

## Governor, CM greet people on Eid

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SRINAGAR, Aug 8: N. N. Vohra, Governor, has conveyed warm greetings to the people on the joyous and auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

In a message of felicitations, the Governor expressed the hope that this auspicious occasion would be the harbinger of peace, progress, prosperity and happiness and would strengthen the bonds of communal harmony, brotherhood and amity, which are the hallmarks of J&K's glorious pluralistic traditions.

The Governor prayed for the well-being of the people of the State.

Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah has also felicitated people on Eid-ul-Fitr wishing them well-being and prosperity.

In his greetings message, the Chief Minister highlighted the essence of Eid and said that this Day is to address the needs of poor and share Eid-bliss with them.

Omar Abdullah said that the spirit behind the observance of Eid-ul-Fitr is to express our thanks to Almighty Allah for giving us the courage to observe fast in the month of Ramdhan and rededicate ourselves to the path of truthfulness, sincerity, self-control, patience and human dignity.

The Chief Minister prayed for peace and prosperity and wished the Eid be harbinger for all round development in the State and the country. He also hoped that this holy occasion would strengthen the bonds of communal harmony, brotherhood and amity.

## HC imposes Rs 30,000 cost on Com Secy School Education

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JAMMU, Aug 8: High Court today imposed Rs 30,000 cost upon the Commissioner Secretary School Education Department for non-adherence to the directions.

The order was passed in a petition filed by one Vikram Singh Rana through Advocate D K Khajuria. In the earlier petition filed by Vikram Singh Rana in the year 1995, the Court vide order dated December 4, 1998 had directed the respondents to take necessary steps to issue letter of appointment in favour of the petitioner within a period of two months.

However, this order was not complied forcing the petitioner to file contempt petition. On March 1, 2004 the contempt petition was disposed off as it was reported to the Court that Secretary SSRB had made a recommendation on February 28, 2004 in favour of the petitioner recommending his name for Junior Assistant (typist).

"Neither has any affidavit been filed nor anybody has bothered to appear for the State", Justice D S Thakur observed in the latest petition filed by Vikram Singh Rana,

adding "the attitude of the respondents is purely callous and indifferent to the orders of the Court. The entire exercise undertaken by the petitioner and the efforts of the Court resulting in the judgment and order in his favour as reflected in the order dated December 4, 1998 has been rendered infructuous. Despite directions for appointment of petitioner back in the year 1998 nothing has been done. The respondents have not even apprised the court of the reasons for non-implementation of the judgment and order dated December 4, 1998".

"The failure on the part of the Commissioner Secretary, School Education Department to comply with the directions of the Court is clearly avoidable. Today's hearing is therefore, adjourned subject to payment of Rs 30,000 as costs to be paid by the Commissioner Secretary School Education Department from his person", the High Court said.

The High Court made it clear that in case the affidavit was not filed within 10 days or he does not appear in person, bail warrants shall be issued against Commissioner Secretary for his appearance on the next date of hearing.



Minister for ULBs, Nawang Rigzin Jora laying foundation stone of war memorial at Leh on Thursday.

## Jora lays foundation stone of war memorial

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LEH, Aug 8: Minister for Urban Development and Urban Local Bodies, Nawang Rigzin Jora along with Chief Executive Councilor (CEC) of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Riginj Spalbar and GOC 14 Corps, Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma today laid the foundation stone of the war memorial at Petrol Pump Chowk here.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Jora said that war memorial would be a structure to remember the supreme sacrifices made by the Ladakhis while serving in Army to safeguard motherland and also a medium to express gratitude to them.

"Every young Ladakhi must

get inspired to join Army not just as a soldier but as officers", he said, adding "existence of Army in Ladakh has resulted in getting great facilities to the people and also to gain special attention from Government of India in terms of funds, infrastructure and various schemes".

On the occasion, Mr Jora announced Rs 50 lakh for the construction of war memorial and Rs 10 lakh for the development of Ex-servicemen Colony and another Rs 10 lakh for their community hall at Ibx Colony.

Speaking on the occasion, CEC said that the coming up of this war memorial would serve a dual purpose—a medium to salute martyrs and a mean to motivate the young Ladakhis to join Army.

Spalbar asserted that no tanks or guns would secure the borders from the enemies unless it is backed by logistic support from the locals and the Ladakhis always stood by Army since 1947 keeping the trust of the nation by exhibiting their patriotism.

CEC also made a special mention of Ladakh Scouts and their contribution in securing the strategic borders in Ladakh region and said that Army and civilians share an exemplary relationship in the region.

GOC, 14 Corps conveyed that the sacrifices made by Ladakhis need no mention and Ladakh Scouts is a pride for the Indian Army as well for the whole country. He gave full assurance on part of Army to support the people of the region with all possible assistance.

Capt. Tashi Tsepel, President Ex-servicemen League said that war memorial would be completed by June, 2014 at a cost of Rs 1 crore.

Among those present on the occasion included Executive Councilors Agriculture, Sonam Dorjey, EC Health Dr Sonam Wangchuk, EC Animal Husbandry, Gyurmet Dorjey, EC Tourism Shafi Lassu, former Union Minister, P Namgyal, Councilors of LAHDC, DC Leh Simrandeep Singh, SSP Vivek Gupta, top ranking civil and army officers and the members of Ex-servicemen League.

On the occasion, a book titled "Ajanta of Ladakh—Gon Nilapuk of Saspul" by Tsering Sonam Yokmagun was also released.

## 2 pilgrims injured in landslides

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JAMMU, Aug 8: Two pilgrims of Mata Vaishno Devi ji shrine were injured in landslides, triggered by heavy rains, near Bhairon Ghati this afternoon after which yatra to Bhairon Ghati was suspended.

Pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine was also suspended at 8 pm from Katra due to heavy rains but will be restored in the morning, SP Katra Pawan Parihar said.

The injured pilgrims have been identified as Vinay Kumar Upadhyaya, 38, son of Shailender Kumar, a resident of Partapgarh, Uttar Pradesh and his 36 years old

## Over 900 perform darshan

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SRINAGAR, Aug 8: Over 900 pilgrims performed darshan at holy cave of Swami Amarnath today.

According to an official spokesman 986 pilgrims drawn from different parts of country today performed the darshan in the holy cave of Swami Amarnath situated at an altitude of 1400 feet in deep Himalayas of South Kashmir district of Anantnag.

With this the total pilgrims paying obeisance at holy cave since the annual Amarnath yatra started on June 28 has touched 3,48,256. Till yesterday 3,47,270 pilgrims had performed darshan in cave shrine, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said 405 pilgrims left for holy cave from

Baltal Base camp early this morning via shortest track while 218 pilgrims left from Nunwan - Pahalgam base camp via traditional Chandanwari track for darshan.

He said the weather to holy cave remained partially cloudy.

Meanwhile a fresh batch of 100 pilgrims left for holy cave from Bhagwati Nagar Jammu Yatri Niwas under tight security arrangements early this morning in four vehicles.

## Internal trouble in Pak, set back to militancy

### reason for increased infiltration: DIG

Fayaz Bukhari

BARAMULLA, Aug 8: "The internal trouble in Pakistan, changing situation in Afghanistan and depleting number of militants in Kashmir is the main reason for the increased infiltration attempts along the Line of Control (LoC) this year", Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) North Kashmir P Singh said here.

Singh said that for last few weeks there have been increased attempts by militants to infiltrate into North Kashmir along the LoC through Macchil, Keran, Uri sectors but Army has been able to successfully foil most of these attempts by gunning down around two dozen militants.

The DIG said that militancy in Kashmir has been put under control by successful operations by the security forces. "We have achieved major successes against the militants recently. We gunned down Jaish-e-

Mohammad Chief commander Qari Yasir and busted a militant module of Hizbul Mujahideen by arresting their 5 members. They were responsible for the killing of Panchayat members and Police men in North Kashmir", he added.

"The number of militants has gone down and it does not go well with the militants organizations and they are trying to send it more militants into Kashmir. This is one of the reasons for the increased attempts of infiltration", the DIG said.

Singh said that the militant organizations want to revive militancy in Kashmir by sending more and more militants into Kashmir. "Pakistan wants to create trouble in Kashmir as it suits their agenda", he added.

The DIG said that Pakistan army and Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) were resorting to ceasefire violations along the LoC to divert the attention of the troops for facilitating the infil-

tration of militants into Kashmir. Singh said that one of the reasons for increased infiltration along LoC is the internal trouble in Pakistan and they want to divert some of these militants towards Kashmir. "Another reason is the changing situation in Afghanistan and militants focus is now changing towards Kashmir", he added.

According to figures provided by the Army there have been 57 ceasefire violations this year by Pakistan which is 80 per cent increase in the number of ceasefire violations as compared to last year. The infiltration bids have doubled than the last year. "There have been 57 ceasefire violations by the Pakistani troops this year and Army foiled 17 infiltration bids", the army figures revealed.

Army eliminated 19 militants in the recent months of July and August along the LoC and in the hinterland in Jammu and Kashmir.

## HC rejects bail plea of Nagar Singh in supari killing case

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JAMMU, Aug 8: High Court today rejected bail application of Ch Nagar Singh in the much publicized supari killing case.

After hearing Advocate R K Kotwal for the petitioner whereas Deputy AG ZS Wattali for the State and Advocate Pranav Kohli for the Intervener, Justice Tashi Rabstan observed, "out of 25 prosecution witnesses listed in the charge sheet, only four witnesses have been examined by the prosecution".

"Important and material prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined and it would be premature for the court to frame any opinion whether the petitioner-accused is guilty of the offence or not. More so, no developments have taken place in the trial of the petitioner since the bail application was rejected by the Trial Court and there is no new ground urged in

the bail application which could persuade the Court to take a view other than the one taken by the Trial Court", the Court said.

"The Court is of the considered view that severity and degree of punishment would be at higher side if the allegation leveled against the petitioner-accused is proved to be true. Since the trial in this case is at its infancy, it would be improper and premature to admit the petitioner accused to bail at this stage", Justice Rabstan further observed, adding "in case con-

cession of bail is extended to him at this stage, there is every likelihood that he may threaten or win over the prosecution witnesses thereby thwarting the course of justice".

With these observations, the High Court dismissed the bail application. However, the Trial Court was directed to wrap up the trial of this case at the earliest by taking up this case twice in a fortnight. The prosecution was directed to ensure the presence of the witnesses on each and every date of hearing before the Trial Court.

## Induction program organized for fresh batch of MBA students in SMVDU

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JAMMU, Aug 8: The Induction program was organized today by the School of Business for the Tenth batch of MBA students.

Dr Suparn Sharma, Director, School of Business, welcomed the students and quoted the positive fervor in his address.

Prof (Dr) D Mukhopadhyay, Dean College of Management, stirred the students for discipline, integrity and hard work for bright future.

The message from the corporate world to the budding managers was delivered by R R Chowksi, the Vice-President of Cadilla Pharmaceuticals. He also interacted with the students and shared his business experiences with them. The young

minds were ignited by the inspiring stories by Satish Kaul, Resident Director of Emcure Pharmaceuticals. T K Seli, Liaison Manager, Emcure Pharmaceuticals and B K Bhatia, Training and Placement Officer of SMVDU also wished the students for next level preparation. The formal presentation to acquaint the students with the course structure and evaluation criteria was given by Rashi Taggar, Assistant Professor, School of Business. The program concluded with a session to familiarize the students with the pedagogy of management.

The students participated with enthusiasm and displayed their creative ideas in the session. The Induction program was coordinated by Rashi Taggar and Shazia Bukhari.

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