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Vigilance Organization has booked 10 Engineers among

others for misappropriation of

funds at PHE Sub-Division

been registered against V K

Abrol the then Executive

Engineer, U.S Dour the then Ex

Engineer, R C Gupta the then

Ex Engineer PHE Division

then AEE Sub Division

Bhalwal, R K Sharma, Head

Draftsman, N K Kohli, Head

On receipt of a complaint, a

Joint Surprise Check (JSC)

allegations of misappropriation

Bhalwal, Akhnoor Jammu dur-

the execution of Water Supply

Schemes Kot, Sumbliwala,

Gurha Pattan, Amb Dumi,

Migrant Camp Purkhoo and

Accelerated Rural Water

Gorda through

Engineer and others.

A case in this regard has

Bhalwal, Akhnoor Jammu.

JAMMU, Aug 1: The State



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Operation against JeM chief launched

5 foreign militants killed in Handwara forests

Fayaz Bukhari

a fierce overnight gun battle that broke out in North Kashmir's Hafrooda forests last evening during a security force operation that was launched four days ago after a group of militants was spotted in the forests on July 29.

In the meantime, security forces have launched a massive operation in Lolab forests of North Kashmir's Kupwara district against new chief of Jaish-e-Mohammad militant outfit along with a group of around 9 militants.

Officer General Commanding (GOC) of Srinagar based 15 Corps of Army, Lt General Gurmeet Singh told reporters here that 5 foreign militants of Lashkar-e-Toiba were killed in the Hafrooda forests of Handwara in North Kashmir's Kupwara dis-

The GOC said that two Army personnel also sustained injuries, and their condition is grenade launcher", he added.

improving now. He however, The Army commander said operation was launched on July said that search operation is still that with the killing of 5 mili- 29 when the security forces SRINAGAR, Aug 1: Five in progress in the dense forest tants in Hafrooda, the death toll received intelligence based foreign militants were killed in area. "The bodies of all the slain has risen to 10 in overall opera-information about the presence



Army jawans in action during encounter at Hafrooda in Kupwara on Thursday. -Excelsior/Aabid Nabi

stores including under barrel

trict in 72 hour long encounter. militant have been recovered tions in North Kashmir includ- of a group of militants in the with huge quantity of war like ing Keran sector and Machil forests. sector since last three days.

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Supply Programme (A Central Security sources said that 5 Govt. Scheme) funds were (Contd on page 6 Col 5)

35 leading companies to train 54,000 J&K youth SVO books 10 PHE Engineers, Terror incidents down; civilian, others

security forces killings up

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Aug 1: Union of security forces and civilians have witnessed increase dur-Akhnoor Surinder Singh, the ing first six months of this year then AEE, Sub Division as compared to the corre-Bhalwal, Sanjay Nargotra the sponding period of last year in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr Shinde said the Ministry of Home Affairs has deployed Draftsman, T K Sharma, Jr 90 companies of additional Engineer and D B Singh, Jr Central Armed Forces for smooth conduct of ongoing 55 days long annual pilgrimage to Shri Amarnath Ji shrine in South conducted to enquire into the Kashmir Himalayas this year.

Presenting the report of of funds committed by the offi-Union Home Ministry on comcials of PHE Sub Division pletion of his one year in the office today in the Union capital, ing 2004-2007 revealed that in Mr Shinde said majority of work along Indo-Pakistan border has been completed.

He said 35 leading companies have partnered with year' National Skill Development more than 54,000 youth from J&K over next five years.

An exhaustive document the militants at Srinagar few presented to the media at the days back besides targeted press conference, the Ministry killing of police constables. The Home Minister Sushil Kumar of Home Affairs held by Mr civilian killings have gone up Shinde said today that security Shinde since August 1, 2012, due to targeting of Panchayat scenario has improved and said: "the security situation in members by the militants. incidents of terrorism have Jammu and Kashmir has gone down but the casualties improved, the number of terror- that in the month of December

ist incidents have also declined but there is increase in the numof fencing and floodlighting ber of casualties of security age to holy cave shrine of Shri forces and civilians during first Amarnath ji was progressing six months of this year as com- smoothly with over 3 lakh pared to similar period last yatris having already per-

Corporation (NSDC) to train casualties of security forces was Kashmir due to killing of eight Army personnel in one single ambush by

Advisor and the three Services chiefs.

North Kashmir's Sopore area town last week.

The MHA document noted

2012 alone, Army and security forces eliminated 14 terrorists including eight foreign mercenaries, operating in Jammu and Kashmir. The slain ultras included a group of nine militants (two local and seven foreigners), who were involved in various attacks against security forces and were planning an attack in Srinagar

It said two slain militants were involved in Hotel Silver Star shoot out. Another killed militant was a Hizbul Mujahideen commander, who was wanted for his involvement in Delhi High Court blast case.

Pointing out that pilgrimformed darshan at the cave The increase in number of shrine located in South Himalayas

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Antony reviews security scenario

NEW DELHI, Aug 1:

Defence Minister A K Antony today reviewed the security situation in and around the country with the National Security

During the meeting, the three services chief briefed the

The meeting has happened at a time when the security agencies

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SRINAGAR, Aug 1:Police have apprehended four militants of

* Pic on page 6 Hizbul Mujahideen for killing a Special Police Officer (SPO) and attacking a Sarpanch in

DIG North Kashmir, J P Singh told a news conference in

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Gou-sul-Nissa is 2nd VC

Excelsior Correspondent

sul-Nissa Jeelani, former Principal District and Sessions Judge, as

2nd Vigilance Commissioner in the State Vigilance Commission.

JAMMU, Aug 1: Governor, N N Vohra today appointed Gou-

Baramulla that these militants were tasked to eliminate at least a

in J&K are concerned over the attempts to raise the violence levels

4 militants held for killing SPO

Excelsior Correspondent

Defence Minister about the prevailing security situation in the

J&K and the northeastern areas, ministry officials said here.

Infiltration, security measures reviewed at high level meet

*Counter Militancy Grid to be strengthened

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 1: Top brass of police, civil administration, and Intelligence agencies here today held a high level review of security situation especially in the wake of series of infiltration attempts on the Line of (LoC) International Border (IB) and Pakistan's attempts to push say that picture about the loss to trained militants into this side before Independence Day cele-The flash floods and cloud

The meeting comes ahead of August 15 celebrations, Budha Amarnath Ii Vatra Raksha Bandhan, Eid and Janamashtami festivals apart from Machail Mata yatra, all of which fall this month. Ongoing Amarnath Ji pilgrimage will also continue till August 21 coinciding with Sharavan Purnima and Raksha

Sources said representatives of all agencies including Army, police, BSF, CRPF, IB, CID (Counter Intelligence), civil administration and other paramilitary and Intelligence agencies operating in the State attended the meeting that lasted the borders followed by police,

While DIGs and SSPs of which was in the second line. Jammu were present in the He, however, admitted spurt in region and the measures taken by the Army to tackle terrorism in meeting, the officers of same the intrusion bids on the LoC. rank in other zones and districts Army, para-military forces of Jammu region joined through video conferencing.

> scenario came under review in Amarnath the meeting.

taining to infiltration attempts also falling this month. on the LoC and IB, presence of Sources said there had been militants on Pakistan and PoK inputs that militants could make half dozen Panchayat members before Eid-ul- Fitr that falls on side across the borders and more infiltration attempts both August 9. **security arrangements for** from LoC and IB as they were Independence Day and all desperate to sneak-in to create a Mujahideen (HM) under direct command of HM commander other festivals and yatras, terror attack. which have already started

chaired the meeting, said. part of LoC or IB, he replied in negative. He said Army and BSF were maintained a high alert on has directed all Zonal DIGs and

Official sources said the

meeting devised a joint strategy to strengthen 'Counter Militancy Inspector General of Police, Grid' in Jammu region to ward Jammu Zone, Rajesh Kumar off any possibility of a terror told the Excelsior after the meet-strike during the festival season ing that all aspects of security and pilgrimages including Yatra. Budha Amarnath yatra and Machail "Representatives of all Mata yatra. Independence Day, agencies gave their inputs per- Eid and Raksha Bandhan are

Apart from infiltration, and would continue this sources said, the meeting also month." Mr Kumar, who reviewed security and law and order situation within the He added that all security Jammu region. The incident of agencies including police were Dharam, Gool in which the fully geared to meet with any security forces had opened firing kind of situation. To a question on the protesters leading to four as to whether successful infiltra- fatal casualties and injuries to 42 tion has been reported from any others also figured in the meet-

Sources said the IGP Jammu

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The appointment of Gou-sul-Nissa Jeelani will take effect from the date she assumed charge of the post in the State Vigilance Commission, said a notification issued by the General Administration Department. With the appointment of Jeelani as Vigilance Commissioner.

the vacancy in State Vigilance Commission has been filled and is now complete with a Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) and two Vigilance Commissioners

The State Vigilance Commission was made operational with the appointment of former Director General of State Police. Kuldeep Khoda as CVC and former IAS officer R K Jerath as Vigilance Commissioner in February this year.

J&K Bank records 25 pc net profit Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 1: J&K Bank today posted a net profit of Rs 307.92 crores for the quarter ended June 2013, which is up by 25.12 percent from Rs 246.09 crores earned during the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year.

The Bank announced its financial results for the first quarter when mega railway, highway "The basic objective of fram- today following the approval of its Board of Directors at a meeting

The Bank's operating profit witnessed a Year on Year (YoY) growth of 15.85 percent and reached to Rs 480.99 crores from Rs (Contd on page 6 Col 3)



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Houses inundated, NH damaged, streams overflowing Cloudburst, flash floods in Kargil; one injured, many rescued

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 1: At least one person was injured and around one dozen who were trapped in flash floods in Kargil town in Ladakh division and a portion of the National Srinagar-Leh Highway was washed away this evening after a cloudburst hit many areas.

Officials said that at around 8 p.m. due to cloudburst at many places, water level of the streams flowing through Kargil rose suddenly with water entering the houses in the township and inundating them

The officials said that the been admitted in the hospital. main areas that have been affected by the flash floods due were reportedly inundated due to cloudburst in Kargil are to the floods and streams were Main town, Hospital Road, flowing throw the town were Adulgund, Iqbal bridge and overflowing. Chanchik Nalla.

The officials said that due to tion and Army are out and resflash floods around 2 feet silt cue operation has been has accumulated in Kargil town launched. Large number of and all the roads have been houses have been damaged and blocked due to flash floods and since it was night time, official

In Hinderman around 7-8 the property will be known by feet silt and mud has accumulat- morning. ed in the entire area and in Titichimik around 5-6 feet silt burst caused panic in the townhas accumulated.

The officials said that the Leh highway has been washed

In Pashkum, the Srinagar- help.

ship and people were seeking The officials said that the

water level in the Suru river, away and nine persons who weather, however, improved and flowing through Kargil was ris-were caught in the flash floods water level was receding but the

Large number of houses

Police, district administra-

ing and it posed threat to the have been rescued now and one town and several adjacent areas of them who was injured has are under silt. Fake documents produced to secure loans

CBI raids at 3 places in Rs 4 cr Bank of Baroda scam

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 1: The Bureau Investigations (CBI) today conducted simultaneous raids at Jammu, Chandigarh and Mumbai in connection with Rs 4 crores worth fraud committed by private persons in connivance with Bank of Baroda

tant and incriminating docu- scam. ments from the houses of accused.

Official sources told the

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another big win

of light rain/thundershow TEMPERATURE 32.3 Degree C Min: 23.8 Degree C RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Highest: 98.0 per cent 83.0 per cent Lowest: 07.29 p.m. Sunset on Friday: Sunrise on Saturday: 05.48 a.m. KASHMIR Possibility of light rain/thundershov

TEMPERATURE Max 29.1 Degree C Min: 21.4 Degree C RELATIVE HUMIDITY Highest: 91.0 per cent

Raids were conducted under the supervision of Dr about three hours. The fraud was committed Armandeep Singh, SSP CBI,

> Chandigarh. Another house of a Bank official was searched at Mumbai.

> Sources said even after the first loan of Manzoor Hussain had been turned 'bad', he continued to secure more loans on the name of his other family members for the same business.

"As the Bank officials were also involved in the scam, they continued to oblige Manzoor Ahmad without checking the documents of land produced by him for mortgage," sources said. In total, Manzoor Hussain himself and on the names of his family members secured loans worth approximately Rs 4 crores including cerned remained in oblivion till the interest amount due against him.

Manzoor had secured a total of 7 loans from the same bank. they added. As Manzoor didn't pay the

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deep slumber.

Department will also carry out **from their cultural ethos.** suitable amendment in the Land Acquisition Act.

decided under the R&R Plans of informed. early this year despite the fact the project executing agencies,

"Recently, the Revenue Khan confirmed that R&R

Department found the sugges- Policy has been prepared and tion of the Union Government of said that Cabinet will take JAMMU, Aug 1: For the immense importance especially final call on the same shortly. Kashmir is going to have its and power projects are being ing comprehensive policy is to held here on August 1, 2013. comprehensive executed in the State and several ensure timely justice to the such projects particularly in affected people and the main power sector are in the pipeline focus will be to ensure that and set in motion an exercise to their livelihood don't get formulate the R&R policy", snatched besides making paysources said. The draft of the ment of compensation and policy has been prepared and the helping them in rehabilitasame will be placed before the tion", he added. The rehabili-Cabinet for its approval shortly. tation of affected populace Following the approval to the would be made in such a man-R&R Policy, the Revenue ner that they are not cut off Under the policy, new

methodology will be adopted

In case of some business which even vary from project to establishments including shops coming under any pro-When contacted, Minister ject, not only the owners will of State for Revenue, Relief get compensation even steps and Rehabilitation, Aijaz would be taken to ensure

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<u>Draft prepared by Revenue Deptt to be placed before Cabinet shortly</u> For first time, J&K to have comprehensive R&R policy

Mohinder Verma

first time, Jammu and Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy and the draft of the same prepared by the Revenue Department is being submitted to the State Cabinet shortly for discussion and approval. The policy is aimed at ensuring that people to be affected due to the execution of major projects in power, roads, railways and industries sectors do not remain deprived of their rightful claim of rehabilitation and compensation and all the issues are resolved at the stage

of placing of indent. Official sources Union Government had made a preparing their own R&R Policy in 2010-11 yet in Jammu and Kashmir the authorities conthat non-rehabilitation of people affected due to Baglihar Hydroelectric Project was sufficient to awake them from the

project.

In the absence of any com- while working out compensation prehensive R&R policy of the for the affected populace. The Government, the people being compensation for the land will affected due to mega infrastruc- be on the basis of market value ture development projects have in the area and in case of acquir-EXCELSIOR that though the been finding it difficult to get ing of agriculture and orchards timely compensation for the land, the loss to be suffered by suggestion to the States for land acquired for the projects the people on account of crop and rehabilitated in case of dis- and produce for next 10 to 15 location, sources said. At pre- years would be included in the sent, the fate of these people is compensation amount, sources

