

Altaf inaugurates demarcation record room

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 21: Forest Minister, Mian Altaf Ahmed today inaugurated the Forest Demarcation Complex and renovated Forest Library at Sheikh Bagh Forest Complex here.

An official statement said the Minister on the occasion asked departmental functionaries for creation of hard and soft data based information about forest resources within shortest possible time for improving efficiency in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of various field activities.

He appreciated efforts of department to give a new look to

the demarcation system. In absence of the same, the resource is going to remain under maximum stress in times to come.

On this occasion a power point presentation was given by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Abhai Kumar highlighting the progress and achievements in respect of digitalization of demarcation boundaries and also the protection, nursery and plantation digital grid by using the modern available technologies and equipments.

The inaugural function was also attended by the Heads of Departments of sister concerns and all ranks and files of Forest Department.

Absconder arrested after 6 yrs

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UDHAMPUR, June 21: Police today arrested an absconder, who was evading his arrest for the past over six years.

As per police sources, on specific inputs, police team from Udhampur police station conducted a raid and arrested an absconder, who was evading his arrest since 2008.

The accused has been identified as Noor Mohammad, son of

Laabh Din, a resident of Battal, Udhampur. There were four warrants against the accused issued by Udhampur Court.

Further investigations into the cases registered against the accused are going on.

Police team headed by SHO Udhampur police station Inspector Mahesh Sharma made the arrest under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Gourav Mahajan and SSP Udhampur Suleman Chowdhary.

United Front for strict action against accused

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JAMMU, June 21: J&K Sikh United Front has demanded that the persons arrested by Domana Police for defaming the Sikh community, should be booked under Public Safety Act.

The demand was made during an emergency meeting of various Sikh organizations, held under the banner of J&K Sikh United Front and attended by representatives of Bhai Kanaya Nishkam Sewa Society, AISSF, Sikh Naujawan Sabha, Sikh Welfare Society, Guru Granth Sahib Study Circle, Sikh Istri Sudhar Sabha, Gurmat Vichar Manch and Transport Company Association.

While addressing the meeting, S Avtar Singh Khalsa, general secretary of J&K Sikh United Front strongly condemned the unparliamentarily and filthy language used by a youth of Patoli Brahmana. Even as an FIR under Section 295/A RPC and 66/67 A IT Act

has been lodged against the accused at Police Station Domana, the meet expressed its dissatisfaction over no adequate action against the erring youth.

If the accused is not booked under PSA for stern action against him, the Sikhs will be forced to come on roads and protest against the administration, the meet threatened and reminded the erring youth was recently disqualified from Bara University in Shimla for delivering similar type of defamatory speech.

Others who spoke in the meeting, included Mohinder Singh, Paramjit Singh, Ramnik Singh Bijral, Surinder Singh Kala, Kulwant Singh, Gajan Singh, Devinder Singh Bharghav, Rajinder Singh, Kapoor Singh Dutta, Raja Singh Sarpanch, Surjeet Singh (Kuku), Malkiat Singh, Gurbir Singh, Tejpal Singh, Kultaar Singh, Gurcharan Singh and Sukhdev Singh.

Army recruitment rally at Zorawar Stadium from July 11

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JAMMU, June 21: An Army recruitment rally will be conducted from July 11 to July 20 2014 at Zorawar Stadium, here at Sunjuwan.

The recruitment rally is being organized for recruitment in the post of Soldier General Duties (GD), Soldier Technical and Soldier Clerk/ Soldier Store-Keeper-Technical (SKT) for the candidates of districts Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi.

All interesting candidates should reach the marshalling area before the commencement of screening. Candidates of Samba district (all categories) are advised to be present at the venue of the rally on July 11, 2014. Kathua district on July 12, 2014, Tehsils RS Pura and Bishnah of Jammu district on July 13, 2014, Tehsil Jammu and Akhnoor of Jammu district on July 14, 2014, Poonch

district on July 15, 2014, Rajouri district on July 16, 2014, Udhampur and Reasi districts on July 17, 2014, from 5 AM to 9 AM.

The Common Entrance Exam (CEE) for all categories will be held at Zorawar Stadium (Sunjuwan) on July 27, 2014. Medical examination will be conducted only for those candidates who pass the Physical Fitness Tests, the Physical Measurement Tests and whose documents are in order.

For further details candidates may contact/visit the Army Recruitment Office near BC Road Rehari Chowk, Jammu/ the nearest Army unit/ the Sainik Board Office/DC Office. All Hindus of J&K will be considered as Dogra.

Candidates having tattoos/ engravings of small size on inner face of arm and dorsum of hand will be acceptable for recruitment in the Indian Army.

SRTC drivers list demands

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JAMMU, June 21: A meeting of drivers of SRTC was held today at District & Tourist Fleet, Rail Head Complex, here to review the aftermath of memorandum of demands submitted to Manager District & Tourist Fleet and to M D through G M Operations on various occasions. It was observed that management in spite of solving the genuine problems of the drivers, was bent upon harassing the drivers.

The demands which were discussed in the meeting include conducting of fuel survey of vehicles particularly in respect of Amarnath yatra, arranging of at least one room at Base Camp, Bhagwati Nagar for drivers who have to spend night there, implementation of enhanced Trip Order, cancellations of claims against drivers, time bound promotion system for drivers upgradation of regularized driver from Helper to driver, fixation of consolidated pay of Rs 12000 p.m against 225/day as the drivers have no fixed working hours, regularization of drivers who have completed 08 years of service, releasing drivers on bail involved in road accidents,

adoption of Group Insurance Policy for drivers etc, disposing of arrears at the time of fixed by court in petition.

In order to further strengthen the union some minor changes in the Organization were also made and President Mohinder Singh Saini was made Vice-Chairman and Kulbushan Singh Chib was appointed as President of Tourist Fleet.

Khanad people protest against PHE, PDD

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UDHAMPUR, June 21: Up in arms against failure of supply of drinking water and power, people of Khanad village in Ramnagar tehsil protested against PHE Department and PDD.

The protesting villagers held a demonstration and raised slogans against the PHE and PDD authorities for their failure to make supply in Khanad village.

The protest demonstration was addressed by Sarpanch Saifu Din, Umar Din, Mohd. Sadiq, Shokat Ali and Mohd. Imran who threatened to gherao the PHE and PDD offices if their grievance is not addressed immediately.

30 ultras killed in Pak airstrikes

ISLAMABAD, June 21:

At least 30 militants were killed today in targeted airstrikes conducted by Pakistan's military in the restive northwest tribal region, taking the total number of terrorists killed in the Army's all-out offensive against the Taliban to over 260.

"At 0500 hours three hideouts were destroyed in Hassu Khel in North Waziristan Agency, killing 20 terrorists," Major General Asim Saleem Bajwa said.

Ten terrorists were killed when jets attacked and destroyed two hideouts close to the Pak-Afghan border in Khyber Agency, he said in a statement.

These targeted strikes were made in areas with no civilian population.

So far more than 260 militants have been killed in the all-out offensive against the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) known as operation 'Zarb-i-Azb' that was launched on Sunday, according to the army.

The operation was launched following a deadly attack on Karachi international airport which killed 37 people, including the 10 attackers.

The militants are mostly foreign fighters and those who harbour them, with some having fled to the thick forests in Shawal valley extending to South Waziristan Agency.

There are still some key resistance points where the fleeing militants have left some

fighters who are planting mines to stop the advancement of security forces.

Over 300,000 people have also been displaced by the fighting.

The figure includes 62,000 people who left the area of operations before June 18, an official said.

He said the administration is expecting another 100,000 tribesmen and their families to leave.

According to reports, the army wants to wrap up the operation before start of the holy month of Ramadan that will begin by the end of June. (PTI)

BJYM protests against PPP mode in Govt Hospitals

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JAMMU, June 21: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) activists held a protest and expressed their resentment against the Government's decision of introducing Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in the Government Hospitals.

The activists of BJYM led by its State secretary Partap Singh Jamwal assembled at the main gate Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) and raised slogans against the Medical Education Minister Taj Mohi-ud-Din and burnt his effigy.

The protestors were demand-

BEIJING, June 21:

Expressing its readiness to work with the new Indian Government to promote bilateral ties, China today invoked 'Panchasheel' to improve relations with neighbours to settle disputes peacefully while firmly holding on to its core interests.

"China is ready to work with the new Government in India in promoting continued progress of China-India relations," State Councillor Yang Jiechi said while speaking at the World Peace Forum organised by Tsinghua University here.

Yang — who is also China's

ing immediate rollback of the decision terming it as anti-people.

While speaking, Partap said that poor people who come to GMCH for treatment are suffering from this PPP mode as they have to pay huge expenses for X-Rays, CT Scan, MRI scans, etc.

Demanding immediate revocation of this decision, Partap warned the Medical Education Minister that BJYM will launch agitation against PPP mode.

Among others present were Deepak Raj Panday, Lovekesh Gondhi, Angat Kumar, Sahil Mustaq, Sidhant Dogra, Varun Badyal, Rohit Kumar, Sandeep Kumar, etc.



Participants during Students Education Programme.

Students Education Prog by St Peters High School Choglamsar concludes

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LEH, June 21: On the second and concluding day of the Students Education Programme being organised at St Peters High School Choglamsar, Dr Paul Denton of British Geological Survey, UK conducted sessions on seismology.

He delivered a lecture on the earthquakes, their origin and causes. He demonstrated through models various types of seismic wave propagation, status of knowledge on seismicity, recording of earthquakes and estimation of epicenter and magnitudes.

The students from various schools of the Leh district demonstrated of their own on the small seismographs and worked various exercises given to them on the seismological data.

Experiments on elastic rebound theory and generation of earthquakes were demonstrated by the students.

Dr Denton was assisted by Dr Sandeep Pandita, Yudhbir Singh, Naveen Hakho, Mateen

Hafiz, Shveta, Neha, Shiv Jyoti, Waqar Ahmed and overseas students including Rosalie, Ashima, Beth Geen, Celia and Katherine.

In the afternoon session students were given exercises on scientific methodology and climate awareness survey by the IERT team.

Prof Bindra Thusu conducted interactive session with the students for their feedback concerning what they learnt for the last two days.

The valedictory session was chaired by Jonathan Craig, Vice President, Exploration and Production, Eni Milan in which Poster presentation awards were given.

First award was won by Stanzin Norboo, while Skarma Dzakhim Dzom Jigmet Norboo bagged second and thirs prizes respectively.

In addition three consolation prizes were given to Stanzin Stobdan, Mipham Jigmet and Stanzin Laskit.

Later, in the evening, the students of St Peters School presented a cultural show in the evening.

Feudal psyche still dominating a section in NC leadership: AMM

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 21: A day after National Conference took pot shots at the political status of communist member M Y Tarigami, Awami Mutahida Mahaz (AMM) today hit out at NC and its spokesman.

"We feel extremely sorry and can understand the amount of pain and agony being experienced by National Conference following a humiliating drubbing in the recently held Lok Sabha elections," an AMM statement said.

It said the utterances made by party's spokesman who is a politically naive and a juvenile in state politics surely reflect that his name has been used for taking pot shots against M Y Tarigami.

"However, the language used by the NC in its official handout reflects the state of discourteousness and the level of intolerance for its opposition parties. It seems that feudal psyche is still dominating a section within NC leadership who consider that they have the proprietary and exclusive rights over

the people of the state. These leaders are yet to comprehend that times have changed and so has the political dynamics of the state."

AMM said let NC spokesman understand that records of the Parliament and State Legislative Assembly bears testimony to the fact that the leadership of Awami Mutahida Mahaz (AMM) have represented people in the best possible manner at a time when majority in NC leadership were not born in the political arena of Jammu and Kashmir.

The statement said Tarigami's political life is an open book and people are well versed with his struggle for the peoples' rights for the last over four decades. The records of Assembly bears witness to his performance and commitment to the people's issues.

"The Assembly elections are not far and let the people decide who is an entity and a non-entity in political spheres of the state. Instead of mud-slinging on its opposition the NC is advised to go for deep and serious introspection," it said.

China invokes Panchasheel Manohar inaugurates addl classrooms under RMSA

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, June 21: Minister of State for Fisheries, Cooperatives, Finance and Planning Dr Manohar Lal Sharma inaugurated additional building of Government High School Dharamkote in Billawar today.

These four classrooms have been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 49 lakh under Rashtriya Madhmik Shiksha Abhiyan Scheme (RMSA), work of which was executed by PWD (R&B) agency.

On the occasion, Dr Manohar Lal Sharma said Government has laid stress on providing educational infrastructure to uncovered areas of the state for which several new schools and colleges were opened during the present regime of Coalition Government. He said state has witnessed huge transformation in education sector resulting steep increase in the enrollment of students hailing from rural pockets pursuing higher education. The object is to provide congenial atmosphere to the students to make them good assets for the society, he added.

The Minister said the Government has emphasized the need to give ample opportunities to the youth by nurturing their talent and skill to add their contribution in the state development.

Dr Sharma also interacted with the deputations and got detailed account of their problems and demands.

The issues highlighted by the inhabitants included funds for levelling and boundary wall of the

school, pending MGNREGA wages, scarcity of drinking water and problem of low voltage in the area.

The Minister passed directions to the concerned heads of the department to redress people's problems within time, exhorted upon them to apprise him about the action taken by them.

Collector, Thein Dam, Dy CEO Billawar, ZEO Bhaddu, XEn PWD (R&B), Sarpanchs of Bhaddu, Dharamkote and people in large numbers were present on the occasion.

Police holds drug de-addiction progs

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 21: Police today claimed that it held two workshop-cum-awareness camp on drug de-addiction in Kupwara and Anantnag districts.

A police spokesman said in Anantnag, SSP Sheikh Junaid praised the activities being carried out by civil defense Anantnag to aware the general masses how to curb the menace of drug addiction.

He emphasized upon the civil defense organization to gear up more and more such activities in the district so that general public may be benefitted.

A seminar was held on drug de-addiction in Kupwara which was attended among others by Mufti Mohammad Amin, Imam Jamia Trehgam and Zaingli Kupwara, President Teachers Forums Kupwara, representative of Civil Society Kupwara and CMO Kupwara also attended the function.

Common Services Center Project

National e-governance programme

Franchisee Required for Jammu Division

J&K Bank as the 'Services Centre Agency' is establishing Common Services Centres (Khidmat Centres) in the state of Jammu & Kashmir under the National e-Governance Programme of the Government of India. The Project is aimed at setting up of IT-enabled Common Services Centres (Khidmat Centres) across the State for delivery of various government and third party services & products to the general public. Applications on the prescribed form are hereby invited from the interested persons for the Common Services Centres (Khidmat Centres) proposed to be set up at the below mentioned locations in the Jammu Division. Application forms can be obtained for Rs. 50/- from the CSC Project office, Zonal Office, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, 2nd Floor, Rail Head Complex, Railway Road, Jammu. The last date for sale and submission of the forms is 30th of June 2014 upto 2:00Pm

Applicant should be at least 10+2 qualified with basic computer knowledge, and should be aged between 21-37 years as on 01.06.2014. He/She should be capable of arranging a commercial space of 150-200 square feet area in the ground floor at the place of the proposed Common Services Centre (Khidmat Centre). However, J&K Bank reserves the right to grant any relaxation in appropriate cases. It is clarified that this is merely an opportunity for self employment and not in any case, a job offer from the J&K Bank or the government. Also, the J&K Bank shall not in any manner whatsoever be liable or responsible for any failure or delay on the part of the Government (State or Central) in providing any services(s) through the Common Services Centres (Khidmat Centres).

Jammu		Sambha		Poonch	
BLOCK	VILLAGE	BLOCK	VILLAGE	BLOCK	VILLAGE
Akhnoor	1. Mala 2. Balwal Brahamana	Ghagwal	1. Mava	Poonch	1. Khanetar
				Mandi	1. Loran
Khour	1. Chak Malal 2. Jogwan Dhakar	Samba	1.Panthi 2.Thandwal 3.Talour		
		Vijaypur	1. Chak Goran Mahal		
					Rajouri
Bhalwal	1.Mathwar 2.Keri	Purmandal	1.RajIndepora	Block	Village
Marh	1. Pouni Chak 2. Jaswan		Reasi		Kalakote
			Block		Village
Satwari	1. Makwal/Sohajana 2. Khandwal				
		Pouni	1. Bharakh	Rajouri	1. Kakora
R.S Pora	1. Gandil 2. Parlah				
Bishna	1.Kanhal	Mahore	1. Kundradhan	Budhal	1. Jamola
	Udhampur		Doda		Kistwar
BLOCK	VILLAGE	BLOCK	VILLAGE	BLOCK	VILLAGE
Udhampur	1.Cama Housing Colony	Gandoh	1.Dudwar	Paddar	1. Kadhali
					Ramban
				Block	Village
				Gool	Dharam
				Ramban	Kanthi
Chenani	1. Kither 2. Satyalta Chenani	Marmat	1.Bari		
		Doda	1.Dashnan		
Dudu Basantgarh	1. Jophar				
		Thathri	1.Tipri 2.Badanoo 3.Halaran		
		Bhaderwah	1.Nalithi		
Majaltha	1.Barrialta		Kathua		
			Block		Village
Ramnagar	1. Kulwanta	Loahai Malhar	Najote/sukrala Devi		
Pancheri	1.Lander 2.Badhota	Barnoti	1.Narroh 2.Jugial		
		Hirangar	1.Naun Chak		
		Kathua	1. Tridhwan		

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P.S. Candidates are advised to visit the websites www.csc.gov.in, www.negp.gov.in & www.deity.gov.in to gather further information regarding Khidmat Centre Scheme.