

**Army Comdr reviews Kishtwar situation**

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
JAMMU, Nov 8: Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Ranbir Singh today reviewed prevailing security situation in Kishtwar and Suigarh areas.

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Lt Gen Ranbir Singh accompanied by White Knight Corps Commander, Lt Gen Paramjit Singh, visited hinterland posts of Kishtwar and Suigarh areas.

**CTD reorganized**

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JAMMU, Nov 8: The Government has approved reorganization of Commercial Taxes Department (CTD) as State Taxes Department.

In view of re-organization, the Government has also approved creation of four posts of Deputy Commissioners, State Taxes, Enforcement mentioning their areas of jurisdiction.

Another post of Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes (Technical) has also been created. Besides, the Government has also approved creation of a number of other posts for the newly created Department, an official order said.

Some of the posts have been re-designated, it added.

**MeT forecasts snowfall next week**

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
SRINAGAR, Nov 8: The weatherman has predicted more rains and snow across Kashmir next week during which temperatures across the region will go down.

Director Meteorological (MeT) department, Sonum Lotus said that there is possibility of rain and snowfall across the Valley from November 12, saying that the wet weather would remain till November 15.

**Two murdered on Diwali night**

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
JAMMU, Nov 8: Two people were murdered on the night of Diwali in separate areas in city outskirts.

According to police sources, a Bakkerwal man namely Mohd Jabbar alias Ganjoo son of Abdul Gani, presently resident of Bhalwal,

was brutally murdered by two local youths of Kanger (Bhalwal) near Karwanda

**Hideout busted**

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
SRINAGAR, Nov 8: Security forces today busted a militant hideout at a village in South Kashmir's Shopian district.

Police said that they along with 23 Para of Army in Shopian busted a militant hideout at Ramnagri villages. "Incriminating materials were recovered from the hideout," police said adding that the police have launched an investigation.

**Provocation hours after sweets exchange**  
**Indian Army's befitting reply to Pak: 3 troops killed**

**Bid to push infiltrators**

**Sanjeev Pargal**  
JAMMU, Nov 8: Indian Army gave befitting reply to Pakistani troops' unprovoked firing on their forward posts in Nowshera sector of Rajouri district on Diwali festival last night in which at least three Pakistan army personnel were killed and two others were injured. Pakistan army's provocative act came within hours of exchange of sweets by the Indo-Pak troops at two places in Poonch district including Chakan-Da-Bagh and Hot Spring points.

Pakistan army has confirmed the killing of its one soldier. However, according to reliable sources, at least three Pakistani troopers were dead and two others injured. Indian retaliation was necessitated to thwart infiltration attempt by the militants, which they were reportedly planning to undertake under the cover of Pakistani firing, official

sources told the Excelsior. There was exchange of sweets and greeting on the eve of Diwali festival between Indian and Pakistan Army officials at two places in Poonch district. Yesterday, the BSF and Rangers exchanged sweets at Attari-Wagah border in Amritsar district of Punjab on the occasion of Diwali.

Sources said late last night, Pakistan army targeted forward posts of Army in Nowshera sector of Rajouri district and tried to push infiltrators under the cover of firing and darkness. Alert India troops immediately retaliated, leading to exchange of firing.

There were no casualties or damage on the Indian side, sources said. An Inter State Public Relations (ISPR) Pakistan official handout confirmed the killing of a Pakistani trooper, whom it identified as Sepoy Zaheer Ahmad, a resident of village Sultanpur in Bhimber sector. It admitted that the Army jawan was killed in Thub sector opposite Nowshera in Rajouri district during heavy exchange of firing.

Reliable inputs, however, revealed that at least three Pakistani troopers were killed in retaliatory firing by the Indian Army and two others were injured. It may be mentioned here that Pakistan army never admits its exact casualties and is always in denial mode.

"First, the Pakistani troops never confirm their casualties and if at all they admit, they

**Madhav, Sajjad, Mattu, PDP legislators discuss political situation in J&K**

**PDP rebels to field candidates for Panchayat polls**

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
JAMMU, Nov 8: Political activity once again gained momentum in the State when BJP general secretary and party's pointman on Jammu and Kashmir, Ram Madhav met People's Conference chairman Sajjad Ghani Lone and newly elected Srinagar



BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav with PDP legislators, Sajjad Lone and Junaid Mattu among others in Srinagar on Thursday.

Municipal Corporation (SMC) Mayor Junaid Mattu in the presence of three prominent leaders of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Srinagar.

**Kashmir has voted for dynasty-free democracy: Dr Jitendra**

**Avtar Bhat**  
JAMMU, Nov 8: Maintaining that the people's mandate in recent Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections in Kashmir was vote or dynastic free democracy, Union Minister of State in PMO with Independent charge of North Eastern States, Dr Jitendra Singh said that people in Kashmir have rejected both separatists and semi-separatist parties.

In an informal chat with media persons here yesterday, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the results of recent ULB polls have shown that the people of State are for strengthening of basic institutes of democracy by rejecting both separatists and dynastic parties who had given a poll boycott call to attain their vested political interests.

He said that holding of ULB and Panchayat elections will strengthen basic institutes of democracy by empowering them in real sense. This can be an autonomy in real sense to these institutions which can take care of local problems of the people and also take up the developmental works in hand in the areas where the MLAs and MPs can't reach, he added.

In comparison to that the dynastic parties leaders are demanding autonomy for their families and they don't support for the strengthening of basic institutes of democracy, Dr Jitendra Singh said, adding they are not bothered for the strengthening of basic institutes of the

democracy in the State and want that entire power should vest in their families only. Dr Jitendra Singh said that there were no takers for these dynastic parties and people of the State have rejected them by voting for the alternative political setup emerging in Valley which they believe can come up to their expectations.

The Union Minister said that autonomy should percolate from ground and ULB elections are basis for the same. "However, the dynastic parties want autonomy for their families", he added. He said these elections are also a testimony that the space of mainstream parties has

widened in the State and BJP has emerged a pan Indian party which has for the first time won the ULB elections in Kashmir valley and Mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has been elected with BJP's support.

In comparison to that the base of the dynastic parties has eroded considerably as people of Valley totally ignored them. As people are fed up with dynastic parties a new political combination is emerging in Kashmir to take the Valley on the path of development and progress. In response to a question regarding Governor's statement of holding talks, Dr Jitendra

**Bandh observed in Kishtwar**

*Excelsior Correspondent*  
JAMMU, Nov 8: While night curfew remained in force in Kishtwar, a complete bandh was observed in the town today on the call of organizations representing both the communities in protest against the killing of BJP leader Anil Parihar and his brother Ajit Parihar.

SSP Kishtwar Rajinder Gupta told the Excelsior that situation was well under control in Kishtwar and day curfew has been lifted. However, as a precautionary measure, the night curfew from 6 pm to 7 am will remain in force, he added.

Meanwhile, all shops and business establishments remained closed in entire Kishtwar town and surroundings during the curfew relaxation period as a mark of protest against the killing of Parihar brothers.

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad also took out a candle light march in Bhaderwah to pay tributes to the BJP leader and his brother, who were gunned down by the militants in Kishtwar town last Thursday night.



Shakti Nagar - Akhnoor road, which is being used as main road due to construction of National Highway, in worst condition. —Excelsior/Rakesh

**No fool-proof security apparatus on Mughal, Sinthantop Roads**

**Govt fails to put in place mechanism to check spill-over of militancy to Jammu**

**Activities of OGWs, youth joining militants remain unchecked**

**Mohinder Verma**  
JAMMU, Nov 8: Despite sufficient inputs from the intelligence agencies during the past several months, the Government has failed to put in place a strong mechanism to check spill over of militancy from Kashmir valley to different parts of Jammu for which desperate attempts are being made by outfits of militants by re-energizing their Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and luring the innocent youth.

Reliable sources told EXCELSIOR that during the past several months the intelligence agencies are regularly receiving inputs that several organizations of the militants are hell bent to spread their activities in Jammu region in order to disturb peaceful atmosphere in this part of the State.

The intelligence agencies have gathered credible information in order to carry out subversive activities as and when directed by their mentors. "It has also come to the fore that some terrorists, who during the current year succeeded in entering the J&K territory after crossing the International Border with Pakistan, are in regular con-

tact with Over Ground Workers even in the outskirts of Jammu and desperately looking for the opportunities to carry out their nefarious activities", sources in intelligence agencies said.

The shocking aspect is that even after getting these inputs either directly from the intelligence agencies or from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs no serious efforts have been made by the Government to put in place a mechanism to check spill over of militancy from Kashmir valley to Jammu.

They further said, "it is a matter of serious concern that while Ministry of Home Affairs and intelligence agencies are extremely worried over the designs of the militants and their mentors across the border, the State has yet not worked out any strategy to foil any such attempt".

This can be gauged from the fact that tracking activities of the Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and their sustained questioning to get lead into the designs of the militants have yet not been paid any serious attention by the concerned authorities of the State

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**Bank threatens to declare Imran as willful defaulter**  
**J&K Bank issues Rs 125 cr recovery notice to Srinagar's Dy Mayor**

**Fayaz Bukhari**  
SRINAGAR, Nov 8: The recently elected Srinagar's Deputy Mayor, Sheikh Imran, is a major defaulter of Jammu and Kashmir Bank as he owes over Rs 125 crore to the bank. He has been issued a recovery notice and threatened of being declared as willful defaulter.

The Jammu and Kashmir Bank issued recovery notice (Ref: No. JKB/ ZOKC/ IAPM/ SRF/ 2018-1929 dated 31-10-2018) to Chairman of Kehwah Group of Industries, Sheikh Imran son of Sheikh Mushtaq of Ishber Nishat after he failed to honour full and final settlement of 23 accounts of the group with the Bank. "The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. vide its sanction No: R&S/IR-NPA-3778/2018-281 dated 18-07-2018 has agreed to

accept a total amount of Rs. 78.00 crores from your group towards full and final settlement of your various accounts of your group...", read the notice.

"The settlement was inclusive of Rs. 50.34 crores already received from you and appropriated towards adjustment of A/C No's: 0067020100000996 and 0067265800030109 of M/S Kehwah Square Pvt. Ltd. The remaining OTS amount of Rs. 27.66 crores was to be deposited by you by 30th September 2018", the notice read. "The notice further read: "However you have failed and neglected to pay the said remaining amount within the prescribed time period. As the time is always of essence of every settlement made by the Bank with a borrower/defaulters, including you, your failure to deposit/pay the remaining

amount of the said settlement has annulled the said settlement with your group in so far its remaining part is concerned".

The bank has asked Imran Sheikh to pay Rs 125.07 crore along with interest or face recovery and threatened him of being declared a willful defaulter. "Accordingly the said OTS dated 18-07-2018 of the Bank with your group stands terminated in respect of the accounts shown in the annexure and your group is liable to pay the total amount outstanding in the accounts shown in the annexure thereto, aggregating to Rs. 125,07,72,517.90 along with further interest thereon from 01-10-2018 and the said amount is hereby demanded from you to be paid forthwith, failing which

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**WEATHER**

JAMMU: Mainly dry  
TEMPERATURE: Max: 26.5 Degree C, Min: 11.5 Degree C  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY: RH-I (Morning): 58.0 per cent, RH-II (Evening): 65.0 per cent, Sunset on Friday: 05.36 p.m., Sunrise on Saturday: 06.57 a.m.

SRINAGAR: Mainly dry  
TEMPERATURE: Max: 12.5 Degree C, Min: -0.4 Degree C  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY: RH-I (Morning): 82.0 per cent, RH-II (Evening): 62.0 per cent

LEH: TEMPERATURE: Max: 9.3 Degree C, Min: -6.5 Degree C