

Polls being held for betterment: Farooq

Elections don't resolve Kashmir but your issues: Malik

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: Governor, Satya Pal Malik, today urged Kashmiris to vote in the forthcoming Panchayat elections as they neither benefit India nor Pakistan, and does not resolve Kashmir issue but those of the people.

In his maiden speech at the launch of India Post Payments

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Bank (IPPB) at SKICC here today, after taking over as Governor of Jammu and Kashmir last week, Malik said: "Neither India nor Pakistan gets benefited from the elections nor is Kashmir resolved but by this your issues get addressed."

Governor said that the polls neither benefit Delhi nor Srinagar but the general masses. "The greater truth than the fact is that Panchayat and civic polls are neither for Delhi nor for Srinagar but for the benefit of voters", he said.

Urging people to vote, Malik said that elected representatives are answerable to the people. "Today you go to the Government officials and they

even if he misappropriates portion of it, he will utilize for development and it reaches to your home", he said.

He told people that the elec-



Governor Satya Pal Malik and NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah at the launch of India Post Payments Bank in Srinagar on Saturday.
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don't listen to you and tomorrow when there is an elected representative, you can abuse him if he does not listen to you", he said.

Malik said that the funds that will come to the Local Bodies will ultimately reach to people. "The funds which will come,

tion is for their benefit and not for that of Prime Minister or Governor. "And I today join Farooq Abdullah to appeal you that please vote in the forthcoming elections as this vote will benefit you. This will neither benefit Prime Minister nor Raj

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Senior bureaucrat arrested for fudging DoB

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police last night raided the house of senior bureaucrat Mohammad Mehraj-ud-Din Khan and arrested him for fudging date of birth in his service records.

Khan, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, ARI and Trainings, was arrested last night for resorting to the change of date of birth in his service records after preliminary investigations into the case established the fraud. A case FIR No. 37/2018 U/S 420, 468 & 471 RPC was registered in Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir and investigation taken up.

The Crime Branch acted upon the communication it received from Government through General Administration Department stating that as per the available records with the GAD, the date of birth of Mohammad Mehraj-ud-Din Khan, KAS, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, ARI and Trainings Department is 09-11-1958 (Ninth November, Nineteen Hundred fifty Eight).

The Government had to

issue a notification with regard to his retirement which is due on November 2018. The officer was asked (vide GAD O.M. dated 26-12-2017) to submit his original service-book and date of birth certificate followed by reminders but despite multiple reminders the officer did not furnish the requisite records.

However, on the basis of available records, the competent authority has approved notification of his date of retirement as 30-11-2018 (Thirtieth November, Two Thousand Eighteen). Later, the officer submitted his original service book in response to GAD communication No: GAD(Legal)F-78/2017 dated: 08-03-2018.

During the perusal of the service records, it revealed/ reflected his date of birth as 09-11-1961 (Ninth November, Nineteen Hundred Sixty One) which is contradictory.

After the contradictory date of birth, the GAD referred the case to the Director Forensic Science Laboratory J&K for examination. The FSL expert in its report (vide No. 148-Doc dated. 27-08-2018) opined that

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Centre hardens stand on Kashmir militancy

Pressure forced militants to release cops' kin within 35 hours: Rajnath

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Sept 1: Hardening stand against militants in the wake of surge in violence following kidnapping of police personnel's kin, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today declared that there will be no compromise with violence in Kashmir and said it was due to pressure build by security forces on the militants that they were forced to release all 11 relatives of the police personnel kidnapped by them in South Kashmir.

"Security forces built strong pressure on the militants in the Kashmir valley after kidnapping of 11 kin of police personnel from different places in South Kashmir. Within 35 hours, the

militants were compelled to release all the hostages," Rajnath said while participating in 'Shikhar Sammelan' of a Hindi national news channel this afternoon.

He declared that there will be no compromise with any kind of violence in Kashmir and also warned Pakistan to mend its ways.

Describing Kashmir as "chronic problem", the Union Home Minister said the situation witnessed today hasn't developed suddenly as the problem was there in eighties or even before that. However, he assured the countrymen that the Government will solve the problem even though he admitted that chronic problems take some time in solu-

tion. Without naming Pakistan, Rajnath said everyone knows that our neighbour was trying to divide and break the country but maintained that it will never succeed.

"We tried our best to have good ties with all our neighbours. (Atal Behari) Vajpayee Ji started the process and went to Lahore with the message (of peace). He said one can change the friends but not neighbours. After Vajpayee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke protocol and went to Pakistan to attend personal function (of then Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif). Everything was done by us for good ties but Pakistan didn't mend its ways," Rajnath

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HoDs of majority of depts, PSUs unaware of instructions

Guidelines aimed at strengthening anti-corruption mechanism remain out of Govt's focus since 2003

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Sept 1: Detailed guidelines prepared by the General Administration Department over 15 years back in order to tackle the menace of corruption with iron hands by strengthening the vigilance and anti-corruption mechanism in all the departments and Public Sector Undertakings are being completely ignored at all the levels in the Government.

The most shocking aspect is that those at the helm of affairs in majority of the departments and other wings of the

Government are completely unaware of these guidelines and even General Administration Department has not posted the same on its official website for unknown reasons.

As the corruption has remained the issue to be tackled with strongly, the General Administration Department vide Circular No.12-GAD(Vig) of 2003 dated May 26, 2003 issued detailed guidelines for strengthening vigilance and anti-corruption mechanism in all the Government departments and Public Sector Undertakings in coordination with the State Vigilance Organization.

In the circular, the copy of which has somehow been managed by the EXCELSIOR, Revenue, Roads and Buildings, Public Health Engineering, Flood Control, Police, Excise, Sales Tax, Forest, Power Development, Rural Development, Food and Supplies, Jammu Development Authority, Srinagar Development Authority, Transport, Education and Social Welfare Departments were identified for focused attention vis-a-vis implementation of the guidelines.

As per the guidelines, lists of

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FIR against Vadra, Hooda

CHANDIGARH/GURGAON, Sept 1:

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra and former Haryana Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda were booked today by Haryana Police for alleged irregularities in a Gurgaon land deal.

An FIR against Vadra, Hooda and two companies -- DLF and Onkareshwar Properties -- has been registered at Kherki Daula police station

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Navin, Achal get addl charge

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: The Government today ordered that Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary to the Government, Finance Department, will hold additional charge of the post of Principal Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce and Labour and Employment Departments, during the period, Shailendra Kumar, remains on deputation to Tel Aviv, Israel.

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GAD directive to Admn Secys

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 1: The General Administration Department (GAD) today directed the Administrative Secretaries to submit information regarding major developmental activities and achievements to the Principal Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department for consolidation and further submission to the Principal Secretary of the

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Kashmir apologists lack courage to condemn abduction, killings: Dr Jitendra

Avtar Bhat

JAMMU, Sept 1: Making a scathing attack on opposition parties for selective condemnation of abduction and killings, Union Minister of State in PMO with independent Charge of North Eastern States, Dr Jitendra Singh today said Kashmir apologists lacked courage and conviction to condemn abduction and killings by terrorists.

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Talking to reporters on the sidelines of launching of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) here at General Zorawar Singh Stadium, University of Jammu this afternoon, Dr Jitendra Singh said that instead of condemning abduction by terrorists, the Kashmir apologists are condemning security forces who are

doing a yeoman's service to the nation and making apologetic statements on behalf of terrorists.

Turning tables on such leaders, the Union Minister said "selective condemnation of violence and Human Rights viola-

mission". "In the process they are harming the nation", he added.

He said the trend of abducting the relatives of policemen or security forces is worrisome but Government has strategy to handle it.



Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a function at Jammu University on Saturday.
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tions is to serve and promote their own vested interests at the cost of nation and camouflage their acts of omission and com-

Supporting holding of Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies elections in the State,
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3 militants, soldier killed

2 SPOs resign in South Kashmir

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 1: Three militants and an Army soldier were killed in a week-long operation at Danna forest area of North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

A joint team of Army's 31 RR and 27 RR had launched a cordon-and-search operation in the forests of Chaan Daji and Dani Behak area a week ago after repeated inputs about presence of militants in the area.

Yesterday afternoon, as the Army spotted the militant group they challenged them leading to an encounter at Danna forests in which two Army personnel were injured. However, militants slipped from the area but the reinforcements were sent to the area and militants were cornered.

The Army this morning established contact with the militant group leading to an encounter in which a soldier Rifleman Shiv Kumar of 31 RR was injured. He was evacuated to 92 Base Hospital at Badami Bagh Cantonment, where he succumbed to injuries.

Three militants of Lashkar-e-Toiba were killed later in the

afternoon in the encounter. Huge quantity of arms and ammunition and war like stores were recovered from the encounter site.

Srinagar based Defence spokesperson Colonel Rajesh Kalia said that three militants have been killed in the operation at Danna forests. He said that the bodies of the slain militants

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RH-II (Evening): 71.0 per cent
Sunset on Sunday: 06.56 p.m.
Sunrise on Monday: 06.08 a.m.
SRINAGAR:
Mainly clear
TEMPERATURE
Max: 31.3 Degree C
Min: 16.3 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
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