

PDP rebels undeterred

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, July 12: Notwithstanding the removal of MLC Yasir Reshi from the post of district president Bandipora, the PDP rebels are undeterred and determined to carry forward their fight for what they called "inner party democracy" saying they were not afraid of expulsions and can't meet party president Mehbooba Mufti on being invited by a "mobile operator".

Earlier in the day, the PDP removed Reshi, a two-time MLC, who had raised banner of revolt against Mehbooba Mufti for promotion 'family culture' in the party, from the post of district president Bandipora. It

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Farooq favours

Ireland-style solution to Kashmir

LONDON, July 12: Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah has proposed an Ireland-style solution of an open border between the UK-governed Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic's adjacent territory as the best option to resolve the Kashmir issue.

The National Conference (NC) leader, who is here on a visit, said India and Pakistan must realise that there is no military solution to the problem.

"Like Ireland, the only roadmap forward is two Kashmiris with an easy border and autonomy," he said, during

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GST amnesty extended

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 12: Much to the relief of businessmen, traders and industrialists of the State, Advisor to Governor B B Vyas today ordered extension of GST amnesty scheme by 30 days.

The decision was taken by the Advisor during a meeting with the representatives of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI). The trade body had sought intervention of the Governor and had called on the Advisor for the same.

The Government had earlier issued a formal order No 39-FD of 2018 dated 05-02-2018 and today extended it further by 30 days on the request of the trade body.

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2 youth drown in dam

Excelsior Correspondent
KATHUA, July 12: In a tragic incident, two youth drowned in Ranjit Sagar Dam last night when they were taking the bath to beat the heat. The incident took place when two local youth of Basholi identified as Nikhil Kumar and Sumit Kumar residents of W No 1, Basholi drowned into the deep water of dam while taking a bath, an eyewitness informed the police.

A police team and local people rushed for the rescue but it was too late and the bodies of both were not found anywhere.

A team of SDRF reached at

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People not Panchs will elect Sarpanchs
Guv nullifies PDP-BJP Govt decision on Sarpanch elections

After ULBs, SAC orders Panchayat polls

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, July 12: In a major setback to previous PDP-BJP coalition Government headed by Mehbooba Mufti, Governor NN Vohra today nullified a major Legislature amendment of the previous Government to hold election of Sarpanchs by Panchs and ordered that previous position will be restored under which direct election of the Sarpanchs will be held by the people.

Vohra took this decision while announcing conduct of Panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir at fourth meeting of the State Administrative Council (SAC) in Srinagar today. As the SAC had yesterday

announced conduct of Municipal elections in the State after the gap of more than eight years, the Panchayat polls would now follow the Municipal polls.

Chaired by Vohra, the SAC was attended by all three Advisors-BB Vyas, K Vijay Kumar and Khurshid Ahmad Ganaai and Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam.

"The SAC approved the proposal to amend Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 for conducting elections of Sarpanchs directly by the electorate of Halqa Panchayats and not by indirect method of Panchs electing the Sarpanch. This will restore the original position in J&K Panchayati Raj Act, which provided for direct election of Sarpanchs, a position altered by an amendment passed in 2016," official sources told the Excelsior.

They said the need for the amendment was to restore primacy and importance of the Sarpanchs in the Panchayati Raj System and giving them the necessary legitimacy to be able to

discharge their functions. This, according to sources, will provide stability in the Panchayati Raj system and ensure accelerated development which meets the local needs.

"Direct elections also make the Sarpanchs accountable directly to the people rather than to an intermediate group. Further, the amendment brings the spirit of the 73rd Constitutional amendment to the J&K Panchayati Raj Act," sources said.

The previous PDP-BJP coalition Government headed by Mehbooba Mufti had in 2016 amended the Panchayati Raj Act and done away with the practice of a constituency reserved for Sarpanch in the Panchayats to be elected by the people by converting all constituencies into Panch segments. The amendment had proposed that seven or nine Panchs of the Panchayat would elect their Sarpanch.

This amendment was strongly opposed by then Opposition

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CBI fails to file charge sheet in JKCA scam

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, July 12: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) today failed to file the charge sheet in multi crore scam in Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) in a local Court.

As a team of CBI came to file the charge sheet in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Srinagar Aijaz Ahmad Khan, the accused including former Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah were not present. The Court directed the CBI that all the accused should remain present in the Court when the charge sheet is filed.

The accused, the then general secretary of JKCA Salim Khan, the then treasurer Ihsan Mirza and Jammu and Kashmir Bank Manager Bashir Ahmad were asked by the CBI to be present in the Court of CJM Srinagar, Aijaz Ahmad Khan at 2 pm today.

Senior Advocate Bashir Ahmad Bashir, one of the Counsels for Salim Khan and Ihsan Mirza, told Excelsior that he along with his clients and Advocate Reyaz Jan were

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Key decision making body fails to meet during past nearly 2 yrs

Focus only on cursory visits, gearing up work on Mubarak Mandi complex remains least priority

Mohinder Verma

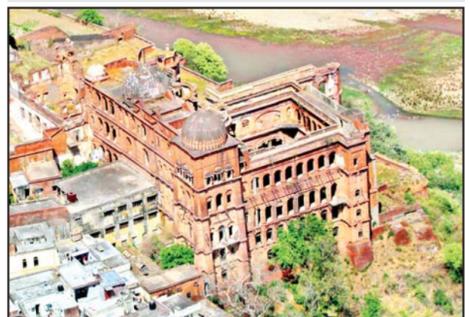
JAMMU, July 12: The concern for the Mubarak Mandi complex, a dying sheen of Dogra dynasty, has remained confined to the cursory visits by the bureaucrats and politicians as restoration work has yet not picked up the required momentum, which otherwise is imperative to prevent further damage to the already crumbling heritage.

Moreover, Governing Body of the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Society, which is supposed to take all vital decisions vis-à-vis restoration of this historic complex, has not met during the past nearly two years although Master Plan has been prepared by the conservation experts and is lying with the Society for approval.

Every now and then the Government functionaries and politicians pay visit to the historic complex and then come up with the statements expressing concern over slow pace of restoration work as if they are really worried over the crumbling heritage. But the fact remains that these visits are only cursory ones and have not yielded any result vis-à-vis giving necessary impetus to the ongoing restoration work till date.

The restoration work is going on only in one or two structures of the vast complex while as all other buildings of

Master Plan prepared by conservation experts awaits approval



An aerial view of historic Mubarak Mandi complex, which is in dilapidated condition. -Excelsior/Rakesh

the royal palace continue to remain in pitiable condition and are the victims of dilly-dallying restoration work by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Keeping this aspect in mind, directions were issued by the former Chief Ministers of the State a number of times for roping in other agencies having expertise in conservation of historic buildings to supplement the works being carried out by the ASI.

However, no progress has been made in this regard so far despite the fact that ASI has explicitly told the Mubarak Mandi Heritage

Society and the senior functionaries of the Government that it cannot execute more than Rs 2 crore worth works every year because of manpower constraints, official sources told EXCELSIOR.

Even the Division Bench of the State High Court, in a Public Interest Litigation, had expressed concern over snail's pace work on the historic complex and had sought clear time-lines for planning as well as execution stage. "If the restoration work is not geared up in a planned manner it would take several decades to the Government to fully restore the

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Border people our strategic assets, important to maintain security: Rajnath

HM approves Rs 1100 cr to boost infra

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 12: Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today described border population in Jammu and Kashmir as "asset for the country" and important element to maintain border security as he directed the officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs and officials of the State Government to improve social and economic infrastructure in the border areas to ensure that these people continue to live in the border villages.

Rajnath passed these directions while presiding over the review meeting of Border Area Development Programme (BADP) for Jammu and

Kashmir and other border States with top officials of MHA and Field and State level officials responsible for implementation of the BADP in New Delhi this afternoon.



Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh chairing a meeting in New Delhi on Thursday. (UNI)

"Border population is strategic asset to the country and important element to maintain border security. All out efforts must be made to improve social and economic infrastructure in

the border villages to ensure that the border dwellers continue to live in these villages," Rajnath said in his address to the officials of the MHA and those engaged with implementation of the BADP.

Asserting that the Central Government accords utmost top priority to social and economic well being of border population and provide them all facilities like connectivity, safe drinking water, schools, hospitals and other facilities to ensure sustainable living in the border areas, Rajnath Singh assured the border people and the border States of continued assistance to strengthen infrastructure and

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Kashmiri women all praise for PM's help in Self Help Groups

Modi gives tips to Kupwara SHG members

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 12: The Kashmiri women from Kupwara district were today all praise for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Self Help Groups (SHGs) set up by his Government, which, they said, were helping number of women to establish their own units and earn a lot.

In live inter-action with Modi this morning through video conferencing, one of the Self Help Groups leader Sania

Sadaf from village Watar in Kupwara district of Kashmir lauded the Prime Minister saying she was now running three

units while other members of her Group have also set up units or purchased cattle to earn their livelihood.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking to Kashmiri women through video conferencing on Thursday.

Sadaf told the Prime Minister that six to seven members of her eight-member Self Help Group were working in the business of dairy while others have purchase cattle and all of

*Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

them were doing good. Modi gave some tips to the Kashmiri women on making more money from the same business, which they happily and readily accepted.

"The milk has good market everywhere. You can purchase machines also to boost the business," he told the women.

Congratulating the Kashmiri women for doing

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BSF officer among 3 held for rifle snatching
Militant killed in Kupwara forests, DC orders inquiry into killing of youth

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, July 12: A militant was killed in an encounter in Kandi forests of North Kashmir's Kupwara district today while Deputy Commissioner Kupwara ordered magisterial inquiry into the killing of a youth and Police arrested three persons including Border Security Force Officer in rifle snatching bid that was foiled.

The militant was killed last night and his body was recovered today morning along with an AK-47 rifle and other armaments during the search operation in Sadu Ganga in Kandi forest area.

The identity of the slain militant and group is being ascertained. However, preliminary investigation revealed that the

militant group belonged to LeT. The search operation in the area is going on and more areas have been cordoned off.

An Army Commando of 3 PARA Sepoy Mukul Meena was killed while another was injured during the operation. The operation was launched on Tuesday evening after Army's 47 RR and the group of militants exchanged fire.

The militant group had managed to flee from the area. However, yesterday afternoon it was again intercepted with the help of additional reinforcements of Army's 3 PARA Commandos.

Army today paid tributes to the soldier Meena in Kupwara district. In a ceremony at BB Cantonment, Lt Gen AK Bhatt, Chinara Corps Commander paid tributes to the soldier. In a show

of solidarity, representatives from other security agencies also joined in to pay their last respects.

Meena was injured during the fierce operation at Manganwar in Kandi forests of Kupwara district. He was provided immediate first aid and evacuated to the Hospital, but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries.

He belonged to Village Ladaniya of Khanpur Tehsil in Jhalawar district, Rajasthan and is survived by his wife and parents. His body was flown for last rites to his native place, where he would be laid to rest with full military honours.

And in the meantime, Government today ordered a magisterial inquiry into the killing of 20-year-old youth in

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WEATHER

JAMMU:
Possibility of light rain/thundershowers
TEMPERATURE
Max: 34.5 Degree C
Min: 26.4 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 94.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 64.0 per cent
Sunset on Friday: 07.41 p.m.
Sunrise on Saturday: 05.30 a.m.

SRINAGAR:
Possibility of light rain/thundershowers
TEMPERATURE
Max: 29.8 Degree C
Min: 21.3 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 77.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 58.0 per cent

LEH:
TEMPERATURE
Max: 32.2 Degree C
Min: 19.6 Degree C