

## Massive operations launched in Handwara forests

# Army foils infiltration attempt; 3 militants, jawan killed

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Aug 3: Army today foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Tangdhar sector of North Kashmir killing two militants while an Army man also lost his life in the operation.

Elsewhere, a militant was killed in a fierce encounter with security forces in Mooldari forests of Handwara while two more operation in the area have been launched in Makal and Rajwar forests along LoC after reports of militant presence in these forests.

General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Kupwara based 28 Division of Army, Major General Lalit Panday told reporters in Kupwara that troops on the LoC in Tangdhar sector noticed a group of militants sneaking in from Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) early this morning under the cover of darkness.

"We challenged and asked them to surrender, but they opened fire leading to a gun battle in which two militants were killed. The gun battle lasted for about half an hour. One of our

soldiers also lost his life in the encounter", the GOC said. Sources said that one Army jawan was injured in the encounter. "The dead Army jawan has been identified as Ram Bahadur Drung and injured



An Army jawan during an encounter with militants at Tangdhar in Kupwara on Saturday. —Excelsior/Abid Nabi

and devices that are put in place are working nicely and Army is achieving successes after successes by foiling the infiltration bid along the LoC. The Army Commander said that the groups that made infil-

tration attempts and were killed belonged to Lashkar-e-Toiba, Hizbul Mujahideen and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

This was second infiltration bid in Tangdhar sector during the past 24 hours that was foiled by Army. Early yesterday a mil-

(Contd on page 7 Col 1)

tration attempts and were killed belonged to Lashkar-e-Toiba, Hizbul Mujahideen and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

This was second infiltration bid in Tangdhar sector during the past 24 hours that was foiled by Army. Early yesterday a mil-

(Contd on page 7 Col 1)

## 24 drugs found sub-standard in J&K

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 3: The Central Drugs Standard Organization (CDSO) has found 24 drugs, whose samples were taken from hospitals and chemist shops in the State in April this year after expose of fake drug scam in the State, as sub-standard.

The CDSO had taken 156 drug samples during its raids of various Government hospitals and chemist shops across the State. Out 156 samples taken, reports of 50 samples were received by them so far and 24 drugs were found sub-standard.

The letter written by the Assistant Controller CDSO (No. JSZ/SDC/Sample Report/2013/750 dated 15-07-2013) to the Drug Controller Jammu and Kashmir, says that based on the Government Analyst Central Drugs Laboratory Kolkata and Government Analyst Drugs Laboratory Chandigarh 24 drug samples taken from Jammu and Kashmir have been found sub-standard.

The drugs those were found as sub-standard are: Dicloflam Injection IP, manufactured by M/s Ethicare Laboratories Jammu; Inu Amoxicillin and

Potassium Clavulenate IP manufactured by M/s Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Bangalore; P-Min10% manufactured by M/s Minil Laboratories, Industrial Estate Jammu; Zepoxin Injection manufactured by M/s Neon Laboratories Ltd, Mumbai; TRAXOL (Ceftriaxone Injection IP) 1000 manufactured by M/s GMH Organics, Baddi District Solan, HP; NIMETH-Injection manufactured by M/s Nitin Laboratories Ltd, Karnal Punjab; BIOTOCIN-Injection manufactured by M/s E G Pharmaceuticals, District Solan, HP; Metonorm (Metoclopramide Injection IP) manufactured by M/s Ethicare Laboratories, Jammu; Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate Injection manufactured by M/s SGS Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd Roorkee; Pheniramine Maleate Injection IP manufactured by M/s SGS Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd Roorkee; Diclofenac Sodium Injection manufactured by M/s Visa Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd Gullar Walla, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh; Metonorm (Metoclopramide Injection IP) manufactured by M/s Ethicare Laboratories Jammu; Bolocof 250 Injection manufactured by M/s Bio Search Organics, Kathua

(Contd on page 7 Col 1)



Happy on seeing clouds hovering over the sky in Jammu on Saturday evening. —Excelsior/Rakesh

## Sonia supports Durga Shakti

NEW DELHI, Aug 3:

Coming out in support of suspended Uttar Pradesh IAS officer Durga Shakti Nagpal, Congress President Sonia Gandhi has asked Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to ensure that the officer is not unfairly treated.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Gandhi said there is widespread concern that the

(Contd on page 7 Col 1)

## CBI team in Kashmir in Ishrat case

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 3: A three member Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) team is in Srinagar to ascertain the identity of the militants who were killed with Ishrat Jahan and Javed Sheikh in an alleged fake encounter in Ahmedabad, Gujarat in 2004.

Gujarat Police claimed that the two Pakistani militants Zeshan Johar and Amjad Ali alias Salim alias Babar who were killed with the Ishrat Jahan and Javed Sheikh on June 15, 2004 were Pakistani militants.

However, CBI believes that the two militants killed in Ishrat Jahan alleged fake encounter case are not Pakistanis but Indians. The agency is in Kashmir to conduct verification of those reported missing from the Kashmir valley.

(Contd on page 7 Col 5)

## CM intervenes to end water dispute

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 3: "After the intervention by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the dispute over sharing of Kahmil stream irrigation water in the North Kashmir's Kupwara district ended today with farmers of Handwara and Kupwara constituencies agreeing to follow the agreement that was brokered by the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Itrat Hussain last week", sources in the district administration said.

At least three dozen people including Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) of Jammu and Kashmir police were injured and National Panthers Party (NPP) Member Legislative Council

(Contd on page 7 Col 3)

## DB's fresh directions on old age home

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Viklang Chattr Trust regarding better care of old age home inmates, Division Bench of High Court comprising Justice Virender Singh and Justice Ali Mohd Magrey has issued fresh directions to the Chief Secretary and others for strict compliance of the order dated July 2, 2013.

When the PIL came up for hearing, the DB observed, "compliance report has not been filed by the Chief Secretary in terms of the order dated July 2, 2013".

On this, Senior Advocate Sunil Sethi submitted that in the old

(Contd on page 7 Col 3)

## NC leader's house gutted

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 3: The provincial president of ruling National Conference, Nasir Aslam Wani's residence was gutted at Rajbagh, Srinagar in a fire during last night.

Police said Nasir, and all his family members were present in the house when fire broke out but they escaped unhurt.

The fire appeared at around 2 a.m., and it spread over the whole house rapidly and devastated its two stories and damaged the ground floor.

The men and machinery of Fire and emergency services rushed to the spot and doused the flames.

Police said that the cause of fire and the cost of the property damaged are being ascertained.

## Joint interrogation of Chinese men

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 3: Security agencies will conduct joint interrogation of the three Chinese men who had strayed into Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO) sector of Leh in June this year.

Three Chinese brothers - Aadil Ahmad, Mohammad Salam, Abdul Khaliq - of Aksai Chin area of China were detained by Army after they spotted them on June 14 at Sultan Chinkar in Murgu area of Leh, some 20 kilometers inside Indian territory near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. The Army later handed them over to the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

(Contd on page 7 Col 3)

## Top leaders support demand, vow to get it fulfilled

# Telangana revives demand for UT status to Ladakh

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Aug 3: Following Centre's green signal to creation of 29th Indian State, Telangana carving it out of Andhra Pradesh and brewing up of similar demands in Gorkhaland (West Bengal), Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra etc, prominent leaders from Ladakh have also joined the chorus for conferring Union Territory status to Ladakh, which, they claimed, was demand of the people since independence much before the Telangana issue cropped up. They vowed that they would make all possible efforts to get their demand conceded by the Union of India.

Barring National Conference,

almost all political parties and organisations including all powerful Leh Buddhist Association (LBA) have strongly supported the demand for UT status to Ladakh. The leaders from Leh were of the view that they were lying low at present in view of the presence of Tibetan spiritual leader and His Holiness Dalai Lama in Leh.

"The demand would gain momentum after the completion of visit of Dalai Lama," they said.

Former Union Minister and veteran Congress leader P Namgyal, who had been a member of Parliament as well as State Legislator and was Minister in Rajiv Gandhi Government, said all parties and organisation in Leh, excepting National Conference were going

to raise their demand very vociferously for UT status to Ladakh.

"We want UT status to Ladakh with Legislature on the pattern of New Delhi and Puducherry," he said, adding that all parties in Leh were working on one line and that is grant of the UT status. He said it was only the National Conference, which has a different stand and was opposed to UT status to Ladakh.

"All parties will take a unanimous decision after the return of His Holiness from Leh," Mr Namgyal said.

Leh Buddhist Association (LBA) president Dr Tondup Tswang said the LBA was strongly in favour of UT status to Ladakh and added that the demand would definitely gain momentum with the proposed

creation of Telangana by the Union Government.

"Whenever we get the chance we raise our voice in favour of UT status. We use every forum...every platform...every opportunity to reiterate our long pending demand. And, we are confident the Government of India would not only take note of our demand but fulfill it," Mr Tswang said.

He added that the LBA was conscious of its duty and task and wouldn't leave any stone unturned in getting UT status for Ladakh.

Lok Sabha member from Ladakh, Ghulam Hassan Khan, who had won the 2009 election as an Independent candidate but later affiliated himself with National Conference, is not sup-

(Contd on page 7 Col 3)

## Another earthquake, aftershocks rock Kishtwar, Doda

# Nearly 100 houses damaged, CISF jawans among 6 injured

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: Yet another earthquake of moderate intensity and several aftershocks shook the twin districts of Kishtwar and Doda causing severe damage to around 100 more houses besides further aggravating the damages suffered during the previous tremors. In the earthquake, six persons including four jawans of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) also sustained severe injuries.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department, earthquake of moderate intensity having depth of 10 kilometers hit Kishtwar and Doda districts at around 3.04 am. The latitude of the earthquake was 33.5 degree North and longitude 75.8 degree East and its epicenter was Kishtwar area. From 3.04 am till this afternoon, even several aftershocks of slight intensity also hit the area prompting the people to remain out of their houses.

Stating that intensity of the earthquake was more severe in Kishtwar district as compared to Doda, official sources said that around 100 more houses suffered severe damages in the Kishtwar district during the overnight tremors besides aggravating the condition of those houses, which suffered damages during the earthquake of May 1 and August 2.

The earthquake also triggered landslide near the Kishtwar town and caused severe damage to the water supply scheme, the only source of providing drinking water to the town and its adjoining areas. Since the damage was huge, the water supply could not be restored till this evening. Though power supply too got snapped following the

(Contd on page 7 Col 5)

**Silverlines SUNDAY BAZAAR**

**FREE GOLD COIN**  
on Purchase of DIAMOND JEWELLERY

CALL & COMPARE  
Sunday Special Hallmark Gold Rate  
+91 9796667999

K.C. Plaza Complex, Ph: 0191 2575552/53  
Bahu Plaza, Ph: 0191 2479898, 2479798

Internet Edition: [www.dailyexcelsior.com](http://www.dailyexcelsior.com)  
E-Paper: <http://epaper.dailyexcelsior.com>

**INSIDE**

- \* Regulations for sale of acid ...Page 6