and I am sure that it is only after that the people of Jammu and Kashmir would definitely respond positively to a politically motivated and developmentally oriented initiative for taking out the people out of the state of contentious issues like beef

Officials booked for misappropriation of public money

NL Correspondent Srinagar, July 25

A case was today registered against three Government officials by State Vigilance Organisation (SVO) for alleged misappropriation of public money to the tune of over Rs 12 lakh. The case was registered following investigation into allegations that former Executive Engineer Roads and Buildings (R-B) division Bandipora, drew

funds from Government treasury for purchase of furnishing items for Mini-Secretariat/Guest House at Bandipora and other work by misusing his position, an official of the SVO. Rajinder Kumar Bhatt, former Executive Engineer, Manzoor Ahmad Malla, former Assistant Accounts Officer and Nazir-ud-din Baba, Senior Assistant (former Store Keeper of R-B Division Bandipora) abused their

official position and hatched a conspiracy with a supplier Rakesh Bhat, proprietor of M/s Shalimar Flooring Bari-Brahmana Jammu, he said. He said the omissions and commissions on the part of these public servants constitute offences punishable under various sections of anti-corruption act as well as Ranbir Penal Code. A case has been registered and further investigation taken up, the official added.

Karvan-e-Aman service resumes, 74 to cross over to POK

SRINAGAR: The weekly Karvan-e-Aman cross Line of Control (LOC) bus service, operating between Srinagar and Muzafarabad, capital of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK), resumed this morning after remaining suspended for three weeks. Three buses, carrying 63 returnees and ten Kashmiri residents, have reached Salamabad, Uri at 0700 hrs from Srinagar, official sources said. They said the bus service was suspended on July 4 in view of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

However, due to unrest after the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) commander Burhan Wani and two other militants in an encounter with security forces in south Kashmir on July 8, the bus service could not operate on July 11 and July 18. Today three buses carrying 63 POK and ten Kashmiri residents left State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC) yard Bemina at 0430 hrs. All the buses reached Trade Facilitation Centre (TFC), Salamabad,

Uri at 0700 hrs safely, they said adding they will be taken to Kaman post later. Sources said 63 POK residents who had arrived in previous buses before Eid-ul-Fitr, could not return to their homes because of suspension of the bus service. They included 24 women and 16 children. Ten Kashmiris, including five women and a child, are travelling to POK to meet their relatives, separated due to partition in 1947.

witnessed fresh trouble in the past two weeks. In a memorandum to the Home Minister, the Opposition National Conference asked the Centre to initiate a sustained dialogue with Pakistan as well as separatist groups to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution to the problem. While reaching out to the Kashmiris, Rajnath ruled out third party mediation. "We don't want just need-based ties, but wish to build an emotional relationship with Kashmir. Disputes, if any, can be sorted out through dialogue. There is no other alternative," he said. Reiterating that terrorism would not be tolerated, he blamed Pakistan for fomenting trouble in the Valley. He asked the neighbouring country to change its approach towards Kashmir. Rajnath appealed to the people not to indulge in stone-pelting. He said the security forces had been told not to use pellet guns, unless absolutely necessary. Expressing sympathies with those with pellet injuries, he said an expert committee had been constituted to suggest an alternative to pellet guns. The committee was expected to submit its report within two weeks.

Chinese media warns India of repercussions

come across many troubles. Complaints about difficulties of acquiring an Indian visa have also been heard from other Chinese who deal with India. In contrast, it's much easier for Indians to get a Chinese visa," it said. "On the visa issue this time, we should take action to display our reaction. We at least should make a few Indians feel Chinese visas are also not easy to get," it added. However, the editorial also pitched for maintaining friendly Sino-Indian ties. "The China-India bilateral relationship now is on a sound track, with a by-and-large tranquil border and steadily booming trade. The two in general are able to maintain neutrality with regard to international affairs that are related to the other side. "China should stick to a friendly strategy towards India, as we believe bilateral friendship is in the interests of India as well," it said. Separately, a report in the same daily on the visa issue quoted "experts" as saying that the move shows a lack of trust in the Chinese government and reflects poorly on Sino-Indian relations. Referring to Indian media reports that claimed the three journalists had recently travelled to Bengaluru and met exiled Tibetan

activists, which became an issue with the government, the report quoted Lu, also a former People's Daily reporter in India, as saying that he had visited Dharamsala with two of his colleagues in 2014 using their true identities. "Besides, Bengaluru is not a restricted area." People's Daily is the official newspaper of the ruling Communist Party of China. "I have frequently met exiled Tibetan activists through intermediaries, and even spoke to the Dalai Lama. I should have been expelled several times if that was the reason the Indian government gave. It was very likely an act of revenge against China for denying India membership in the NSG," Lu said. "China has always supported a full discussion within the NSG on the membership issue and a decision based on the consensus of all sides through consultation," the report said referring to previous comments to the media made by Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei. "The incident could indicate an increasing mistrust between the two countries. India thinks China does not pay it enough respect as a regional or global power," Zhang Jiadong, a professor with the Centre for American Studies at Fudan University, told the Global Times. "However, we should have faith as the two sides possess the possibility of more cooperation and common interests," Zhang added. PTI

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empower the valley elite and subject the people of these regions to further neglect. Prof. Virender said Kashmir is not Jammu and Kashmir, it merely constitutes 15 percent area of J&K that at present is under Indian jurisdiction with a population about 45 percent of state and added that there is more than about 60 percent silent majority in the valley which has nothing to do with present turmoil and wants to remain the part of Indian democracy.

'Violence in J&K, North East affecting 'local' tourism'

they have not had an impact on overall tourism in the country." He was responding to queries whether the "growing"

incidents of terrorist activities in the North East states and Jammu and Kashmir were causing "enormous" loss to tourism. In Jammu and Kashmir, Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) fell about 3 per cent to 91.45 lakh last year from 94.38 lakh in 2014, while Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) decreased by about 32 per cent to 58,568 in 2015 from 86,477 in 2014, Sharma said. (AGENCIES)

Cong wants PM's response to Hafiz's war rants, Chinese interference

sadhe hua hai (We are sitting in Parliament, and Hafiz and Sharif are displaying brotherhood and threatening a war and Narendra Modi is silent)," Chowdhury said. He said China has also started interfering in Kashmir matter and is adopting a rude attitude. "Chin bhi humare khilaf rukhe tewar apna raha hai aur dakhil de raha hai," he said. Chowdhury said after Parliament held a debate on unrest in Kashmir, Home Minister Rajnath Singh visited the valley but no one knows what he got from there. "Prime Minister should give a reply. Why does he not speak again with China? He should make his government's stand clear on the issue in Parliament," he added.

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candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) categories, who have secured at least 50 per cent marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree or equivalent examination from universities or institutions, recognised by UGC, are eligible for appearing in NET, he said. The UGC (Minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in universities and colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education) (4 th Amendment), Regulations, 2016 prescribe 5 per cent relaxation in minimum eligibility marks of 55 per cent marks for candidates belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories for direct recruitment to teaching positions, he said.

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said the BJP's attitude towards the trouble-torn J&K has not changed. A party spokesman said after debating the Kashmir situation in Parliament recently it was expected that an all-party delegation would be sent to the state for an assessment of the situation, "but the BJP's attitude has neither changed nor will it ever".

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for not filing annual returns for the year 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. The notices were served on October 16, 2014 saying that the NGOs should file their annual returns within a month specifying amount of foreign funds received, sources of such funds, for which purpose it was received and in manner in which such foreign contribution was utilised, according to a Home Ministry notification. Out of the 10,344 NGOs, only 229 had replied.

There was no reply from the remaining NGOs leading to cancellation of their registration issued under FCRA. (With Agency inputs)

Rajnath rules out talks with Pakistan

behind the incidents of violence and hence there was no purpose for holding talks with Islamabad. Expressing grief over the killing of civilians, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has appealed to all sections to work towards restoring peace in the Valley through "constructive suggestions". He was addressing a press conference at the end of his two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir during which he met more than 30 delegations. He also met Governor NN Vohra and Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti and visited Anantnag, which has

Waste Composting Unit inaugurated at JU

NL Correspondent
Jammu Tawi, Jul 25

Prof. R.D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, today inaugurated "Organic Waste Composting Unit" at Swami Vivekananda Boys Hostel, University of Jammu. The unit has been installed by M/s Siddhi Industrial Co., Ahmadabad through State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), Jammu in Boys Hostel initially for a period of one month and based on its success shall be extended to other parts of the University later on task of Department of

Malove Shah, Nilesh Doshi from M/S. Siddhi Industrial Co., Ahmadabad and Nishank Shah, Duro Green (Towards Zero waste) Ahmadabad, demonstrated the working of the composting Unit and apprised the authorities that the process of waste management shall be completely odour free, cost effective and requires no additional man power. The initiative of making "Zero Waste Campus" has been taken by Green Campus extended to other parts of the University later on task of Department of

Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences; Prof. NSS unit; Officers and University of Jammu. Vasu Yadav, Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, J&K applauded the initiative of GCTF-JU in particular and University in general to make University "Waste free Campus" and appealed that other educational institutions of the State should also take such initiatives to make Jammu a waste free city. Among the other present during the occasion were Prof. K. K. Sharma, Dean

of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Teaching Association - Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) has expressed disappointment over Government's decision to defer the implementation of 7th Pay Commission recommendations for another two years in the State. The issue came up for discussion in the meeting of the association held here today under the chairmanship of SKUAST-TAJ President Dr. Vikas Sharma. Questioning Government Dr. Vikas said that late implementation of 6th pay commission by three years has already created a mess in different State



Shun excuses, implement 7th PC: SKUAST-TAJ

NL Correspondent
Jammu Tawi, Jul 25

Varsities and Departments as the pay anomalies of 6th CPC are not yet removed leading to financial liability in Educational Institutions of State and this time Government is again committing same mistake. He also demanded grant of HRA at equal rates / at par with Jammu city for scientists who are working in Research Stations and KVKs in far flung areas for the betterment of farming community as per



7th PC. While speaking on the occasion, SKUAST-TAJ President said that the attitude of Govt. shows double standards as on one side, salaries of legislators were doubled in a single stroke and now in case of employees the Govt. is giving excuses of financial crunch. Dr. Vikas M. Arya, General Secretary of TAJ said that implementation of 7th Pay Commission by the Central Government is a laudable

step. State Govt. while taking a cue from this decision needs to implement 7th PC report in letter and spirit and its benefit be extended to the Employees since 2016, as early as possible. He further hoped that the benefits of 7th PC this time will be available without much struggle as has been the norm with previous Governments. 'TAJ pins high hope on young CM Mehbooba Mufti to vigorously take up the issue

of funding with Centre by arranging provision of proper budget and other financial grants so that the J&K becomes the first State in the country to provide benefits of revised salary," added Dr. Vivek. Dr. P.K. Raj Joint Secretary stressed that the Govt. should rethink on the issue of implementation of 7th Pay Commission in the State as employees cannot afford to wait for long in these hard times. The meeting was attended by Dr. Rajeev Bharar, Dr. Devinder Sharma, Dr. Anil Bhatt, Dr. Poonam Parihar, Dr. Amlesh Sharma, Dr. Jai Kapoor, Dr. Vinod Gupta, Dr. Punnet Choudhary, Dr. Vijay Bahadur Singh and other executive members of TAJ.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE BANHAL

Subject: Selection List of candidates for admission in Diploma/Certificate/PhD programme for the session 2016-17. The following candidates have been selected for admission in different grades as per their academic merit in the qualifying examination. These candidates are directed to come for personal along with the following original documents within 15 days from the date of publication of this selection list for the purpose of verification of their educational documents.

S.No.	Name of candidates	Parentage	Residence	Max. Marks	Marks Obt.	Grade	Category
1	Tareef Abbas Malik	Ali Dr. Nadeem	Shilgaon	500	303	60.6	General
2	Gulshan Nadeem	Gulshan Nadeem	222 Noida Road	500	287	57.4	General
3	Rishi J. Manzoor	Gulshan Nadeem	Shilgaon	500	287	57.4	General
4	Sidd Ahmed Dar	Gulshan Nadeem	Srinagar	500	286	57.2	General
5	Mridul Arora	Gulshan Nadeem	Shilgaon	500	284	56.8	General
6	Muzaffar Ahmed	Gulshan Nadeem	Haridwar	500	284	56.8	General
7	Mridul Arora	Gulshan Nadeem	Shilgaon	500	284	56.8	General
8	Ajeet Singh	Ullah Singh	Chankaria	500	284	56.8	General
9	Jyoti Rastogi	Abdul Rasool Wani	Kaputra	500	237	47.4	General
10	Tareef Abbas Malik	Ali Dr. Nadeem	Shilgaon	500	237	47.4	General
11	Sajid Hossain Lone	Abdul Ghafoor Dauder	Chankaria	500	230	46	ST
12	Jaffer Lalit Tarney	Abdul Rasool Wani	Dalgam	500	222	44.4	General
13	Sadom Hossain	Abdul Rasool Wani	Dalgam	500	221	44.2	General
14	Mridul Arora	Gulshan Nadeem	Shilgaon	500	219	43.8	General
15	Muzaffar Ahmed	Gulshan Nadeem	Haridwar	500	219	43.8	General
16	Muzaffar Ahmed	Gulshan Nadeem	Haridwar	500	219	43.8	General
17	Muzaffar Ahmed	Gulshan Nadeem	Haridwar	500	219	43.8	General
18	Muzaffar Ahmed	Gulshan Nadeem	Haridwar	500	219	43.8	General
19	Muzaffar Ahmed	Gulshan Nadeem	Haridwar	500	219	43.8	General
20	Muzaffar Ahmed	Gulshan Nadeem	Haridwar	500	219	43.8	General

NPC conducts awareness program on LMCS

NL Correspondent
Jammu Tawi, Jul 25

Operating Procedures (SOPs), Just in Time (JIT), KANBAN System, Cellular Layout, Value Stream Mapping, Poka Yoke or Mistake Proofing, Single Minute Exchange of Dies or Quick Changeover was conducted at BBIA (SMD), TPM (Total Productive Maintenance), Kaizen Blitz or Rapid Improvement Process Mr. Development Institute & Bari Brahmana Industries objectives of Lean Association. S.P. Singh, Manufacturing Scheme to enhance the manufacturing competitiveness of MSMEs through the application of various Lean Manufacturing (LM) techniques such as 5S System, Reducing waste, Increasing productivity and thereby



profitability. Introducing innovative practices for improving overall competitiveness, inculcating good management systems & imbuing a culture of continuous improvement. Mr. Lalit Mahajan, President BBIA in his presidential remarks appreciated the steps taken National Productivity Council, Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India by organising first such type of event for the Industrial Fraternity of Jammu & also conveyed his thanks S.P. Singh, Sr. Virinder Sharma, Director, MSME, Jammu & team of National Productivity Council for highlighting the various schemes for the member units which will help them to avail the benefits. The Program was attended by Mr. Varun Singla Vice President, Sh. Ajay Langer, General Secretary, Sh. Viraj Malhotra Secretary/Treasurer BBIA & other prominent Industrialist.

Congress hails return of Panchayat Raj Bill

NL Correspondent
Jammu Tawi, Jul 25

J&K Pradesh Congress Committee has welcomed the decision of the Governor to return the controversial Panchayat Raj Amendment Bill 2016 to a statement senior leaders of JKPC have hailed the decision of the Governor to return the controversial Bill withholding his assent on the controversial bill which was opposed by Congress and other opposition parties being anti-democratic and which would weaken the Panchayat Raj in the State. The Congress party vehemently opposed the bill inside and outside the House and held protest demonstration and submitted memorandum, urging the Governor to withhold his assent, as it would weaken the authority of basic principle of democracy and basic spirit of 73 amendment of Constitution which was incorporated in State Panchayat Raj Act on 14th March 2014. The party has also sought constitution of independent Election Commission as per the provision of State Panchayat Raj Act based on the pattern of 73 amendment, as stands incorporated. Welcoming the action of Governor PCC leaders hoped that Govt. would realize its duty to push through the controversial bill against the pulse of people and the basic spirit of democracy and would not further initiate any move to weaken the Panchayat Raj system in the State. The signatories to the statement included President JKPC Shri G.A. Mir, Senior Vice-President Sh. Sham Lal Sharma, Vice-Presidents Mulla Ram, Raman Bhatia, G.M. Sanooji, G.N. Monga, Haji Rashid, Kanta Bhan, Ravinder Sharma (Chief Spokesperson), Rajnish Sharma (Co-T), Balwan Singh, Vikram Mahotra, Manmohan Singh, Manjit Singh, Faiz Naq, Ch. Shah Mohd., Namrata Sharma, General secretaries.

Notice

I, N. 2707331H GDR Jadhav Pandik Gandaghar S/o Gangadhar Santu Jadhav R/o: Nanchanath Tehsil Akole Dist: A Nagar unit 24 GDR do hereby solemnly affirm that the correct name of deponent's wife is Jadhav Rutuja Pandik as per documents but deponent's wife has been wrongly entered in service documents Part II order in the Army record as Rutuja Bharat Sabale instead Jadhav Rutuja Pandik. Now I am applying for the correction of my wife's name Jadhav Rutuja Pandik instead of Rutuja Bharat Sabale. Objection if any convey to concern authority within 7 days after publication of this notice.

CBDT issues draft norms for taxing buy back of unlisted shares

NL Correspondent
Jammu Tawi, Jul 25

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) today came out with draft rules for determining the quantum of distributed income arising out of buy back of shares of unlisted companies for levy of tax. The distributed income was defined as the consideration paid by the company on buy back of shares as reduced by the amount which was received by the company for issue of such shares, the draft said. "The Finance Act, 2016 amended the definition of distributed income, with effect from June 1 to mean the consideration paid by the company on buy back of shares as reduced by the amount, which was received by the company for issue of such shares, determined in the manner as may be prescribed," it said. The present amendment that will take effect from June 1, seeks to remove the limitations created by the restrictive meaning of buy back under the existing provisions. The amendment also provides the much needed clarity in the manner of determination of the consideration received by the company by

promising to frame rules in such determination, experts said. This amendment to the meaning of buy back as well as computation of distributed income would lead to avoidable disputes, they said. According to experts, the draft rules once enforced will help in checking tax avoidance by unlisted domestic companies who resort to buy back of shares instead of payment of dividend. The tax authorities have invited comments and suggestion on the draft rules by July 31, it said. The draft rule defines that "where the share has been issued by a company on its subscription by any person, the paid up amount actually received by the company in respect of such shares including any amount actually received by way of premium shall be the amount share, determined in the manner as may be prescribed," it said. Besides, where the company had at any time, prior to the buy-back of the share, returned any sum out of the amount received in respect of such share the amount as reduced by the sum so returned would be the amount received by the company for issue of the share, it said. (AGENCIES)

MLA flags off Doda-Kalgugaser bus service Doda-Kulhand road a nightmare for travellers

MOHD MAJID MALIK DODA, JUL 25

Bringing relief to the residents of Gundoh and Kalgugaser areas of Bhaderwah constituency, the SRTC has launched a service on Monday. The bus will ply on the Doda, Thatri, Khara and Gundoh route every day. Starting at 7 am, the bus will operate 2 trips a day till 4pm. This is the first SRTC service on this route. We decided to start the service following the complaints of the locals that the private buses were not plying on route time," said Daleep Singh Parihar. MLA Bhaderwah after flagging off the service at Gundoh. During the peak hours in the morning and evening, passengers had to wait for long. The new SRTC service will hopefully reduce their woes," he said. Parihar



also said that with start of the bus service, a long pending demand of the trading community and general commuters including local employees has been fulfilled. He said the bus service is aimed at improving intra-district connectivity by making available affordable transport facilities to the people of far flung area of Kalgugaser and said soon SRTC service will be started from Bhaderwah to Chamba and Srinagar. After flagging off the service, the MLA travelled on the bus in its first trip

NL Correspondent Doda, Jul 25

Worried about the bad road condition between Doda to village Kulhand here in the district Doda, the villagers have appealed the concerned authorities to maintain the road to avoid agitation.

People of village Kulhand of Doda District situated merely 15 Kilometers away district headquarter rues the poor condition of the road. Kulhand is the village where 20 Hindus were massacred by heavily armed militants ten years back, since then several ministers and leaders had visited the area and assured proper road connectivity but despite promises nothing has been done on ground. "We observe 1 May as martyr's day in the village Kulhand from past ten years and every year one or the other leaders came with the same promises of roads, school and hospital, but not



forced to track miles to reach their destinations," villagers added. The road which is being started under Prime Minister's Gramen Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) years back has not been completed after first cutting. The road is completely a mud road and it is impossible to drive or travel by foot during monsoons. "We want government should look into the plight of people facing here from years and provide us proper road connectivity, we also have no medical facilities in the village," Rohit a villager said.

Tributes paid to G.M Jan on death anniversary Arrangements for Budha Amarnath yatra reviewed

NL Corresp on dent Poonch, Jul 25

Rich tributes were paid to former MLA and a senior National Conference leader, Ghulam Mohammed Jan on his ninth death anniversary, with leaders cutting across party-lines recalling his contribution towards upliftment of weaker sections and people living along-side borders. Describing late Mr G M Jan as a secular, progressive and dedicated political leader, Chairman Legislative Council, Jehangir Hussain Mir said that he worked tirelessly in strengthening

unity between various segments of society besides highlighting the cause of poor and down trodden. Paying his homage to the late leader, former ML C and Vice Chairman Gujjar Development Board Ch Bashir Ahmed Naz said that Mr Jan worked for steering the Poonch area to faster development and progress. The office bearers of the local unit of National Conference also paid rich tributes to Mr G M Jan and recalled his contribution in the development of the area. Dwelling upon various facets of Late Mr Jan's life, Provincial Youth National

Conference President, Ajaz Jan said that his father strived for the overall development of his constituency and paid special attention towards promotion of literacy. "He believed education as the medium for emancipation and empowerment of the people, and took personal pains in getting educating to the doorsteps in every nook and corner of Poonch", he said, adding that as an MLA Mr Jan maintained close rapport with different segments of society. This, he said, helped in forging strong bonding between the

NL Correspondent Poonch, Jul 25

Deputy Chairman Legislative Council, Jehangir Hussain Mir has called an urgent meeting with the heads of essential services and all security agencies to discuss about the arrangements of Budha Amarnath Yatra and present scenario of the state. He added that the motto of today's meeting is to convey the administration and security agencies about the ground situation of present environment of the state as it is the prime job of a public representative. He urged upon the district administration to make elaborate arrangements for the coming yatra season in Poonch and let the message of composite culture and mutual brotherhood of Poonch be spread to the other parts



of the country through Yatris thereof. He said that border district Poonch has a unique composite culture and it should go out of its boundaries as a symbol of real democracy. He said that media situation in the valley due to large civilian killings is not so good, but even after that the public of Kashmiris too as they said that

Bijehara has played a positive role in saving many pilgrims of Amarnath Yatra whose bus met with an accident. The said public took Yatris to hospitals and also donated the blood for them. He said that media should highlight such types of humanity and hospitality of Kashmiris too as they said that

Yatris are our honourable guests. He asserted upon the administration that even during such tough situations public issues may be solved on priority and well in time as the same could create obstacles in maintaining peace and harmony. He said that sometimes the youth under chaos, confusion and frustration does some unfair practices which may sometime looks bad and un tolerable, but as administration should deeply look into the issues and address them properly. He appreciated the role of DDC and SSP Poonch for maintaining law and order in the district during this turmoil situation of the state. He asked the administration to address the problems of younger generation in such a way that they may not go astray and be proving nation's strength in future.

2 bootleggers held with illicit liquor pouches

Katra, Jul 25

Acting on a specific information, a police team of P/S Katra under the supervision of Inspector Arvind Sambhal, SHO P/S Katra, Dr Ashok Sharma, SDPO Katra, Sumir Kotwal, Addl.SP Katra and overall supervision of SSP Reasi, Sujit Kumar apprehended two persons and during checking, the Police team succeeded in recovery of 15 Poly Pouches measuring 250/250 ml each of J&K Excise Liquor from the possession of Sanjeev Kumar S/o Madan Lal R/o Chandani Akhnoor and 12 Poly Pouches measuring 250/250 ml each of J&K Excise Liquor from the possession of Deepu Verma S/o Sardari Lal R/o Raja Bazar Akhnoor District Jammu (Total 27 Poly pouches) at Katra town near Durga Bhawan. Both the accused persons have been arrested and recovered liquor has been seized. In this connection case FIR No. 139/2016 U/S 48-A, Excise Act, 188/PC has been registered at P/S Katra and investigation of the case is in progress.

Attention PMSSS aspirants of Kmr Div

NL Correspondent Srinagar, Jul 25

According to Divisional Commissioner Kashmir all provisional eligible candidates/ students who have submitted online applications for PMSSS for the academic session 2016-17 and whose name appears in the final merit list available at AICTE web portal <http://www.aicte-india.org/downloads/ink> and who are participating in counselling for Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) Session 2016-17 scheduled from 26-07-2016 to 03-08-2016 at Amar Singh College, Gogji bagh, Srinagar are informed that they shall approach the concerned Deputy Commissioners for any kind of assistance on telephone numbers as indicated against

- each. Srinagar (9419009488, 9419055573, 0194-2452182/2472580), Ganderbal (9419035716, 0194-2416141/ 2416142), Baramulla (9419068392, 01952-234210), Budgam (9419053617, 01951-255203), Anantnag (9419029635, 01932-222337), Pulwama (9419137940, 01933-241243), Bandipora (9419015811, 01957-226085), Shopian (9419030228, 01933-260987), Kulgam (9419342881 01, 931-260500), Kupwara (9419247798, 01955-253355), Kargil(9419176177, 01985-232216) and Leh (9419178322, 01982-252010). The counselling will start from 9.00 A.M and candidates / students are requested to report to the venue one hour before start of counseling.

4 PCPG meetings held

NL Corresp on dent Reasi, Jul 25

To strengthen the Police Public relations and to bring people nearer to the Police for better output in prevention, detection of crime and solve the problems of general public, the below mentioned four PCPG meetings on the directions of SSP Reasi, Sujit Kumar. First meeting was held at Village Sujanpur/Karang Tehsil Pooni by Si Jasvinder Choudhary, SHO P/S Ransoo under the supervision of Majeed-Ur-Rehman, Dy.SP Hqrs. Reasi and Sanjay Singh Rana, Addl.SP Reasi whereas second meeting was held at Village Bakhleer Shajroo of Tehsil Mahore by I/C PP Shajroo under the supervision of Mohd Aslam, SDPO Mahore and Sanjay Singh Rana, Addl. SP Reasi and third meeting was held at village Panassa Tehsil Arnas by Incharge P/S Arnas

under the supervision of Zaffar Iqbal Nawaz, SDPO Arnas and Sanjay Singh Rana, Addl.SP Reasi and fourth meeting at village Kheral Tehsil Reasi held by Si Vinod Kumar, I/C PP Talwara. The above mentioned meetings were attended by large number of prominent persons from these areas. At the outset of the meeting, the participants were welcomed by the chairing Police officers and they appreciated the participants for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting and requested them to put forth their genuine problems. Various public issues and problems raised by the participants were discussed in the meeting pertaining to different departments. The grievances of all the participants were heard patiently and they were assured that their genuine demands will be communicated to the concerned senior officers for redressal.

Vaccination schedule for Hajj pilgrims

NL Correspondent Ramban, Jul 25

The vaccination of Hajj pilgrims of district Ramban shall be conducted on 26 July, 2016. As per notification of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, the selected Hajj pilgrims belonging to Tehsil Ramban and Batote shall be vaccinated on July 26, 2016 at District Hospital Ramban while as Hajj pilgrims of Tehsil Banihal shall be vaccinated on July 26, 2016 at Emergency Hospital Banihal.

Dy CM expresses grief over Pinthar accident

SRINA GAR, JUL 25

The Deputy Chief Minister Dr Nirmal Singh has expressed grief over Pinthar road accident in Billawar area in which two people lost their lives and scores got injured. The Deputy Chief Minister while directing the Principal Medical College, Jammu said that necessary Medical facilities should be given to the injured at an earliest.

Army conducts afforestation drive

Jammu, Jul 25

Army organised a tree plantation drive at Village Dalogra in Rajouri district, today. 200 Saplings have been planted at the High School, Pir Baba and surrounding areas. A large number of villagers took active part in the tree plantation drive. The event was organised as part of environment protection initiative taken by the Army. School children from various schools of Dalogra planted saplings alongwith villagers and soldiers. Children also gave a talk insisting on the need to avoid polythene bags and new methods of garbage disposal. Army is also encouraging farmers to follow organic farming to increase agricultural production.

Progress of developmental works reviewed

NL Correspondent Kishwar, Jul 25

To review the physical and financial progress of various departments, Minister of State for Transport, Revenue and Public works (R&B), Mr Sunil Sharma convened a meeting of district and sectoral officers here today. DDC Kishwar Mr G N Balwan, SSP Kishwar Mr Sandeep Wazir, ADC Kishwar Mr Kishorin Lal, ACR Kishwar Mr Khalid, ACD Kishwar Mr Garbi Rashied Dar, CPO Kishwar Mr Yasir Balwan, Xen PHW, PDD, R&B besides other district and sectoral heads of various departments attended the meeting. During the meeting the Minister took a comprehensive review of the physical status of ongoing works. He directed the Rural Development Department to submit their convergence plan to DDC Kishwar by August 2nd for



its approval. ACD briefed the chair about the physical progress registered under MNREGA and said that the position of works is better than the last fiscal. The minister directed the ACD to formulate a project under IAY in consultation with all the BDO's and sent the proposal seeking additional funds under the project. He further exhorted upon the ACD to organise awareness camps at different places and inspect the blocks under his jurisdiction regularly for monitoring quality of work.

Laying stress upon the construction of Airstrip in Kishwar, the Minister said that it can be a lifeline for Kishwar and will bring a change in the district. XEN R&B informed the chair that DPR has been submitted and the tendering process has also been initiated. Regarding blacktopping of the roads in the city, concerned officer informed the chair that out of 12km target, 3 km have already been finished while the work on remaining stretch is expected to be completed by

August 10. Mr Sharma asked the CEO to designate land in consultation with the XEN R&B for the construction of schools as the compensation amount has already been released by the government. Expressing satisfaction over the pace of works the Minister stressed on maintaining the same tempo to ensure tangible results are achieved in a time bound manner. He asked the officers to work with sincerity and dedication to come upto the

expectations of the people and said that all departments should ensure efficiency and promptness in public service delivery. He maintained that no laxity in this regard will be tolerated and the concerned officers shall have to perform with utmost honesty and accountability to achieve the set targets. The Minister asked the officers to work with dedication and adopt a proactive approach to redress the grievances of the people and ensure overall development of the area.

In the court of Ld District Judge, Samba

Present:- M.L. Manhas

- 1. Mst. Raj Kumari W/o Late Sh. Parkash Chand
- 2. Mst. Mamta Sharma w/o Sham Lal
- 3. Mst. Rikha Sharma minor Do Late Sham Lal Through her mother petitioner No.2 being natural guardian all R/o Vill. Rampur Tehsil Ramgarh Distt. Samba (Petitioner)

Versus Ram Lal S/o Parkash Chand R/o Vill. Vill. Rampur Tehsil Ramgarh Distt. Samba (Respondent/s)

PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC.

Whereas, petitioner has filed the above petition on 25-07-2016 under Succession Act, 1977, (0/20 AD) for grant of succession certificate with respect to the debts and securities left behind by deceased Late Sham Lal S/o Parkash Chand R/o Vill. Rampur Tehsil Ramgarh Distt. Samba, who died on 20-06-2016 amounting to Rs. 306574.19 pusa lying J&K Bank branch Vijay-pur vide saving account No. 0032040100031670 along with interest.

Whereas, the next date fixed in the petition is 10-08-2016. Through this notice, public at large is informed that anyone having any objection to the claim put forth by the petitioners for issuance of Succession Certificate in their favour aforesaid, shall appear before this court either personally or through Advocate/pleader or any recognized agent and file objections and contest the claim, if any on or before the next date fixed in the petition, failing which an appropriate order shall be passed in accordance with law.

Issued today the 25th day July 2016 under my seal and signature.

Pe. District Judge, Samba

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Subject- Provisional Selection List of Candidates of Govt. Industrial Training Institute Gool. Session 2016-2017-2018.

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In the court of Addl. Mobile Magistrate (JMJC), Samba Present: Smt. Swati Gupta

Suram Chand S/o Parkash Ram R/O Ward No.12, Vijaypur, Tehsil Vijaypur Dist. Samba V/S S.H.O. Police Station, Ramgarh Application U/S 13 (3) of Registration of Birth/Deaths Act, seeking directions to S.H.O. Police Station, Ramgarh to enter the birth particulars of applicant's niece...

In the court of Sub Judge Special Mobile Magistrate, Kathua Present: Smt. Swati Gupta

Suram Chand S/o Parkash Ram R/O Ward No.12, Vijaypur, Tehsil Vijaypur Dist. Samba V/S S.H.O. Police Station, Ramgarh Application U/S 13(3) of Registration of Birth/Death Act, seeking direction to Chief Medical Officer, Kathua to enter the Birth particulars of petitioner's niece...

In the court of Ld. Special Mobile Magistrate, Kathua Present: Naushad A.Khan

Pankaj Kumar S/o Sh.Sohan Lal & Smt.Banso Devi R/O Vill.Palli,Tehsil & Dist.Kathua. V/S Chief Medical Officer, Kathua An application U/S 13 (3) of Registration of birth/death Act, Seeking direction to C.M.O Kathua to enter the Birth particulars of the petitioner namely Pankaj Kumar Whose D.O.B is 20-03-1993 born at home Vill.Palli,Tehsil & Dist.Kathua.

In the court of Addl. Mobile Magistrate (JMJC), Samba Present: Smt. Swati Gupta

Rajinder Singh S/O Late Raghubir SinghR/o. W.No.5, Kotti Mandi, Samba, Tehsil & District Samba. V/S E.O. Municipal Committee, Samba An application U/S 13 (3) of Registration of birth/death Act, seeking directions to E.O. Municipal Committee, Samba to enter the birth particulars of applicant's Maternal Aunt (Mass).

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Trail of terror attacks

The unending trail of terror attacks across the world particularly in Europe and West and South Asian countries including the Indian sub-continent is a dreadful bane of contemporary civilized society. The terrorists have been on killing spree enacting horrible terror attacks on the peaceful citizens without much exception and the current scenario is the biggest challenge for the entire humanity.

While India is the worst victim of terrorism sponsored by the her neighbor Pakistan, developing world has now faces the heat of such terrorism for which India has been warning for this monster for decades but the world leaders neglected now paying huge price. There is no mistaking the fact that Europe, which was considered one of the most tranquil destinations for tourists, is now in the grip of violence and terror and is fast ceasing to be a tourist heaven. Every now and then innocent bystanders, shoppers and sightseers are targeted in some country or another raising a fear psychosis in the entire region. The latest incident, a shooting spree at a Munich shopping centre in Germany on Friday in which at least 10 people were killed, including one terrorist, was attributed to three armed suspects one of whom fell victim to the terror attack.

The rampage comes a month after a teenage asylum seeker went on a stabbing spree on a regional train, also in Germany. The suspicion was that these were the handiwork of the infamous IS (Islamic State) which has been fuelling terror across Europe and boasting gleefully that it is the one that is behind such incidents. While Europe, in general, has been on alert for terrorism in the face of a string of attacks, Germany had so far escaped the kind of large-scale jihadist terror seen in France. The train attacker was a 'lone wolf' evidently inspired by the Islamic State terror group but was not a member. On 14 July, at least 84 people died in the truck attack for which IS claimed responsibility.

Europeans in general are questioning the wisdom of allowing thousands of refugees from Syria and other Islamic destinations, to take refuge in their countries for humanitarian reasons. While many are genuinely oppressed people running away from the fire and fury of Islamic State, there are many others who in the garb of refugees are diabolic criminal minds who are taking advantage of the exodus into Europe to unleash a wave of crime and persecution on the locals. Many governments in Europe are in the line of fire of peace-loving citizens who blame their respective governments for laxity in preventing terror incidents and failure to combat terror. The exit of United Kingdom from the European Union combined with fears of terror strikes have robbed Europe of the sheen that the region had in the minds of tourists. Some of our favourite tourist destinations like Italy, Switzerland, Sweden and Austria are still free of terror it would perhaps not be long before the ugly face of terror hits these countries too. All said and done, Europe faces stupendous challenges - economic as well as security threats.

Civil society in European countries is now awakening to the reality. Even in the US it is a sign of the times that more and more people are getting drawn towards a contender for the Presidency who is seeking to block the entry of an entire race - the Muslims - into the country. The world is indeed moving in a direction that appears to point to dangerous portents. But, arguably, it is also inevitable as the patience is losing with every passing day.

Allowing 24-week pregnant woman to undergo abortion is a milestone

It's time we caught up and put our right to body and sexual health first.

In what could be a landmark judgement leading to review of India's anti-abortion laws, the Supreme Court on Monday allowed a 24-week pregnant woman and a rape survivor to undergo abortion given the risk posed by the pregnancy to her health.

A bench headed by Justice JS Khehar said: "In view of the clear findings of the medical board whose examination showed that continued pregnancy could endanger the petitioner's life, we are satisfied that it may be permissible to terminate pregnancy." Given that the petitioner had developed severe foetal anomalies, as per a board of doctors based in Mumbai, the attorney general of India, Mukul Rohatgi, advised the court that under the exceptions granted under Section 5 of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, the woman must be allowed to undergo an abortion.

According to Indian law, a woman can choose to avail abortion services within 20 weeks of pregnancy. The petitioner, a 24-week pregnant woman and a rape victim, had said that the 20-week upper limit of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 was "outdated and arbitrary in view of technological advancements and cases of medical complications".

Seeking quashing of the provisions upholding the 20-week restriction, the petition held that a ceiling of 20 weeks was "arbitrary, harsh, discriminatory and violative" of Articles 14 (Right to Equality) and 21 (Right to Life) of the Constitution. The Supreme Court has taken due cognisance of the plea that said forcing a woman to go through an unwanted pregnancy is an unequivocal violation of her right to dignity and sexual and reproductive freedom as guaranteed under the Constitution.

Though far ahead of outdated reproductive laws prevalent in countries like Ireland, or even in certain American states, the 20-week restraint put a number of women in a spot in India, especially adolescents and poor rape victims who have very little access to health benefits and medical literature/amenities that the government is bound to provide. Now with Supreme Court making the provision, it's good news for Indian women.

Courtesy: DailyO

Nitin A Gokhale

The military leadership, soldiers and indeed all security forces continue to battle difficult circumstances in Kashmir. Let's not add to their woes by spreading half-baked stories, factually incorrect posts and inaccurate articles, says Nitin A Gokhale.

Last week, Captain Amarinder Singh, Maharaja of Patiala, soldier and now politician, wrote a heartfelt piece bating for the Indian soldier deployed in Kashmir and berated the political as well as military leadership. The burden of his lament was: "The Indian Army in Kashmir has been defanged and is fast becoming an 'army of girl guides'." The article immediately gained currency and wide circulation, especially among retired faujis, already angry with the government for various alleged sins of commission and omission on One Rank One Pension and the Seventh Pay Commission issues.

Captain Amarinder had some valid points in his piece, written more as a soldier than he was. However, the politician in him could not resist the temptation of taking pot shots at the current leadership. "The government of India must allow freedom of action to the army. The directive must be just one: 'Bring a situation in the state where the writ of India runs and not that of the Inter-Services Intelligence,'" he wrote, hinting that the current government at the Centre which has an alliance with the Peoples Democratic Party in Jammu and Kashmir was going soft on militancy in Kashmir. He was being economical with the truth.

But more of the status of counter-insurgency a little later. Coming back to Capt Amarinder's piece. As a political leader, he has the liberty and right to criticise opponents. The sad part is he has used the army and its so-called lapses to hit out at the political leadership. "For instance, in Budgam when a car broke through a military checkpoint in November 2014, the soldiers manning the post opened fire, as was their duty. One officer and eight jawans were court-martialed and imprisoned. Penalising soldiers for doing what was expected of them is unacceptable. It is for the chief and his northern army commander to stand by their men in the difficult duty they are performing and not succumb to political pressures," Capt Amarinder writes in support of his criticism.

However, as it turns out, no such court martial took place. The army's northern command, which has been at the forefront of the counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir came up with an official denial on its Twitter handle. It said: "No army soldier, officer court-martialed/imprisoned in the Budgam incident of November 2014,"



giving lie to the good Captain's assertion. However, the clarification notwithstanding, a large number of Whatsapp messages, Google groups and Twitter handles started taking the army to task for punishing the soldiers once again highlighting the dangers of depending on unverified posts/reports to express opinions that spread confusion among the serving ranks of the military and demoralising them.

Last month, at a seminar on 'Social Media and the Military at Chandigarh', I have had an occasion to point out to this pitfall. There I cited an example of how some months ago, a senior veteran criticised the ministry of defence for deciding to appoint 'outsiders' to sit on promotion boards of senior military commanders. Again, the article was written without bothering to cross-check facts. There was no such decision taken and yet, the article got widely circulated giving false impression and further adding to the already existing negative sentiments against the 'civilian' in military minds.

Other such examples of misleading, untrue posts doing the rounds abound but suffice it to say that veterans -- many of whom are active keyboard warriors now -- may need to pause a bit and rethink about the propensity of using the stratagem of 'forwarded as received.' It is easy to morph, amend, twist articles, photos and posts because of improved technology and faster communication, thanks to the 'mobile republic' that India has become. A civilian forwarding a post about the military will not be taken as seriously as a veteran's forward would be.

The veterans, I feel, have a great responsibility to support the organisation that they served with dedication and loyalty. Please level constructive criticism by all means. But please also have faith in the current leadership which may be faced with new challenges and circumstances, the old timers never had to face.

The military too needs to reach out to veterans and keep the community informed about various new initiatives and developments concerning the organisations. As I mentioned in Chandigarh last month, every Command and, of course, service HQs should think of a 'communication cell' where veterans active in the traditional media and on social media can post their queries and clarify doubts so that gaffes that keep occurring because of misinformation/dissinformation are kept to a minimum.

Coming back to the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir. The army has studiously kept itself away from the current law and order issue in Kashmir valley where protesters have been on a rampage in the wake of the killing of Burhan Wani, a self-proclaimed terrorist.

In one instance, the army patrol, when faced with a riot-like situation, followed the standard operating procedure of warning the crowd before firing at the crowd that tried to snatch weapons from the soldiers. Unlike the police and central armed police forces, the army has to shoot to kill which is exactly what the patrol did.

A closer look at figures pertaining to counter-insurgency operations this year is also revealing. According to official figures, since January to July 24, 2016 the security forces have eliminated 85 terrorists as compared to 43 for the corresponding period in 2015 while 17 have been caught as compared to just five last year. That Pakistan has once again opened the tap in pushing in terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir is evident from the fact that there have been over a dozen infiltration attempts from January to July.

Ten soldiers have already died defending the country this year so far and this is not counting police and Central Armed Police Forces personnel who laid down their lives during their duty in Jammu-Kashmir.

Clearly, there is no let up in Pakistan's attempt to stir trouble in J-K, especially in the Kashmir Valley. And of course, there is no policy to rein in the army and appease terrorists. The Indian Army has stood firm for over quarter of a century in thwarting this attempt. The military leadership, soldiers and indeed all security forces continue to battle difficult circumstances in Kashmir. Let's not add to their woes by spreading half-baked stories, factually incorrect posts and inaccurate articles.

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China's plans: Time for India to wake up!

Claude Arpi

Nearly two decades ago, then defence minister George Fernandes said: "China has built roads up to the border, while there has been negligence on India's part."

Since Fernandes uttered these brave words, what has been done on the Indian side?

The Modi Sarkar is apparently trying, but little has been achieved so far, says Claude Arpi.

One of the most important strategic developments in recent decades has been the arrival of the train on the Tibetan plateau in July 2006. Ten years later, the event has been largely ignored by the Indian media.

The train has not brought radical changes for the Tibetans alone, but for India's defence preparedness too. For Beijing, it has been a historic date.

An article on the China Tibet Online remarks: "Foreigners only know that the Great Wall is the seventh wonder of the world, actually, modern Chinese construction is even more amazing." For example, there are the 130,000 railroad workers working in the "forbidden zone of life" on the Qinghai-Tibet plateau, with no past references, they have solved many technical problems such as building a railway through frozen soil, and achieved a miracle in human railway construction, the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. The train is termed the 'pride of the Chinese people'.

Ten years ago, Beijing hoped to solve several issues with the train's arrival on the plateau. It partially succeeded.

The railway indeed triggered a frenzy of infrastructure development on the plateau; the instability of the restive region has apparently been contained, a mega economic boom has been brought by tourism and as importantly, the border with India mightily reinforced.

One could add that the exploitation of natural resources of the plateau (like water and minerals) has reached new heights.

The main pretext for rapidly developing infrastructure has been tourism.

According to the ministry of environmental protection, Lhasa is one of the cities with the best air quality in China. The ministry compiled air quality data from 74 major cities. Seven of them, including Lhasa, have met the national standards for best air quality for five main pollutants.

The China Daily recently advertised the Roof of the World thus: "Tibet with its mystery is the spiritual Garden of Eden and is longed for by travelers home and abroad. Only by stepping on the snowy plateau, one is baptised by its splendour, culture, folklore, life, snow mountains, saint mountains, sacred lakes, residences with local characteristics and charming landscape."

Further, tourism brings tremendous revenues to the regional government and helps in tackling the two other issues, the 'stability of the plateau and the defence of China's borders.' In 2015, the Tibet Autonomous Region broke all records; it welcomed more than 20 million tourists. The tourism industry in the TAR generated \$4.26 billion, nearly three times the figure of 2010.

Lhasa, Tibet's capital, alone saw its tourism revenue triple over the past five years to an estimated \$2.51 billion. The number of tourists visiting the capital rose to 11.79 million in 2015, a 23 percent increase compared to 2014. An article on China Tibet Online mentioned the train, 'Iron and steel road pierces into plateau tourism,' it says: 'These world class locations are like pearls embedded along the Qinghai-Tibet plateau, and now because of extensions of the Qinghai-Tibet railroad they are all linked up.'



Indeed, several extensions of the railway line are coming up.

In the wake of the 2008 unrest in Tibet, Beijing still seemed nervous. On September 7, 2015, soon after a grand parade on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Tibetan Autonomous Region, Yu Zhengsheng, a member of the Standing Committee of the Politburo, who was the chief guest, met a large number of representatives from the PLA and the People's Armed Police Force posted in Tibet.

Yu urged the army, the police and the judicial staff to 'crack down on separatist forces' and be ready to fight a protracted battle against the 14th Dalai clique. It is worth noting that according to the TAR's tourism bureau more than 100,000 Tibetans were engaged in tourist services in Tibet in 2015. By providing a decent income to local Tibetans, China believes it can keep the restive population relatively happy, thereby 'stabilising' the plateau.

For Beijing, the defence of the borders are often mentioned in the Chinese media. During the Tibet Work Forum, President Xi Jinping reiterated his theory about the 'border areas.' 'Governing the border areas,' Xi said, 'is the key for governing a country, and stabilising Tibet is a priority for governing border areas.'

This speaks for itself. Soon after the PLA entered Lhasa in September 1951, the Chinese started improving the infrastructure

between China and Tibet and building new strategic roads on a war footing.

Mao Zedong knew that the only way to consolidate and 'unify' China's new colonies (Tibet and Xinjiang) was to construct a large network of roads. Priority was given to motorable roads: The Sichuan-Tibet and the Qinghai-Tibet highways. Surveying for the Tibet-Xinjiang highway cutting across Western Tibet (and the Indian territory in Ladakh) started at the end of 1951; construction began in 1953/54.

On November 29, 1954, the Xinhua news agency reported: 'The two large armies of road builders from the eastern and western section of the Sichuan-Tibet highway joined hands on November 27.' A month later, the Qinghai-Tibet highway was completed.

The construction of one feeder road leading to Nathula, the border passes between Sikkim and Tibet had some strange consequences. India began feeding the Chinese road workers in Tibet, sending tons of rice through this route.

Both the road network and the airports were to play a crucial role not only in what China calls the 'Liberation of Tibet,' but also in the 1962 border conflict with India. Nearly two decades ago, then defence minister George Fernandes told a news agency: 'China has built roads up to the border while there has been negligence on India's part.'

China', Fernandes noted, 'has even built roads in such areas where not a single human

1. A new railway line Lhasa-Chengdu (in Sichuan); the western leg from Lhasa to Nyingchi to be completed by 2020 will reach the Indian border.

2. A railway line to Kyirong and Nepal, probably to be continued to Kathmandu and perhaps Lumbini.

3. A second international airport in Lhasa.

4. A new terminal for Nyingchi airport.

5. A new airport in Nagchu.

6. A 4-lane highway between Lhasa and Nyingchi.

7. Improvement of national highway 219 between Tibet and Xinjiang.

All these projects have serious strategic implications for India, as ALL infrastructure built on the plateau has a dual use: Civilian and military.

On April 25, 2016, Xinhua reported that the National People's Congress discussed a new law on national defence transport. The legislation will cover the use of infrastructure for defence as well as civilian purposes.

According to the Chinese news agency: 'The new law is expected to regulate the planning, construction, management and use of resources in transportation sectors such as railways, roads, waterways, aviation, pipelines and mail services. The idea is to integrate military and civilian resources and make sure that the national defence transport network is compatible with 'market and economic development.'

The time has come for India to wake up. An antiquated 'Inner Line Permit' dating from the Raj still prevails in many border areas. It was recently announced that this may change soon, but one has to see it to believe it.

In the meantime, China is going ahead at full steam. (Courtesy: Rediff.com)

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Bollywood actors vs MPs charity match: Baba Ramdev steals the show



New Delhi: Clad in saffron dhoti and matching footwear, yoga guru Baba Ramdev was the centre of attraction at a charity football match in Delhi's Jawaharal Nehru Stadium on Sunday night. The charity match was played between country's parliamentarians and Bollywood stars. Ramdev made a special appearance on the pitch and hit the football to raise awareness for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's projects the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' and the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign.

Abhishek Bachchan-led the All Stars Football Club that included Ranbir Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, and Dino Morea among others. Baba Ramdev shows his soccer skills. The MPs were led by Minister of State for Heavy Industries Babul Supriyo.

Chabahar port may become operational in 1.5-2 years: Govt

New Delhi: Commercial operations at the Chabahar port are expected to start in the 18-24 months, which will provide India increased connectivity to Russia and North Baltic countries, among others, Parliament was informed on Monday.

Iran to invest USD 500 million to develop the strategic Chabahar Port in Southern Iran, which will give India access to Afghanistan and Europe bypassing Pakistan. On access through Chabahar port, the minister said: "India will get access to Eastern Transit Corridor to eastern part of Iran, Afghanistan (landlocked), CIS countries like Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, etc and alternative to North-South Corridor (access to Russia and North Baltic countries)." The West Coast of India

with ports like Kandla (550 Nautical Miles) and Mumbai/NPT (786 Nautical Miles) will get the maximum benefit, he added. On funds that India will provide to Iran, Radhakrishnan said: "Making credit of USD 150 million available for development of phase 1 of the port, within 4 months of receiving their application through Central Bank of Iran. Equipping both terminals with equipment worth USD 85 million within 18 months above funding."

Congress member wants PM's response to Hafiz's war rants, chinese interference

New Delhi: A Congress member on Monday raised in Lok Sabha the issue of reported "war" rants by Pakistan-based Jamaat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed and "interference" by China in the Kashmir affairs and demanded a response from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Hum Parliament mei baithe hue hain, aur (Jud chief) Hafiz bhai aur (Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz) Sharif bhai, bhai-bhai ban kar jung karne ki dhanki de rehe hai, aur Narendra bhai chuppi sadhe hua hai (We are sitting in Parliament, and Hafiz and Sharif are displaying brotherhood and

threatening a war and Narendra Modi is silent)," Chowdhury said. He said China has also started interfering in Kashmir matter and is adopting a rude attitude. "Chin bh humare khilaf rukhe tewar apna raha hai aur dakhil de raha hai," he said. Chowdhury said after Parliament held a debate on unrest in Kashmir, Home Minister Rajnath Singh visited the valley but no one knows what he got from there. "Prime Minister should give a reply. Why does he not speak again in China? He should make his government's stand clear on the issue in Parliament," he added.

Missing AN-32: Thorough probe will be conducted: IAF chief

New Delhi: The Indian Air Force Chief Arup Raha, Monday, said that a thorough enquiry will be conducted into the missing AN-32 aircraft that has in all probability crashed into the Bay of Bengal. "It is a very difficult moment for all of us and we share the concerns of the distraught family members. IAF authorities are in constant touch with the family members of the missing personnel and they are being regularly updated about the efforts being made to trace the missing aircraft and personnel," said Raha. "Events like these are painful

reminders of the inherent risks which our brave personnel face in the execution of our daily missions. A thorough enquiry will be conducted to ascertain exactly what led to this unfortunate event," he added. Stressing on the airworthiness of the AN-32, Raha said, "AN-32 was inducted into the IAF between 1984-1991...because of its exceptional performance, AN-32 had been landing at Dault Beg Oldie, which is the highest landing ground in the world. Needless to say that capable aircrew are chosen to fly these aircraft."



Devotees offer prayer to God Shiva during the first Monday of the Hindu month of Shravan Lucknow.

Massive search continues for missing IAF plane on Day 4

13 Navy vessels, 2 ships deployed

New Delhi: Search for the missing IAF plane continued for the fourth day on Monday with 13 naval vessels and two coast guard ships pressed into service.

In addition, the IAF conducted some 12 air sorties on Monday to locate the missing plane, Inspector General of Indian Coast Guard Rajan Bargartha said.

He said 13 naval vessels and two coast guard ships were also deployed. The search area was expanded on Monday after the three days of search yielded no positive results. Bargartha said, "Aircraft were launched by respective services to carry out a linear search."

"We have not located any debris till now, search is continuing," he added. This is the fourth day of search operations conducted by the coast guard, IAF and the



Indian Navy. The Indian Air Force aircraft AN-32 had disappeared on Friday with 29 people on board. The government has launched "Operation Talash" to locate it.

I quit RS because he was told to stay away from Punjab : Sidhu

New Delhi: Cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu on Monday broke silence and revealed that he resigned from the Rajya Sabha as he was repeatedly being asked to stay away from his home state Punjab. Addressing a much-awaited press conference here, Sidhu said: "I resigned from Rajya Sabha because I was told to not turn towards Punjab and stay away from Punjab. Why should I stay away from Punjab and on whose wishes?"

"Rashtra dharma (duty towards the nation) is the most superior. How could I ignore my roots and betray my homeland? Should I stay away from Punjab just to cater to personal interests of some people," he added. The former Amritsar MP, however, stayed mum on whether he would join the Aam Aadmi Party. When asked about his future political plan, Sidhu said: "Wherever Punjab's interest is served, you will find me there."

Sidhu stunned everyone by relinquishing his Rajya Sabha membership on July 18, the opening day of the Monsoon Session. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had nominated Sidhu to the Rajya Sabha in April.

His decision ignited speculation that he was going to join the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as the party's face in the upcoming Assembly Elections in Punjab. He claimed he was offered a Lok Sabha seat by the BJP from Kurukshetra in Haryana and west Delhi but he refused to contest from outside Punjab. Sidhu told reporters that he had won four elections with huge margins and against all odds in the last 10 years and that he could not be placed by the Lok Sabha berth. "This was not the first time that I was being asked to stay away from Punjab... This is for the third or fourth time," Sidhu said.

The former India cricket opener cleared that no party

was "above or bigger than Punjab." "The people of Amritsar have given me so much affection and respect. I cannot betray their trust. I only want to serve Punjab and Amritsar," he said.

Sidhu, who was a BJP Lok



Sidhu MP from Amritsar from 2004 till 2014 was asked to step down and let party leader Arun Jaitley to contest from his seat during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, that he was ready to bear any gain or loss for Punjab. Notably, Jaitley had lost the elections to Congress' Captain Amrinder Singh.

This Islamic outfit is opposing installation of Dr Kalam's statue

Ramswaram: It may sound shocking and surprising but it's true! An Islamic outfit has opposed the installation of former president of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's statue at his burial site at Pei Karumbu near Ramswaram in Tamil Nadu. The Ramanathapuram District Jamaathul Ulama Council says that installation of statue is against the Muslim personal law (shariat), according to a report in The Hindu. "Islam is against 'idol'

worship and individual ecology," A Valiyulla Noori, president of the council, said. "The best way to honour Dr Kalam would be to follow his ideals and realise his vision for a stronger and developed India," he added.



Speaker asks Bhagwant Mann not to attend House

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan on Monday formed a nine-member committee to probe into live streaming of a video of Parliament House complex by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Bhagwant Mann on his Facebook page. Saying that Mann's videography of the Parliament House complex had put its security "in peril", Mahajan "advised" Punjab's Sangrur MP not to attend the House till a decision is taken on the matter. The panel, chaired by BJP member Kirit Somaiya, has been asked to submit its report by August 3, while Mann has been asked to appear before the panel by 10.30 am on July 26 (Tuesday) and make his

submission. The Aam Aadmi Party has slammed the Lok Sabha Speaker's decision, describing it as one-sided judgement. Describing Parliament as "sanctum sanctorum" of democracy, Mahajan recalled that on December 13, 2001, security personnel had sacrificed their lives protecting Parliament and after that entire security system was reviewed and overhauled. Therefore, "the act of the member" has put the security of Parliament in peril, she said. The member is "advised not to attend the sittings of the House" until a decision is taken in the matter, Mahajan said. Mann was not present in



the adjournment of Lok Sabha proceedings on July 22. Mahajan said she had consulted leaders of all political parties and everyone supported her actions on this issue.

Suicide bomber kills 12 at checkpoint north of Baghdad

Baquba: A suicide bomber detonated an explosives-rigged vehicle near a crowded checkpoint north of Baghdad on Monday, killing 12 people, security and medical officials said. The blast at the entrance to the town of K'hales also wounded 37, according to Diyala province police spokesman Colonel Ghalib al-Attayah and health department spokesman Faris al-Azzawi. Attayah said the checkpoint was crowded with cars, and that a number of them were burned in the blast. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but the Islamic State jihadist

group carries out frequent suicide bombings in Iraq. The blast came a day after a suicide bombing claimed by IS killed at least 15 people in Baghdad's Kadhimiyah neighbourhood. IS overran large areas north and west of Baghdad in 2014, but Iraqi forces have since regained significant ground and are conducting operations to set the stage for the battle to recapture Mosul, the last IS-held city in the country. The jihadists have responded to the battlefield setbacks by striking civilians, and experts have warned there may be more such attacks as the jihadists continue to lose ground.

Donald Trump leads Hillary Clinton in new national poll

Washington: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has taken a lead albeit a small one and

two other presidential candidates from minor parties, Trump is leading Clinton by five percentage

which keeps track of all major polls, in an average of recent major national polls, Clinton leads Trump



within margin of error over her Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in a new national poll, the first after last week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Trump (48 per cent) leads Clinton (45 per cent) by three per cent in a two-way match up, CNN/ORC said. In a four-way contest with

points. Post-conventions, presidential candidates do get a major jump in their popularity ratings. Democratic National Convention begins in Philadelphia tomorrow, which would formally nominate Clinton as a party's presidential nominee. In RealClearPolitics.Com,

by 1.9 per cent. Clinton's lead over Trump has been reducing every passing week. CNN/ORC said after the Cleveland Convention, Trump has received major jump in support from independents. Cleveland also helped Trump make strides in his personal image, the poll said.

Ties will be hit if cleric is not extradited, Turkey warns US

Ankara: The Turkish-US relations could be affected if Washington does not extradite cleric Fethullah Gulen whom Ankara accuses of being behind the July 15 coup attempt, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Monday. Turkey will accelerate efforts for the extradition of Gulen, Xinhua news agency quoted Cavusoglu as saying. "Gulen," Bozdag said. More than 44,000 employees of state institutions were suspended amid a nationwide probe into the self-imposed exile in the US for years, denied any involvement, calling the decision "insulting." "I am sure US with at least 290 people, including more than President [Barack] Obama, the US

intelligence and Secretary of State know this coup [attempt] was made by Gulen," Justice Minister Bekir Bozdag said. Bozdag also warned that the relations between the two countries will turn sour if Gulen maintains his life in the US after the attempt. "The US government does not have any justification in defending and keeping Gulen," Bozdag said. More than 44,000 employees of state institutions were suspended amid a nationwide probe into the self-imposed exile in the US for years, denied any involvement, calling the decision "insulting." "I am sure US with at least 290 people, including more than President [Barack] Obama, the US

Priest slept with more than 100 girls and mothers allowed it

Durban: In the east African nation of Malawi there is a unique tradition where the women forces their under-age daughters to sleep with a stranger whom they consider "holy" for their "sexual purification", a media report said. According to the report, this absurd tradition is practised in many parts of the country. In a recent interview to a television channel, one of the holy men claimed to have had sex with more than 100 girls and women. He revealed that by having sex he actually performs a "sexual cleansing" exercise on the young girls so that they can become

"purified". He said that he lives in a remote village and goes from village to village to perform the ritual. He also revealed that sometimes he had to force himself on some girls as they went to allow him to touch them. And he is also being paid to have sex. He said that people usually pay him about Rs 450 per person. Some of the girls are as young as 12 and 13 years old. He claimed to have sex even with widows, which is usually done before her husband's funeral as part of the "cleansing ritual".

A woman's vanity box is empty without a foundation which acts as a base for makeup. However, since there are many varieties of foundations which are available in the market, that come in different formulations - cream, mousse or dry ones - you need to know the one that matches your skin tone and suits your skin texture the best.

Understand your skin

Normal skin

Even complexion.

The surface of the skin is neither too oily nor too dry.

Lotion based foundations are best suited.

Oily skin

The face will have an overall shine.

Proned to purple and can easily develop pigmentation near the cheeks.

Water based foundations are advised for those who have oily skin. They last longer and do not make the face look greasy.

Dry skin

The face can feel dry and parched, at times.

My skin

Cream based liquid foundations are advisable.

Compact based foundations are a no no. Select one based on your skin tone

Dusky

A sheer foundation and a good concealer are musts for creating the illusion for a perfect skin.

While applying foundation, your aim should be for a lighter coverage.

Add a drop of water to the foundation to blend well.

Dab compact after the foundation is applied. This will give the skin sheen and will not make it look too heavy.

Avoid applying too much of compact powder. And dust off all the excess.

Liquid foundation is the best one for women with a dusky complexion. Also, it is very important to keep in mind that the shade of the foundation should be very close to that of the skin tone, to avoid looking pale white.

Wheatish

Choose a concealer and foundation which have yellow pigments.

Earthy shades go very well with those who have wheatish complexion.

Never use a foundation which has a pinkish tone, this will make your skin look grey.

Apply a compact after the foundation to lend a smooth surface to your skin.

Fair

Determine whether your fairness is rosy pink or yellowish.

Select warmer tones for an even complexion.

Here are more tips on how to choose the right foundation

Types of foundation

Cream foundation

Ideal for normal, combination and dry skin types. It is specially suited for women with uneven pigmentation, or those requiring a heavy coverage.

Lends medium or full coverage.

The best part about this foundation is that it lends a dewy finish.

Covers and conceals discolorations and imperfections on the skin and provides a flawless finish.

Liquid foundation

Is ideal for all skin types. It is well suited for dry or mature skin.

Lends slight to medium coverage.

Has a satin, matte or dewy finish depending on the formulation.

It soothes the skin and also lends an even coverage to your complexion.

Pressed powder foundation

Is ideal for those who have oily skin.

It lends a light to medium coverage.

Has a matte finish look.

Evens out the skin tone, hides the imperfections and absorbs the excess oil.

Should be applied with the help of a powder brush. The bristles should be dense.

Mineral foundation

Ideal for all skin types, except oily. It is specially suited for those with sensitive skin or Rosacea.

Lends a matte finish look.

Has a light to medium coverage.

Evens out the skin tone, moisturises, protects and absorbs the excess oil.

Use a brush to buff in.

Tinted moisturising foundation

Ideal for normal and dry skin.

It is well suited for those who need extra hydration and just a touch of colour to pull it off.

Lends a sheer to light coverage.

Lightly evens out the skin tone, giving a nude or a natural look.

What you must keep in mind

Minimal application of foundation is not only good for your skin but it also does not make you look cakey. However, while choosing a foundation, make sure that you sample it under natural light.

While trying out the foundation in a store, always apply it on your jawline and not on your wrists or hands to check for the seamless blend.

Give your musical instruments some TLC

Always return the instrument to its protective case when not being played.

Don't leave your musical instrument where it can be knocked or sat on by people or animals.

Are you using the right

Foundation for your skin?

Take care to store musical instruments in a place of even temperature.

Clean your musical instrument with in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Make sure your musical instrument has an annual check up with your retailer.

If a wind instrument is supposed to be assembled before its usage, then ensure that all joints are cleaned before they are assembled. Apply grease in very small proportions on oaks if required.

Have your instrument professionally valued at least once every three years. Then make sure you review your insurance policy to ensure your instrument is insured up to date.



Here are Office makeup looks for the season



Corporate

chunch

A hint of peachy blush will add freshness to a dull afternoon. Outline your lips with a lip pencil in a corresponding shade and fill it in with a creamy matte lipstick in the same shade. You can choose from colours like light pink, peach, nude or even a lighter shade of brown. Thinly outline the eyes. Don't go too high on your eye makeup.

Dinner party

An office party or post-work drinks allow one to bring a little drama to your look. Do a winged out-eye and keep the liner thick on the lower inner rim as well. Use a pink lip gloss to finish off.

Business presentation

Highlight one of your features, either the lips or eyes. For instance, your lips bright and let your eyes have the base

minimum of colour. If red is too bright for you, pick lip colours like plum or burgundy.

Do's and don'ts
- Stick to neutral colours for a corporate office environment
- Don't overdo the colours and



compact blushers in colours

like rose and apricot. For Indian women, indigo blue, browns and grey are great in eye shadows and liners.

- Don't wear yellow-tinted colours like coral and fuchsia, since they could make your teeth appear yellow.

- Keep the foundation to a minimum
- For an alert look, don't forget the mascara and curl your lashes with an eyelash curler before stepping out

- Air-conditioned environments are dehydrating on the skin. So, always keep lip balm and hand lotion handy in your bag

1. Cucumber, Rose Water and Lemon Juice:

While lemon acts as natural bleach, cucumber and rose water acts as cooling agents. In a small bowl take a table spoon each of cucumber juice, lemon juice and rose water and mix in well. Apply the mix with cotton on tanned areas and keep it for about 10 minutes. Then wash it off with cold water. Apply this pack every day after you get back home from the sun.

2. Gram flour and turmeric mix:

Mix two table spoons of gram flour with a pinch of turmeric, a table spoon of milk and a table spoon of crushed orange peel in a bowl with cold rose water. Apply the mix on clean face and let it dry for about 15-20 minutes. Once the pack dries, slowly remove the pack by scrubbing gently in clockwise and anti-clockwise direction; the exfoliation effect will help in removing the tan.

3. Oat Meal and Butter Milk:

Homemade face packs for tan Removal

While butter milk is an excellent source for soothing skin and healing blisters and ointment is a great natural scrub. In a bowl mix two table spoon of oatmeal with three-four table spoons of butter milk and apply on tanned areas. Gently massage in circular motion; let it stay for 15-20 minutes and cleanse with water.

4. Milk and strawberry:

Not only is this combination a healthy one, it also helps in improving skin complexion and reduction of dark spots, freckles and even pigmentation. Take four-five crushed strawberries and mix it with two table spoons of milk cream and apply it on face. Let it stay for about 20-30 minutes. Rinse it with fresh water.

Sure you have waited for long to go for that vacation and enjoy a little tanning session. But then when you come back home you realise that the little tan sessions went too ahead leaving you with tanned hands, face and practically the whole you. So here are certain home remedies which will help you to get rid of tanned skin.



Div Com reviews law & order situation Zulfkar for making CAPD fully electronic by year end



NL Correspondent Srinagar, Jul 25

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon today chaired a meeting of

officers of line Departments to review the law and order situation, pace of various developmental works and smooth functioning of schools in the valley. The

Deputy Commissioners of other districts of the Valley participated in the meeting through video conference.

The Divisional Commissioner directed that the concerned district administrations will provide every possible support for the smooth functioning of the schools in their respective jurisdiction, adding that the concerned ZEOs will monitor the functioning of the schools in their respective zones. Stressing upon the

concerned officers for completion of developmental projects within the stipulated time frame, the Divisional Commissioner asked them to utilise the funds judiciously with strict adherence of quality control.

Dr. Samoon asked the concerned for smooth supply of ration, LPG, K.oil and other essential commodities for the convenience of people. He asked the concerned for uninterrupted power and water supply in all areas. He also asked SMC authorities for ensuring cleanliness and sanitation in the city.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Director, School Education, Kashmir, Director, CAPD, Kashmir and officers of PDD, PHE, I&FC, ERA.



NL Correspondent Srinagar, Jul 25

Minister for Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali has issued instructions for connecting all Tehsil Supply Offices of the Department and Food Godowns with 24 hours Internet services by August 15, 2016 so as to pave way for online supply chain management.

The Minister chaired meeting on progress made in the implementation of e-PDS in CAPD Department in which Secretary,

Information Technology Department, Hilal Ahmad Parry, Director CAPD Kashmir Peerzada Mushtaq Shah, and other officers were also present.

Assuring to make CAPD Department fully computerized, Minister said that he wants to change the perception about this department among public and make it one of the best digitized and 100 per cent corruption free department. He said the Department has been facing various challenges such as leakages, fake/bogus ration cards, lack of transparency

and weak grievance redressal mechanism and to check embezzlements vis-à-vis the pilferage of foodgrains to a greater extent, they started e-PDS project to fully computerize the Department and bring total transparency in it. The Minister said that CAPD is working on first component and they are hopeful that the work of Component 1 will be completed by August 15, 2016.

The Minister issued instructions to the Department to connect all Tehsil Supply Offices of the state and Food Godowns

with 24 hours Internet service so that the project could be initiated from August 15, 2016 and advised both Directors of Kashmir and Jammu to take the project in Mission mode and complete it before the set time.

He added that e-PDS project has been approved at a cost of Rs 20.37 crore out of which Centre has released Rs 6.11 Cr. and state released Rs. 3.69 crore. He said that till date they have spend Rs 3.67 crore from state share and 2.91 crore from central share.

On the occasion, the Minister issued instruction to NIC to manage linking of J&K Bank Transactions of CAPD Department with the official website of CAPD. J&K so that complete transparency can be achieved in the transactions.

Implementation of DDB decisions reviewed

GANDERBAL, JUL 25

A meeting of District officers was convened here today under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner Ganderal, Mr. Tariq Hussain Ganai in order to review the implementation of decisions taken in District Development Board meeting of District Ganderal with regard to developmental/welfare projects which are presently going on under various state/centrally sponsored flagships programmes.

To address parking and bus stand issue in the district, DDC asked the concerned to remove all bottle necks, if any, and prioritize the construction of Bus Stand.

The District Development Commissioner directed accelerating the pace of work and emphasized on co-ordination between line agencies/departments to avoid any delay in the execution of the works.

Dy CM for early completion of dev projects



SRINAGAR, JUL 25

The Deputy Chief Minister Dr Nirmal Singh today directed the officers to ensure early completion of various developmental projects being under taken in the Housing & Urban development sector so that people get the requisite modern housing facilities and the state comes up as one of the model states of the country.

The Deputy Chief Minister was speaking at a review meeting convened to discuss the status of various developmental initiatives being undertaken by the government.

Commissioner Secretary Housing & Urban Development, Mr Hridesh Kumar, VC, SDA, Mr Tehseen Mustafa, Commissioner SMC, Mr Bashir Ahmad Khan, Director Urban Local Bodies, Mr Tufail Mattoo, Secretary JK Housing Board, Mr Rampaul, Chief Town Planner Mr Iftikhar Hakeem and other senior officers were present.

Dr Singh directed the officers to ensure that the developmental projects undertaken by the departments are completed within the stipulated time and they should also explore the possibility of completing these by doing double shifts. He said that the timelines set for different projects should be strictly adhered to in order to save the cost escalation and other related things.

The Deputy Chief Minister also directed the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation to undertake necessary sanitation measures especially in view of the prevailing situation. He said that people should be actively involved in the execution and implementation of various programs especially the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) as the program has tremendous scope of ensuring the overall cleanliness of the city. Dr Singh also asked the VC LAWDA to ensure that the process of dewatering of Dal Lake is speeded up and asked for exploring the possibility of involving local youth in ensuring restoration and checking the encroachments of the world famous water body.

The Director Urban Local Bodies gave an overview of the measures undertaken for ensuring the cleanliness and sanitation undertaken by various municipal committees and councils especially in view of the prevailing situation.

Notice

I, Saroj Kumari Verma W/o Sh. Ravinder Singh Slathia R/o Ward no. 13, Shastri Nagar, Kathua, Tehsil & District- Kathua, going for the change of my name as Saroj Slathia from Saroj Kumari Verma. Now, I am applying for the passport on my new name (Saroj Slathia). Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities within 7 days from the publication of this notice.

Govt to train 1.24 lakh youth under Himayat

Rs 1601 cr approved by Gol for the scheme



NL Correspondent Srinagar, Jul 25

Jammu and Kashmir government will train over 1.24 lakh youth from the State in skill development programs over the next three years under the revamped Himayat program.

Chairing a review meeting at his civil secretariat office here today, the Minister of Rural Development Department, Mr Abdul Haq, said unlike in the past, the State Government will have direct control on the implementation of the scheme.

Mr Khan said a revised target of providing training and placement to 190000 youths over five years in J&K has been approved by the Centre, out of which 65820 youths have already been trained while the remaining 124,180 will be trained over the next three years. During the meeting, the Minister was informed that the Project Implementation Agency (PIA) will be selected by State Level Project Appraisal Committee in which experts from National Institute of Rural Development and DRU-GYK will participate along

with the officers of the State Government. He said the aspirants will be trained in and outside the State. "A provision has been kept for foreign placements. To begin with, about 1000 youth shall be placed outside the country. Also, a special provision for 40,000 female placements shall also be covered over the next three years," he said. The meeting was also attended by Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department, Khurshid Ahmad Shah, besides other officers of the department.

Basharat for expediting formulation of DPRs



NL Correspondent Srinagar, Jul 25

Minister for Revenue Relief & Rehabilitation, Syed Basharat Bukhari today called for timely completion of World Bank funded flood restoration and management projects in the State.

The Minister called for expediting preparation of DPRs for flood recovery and management projects for Jhelum and Tawi to be executed under World Bank funding.

The Minister was addressing officers during a review meeting convened here to discuss the measures being undertaken for the effective and speedy implementation of Rs 1500 crore World Bank funded Flood Recovery and Management projects for Jhelum and Tawi rivers.

Financial Commissioner Planning & Development Department, Mr B B Vyas, Commissioner Secretary,

Industries & Commerce, M Shailendra Kumar, Commissioner Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department, Mr Hridesh Kumar, Commissioner Secretary Health, Dr M K Bandari, Commissioner Secretary Irrigation & PHE, Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation, Mohammad Afzal Bhat, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Mr Bashir Ahmad Khan, CEO ERA, Mr Vinod Sharma, Secretary Higher Education, Mr Hemant Kumar, MD, JKPC, Director Finance, Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

The Minister directed the officers to ensure that DPRs meant to be submitted to the World Bank be prepared within the shortest possible

time and in consonance with the parameters laid down in the WB guidelines. He said special care should be taken to involve the experts of the related fields in order to make these DPRs broad-based and in tune with the measures to be taken in view of any

Counselling for PMSSS begins on July 26

NL Correspondent Srinagar, Jul 25

Minister for Education, Mr Naem Akhtar today reviewed the arrangements for counseling for the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS), which will begin at Srinagar and Jammu simultaneously on 26 July 2016 from 9.00 am.

In Kashmir, the counseling will be held at Amar Singh College, Srinagar while in Jammu, the counseling will be held at Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar.

The list of the provisionally eligible candidates for PMSSS is available in the final merit list at AICTE website: <http://www.aicteindia.org/downloads/JnK>.

The candidates have been asked to report at the respective Counseling Centres, one hour ahead of the scheduled time with all the requisite documents.

The Minister said for the current financial year Rs 75 crore scholarships are available to J&K students under PMSSS and the number of supernumerary seats in the recognized engineering colleges across the country has been increased from two each to 10 each this year. He said in addition two seats each will be available in recognized Hotel Management Institutes and three seats each will be available in the Nursing Colleges across the country.

The Minister said that only NBA (National Board of Accreditation) accredited colleges are available for admission as the State Government and the AICTE have worked out a fool-proof mechanism to ensure admission of the students only in the best colleges of the country under PMSSS.

The Minister said the scheme and fleeced the students, has been completely done away with and the students will only get admission to recognized colleges through a genuine selection process.

The Minister urged the students to join the counseling as per schedule to take advantage of the scheme.

Wakf Board distributes ration packets



SRINAGAR, JUL 25

To provide relief in form of edible items to the people in the valley, the J&K Wakf Board on Monday initiated relief distribution process out of Baitul-Mall. In the first phase of the process, the Wakf Board distributed 1000 packets of edible items to the residents of Srinagar City. Each packet contains 10 kg of rice, 1 kg edible oil, 1 kg Moong Dal and 250 gms of Namkeen Tea. On the occasion, the Vice Chairman Wakf Board, Peer Mohammad Hussain said that the Board has initiated the process on the directions of Chief Minister and Chairperson Wakf Board, Ms Mehbooba Mufti so that poor people could be provided some relief.

He said the packets would be handed over to the concerned Mohalla Committees so that it is ensured that deserving families are provided such relief.

Secretary, Mohammad Rafi and Chief Executive, Fayaz Ahmad Lone and other officers of Wakf Board were present on the occasion

Ganga reviews ongoing industrial projects

NL Correspondent Srinagar, Jul 25

Minister for Industries and Commerce, Chander Parkash Ganga today chaired a meeting to review the proposals and progress of various projects of Industries and Commerce department. The Minister expressed empathy with the grieving families of people killed in recent unrest and hoped for speedy recovery of those injured. He further directed the officers to ensure attendance in the offices

thereby keeping them effectively functional. Mr. Ganga reviewed the proposals of Project Implementation Unit constituted within Industries and Commerce Department under the World Bank assisted Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP). The proposals include upgradation of Kashmir Haat, skill training for flood affected in handicraft sector, PG professional education, development of handicraft clusters, handloom development, weavers livelihood and skill rebuilding,

creation and maintenance of e-commerce portal for J&K handicrafts, establishment of market centres for cocoon growers, reeler and sheep rearers. The Minister also took stock of the proposals under The Aggregate Macro Economic and Infrastructure Rebuilding Plan (TAMEIR). TAMEIR is a Rs. 80,000 crore Prime Minister's relief package for the state to assist the state in rebuilding infrastructure in the state which got devastated in the floods of 2014. To be completed by March 2017, TAMIER plan covers projects

worth Rs.200 crore to be completed by March 2017 and includes up gradation of industrial estates in Anantnag, Anchoora, Bijbehara, Pulwama, Poonch, Udhampur, Kathua among others. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce Department, Shailendra Kumar, Director Industries and Commerce Department Kashmir, Nazim Zia Khan, MD JK Industries, Javed Iqbal, MD Handlooms Showkat Zargar, MD JK EDI M.I Parrey and others.

INDIAN MEDAL WINNERS AT OLYMPICS:
Leander Paes, Abhinav Bindra, Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, 1980 Indian men's hockey team, 2012 medal winners with President Pranab Mukherjee, Karnam Malleswari.



It was a complete performance, says skipper Kohli after India beat WI

Antigua, Jul 25

India skipper Virat Kohli termed his team's win over the West Indies in the first Test a "complete performance" and reserved special praise for Mohammed Shami, who marked his return to the five-day format after a long injury layoff with four first-innings wickets. India stamped their authority as Ravichandran Ashwin returned impressive figures of 7/83 to bowl out the West Indies for 231 and notch up a record innings and 92-run win at Antigua on Sunday. "Wow, I didn't know that," Kohli said when told that this was India's

biggest win outside Asia, before adding, "Just feels good to get a win on the board, always good to start well. Good prep time, for three weeks. "Everyone was excited, we'd enough practice. It was a complete performance." Kohli emphasised on the need to score runs quickly to aim for a win. "Scoring wasn't easy, initially West Indies bowled well. A couple of the bowlers rushed us, 70-odd for 2 with five batsmen, had to take responsibility. Shikhar was playing really well and I wanted to be positive, if you want to win a

Test you have to score quickly and get the bowlers a chance to bowl the opposition out twice. "Then Ashwin played a brilliant innings down the order, it was a team batting performance. If we're playing five batsmen, we wanted to deepen the order. We had Saha at No. 7 and Ashwin was good enough to bat at No. 6. He was a pure batsman before he became an offspinner." "Always good to have someone who can do pretty well in both. Our initial thought was three spinners, but the amount of grass made us go with three quicks," Kohli added.

Bollywood beats politicians 10-0 in charity football match in Delhi

New Delhi, Jul 25

With an aim to raise funds and spread awareness about the two flagship initiatives by PM Narendra Modi — the 'lean India campaign and a female empowerment programme — Bollywood celebrities came together for a charity football match against the politicians in Delhi on Sunday.

Actor Ranbir Kapoor, who captained the team briefly, scored five goals in the game, Dino Morea scored a brace, while Shabbir Ahluwalia, Karan Wahi and Sachin Joshi scored one goal each as they thrashed the Parliamentarians by 10-0.

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev made a special appearance on the pitch to raise awareness for the initiatives.

The parliamentarians were led by minister of state for heavy industries Babul Supriyo. Others on his team included BJP MPs Manoj Tewari, Parvesh Verma, Kamlesh Paswan, Satish Gautam, Bhola Singh, INLD's Dushyant Chautala and Ram Mohan Naidu of Telugu Desam Party.

Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan enters semifinals of US Challenger

USA, Jul 25

Egged on by a partisan Indian crowd, Ramkumar Ramanathan wriggled out of a pressure match against Brydan Klein in move to the semifinals of the ATP Challenger tournament in Binghamton. The 21-year-old Indian battled past his British opponent 7-6(5) 6-7(3) 6-2 and booked a last-four berth in the USD 50,000 hard court event. After an intense battle in the first two sets, Ramkumar broke early in the third and staved off three break points in the second game to pull away. That lead stayed with him throughout and he served out the match in the seventh. It took 214-ranked Ramkumar two hours and 36 minutes to subdue his opponent, ranked 260 in the ATP singles list.

"I played a good match today. I served well. Throughout the match I was fighting, I was aggressive. It was good to get the first tie-break, the second one slipped. I missed a smash on an important point in the second set tie-break," Ramkumar told PTI.

"I started with a break in the third. I was down 0-40 in the second but I held. That was a big game for me. I got another in the middle of the set and finished it off at 5-2."

Playing away from home, tennis players hardly get fan support but Ramkumar surprisingly found a few Indians in the stand cheering for him.

"There were a few college students and professors from the Binghamton University. It was nice to have a few Indian people, cheering for me. I am playing Kruber tomorrow and I hope to do well," Ramkumar said.

The Indian next faces American Mitchell Krueger, ranked 267, who reached the semi-finals after defeating Japanese Hiroki Moriya 6-3 7-6(6).

J&K women win 6 medals in NZ Climbing

JAMMU, Jul 25

The three-member J&K Sport Climbing team gave a creditable performance to win six medals, including three silver in the 1st Women North Zone Sport Climbing Competition which was organised by Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) North Zone Committee at IMF Complex, New Delhi.

Kumari Bindia Sharma of Udhampur bagged three silver medals while, Ambreen Fatima of Kargil, at present studying at Jammu, clinched three bronze medals in Lead and Speed climbing and Bouldering. The first place in all the three forms of climbing was secured by Luxmi of Delhi, a national medalist. The third J&K climber, Sakshi Magotra also performed well but could not win a medal. "It was an excellent performance by the state



team considering the fact that our state lacks the required climbing infrastructure," while congratulating the team, general secretary of Mountaineering Association of J&K, Ram Khajuria said. The competition held at the 50 ft high international standard Lead and Speed climbing wall with star holds and Bouldering gym in IMF complex under the overall supervision of Chairman IMF, North Zone Committee, S.

Bhattacharjee, who keenly watched the performance of women climbers.

Whereas Amit Sharma, who was the president of jury, another National Judge Mitra Ghosh, judged all the competitions. Naveen Arya, a national Route Setter was the chief route setter of the competition who was supported by Lohia and Lucky of Delhi and Shashi Kant of J&K as Belayers, informed Khajuria.

JAMMU, Jul 25

Jammu mountaineer, Sumit Khajuria has experienced underwater activity by attending a brief Scuba diving course at Dimna Lake Jamshepur in Jharkhand.

The course was supervised by Sub-Inspector (Security) with Tata Steel and international diver, mountaineer and social activist of Jamshepur, Mazharul Bari. A visiting instructor in Tata Steel Adventure Foundation, Bari taught the basics of Scuba diving and then took those beginners in under water activity to Dimna lake for the practical training. Sumit also participated in the clean lake campaign along with instructor, Mazharul Bari.

"It was a long cherished dream to undergo Scuba diving. The opportunity came and I did not miss it.



Though we were fully protected with all the necessary equipment required for the activity, still it was challenging to go deep into the water for a long time," sharing his experiences, on return to Jammu, Sumit told SAN. Sumit has already done Basic, Advance and MOI (Method of Instruction) courses in mountaineering from Atal Behari Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali in Himachal Pradesh. In addition, this Jammu mountaineer has to his credit specialized training in Water Sports, Rafting and Skiing (Basic Courses) from the same Institute. Sumit has climbed tough peaks of J&K, Stok Kangri (20,186 ft) and twice Gulap Kangri (19,356 ft) in Ladakh. In neighboring Himachal, Sumit has to his credit Chow Chow Kang Nilda (21,356 ft) in Spiti, Shidar peak (17,351 ft) in Manali and Hanuman Tiba (19,450 ft).

Inter-school competitions of district Samba

Baba Balak Nath, Bhargava School excel in Roll Ball



SAMBA, Jul 25

Baba Balak Nath High School Vijaypur and Bhargava Public School by a margin of eight points. Similarly, in under-17 School Supwal won under-14 category, Bhargava School and under-17 boys titles defeated Bal Bharti High School respectively in the inter-school district level Roll Ball In all, three teams in under-14 competition held under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at the competition thus making it, just a formality.

Kristu Jyoti Convent School, just a formality.

Earlier, in the under-14 final, Assistant Director District Employment and Counseling

Centre, Naresh Kumar was guest of honour. Among others, who witnessed the final were Principal of hosts Kristu Jyoti School, Sister Archana, Pardeep Singh and B D Sharma. The event was officiated by the technical panel comprising Raj Kumar, Devinder Singh (Danu), Arjun Kumar, Mukesh Sharma, Zoravar Singh Sambyal, Parveen Kumar, Narinder Singh, Vishal Gupta and Kamla Sambyal.

Ashwin's all-round performance seals India's first innings win in West Indies

Antigua, Jul 25

Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin collected seven wickets as India thrashed West Indies by an innings and 92 runs inside four days in the first test in Antigua on Sunday. Ashwin, who also scored a century, completed a magnificent match with figures of 7-83 in the second innings as the home team collapsed to 231 all out. It was Ashwin's third career seven-wicket haul, and his first outside India.

Carlos Brathwaite, batting at number nine, top scored for West Indies with 51 not out, while Marlon Samuels (50) and Devendra Bishoo (45) tried to frustrate the visitors but they only delayed the inevitable.

India ensured they would not lose

with a first-innings total of 566 for eight declared, and they will take even greater heart from the way their balanced five-pronged bowling attack -- three pacemen and two spinners -- rattled through the Windies twice in less than six sessions.

Paceman Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav did the damage in the first innings with four wickets each, before Ashwin took over on Sunday.

West Indies, a lowly eighth in the International Cricket Council test rankings, started the four-test series as big underdogs, but their inability to make a contest of the first test will raise further concerns about the future of the Caribbean team in the five-day format.

The second test starts in Kingston, Jamaica, on Saturday.

Wrestlers had chased away anti-doping officials from national camp Rio: Chain Singh unwell, shooting body can look at Rajput as a replacement

New Delhi, Jul 25

Four months back when the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) officials knocked at the doors of the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Sonapat centre in Haryana to collect urine samples of wrestlers preparing for Rio, they were reportedly intimidated and beat a hasty retreat. The country's top wrestlers refused to give their urine samples for out-of-competition testing, giving rise to speculation that there was something wrong. Then Nada chief, Rajvir Singh, it is learnt, reported the



incident to SAI's top officials, including regional director Radhika Sreeman. Top Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) officials too were appraised of the incident, which could have had far reaching repercussions had NADA taken stern action.

absent, but he let them off with a verbal warning. Though the Nada officials returned to collect the samples after a few days, it reportedly gave time to the athletes to 'manage things'. The federation neither issued a warning to the wrestlers nor did it ask the wrestlers to show cause as to why they tried to oppose the sample collection if they were clean. Had the WFI taken a serious note of the episode and examined the dietary supplements of the grapplers, the Narsingh Yadav embarrassment could have been averted.

Jul 25

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) could probably revise their decision to exclude former Navy shooter Sanjeev Rajput from the Rio-bound squad in the wake of Army marksman Chain Singh suffering from pneumonia and pulmonary embolism in Lausanne, Switzerland where he was training for the Games. Chain Singh, the 27-year-old Army marksman, suffered the debilitating illness recently and was hospitalised as there was a possibility of him developing a life-threatening condition where clots form in the veins, resulting in



laboured breathing. Those familiar with the events would know that Rajput had earned the quota for the country in 50m rifle 3-position during the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in January this year at New Delhi. But, London Olympic bronze-medallist shooter

Gagan Narang, who had a quota in rifle prone and was marginally ahead of Rajput in the rankings in rifle 3-position, was named instead. Gagan, who will be competing in all three rifle events, will be competing alongside Abhinav Bindra in air rifle and Chain in prone

and 3-position events. Skeptics feel that competing in all three events and that too at the Olympics is a tough ask and Gagan should have restricted himself to a maximum of two events. Given the current scenario where Chain is recuperating and the Olympic Games are barely 10 days away, a fit Rajput could be an ideal replacement for Chain in prone and 3-position, as he is in great form and recently won a silver medal at the World Cup in Baku, besides being one of the country's two 3-position gold-medal winners at the World Cup in Changwon (2011).

Renault India Presents Lodgy 'World Edition' Kraftly launches Krafts of India

Jammu, 25 July: After the success of Kwid, and the New Duster range launched this year, Renault India, one of the country's fastest growing automobile brands, announced the launch of the new Renault Lodgy World Edition. The new offering is a hallmark of Renault's commitment to keep its product portfolio contemporary, in keeping with the evolving customers' needs. With Lodgy, Renault set new benchmarks in the MPV segment. Taking this further, Renault now launches the Lodgy World Edition with a contemporary new look, offering a perfect blend of design, space, performance, safety and class leading fuel efficiency. The new Lodgy World Edition is built with 25 new enhancements to its exteriors and interiors, accentuating its premium look and styling quotient. It will be available in both

85 PS and 110 PS variants at an introductory price of INR 9.74 Lakhs and INR 10.40 Lakhs (ex-Delhi) respectively. Commenting on the launch of the Lodgy World Edition, Sumit Sawhney, Country CEO and Managing Director, Renault India Operations, said, "Since its launch, Lodgy has been steadily gaining momentum in India despite the challenges faced in the MPV segment. We have thousands of happy families experiencing Lodgy and testifying to its superior attributes. With the Lodgy World Edition, we will further augment Lodgy's value proposition and appeal, with distinctive exterior and interior enhancements that reflect evolving customer trends, coupled with the superior performance, comfort, safety, space and unmatched fuel efficiency that has become a hallmark of the Lodgy range. We

will continue to engage customers with this segment defining product and Lodgy will play a significant role in our growth plans in India, along with the other volume drivers." The MPV segment in India largely appeals to customers looking for a compelling value proposition. In line with that, Renault has also announced attractive positioning across the range with an MPV that ticks all the right boxes, and delivers on cost efficiencies led by leading mileage and low maintenance costs, superior drive performance with SUV like ride and handling, power, pick-up, suspension and ground clearance. To make the perfect MPV more accessible, Renault announces attractive new pricing across the Lodgy range with prices starting at INR 7.58 Lakh (ex-Delhi).

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Kraftly, an online destination for unique & beautiful products has launched 'Krafts of India'. With the launch of Krafts of India, they present the best of Indian art and crafts up, close and personal. With Krafts of India, Kraftly aims to support the Indian handicraft ecosystem by providing them with a platform where small and home sellers can sell their products online. Also, they want to help the buyers discover the lost art forms of India, all on a single platform. Speaking about this recent addition, Saahil Goel- Co Founder & CEO, Kraftly said "Our aim is to bring a unique range of handicraft products to the wider range of buyers through our platform & to sustain the Indian culture & spirit under one roof. The categories will

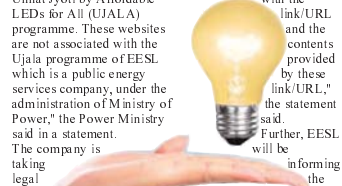
comprise of apparels, footwear, home decor, jewelry and much more & will provide the best of the Indian handicrafts to each & every individual." Akshay Ghulati, CBO, Kraftly, speaks about the inspiration of Krafts of India "Crafts or Handicrafts are not just 'items' made by artisans but rather a story, a story that the artisan tells about his life, the culture, and traditions of his land. A handicraft is a unique expression holding in itself the myths, legends, folktales and traditions of the era gone by. Krafts of India is an endeavor by Kraftly to connect such artisans with global audiences." With Krafts of India, Kraftly is taking on the role of storytellers to help these weavers tell their stories through their handicraft products, their thoughts, and their ideologies. Their mission is to create a global family by uniting the

artwork of local artisans with the seekers of beautiful crafts across India, thereby encouraging craftsmanship to further strengthen the roots of Indian diversity. With the onset of Krafts of India, they bring 18 such crafts that showcase the beauty and hard work put in by rural craftsmen from all over the country. These include Banarsi, Madhubani, Kalamkari, Phulkari, Dhokra etc. from all across the country across categories such as Apparel, Footwear, Home Decor, Jewellery and more. Currently, Krafts of India has handicrafts sourced from 50 small and home sellers from all over the country. They also plan to include 40 more artisans in the next 90 days, sourced from 100 different artisans and small sellers. With the quest of bringing out the best, Kraftly's aim is to make 'Krafts of India', the biggest online handicrafts destination in India.

2 fraudulent websites selling LED under UJALA, govt gets in action

New Delhi: Two fraudulent websites are found selling 9W LED bulbs under Ujala scheme, prompting state-run Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) to take legal route to address such issues. "EESL is hereby alerting its consumers of fraudulent websites selling 9W LED bulbs under the name of Unnat Jyoti by A Fordable LEDs for All (UJALA) programme. These websites are not associated with the Ujala programme of EESL which is a public energy services company, under the administration of Ministry of Power," the Power Ministry said in a statement. The company is taking legal route to address such fraudulent issues and will continuously alert the consumers of such messages and advertisements through various media, EESL Managing Director Saumabh Kumar said in a statement. He urged the consumers to purchase LED bulbs under the Ujala scheme only in the designated distribution centres.

"Two websites are misleading consumers by promising them of providing LED bulbs as low as Re 1. They are not only using copyright images of Ujala logo but also Prime Minister Narendra Modi's picture to deceive the consumers. EESL completely disowns and disclaims any relation with the link/URL and the contents provided by these link/URL," the statement said. Further, EESL will be informing the police about such fraudulent statements being made in the public and lodge an FIR. For any new initiatives, EESL will communicate consumers through various media and consumers should not enter in any other means of buying products under EESL scheme. If done, EESL will not take responsibility of any faulty products, it added.



Zebronics, 5.1 Dhol Speakers out!

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Riding the success of being no. 1 in audio category, Zebronics, a brand known for its diversified technological innovations to create enriching experiences, announces its latest, Monster Sound 5.1 Dhol Speakers, which shall bring in the heart thumping bass and clear sound, to let your home reverberate with the punch of powerful movie sound tracks and the bass beats of your favorite songs, with the complete virtual surround sound. It's the heavy duty Power of Sound, definitely not for the faint hearted! Whether it's action sequences, concerts or football matches, you'll feel like you're at the heart of the action with this 80W RMS, Dhol Sound - Loud and punchy! Sporting the stylish design & exquisite looks along with outstanding sound, Dhol lets you experience the magic with Rainbow LED Display, that shall treat you with not only amazing sound effects but visual effects too. The heavy duty/Monster Sound Dhol promises crisp, powerful

sound, filling the room with theater-quality sound, in minimal effort - immersing you in the ultimate listening experience. The speaker has a total RMS sound output of 80watts & the power output of the speakers is 10watts RMS each. This evaluation ensures that you always experience prodigious sound regardless of the medium used. Designed with brilliant acoustic performance is the high-tech front firing woofer that adjusts itself dynamically to deliver distortion-free bass, with its 30watts RMS output and a 16.5cms driver, it dispenses heart thumping bass, tuned with the full equalizer, assuring loud and booming sound quality without any distortion. For the discerning audio enthusiasts, compromise is not an option. You stream music wirelessly through bluetooth or simply plug and play from any Media device you want - USB/SD Card, TV, DVD/MP3 Player, PC or any of your multimedia stuff. Your all in one companion also comes with FM radio, and fully function remote control to

switch as per your moods. The latest at Zebronics Dhol Speakers is hands down, the very best-sounding surround speaker one could here in its price class. The product is available with leading retail stores in India. Established in 1997 and headquartered at Chennai, Zebronics has one of the industry's widest line-up of products Computers peripherals and Consumer Electronics totalling to 25 product categories and more than 350 SKUs. Zebronics range of products encompasses Chassis/Cabinets, Speakers, Tablet pc, P.C power supply, Portable media players, Headphone, Keyboard & Mouse, LED Monitors, UPS, Gaming Accessories, TV Tuners, Add-on Cards, Computer accessories, Laptop accessories, LED Televisions and Surveillance products. Zebronics has received more than 52 industry awards. Zebronics has 31 Branch offices and over 126 service centres covering all major cities. The Company employs over 900 people and operates through a network of about 12,000 channel partners throughout the country.

August salary as per new pay matrix

New Delhi: The notification for the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission recommendations related to the hike in basic pay and pension is likely to be issued by the Narendra Modi government later this week. With the issuance of notification, 4.8 million central government employees and 5.2 million pensioners could get the increased payout from their August salaries. The Union Cabinet had earlier cleared the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission headed by AK Mathur on June 29 in respect of the hike in basic pay and pension. However, the decision on 7th Pay Commission suggestions relating to allowances has been referred to a Committee

headed by Finance Secretary. The Committee will complete its work in a time bound manner and submit its reports within a period of 4 months. Till a final decision, all existing allowances will continue to be paid at the existing rates. The gazette notification usually comes after 15 to 20 days of Cabinet approval. For implementation of 6th Pay Commission on 14th August 2008. The recommendations will benefit over 1 crore

employees. This includes over 47 lakh central government employees and 53 lakh pensioners, of which 14 lakh employees and 18 lakh pensioners are from the defence forces. The Commission had recommended a 23.55 percent overall hike in salaries, allowances and pension involving an additional burden of Rs 1.02 lakh crore, or nearly 0.7 percent of GDP. The entry-level pay has been recommended to be raised to Rs 18,000 per month, from the current Rs 7,000, while the maximum pay, drawn by the Cabinet Secretary, has been fixed at Rs 2.5 lakh per month from the current Rs 90,000. Rate of annual increment has been retained at 3 percent.

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Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has penalised the Bank of Baroda (BoB) Rs 5 crore (\$754,000) for irregularities in anti-money laundering (AML) provisions that came to light in October 2015 during its audit, the public sector lender said here on Monday. "The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 50 million on the Bank of Baroda. Pursuant to the internal audit of the bank, the RBI and investigative agencies in October 2015 were advised

by the bank of certain irregularities observed," the BoB said in a BSE filing. "The RBI carried out the investigation and noted the deficiencies which were reflective of weaknesses and failures in internal control mechanisms in respect of certain AML provisions such as monitoring of transactions, timely reporting to FIU (Financial Intelligence Unit), and assigning of UCIC (Unique Customer Identification Code) to customers", the bank said.

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such as monitoring of transactions, timely reporting to FIU (Financial Intelligence Unit), and assigning of UCIC (Unique Customer Identification Code) to customers", the bank said. The Bank of Baroda has implemented a comprehensive corrective action plan, to strengthen internal controls and to ensure that such incidents do not recur, it added.

Rs 2,237-crore revenue generated from 74 coal mines: Govt



New Delhi: The government on Monday said a revenue of around Rs 2,237 crore has already been generated till May-end from the allocation of 74 coal mines. "The revenue already generated till May 31, 2016 from the allocation of 74 coal mines under the provisions of the Coal

Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 is Rs 2,237 crore (excluding royalty, cess and taxes) which shall be devolving entirely to the coal bearing state concerned," Coal and Power Minister Piyush Goyal said in a reply to Rajya Sabha. The revenue which would accrue to the coal bearing states from the allocation of

mines comprises of upfront payment as prescribed in allotment document, auction/allotment process and royalty on per tonne of coal production, the minister added. Under the provisions of Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and its rules, he said, the government has so far allocated 75 coal mines for specified end uses. "The revenue which shall accrue to the coal bearing states concerned during the life of mine/lease period from the allocation of these 75 coal mines...2015 is estimated at more than Rs 3.53 lakh crore," the minister said. The estimated revenue from the auction of 31 coal mines is Rs 1,96,689 crore, he added.

SC issues notice to Mallya for not disclosing assets

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to Vijay Mallya on plea seeking contempt proceedings against him alleging that he has not given full details of his assets. The consortium of banks led by State Bank of India had on July 14 moved the Supreme Court with a fresh plea seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against Vijay Mallya, who is in the United Kingdom, alleging that he has not given the complete details of his assets as directed. A bench comprising Justices Kurian Joseph and R F Nariman had agreed to hear the fresh interim application of banks after Attorney

General Mukul Rohatgi mentioned it for urgent hearing. Rohatgi had claimed Mallya has provided wrong details of his assets in a sealed cover to the apex court. The court on April 7 had directed Mallya to disclose by April 21 the total assets owned by him and his family in India and abroad while seeking an indication from him when he would appear before it. It had asked Mallya, who owes over Rs 9,000 crore to around 17 banks, to deposit a "substantial amount" with it to "prove his bonafide" that he was "serious" about meaningful negotiations and settlement.

SBI, IOC link up to empower farmers

Mumbai: State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) have tied up to implement the bank's financial inclusion programme for farmers through the oil company's Kisan Seva Kendras, an official said here on Monday. Under the agreement, SBI will provide access to banking services for the farmers utilising the IOC's kiosks and also supplement their incomes by earning revenue on banking transactions. The IOC has set up around 6,500 KSKs in rural and remote areas which provide various agricultural services like diesel, seeds, fertilisers,

pesticides and the like to the farming community. The new SBI-IOC initiative will help farmers avail facilities and various banking products and services like bank accounts, term deposits, recurring deposits, micro-credit, remittances, social security schemes, Aadhaar Seeding through the kiosks. The MoU was signed by SBI's chief general manager, rural business K. M. Trivedi and IOC's general manager, retail sales Sivasis Dey in the presence of top officials like SBI National Banking Group Managing Director Rajnish Kumar and IOC's Executive Director, Retail Sales, D. K. Shama.

Sensex recovers 66 points in late morning trade

Mumbai: A bout of volatility was witnessed in markets as the benchmark Sensex was trading 66 points higher in late morning trade following buying in oil&gas, realty, consumer durables, energy, power and metal stocks, while IT showed weakness. The BSE Mid-Cap index and the BSE Small-Cap index were also up 0.74 and 0.97 per cent, respectively. The 30-share index resumed higher at 27,753.96 and hovered between 27,883.31 and 27,736.51. It was quoted at 27,869.35 at 11:00 hours, showing a gain of 66.11 points or 0.24 per cent from its last close. The NSE 50-share Nifty also quoted up 11.15 points or 0.13 per cent at 8,552.35.

Major gainers were SBI 1.45 per cent, HDFC 1.35 per cent, Maruti 1.17 per cent, GAIL 0.81 per cent and Asian Paints 0.62 per cent. However, Dr Reddy's fell 2.78 per cent, Axis Bank 2.06 per cent, Bajaj Auto 0.73 per cent, HUL 0.66 per cent and Bharti Airtel 0.58 per cent. Meanwhile, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) bought shares worth net Rs 437.78 crore on Friday, as per provisional data released by the stock exchanges. Overseas, Asian markets were trading mixed. Japan's Nikkei rose 0.20 per cent while Hong Kong's Hang Seng was down. Shanghai index was trading higher by 0.24 per cent.

ITC appoints Sanjiv Puri as COO

New Delhi: FMCG major ITC on Monday announced the appointment of Sanjiv Puri as its chief operating officer with immediate effect. The board of the company, in its meeting held on "re-designated Sanjiv Puri, Wholtime Director, also as Chief Operating Officer of the Company with immediate effect," ITC said in a BSE filing. On December 6, ITC had elevated Sanjiv Puri as Director of its FMCG business replacing P. Dhobale. He also has responsibility for ITC's Packaging & Printing Business (PPB) and Paperboards and Specialty Papers Division (PSPD) business from January 22, 2016. Prior to his appointment as director, Puri was President FMCG Businesses from December 2014, which takes care of segments as cigarettes, foods, personal care, education & stationery products, matches and agarbattis. Puri had joined ITC in 1986.

Govt to provide benefits to small tea growers: Nirmala

New Delhi: To encourage small tea growers and give them better price for their products, the government has proposed to amend a 2003 order to define mini and micro factories and provide various benefits to them. Minister of State for Commerce Nirmala Sitharaman said in Lok Sabha that a proposal has been mooted to amend the Tea (Marketing) Control Order 2003 so as to define mini and micro factories and exempt them from obtaining no objection certificate for manufacturing tea.

Listing out various benefits and assistance being provided to the small tea growers, Sitharaman said during Question Hour that in order to ensure better price to small tea growers, who supply tea leaves to factories, price sharing formulas have been notified for different tea growing states. Payment of green leaf to the growers is closely monitored by the district green leaf price monitoring committees, she said. The Tea Development and Promotion Scheme

implemented by the Tea Board has a separate component for development of small tea growers. The scheme aims at addressing the special needs of small tea growers, particularly in the area of improving production and productivity and establishing processing factories with special focus on enhancing quality. Financial assistance of around Rs 55.56 crore has so far been extended to the small tea growers in the XII plan, she said.

Probe recent transfers of Masters: Harsh

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Alleging large scale bungs and frauds in the recent transfer orders of Masters in Jammu Division, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh Chairman JKNNP and Former Education Minister has sought a high level probe into all such transfers in view of complaints of serious nature pouring in from various quarters. He said that besides media reports of irregularities and violation of stipulated norms, several

deputations had called upon him and apprised of the extraneous considerations that had gone into the issuance of the said transfer orders. He expressed his dismay that the transfer list of Masters revealed that dozens of Masters had been transferred against non-existent posts while several others were transferred against posts which were to become available in Dec. 2016 and January 2017. He further pointed out the large scale of 'zero' km transfers of Masters in blatant violation

of transfer norms which were reported to have been made on monetary considerations which however need to be investigated. He said that such zero km transfers besides advance bookings for transfers had fully exposed the hollow claims of the Education Deptt. where transfer mafia still ruled the roost.

Making a mention of the high drama created by the Education Deptt. of conducting 'Transfer Melas' of teachers and masters requiring the latter to fur-

nish their respective choices for postings, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh regretted that the said preferences given by the teachers in said 'Melas' were thrown into the dustbin and transfer orders were issued on whims and fancies of helmsmen besides upon other extraneous considerations. Making a particular mention of District Udhampur, Harsh Dev Singh pointed out that when the Masters approached the CEO Udhampur and expressed

their indignation over the non consideration of the proposals of transfers finalized in transfer Melas, they were told by the District Education Offices of Udhampur that transfers were issued by the Directorate of School Education without seeking or considering such proposals. Urging upon the Chief Minister to take cognizance of the large scale irregularities in such transfers, he called for a vigilance or STF probe into the whole gamut of transfers.

BJPMM Jammu Unit convenes worker meet



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A meeting of BJP Mahila Morcha District Jammu held at Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan Kachi Chawni Jammu. The meeting was chaired by District President Baldev Singh Billawaria who while speaking on the occasion said that BJP Mahila Morcha will hold the office at BJP District office and interact with people regarding their problems. BJP Mahila Morcha District

Jammu President, Rekha Mahajan addressing the meeting said that Morcha will work hard to strengthen the party in Jammu District and will work hard to implement the schemes of Modi. She said that the people have realized it is only BJP which can lead the nation to new heights of development, progress and prosperity. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed for the development and welfare of the people of the country

and the state," she said. She said that several welfare schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Beti Bacho Beti Padhao scheme and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan have been launched by the Central government for the welfare of common masses. Other who spoke on the occasion Vinay Gupta General Secretary Distt, Parshotam Sharma Distt Vice President, Savita Anand General Secretary Mahila Morcha. Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include Shaileja Gupta, Geetanjali Mahajan, Pooja Chouhan, Sangeeta Anand, Vinita Arora, Sharda, Saroj, Surinder Kour, Geeta, Indu, Raksha Jerath, Neelam Rathore beside others.

Kala Kendra remains neglected: SRS

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Pointed out the plight of the art and culture loving people within the State and other parts of the country who want to exhibit their art exhibition in Kala Kendra Jammu, State President Shri Ram Sena, Rajiv Mahajan said "The Kala Kendra, a state-of-art museum in the heart of Jammu remains 'neglected' by the government, which is evident from the condition of the building, once established to preserve, conserve and showcase rich cultural heritage of the State." You can see the condition of the building. It was meant for showcasing artifacts related to culture of the State, but here one can find only dust which is

unfortunate," he said. He cautioned the State government particularly BJP leadership that artists and visitors need comfort and proper electricity and cooling machinery and not just building. Taking a dig at BJP MLAs, Rajiv Mahajan said it is unfortunate that huge funds were allocated to the renovation of Kala Kendra Jammu but they have failed to install a generator for proper power supply in the building in summer season.

"Kala Kendra should have its unique identity and be a centre of excellence in the field of art and culture," he said and stressed on the government to ensure proper power supply and the required infrastructure to meet the needs of the artists for their exhibition.

ICCRJ completes JK cultural series

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25th show of the programme series 'JK Cultural Show' organised by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs was presented in Jammu.

Balwant Thakur said that all has been possible due to the personal involvement of the Director Tourism Jammu Sushma Chauhan. Her entire team of Tourism officials have been on toes to make this altogether professional happening possible.

The programme begins with Jammu's traditional folk

dance Kud and transports the audience to a mesmerizing journey of the entire state while showcasing, Kashmiri, Dogri, Ladakhi, Gogari, Pahari, and Bhadrawahi cultures. A team of twenty-five artists, technicians and artistic coordinators are making this fantastic cultural happening possible. They include Rakesh Kumar, Sunny Mujoo, Vinay Sultan, Ankuash Bhasin, Nikhil Manhas, Asha Kotwal, Jyoti Kumari, Geetanjali Khajuria, Ruchika Khajuria, Mona, Simran Kaur, Khushi, Simran Chauhan, Deepali Sharma, Nishu

Pandita, Meenakshi Thakur, Razia Akhter, Gautam Kumar, Gautam Sharma, Mohit Kaul, Shivam Singh, Brijesh Avtaar Sharma, Tilkaj Raj Gupta and Ankuash Lakhotra.

Army conducts afforestation drive

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Army organized a tree plantation drive at Village Dalogra in Rajouri district, today. 200 Saplings have been planted at the High School, Pir Baba and surrounding areas. A large number of villagers took active part in the tree plantation drive. The event was organised as part of environ-

ment protection initiative taken by the Army. School children from various schools of Dalogra planted saplings alongwith villagers and soldiers. Children also gave a talk insisting on the need to avoid polythene bags and new methods of garbage disposal. Army is also encouraging farmers to follow organic farming to increase agricultural production.

Task Force reviews JUNGEU demands

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A Meeting of the Task Force constituted by the University to look into the demands of the striking employees of the Jammu University Non Gazetted Employees Union (JUNGEU).

"The Task Force expressed its concern that despite the University having made several appeals to the striking employees in view of the demands of the Union either having been addressed and agreed upon or being vigorously pursued and taken up with the competent channels,

the members of the JUNGEU were still continuing with their strike", said Registrar, University of Jammu.

The Task Force clarified the status of all their seven demands and stated that while the orders of regularization of the concerned helpers in the Bhaderwah Campus and the three Malies at the Main Campus have already been issued besides considering promotion of 17% Class IV quota of Graduate employees as Junior Assistants, the issue of creation of positions of Safai Karamcharis and Malies; funding of the Human Genetics Centre; Removal of the pay scale of Rs.2750-4400/- (pre-revised) and the payment of allowances to the Helpers / Assistants had already been forwarded to the concerned official quarters for consideration after the due vetting of these items by the President of the JUNGEU.

'Don't ignore sacrifice of Security Forces'

Jammu Tawi, July 25

It is most unfortunate that the plight of security forces struggling to restore law and order by risking their lives goes unnoticed. In fact, the paramilitary forces, police and Army are bearing the brunt of the violence, triggered by separatists, militants and their handlers in Pakistan. A large number of Security forces, police and army have been killed in the last so many years in particular a few months as well as in present crisis in the valley. Around 1000 paramilitary jawans received major injuries in the street protests. The patrol parties and bunkers are being frequently targeted with stones, petrol bombs and even firearms. In recent clashes around 100 security installations were attacked by the unruly mobs during last ten days. The tragic story of the attacks on security forces is that since July 8, when the terrorist Burhan Wani and his two accomplices were killed in an encounter, the security forces are being constantly attacked. "At many places the mobs forcibly tried to enter security force establishments with the intention to seize weapons and harm force personnel. Two police stations Damhal Hanjipora

and Achabal, Tehsil Office Kokernag and Police Post Kund, Qazigund, Range office DH Pora, Court Complex, DH Pora, Police Post Narnbal and a fire tender vehicle of DH Pora were set on fire. On the same day the mobs looted weapons from Police Station DH Pora and police personnel were fired upon of recent Three policemen went missing from Damhal Hanji Pora police station, their whereabouts are yet to be ascertained. During these clashes the security camps, police stations and posts of Sangam, Seer, Gopalpora, Mottan, Larnoo Kokernag, Barzulla, Vessu, Janglat Mandi Behibagh Kulgam, Daurula, Awantipora, Pulwama, Lier Pulwama, minority picket Hall Pulwama, Newa, Pulwama, Pattan, Baramulla, Palhahan, Gantamulla, Sheeri, Keeri, Bandipora, Lalpora, Bomie Nowgam, Batamalo, Police Post Humhama and, GO's Mess Humhama were badly damaged." Besides unruly mobs set on fire GRP Gaurd, RPF barrack, Bijbehara railway station and one vehicle at Lassipura, pulwama on the first day of street protests at least 96 force personnel were seriously injured and in a major tragedy the mobs killed one policeman namely Afroz

Ahmad by throwing him into Jhelum along with his armored vehicle and also badly damaged Fire Services vehicle which was on way to Sangam on a call near Bijbehara. They were skeptical about the civilian administration that reportedly bungled relief in many places. The demand was actually motivated by tremendous support led by the armed forces in rescuing people and ensuring their immediate rehabilitation, as most of the areas were even beyond reach of the civilian administration. The armed forces are the first visible entities at any accident site or the places engulfed by fire. They always remain a phone call distance when civilians are in distress. The mainstream leaders trust less on local police but speak more against the security forces, despite having first preference for non-state jawns to provide them protection. The answer is not difficult to comprehend. Actually the vested interests, the number of whom is unfortunately huge, want to have best of both the worlds. This can be achieved only by hammering the army to halt. The deliberate attempts are being made to defame and malign the army and belittling them in the public eyes.

Migrant employees hold candle protest march

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A protest candle march was carried out by the Kashmiri Pandit Migrant employees serving in Kashmir in Different districts at Jagti Migrant township on July 24, 2016 from 7p.m. to 9p.m. in connection with deteriorated conditions of Kashmir valley and the atrocities to which they were subjected in past.

The candle march was supported by the members of Jagti Tenement Committee and Soan Kashmir Front headed by Shadi Lal Pandita who have raised voice in support of these Migrant employees. Pandita demanded that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir should take immediate steps in adjusting these Migrant employees in Jammu in different offices

ill the time permanent rehabilitation of Kashmiri Migrant community is ensured in safe and secure township in Kashmir valley. He also demanded filing of remaining 3800 posts under Prime Ministers employment package. He also said that the Kashmiri Pandit community is interested in permanent rehabilitation in

Kashmir valley in separate township. Prominent among others who were present in the meeting are M.L. Akhnoor, Raj Kumar Tickoo, Sunil Koul, Raj Kumar Bhat, Shubhan Raina, Kashi Nath Bhat, Rattan Lal Bhat, R.K. Raina, S.L. Kar, Hari Krishan Pandita, M.L. Pandita, M.L. Akhnoor, Mithan Pandita, Ram Krishan Bhat, C.L. Pandita.

1947 PoK DPs are worst victims of Kashmir tangle: JKSAC



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Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee meet was held in Jammu that welcomed the assertions made by Home Minister and Sushma Swaraj and her spokesman Vikas Saroop. While addressing the meeting, Gurdev Singh President JKSAC termed these statements as a positive step towards the vacation of illegal occupation of POK. These statements have vindicated the stand taken by

JKSAC since 1967 to get our own area back at different state and central Govt forums and get settled DPs in their own areas of POK. He said that Kashmir issue would have been resolved much earlier, had India not returned back the areas of POK to Pakistan vacated by brave Indian soldiers after shedding their blood in the successive 1947, 1965 and 1971 wars. He said that India has committed many mistakes in the past particularly during the Kargil war, as instead of availing the

opportunity to get free POK India got herself restricted only to flush out Pakistani soldiers-cum-terrorists from her soil. All these mistakes has encouraged Pakistan to propagate it's legacy over J&K and also spread terrorism in the state and country and the present turmoil in valley is outcome of all these negligence. Present in the meeting were Netar Prakash, Master Yog Raj, Sub. Doulat Ram, Rakesh Gupta, Master Mohan Singh and Master Harbans Singh.

Rotary Club holds Dental camp

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Rotary Club Akhnoor organized dental awareness camp at Shermock Apple Orchard School Akhnoor. As per press release the camp was held under the presidency of Rtn Ashish Mahajan. During the camp expert doctors aware the students about importance of oral hygiene cleanliness of teeth. Principal Mrs Shilpa Sarotia appreciate the activity done by the club in which students involve in the great way & win lot of prizes in the shape of Toothbrush & Toothpaste. Prominent among those present on the occasion were rotarians Dr Ramesh Kashyap, Rameshwar Pawar, Shiv Gupta, Ranjeet Gupta, Ashish Sarotia, Sunil Sharma, Rajesh Gupta & Swinki Mahajan

Punjabi Lekhak Sabha conducts literary meet ERA, PSP, JMC discuss projects



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Punjabi Lekhak Sabha Jammu conducted literary meet today in Jammu. Dider Singh, a Punjabi and Hindi writer of the state was the Chief Guest and Jang S. Verman, columnist on art & culture presided over the meet.

story, Harjit Singh Uppal presented his article on the topic of 'Simran' and Dr. Baljeet Singh Raina read out a script of a skit to be filmed soon. A poetry recitation session was organized during the meet in which Amar Singh Kuka, Resham Kaur Resham, M S Kamra, Rahi Simbalpuria, Piara Singh M S Kamra read out a short

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Meeting for officers of ERA, M/S PSP Finance Consultants Pvt. Ltd and JMC officials was held in the meeting hall of JMC today, ERA is providing consultancy support to Municipal Corporations and Urban Local Bodies of the State of J&K, under Asian Development Bank - J&K Urban Sector Development Investment Programme-Project-3 - Urban Sector Development Programme. For the purpose, M/S. PSP Consultants Pvt. Ltd. has

been hired by ERA. The Capacity Building Programme structured by the Consultants shall be running through this financial year and is aimed at doing assessment of Municipal Operations, development of 5 years business plan for JMC, preparation of action plan for improving urban services, preparation of training plan for all officers and employees of Municipal Corporations and providing handholding to them, so that they become more effective and capable in performance of their functions.

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