

Pulwama on trajectory of dev, prosperity: Kansal

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PULWAMA: Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, & Information Department, Rohit Kansal on Sunday visited Pulwama to review the overall developmental scenario in the district. He took a first-hand appraisal of all central and UT government developmental and social security schemes, assessing performance of different departments besides taking stock of winter preparedness of the district administration. Principal Secretary, who is also Secretary In-charge District Pulwama, also assessed sector wise performance of all departments. Principal Secretary underscored that the UT government is putting sustained efforts to remove difficulties and making social security & welfare schemes easily accessible to all eligible citizens. He exhorted upon officials to undertake regular public outreach activities for ensuring 100% saturation of all the beneficiary-oriented schemes and prompt redressal of public grievances. Reviewing the District Capex plan and other important infrastructure projects in the district, Principal Secretary noted that develop-



Principal Secretary, PDD & Info Dept, Rohit Kansal chairing a meeting at Pulwama.

mental works which had been budgeted for had been tendered and most of them stood allotted for execution. He issued instructions to the Deputy Commissioner to closely monitor the progress of works and ensure their timely completion. He also asked the DC to ensure that all works which had been physically completed were paid for as well. While reviewing the progress on AIIMS Pulwama, he asked the DC to ensure that allied works of PWD, PHE and PDD departments were started as per the realigned design and executed on priority. He took serious note of the fact that many works which were completed by the executing agencies were not being put to use because of want of furniture or inadequacies in completion of

allied works such as water and electrification. He asked the DC to ensure that rectifications were carried out on priority and also to ensure that all future DPRs were comprehensively drafted so as to include all components needed to make the building functional. He also reviewed the status of various individual beneficiary oriented schemes, pension and scholarship programmes and credit schemes. He was informed that the district was the leader in implementing various employment and social assistance programmes and that government support under NRLM and PMEGP had given a big boost to the local unemployed youth and others. On the power situation, he was briefed that Pulwama district was being supplied

nearly 4 hrs additional power daily as compared to the last year. This had become possible due to release of supply constraints after the commissioning of the Lassipora Grid station. While complimenting the department, the Principal Secretary asked KPDCL to ensure that replacement of damaged transformers and restoration of utilities after snowfall must be duly planned for. "Adopt advance planning and Optimum resource allocation to ensure minimum hassle to common citizens", He said. While addressing the officers, he said that Pulwama is on the trajectory of Development and Prosperity and can be made a Developmental Model if Officers and other stakeholders remain proactive and positive. He pointed out

that Pulwama was already the dairy capital of J&K and nearly all of the saffron produced in the country was sourced from here. Pulwama was also the leading producer of pencils. He emphasized on Officers to work in unison and also directed them to identify bottlenecks and impediments in ongoing projects so that projects are accomplished in a time-bound manner. He asserted that lackadaisical approach of any Government Officer can't be afforded and Officers should be proactive in making public services accessible. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq Choudhary through a power point presentation gave a detailed overview of the developmental activities and scheme-wise achievements under District Capex Budget, Languishing Projects, JJM, Back to Village, PWD, Power, PHE, Social welfare, and other sectors. Among others the meeting was attended by MD KPDCL, Chief Engineers of PDD, District Development Commissioner, Pulwama, besides all the district and sectoral officers.



Nation cries out in unison-Bhajpa Harao, Mehangai Hatao: Bhalla



JKPCC Vice President Raman Bhalla and others during 'Jan Jagran Abhiyan' campaign.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: Congress 'Jan Jagran Abhiyan' campaign designed to highlight the problems of inflation and skyrocketing fuel prices in the country and to increase awareness amongst the common public about the inflation in BJP rule Sunday reached Kathua. The protest rally as a part of Jan Jagran Abhiyan followed by huge gathering was organized by DCC Kathua President Pankaj Dogra opposite DC Office Kathua and led by JKPCC Vice President Raman Bhalla, Manmohan Singh JKPCC General Secretary, Ex. MLC Th. Balbir Singh, Rajnesh Sharma JKPCC Treasurer, Gardhari Lal Chaloitra Ex MLA, Ch. Hussain Ali Waffa ST Chairman, PCC Secretary Pawan Raina, PCC Secretary Shashi Sharma, OBC

Department Chairmen Suresh Dogra, SC Cell Chairmen Karan Bhagat, Ch. Balbir, Sahil Langeh, Jatin Vashisht, Choudhary Mohan beside others. Addressing a mammoth gathering, Bhalla said that the Congress is the only party that can restore dignity as well as protect the identity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said holding the party flag high is a daunting task and that Congress's history is rife with such numerous men who held the party flag high facing many challenges. He said that it was due to the efforts of numerous Congress workers that their struggle culminated in the restoration of democracy in J&K. Congress on account of its struggle for the protection of identity and historical individuality of the people of J&K has been immortalized in the

hearts and minds of people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have always withstood all malicious attempts to engineer the breaking of their unified voice in the shape of Congress. Regardless of intimidation, coercion and incessant contriving by anti-Jammu & Kashmir forces, the trust of people in it has been rising. From time-to-time people of J&K have asserted their authority, ownership of J&K by bringing Congress to power. For us power is not the ultimate goal, it is a medium to serve our people," he added. Bhalla reminded Government of India to stay to its promise of restoring statehood in J&K without any further delay and said that it was surprising that the Govt was not fulfilling its promise made in the Parliament till now.

President IkkJutt launches Adv Chetan's book 'Be A Monk'

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a glittering function, the maiden book of Advocate Chetan Prabhakar titled 'Be A Monk' was released by Chief Guest, Advocate Ankur Sharma, President, IkkJutt Jammu. The event was presided over by Anil Padha, Social Activist and Former Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, J&K and Advocate Vishal Sharma, in the presence of Prof. Dr. Ajay Kotwal, the Guest of Honour. Speaking on occasion, Ankur said that the book is a key to deal with the difficult times and the book is a must read for spiritual elevation which can help people to live life blissfully. Chetan Prabhakar said that the book is a key to generate



President, IkkJutt Jammu Advocate Ankur Sharma and others releasing a book in Jammu.

unwavering happiness even amidst the most challenging time of one's life. The book provides a simple and easy method to conquer the mind, he said adding that the book is an effort for initiating various wholesome seeds for the people to walk on the path of spirituality and reach

a state of high consciousness and equanimity which ultimately, leads to true happiness and eternal bliss. The book is also an effort to help people boost confidence, raise morale and improve their lives from the impact of irreparable setbacks and mental turmoil caused by uncertain times and uncontrollable circumstances, he said.

The Book provides numerous meditation techniques and exercise use of which will help the readers to deal with stress, anxiety and depression, he added. Anil Padha said that the author of this book besides giving an attractive title has very well-articulated the meaning & purpose of bringing the mind to a state of being a Monk.

As has been said in Holy Geeta "Try to bring your mind under control, no matter what the process is, rest of the things will follow as a matter of course, I wish & pray for the wellbeing of humanity through the contents of this book. In the beginning of the event, Shivani Prabhakar, Founder, Sachetan-The Mind Gym presented the welcome address. Adv. Ajaat Jamiwal, President, Association for SEED conducted the programme and presented the vote of thanks. Prominent among those on the occasion were Yoga Guru Vipran Nischal, Ravish Handoo, RJ Vikrant, Rahul Gupta, Sachin Prabhakar, Prof. Mona Prabhakar, Er. Gagan Sharma, Aman Sharma and Advocate Vishal Kapoor.

Advisor Farooq releases Ghazal collection

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan on Sunday released a collection of ghazals titled Dasht-e-Wahshat at KL Saigal Hall in Abhinav Theatre. The book by Zulfiqar Naqvi is a collection of 99 ghazals, poems, on various themes including human values, national integration, emotional catharsis and more. Speaking at the occasion, the Advisor expressed concern on declining interest among youngsters for entering into Urdu academics. He encouraged the Urdu academia and other lovers of the language to promote its use. He also lauded the efforts of people from J&K in keeping alive the legacy of the rich native language of India. The Advisor congratulated the author on the release of his third book and requested the audience to delve into his previous works also. The author, Zulfiqar Naqvi, is a prominent literary figure whose books are read well abroad and in India. He is presently working as English Lecturer at Government Boys Higher Secondary School Mendhar. The event was organised by literary organisations- Tehreeq Baqa-e-Urdu and Anjuman Farog-e-Urdu. A number of academicians and literary figures from Urdu background were present at the occasion.



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TNWS rues poor progress of development works



Members of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society during the meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A meeting of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society (TNWS) was held on Sunday under the leadership of its President Rajinder Parshad, which was attended by a number of residents. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding poor progress of development works in the area. The participants expressed concern on miserable condition of lanes & bye-lanes, whose repairs are still pending.

"The drains also need immediate repairs. Blacktopping of roads has not been done from last many years despite submitting numerous reminders to concerned authorities. No doubt, even Councilors have also put in their maximum efforts to initiate repairs works but still some areas are neglected," members said, alleging that a pick and choose policy is being adopted in carrying out works. The team TNWS Jammu demanded that there

should be a separate agency to check and review facts besides cross-check quality of jobs done. They further urged all concerned authorities to initiate development works at the earliest. The prominent members who attended the meeting included Ashok Kumar Arora, S N Kaul, Varinder Kumar Suri, Kewal Krishan Mahajan, Krishan Kumar Gupta, O P Sharma, Anil Sharma and Partap Singh Arora.

Schools Education Officers Association holds meet, discusses issues

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A meeting of the Schools Education Officers Association (SEOA) was held under the leadership of its President, Roop Lal, which was attended by a number of members. During the meeting, the participants condemned the message which is circulating on social media that senior lecturer wants to be inducted as ZEOs. "If this message is official then, we, the School Education Officers Association warn the Government & bureaucracy not to do so. If it is unofficial, then the person who is circulating the message should be punished for creating confusion & panic among education officers. After serving for 8 to 10 years as Headmasters, officials are promoted as ZEOs. If they are not confirmed or regularized, it's not their fault but its fault of department," they added. The participants further said that Zonal Education Officers have much more role & responsibility as compared to Principals because Zonal Education Officers come across various

types of situations. Zonal Education Officers are being given a minimum percentage of chance for their next promotion as Principal where it should have been 50:50 as per nature of job in both of cadres. Zonal Education Officers are looking into much more responsibilities as teaching & even ahead of teaching. So, the Headmasters & Zonal Education Officers Association condemn the mischief aimed to mislead the department & darkening future of Headmasters cum ZEOs," they asserted. The participants urged the Principal Secretary Education Department, B K Singh to issue necessary instructions for enhancing pace of regularisation process of Headmasters & ZEOs, which is being delayed since long for one or another reason. Prominent among those who attended the meeting included Subash Sharma, Mohan Singh, Subash Chander, Rakesh Chander, Charanjit Singh, Surinder Kumar, Rita Angral, Kiran Mangotra, Rajinder Kumar, Puran Chand, Thaker Chand and Baboo Ram.

J&K Tourism Deptt holds interactive meet with Pune travel operators

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: On the sidelines of the India International Travel Mart (IITM), being held at Pune these days, the J&K Tourism Department organised an interactive meet with the tour and travel operators of the city in which a large number of prominent tour operators of Pune participated.



J&K Tourism officials during an event at Pune.

The event was aimed at showcasing the tourist attractions of the UT and to invite travellers to visit J&K. Director, Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo and Additional Secretary, Tourism, Waseem Raja attended the interaction. Interacting with the members of the travel fraternity, Vivekanand Rai and Dr G. N Itoo gave a detailed account of the activities undertaken by the Tourism Department in the last few months. They informed the Pune travel operators about the 75 mesmerising but lesser-known destinations which the Department is planning to

promote in a big way and to encourage Pune-based holidaymakers to visit the Union Territory. They were also informed of several other measures taken by the Department for the revival of the tourism sector and which has resulted in record domestic tourist footfall during previous months. On the occasion, a detailed presentation on the off-beat destinations of Jammu and Kashmir was made by Waseem Raja. A drawing competition was also organised by the Department at Deccan College Pune in which students from various city col-

leges participated. Besides, the stall of J&K at the IITM saw a huge rush of locals and travel agents and the travel agents of J&K were buoyed by the response. The outreach was part of the extensive promotional campaign launched this year by the Department across several major cities and markets across the country which has yielded encouraging results. As recognition of this effort, the Department was conferred with the "Best Domestic Tourism Promotion Award" at the award Ceremony of the IITM last evening.

3-tier PRIs pivotal in ensuring good governance: Div Com

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Dr Raghav Langer on Sunday conducted an extensive tour of Akhnoor Sub division and chaired a public grievances redressal camp. The Div Com was accompanied by ADDC Jammu, Chief Engineers of Jal Shakti, senior functionaries of Social welfare, JPDCCL, PWD, Horticulture Marketing planning, Agriculture, Health, and other sectoral officers. DDC Member, Bhalwal Bramana; BDC Chairperson Akhnoor, and a large number of people including PRIs and locals of Panchayats of Akhnoor, Khour, Jourian were present on the occasion. The Sarpanchs, locals put



Div Com Jammu Dr Raghav Langer speaking during a Public Darbar at Akhnoor.

forth their demands seeking improved road connectivity, renovation of school buildings, Health facilities, upgradation of Jal Shakti and Power infrastructure, minor mineral mining, check on land grabbing, pending payments of PMAY, land compensation, speedy completion of development projects. The deputations also submitted a memorandum of

demands to Div Com. The Div Com gave a patient hearing to all the deputations, individuals and passed on the spot directions to the concerned officers for resolving the issues. He also assured the public/ PRIs that all their genuine demands would be redressed as per norms at the earliest. The concerned officers also responded to the pro-

jected demands and apprised the public that most of projected issues were under consideration and would be resolved in a time bound manner. The Div Com said that the public outreach programmes are being conducted to take the first-hand appraisal of the public grievances at their doorsteps so that plans and policies are formulated in consultation with the public and PRIs and the benefits of the Government initiatives percolate to the last beneficiary. Dr Raghav Langer stressed upon the officers present to be proactive and responsive towards the public grievances and asked them to assert themselves in resolving the issues of public importance. He assured the people that all

their genuine demands would be processed for early redressal. The Div Com issued on spot directions to the concerned departments for looking into all the issues raised by the public for an early redressal. He asked the PRI representatives and Officers of concerned departments to work in tandem to achieve desired development targets. The Divisional Commissioner reiterated that the HLG administration is fully committed towards transparent, accountable and corruption free governance. He lauded the role of public representatives in bringing forth the issues of public importance and providing full cooperation to the Government departments.