

Modi made J&K inseparable part of India: HM

GANDHINAGAR, Aug 29: Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a firm decision and made Jammu and Kashmir an inseparable part of India in "one go", Union Home Minister

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Amit Shah said today, referring to the Centre's historic decision to revoke the border State's special status and bifurcate it. Under Modi's leadership, the country has not hesitated in taking decisive steps against terrorism, he said.

Yechury meets Tarigami

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Armed with a Supreme Court order, CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury today met his ailing party colleague Mohammed Yousuf Tarigami who has been under house arrest since August 5.

Yechury arrived here in the afternoon and was escorted by police to meet Tarigami at his Gupkar Road residence in Srinagar's Civil Lines area. Officials said the CPI(M) leader spent nearly three hours with Tarigami.

Yechury had landed in (Contd on page 9 Col 5)

Rawat to visit Kashmir today

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 29: Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat will visit Srinagar tomorrow to review security situation and preparedness of security forces to deal with situation in the Kashmir valley.

This will be the Army chief's first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after restrictions were imposed in the State on August 5 following revocation of special Constitutional provisions of the State and bifurcation of J&K into two Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

Gen Rawat will also review the situation prevailing along the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir.

Students trapped in Pak firing for sometime

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Aug 29: Pakistan army today again violated ceasefire by resorting to heavy

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mortar shelling and firing targeting civilian locations during which children at Government Middle Mobile School Drana were trapped for about 40 minutes till they were rescued and shifted to their houses.

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NCM team to visit J&K next month

NEW DELHI, Aug 29: A high-level team of the National Commission for Minorities will visit Jammu and Kashmir next month to have a dialogue with the people there and understand development issues after provisions of Article 370 were abrogated, the Commission's chairman said today.

National Commission for Minorities chairperson Ghayurul Hasan Rizvi said that at the Commission's meeting on (Contd on page 9 Col 3)

CBI to prosecute 3 TMC MPs

NEW DELHI, Aug 29: The CBI has approached Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seeking sanction to prosecute three sitting Trinamool Congress MPs and a former Parliamentarian of the party in the Narada sting operation case, officials said today.

The agency sought clearance to prosecute Mamata Banerjee-led TMC MPs Saugata Roy, Kakoli Ghosh and Prasun Banerjee. Suwendu Adhikari, 48, is a former MP from Tamruk Lok Sabha constituency in West Bengal and is now the Transport (Contd on page 9 Col 1)

'Abrogation of 370 was long pending promise of BJP'

When Kashmir was part of Pak? it should stop crying: Rajnath

Pak encouraging, promoting terrorism

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Aug 29: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said today that Pakistan has no locus standi on Kashmir and entire International community was on board with India on

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the decisions taken by the Central Government (scrapping of special provisions and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh) even as he charged Pakistan with running, promoting and encouraging terrorism and attempting to destabilize India.

Addressing farmers, security personnel and scientists after inaugurating 26th 'Ladakhi Kissan Jawan Vigyan Mela' organized by the Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research (DIHAR) at Leh this morning, Rajnath during his first

visit to strategically important Ladakh region after it was granted the Union Territory status, asked: "When Kashmir was part



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing a function in Leh on Thursday. Another pic on page 9.

of Pakistan that it was raising such a hue and cry over the Indian decisions?"

He went on to say that it was Pakistan which was part of India before 1947 and added that India accepts the existence of the neighbouring country but said

Pakistan's unwanted concern over Kashmir was just like "Begaani Shaadi Mein Abdullah Deewana (crazy in stranger's marriage)".

"I want to ask Pakistan when Kashmir was with you that you keep crying about it. In fact, Pakistan was part of India. On what issue are you aggrieved? Why you are unnecessarily crying? Stop crying," Rajnath said adding: "Truth is that Pakistan occupied Kashmir including Gilgit-Baltistan has been under Pakistan's illegal occupation. He also referred to a unanimous resolution by Parliament in 1994 which said entire PoK (Contd on page 9 Col 3)

HC to be relieved of burden of over 26,000 pending cases

For first time, J&K will get Administrative Tribunal for resolving service matters

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Aug 29: For the first time, Jammu and Kashmir will get Administrative Tribunal for adjudication or trial of disputes and complaints with respect to the recruitment and conditions of the service of persons appointed to the public services. This at the very outset will help in prompt disposal of over 26,000 pending service matters and reduce burden on both the wings of the High Court.

All this will become possible under the Administrative Tribunals Act, which was enacted by the Union Government in

the year 1985 but could not be extended to Jammu and Kashmir because of Article 370.

From November 1, 2019 this Central Law would become applicable to Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh as per the provisions of the J&K Reorganization Act, 2019 whereby two Union Territories are going to be established.

This Act provides for the adjudication or trial by Administrative Tribunals of disputes and complaints with respect to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or of any State or of any local or other

authority within the territory of India.

Section 4 of the Act states: "The Central Government may, on receipt of a request from any State Government, establish, by notification, an Administrative Tribunal for such State to exercise the jurisdiction, powers and authority conferred on the Administrative Tribunal for the State by or under this Act".

Moreover, there is also a provision in the Act for Joint Administrative Tribunal for two or more States after formal agreement between such States in this regard and with the approval of the Central

HC seeks info on treatment of waste around parks

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: The High Court has directed the various departments in whose jurisdiction the gardens and parks comes, to inform the court about the steps taken for treatment of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste in and around these parks and gardens.

The Division Bench of Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice Rashid Ali Dar while hearing the PIL with regard to development and better care of Gardens and Parks in the Srinagar City and its adjoining areas, directed the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar Development Authority and Department of Floriculture to inform the Court about the steps for availability of

dustbins with appropriate segregation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste and installation of compost plant (segregation machines) in parks and gardens.

The DB during the proceedings of the case has made emphasize and stress on installation of compost plant in the parks and gardens in order to treat the biodegradable waste into compost cells at these places.

In this regard, court directed all these departments to make the information available on next date with regard to availability of color coded dustbins for waste segregation. Court has also been informed that some small parks developed by the SDA have been handed over to SMC for further maintenance.

SMC, in this connection, has been directed to file the status report about preservation of these parks.

The SDA, in its report submitted before the court that the Authority has developed 51 parks in Bemina area of Srinagar and it was decided in a meeting headed by Commissioner Housing and Urban Development Department wherein it was decided that these parks will be handed over to SMC for further maintenance and repairs.

"That the Director Floriculture Kashmir has also been requested for further development and maintenance of 10 number of parks in the area", read the report.

With regard to further development (Contd on page 9 Col 7)

78 doctors transferred

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Health and Medical Education Department has ordered transfer and postings of 78 doctors with immediate effect.

According to the order, Dr Ravinder Singh Thakur, under orders of transfer to CHC Baderwah has been posted at District Hospital (DH) Kishtwar, Dr Gurdev Singh has been transferred from DH Kishtwar and posted at SDH Katra, Dr Amandeep Kour from CHC RS Pura to Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Dr Javed Akhter Manhas from DH Reasi to SDH Sohanjana and Dr Mukhtar Thoker from DH Baramulla to DH Budgam.

Dr Gagan Gopal Bali has been transferred from SDH Katra and posted at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Dr Zeenat Farooq, under orders of

transfer to SDH Keeri has been posted at GMC (SDH) Hazratbal, Dr Meenakshi Wakhloo has been transferred from GMC Jammu and posted as Medical Officer Mobile Unit Jammu, Dr Anchal, awaiting orders of adjustment has been posted at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar and Dr Subash Chander, under orders of transfer to PHC Sumb has been posted at JKMSCL.

Dr Nahida Pamposh has been transferred from SDH Baderwah and posted at CD Hospital Jammu, Dr Bindu Chowhan from DH Udhampur to Government Hospital Sarwal, Dr Meenakshi Kundan from CHC Akhnor to NTPHC Raipur Block Kot Bhalwal, Dr Sadia Malik from CHC Hiranagar to CD Hospital Jammu and Dr Palvi Jamwal from DH Samba to SDH Nagri. Dr Naheem Akhter has been

transferred from CHC Chenani and posted at NTPHC Bus Stand Jammu, Dr Shehnaz Akhter Malik from SMGS Hospital to SDH Sohanjana, Dr Simmi Verma from Government Hospital Sarwal to ICDS Slum Jammu, Dr Rita Kumari from ICDS Slum Jammu to Psychiatry Hospital Jammu and Dr Bima Akhter from Government Hospital Jagti to Psychiatry Hospital Jammu.

Dr Sanjogita Soodan, awaiting orders of adjustment has been posted at GMC Jammu, Dr Vijay Kumar Sharma from PHC Sungal to Government Hospital Sarwal, Dr Anil Pansotra from SDH Sunderbani to District Hospital Samba, Dr Gurjeet Kour from UHC Talab Tillo to Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar and Dr Sajida Begum from CHC Bishnah to Psychiatry Hospital Jammu. (Contd on page 11 Col 3)

Pak statements irresponsible, says India

NEW DELHI, Aug 29:

Condemning as "highly irresponsible" the statements by Pakistani leadership after the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, India today said they are intended to project an "alarmist" situation far from the ground realities, and asked Pakistan to behave as a normal neighbour.

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Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar also dismissed the letter written by Pakistani Minister Shireen Mazari to the UN on alleged human rights violation by India in J&K, asserting that it was "not worth the paper it was written on".

He also said India was informed by Pakistan about test-firing nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile 'Ghaznavi' as part of the established confidence-building measures (CBMs).

Asked about provocative statements made by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and some other Ministers, he said, "we condemn the highly irresponsible statements made by the Pakistani leadership on mat-

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Fresh dates after new administrative setup is in place

JK Global Investor Summit - 2019 postponed

Neeraj Rohmetra

JAMMU, Aug 29: The three day Global JK Investor Summit, which was aimed to set a platform to bring huge investments to the border State and was slated to start from October 12 in Srinagar, has been postponed in view of existing circumstances in the State.

"Though no fresh dates for the Summit has been announced, authorities are confident of organising the Summit again after the transition period is over and the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh come into existence on October 31", sources asserted.

Confirming to EXCELSIOR about the postponement of the mega events, top official sources told, "the summit will surely be organised once the transition period is over and the modalities of same will be worked out by the team of senior officials in consultation with business associations".

Unlike the popular perception that the Summit has been

postponed in view of the tension prevailing in the State, officials commented, "the postponement has nothing to do with the current situation and actually, we want more clarity about the business environment, after the new administrative setup is in place on November 1".

"We will try to rope in many more entrepreneurs, investors and the main objective is to increase employment avenues in the border State and we have done sufficient ground work in this direction. The proposed summit is going to be a watershed moment in the State's industrial journey", officials asserted, adding, "the event would help allay fears and apprehensions in the minds of trade and business communities outside the State".

It is pertinent to mention here that the State Administrative Council (SAC), which met under the chairmanship of Governor, Satya Pal Malik on August 5, this year had accorded sanction to the holding of JK Investor Summit, 2019 on October 12 to 14, 2019. The

opening ceremony was to be held on 12th October at Srinagar, followed by (transit/sightseeing) on 13th October and closing on 14th October at Jammu.

SAC had also approved the engagement of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) as National Partner for the JK Investor Summit-2019 and execution of an MoU between Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) and CII for organization and management of the event.

The proposed three-day summit planned to have sectoral sessions at both the locations (Srinagar/Jammu) for which detailed plan was worked out between the J&K Government and the business associations (CII & FICCI).

"The purpose of hosting of the JK Investor Summit was to provide the State with an opportunity to showcase its strengths, strategies and potential. It was aimed to familiarise the participating trade and industry organizations about the business- (Contd on page 9 Col 7)

Normal life remains affected

Shopkeeper killed by militants

SRINAGAR, Aug 29:

A shopkeeper was gunned down outside his shop in Parimpora area of Srinagar today by the suspected militants.

The 65 year old shopkeeper was apparently killed by the militants for opening his shop against their threats. He has been identified as Ghulam Mohammad.

He was taken to the police hospital where he was declared as brought dead.

The attackers were carrying a pistol and fired from point-blank range.

Police was trying to identify the attackers.

Meanwhile, normal life remained disrupted across the Kashmir valley for the 25th

Mother, sister meet Mehbooba

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: PDP president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's mother Gulshan Ara and sister Dr Rubaiya Sayeed met her today at Chashmashahi resort in Srinagar, where she has been kept after her arrest since August 5.

Sources said first request for the meeting was received from Mehbooba's daughter Sana in DC office Srinagar at

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consecutive day today, with markets closed and public transport off the roads. However, some private vehi-

cles could be seen plying in many parts of the city while some roadside vendors also plied their trade, officials said.

The efforts of the State Government to open schools up to high school level have not borne fruit as parents continued to keep the children at home due to apprehensions about their safety.

Government offices are open but attendance in many offices was thin due to lack of public transport, the officials said, adding the offices at district headquarters registered normal attendance.

While landline telephony services have resumed in many parts of the Valley, mobile telephone services and all Internet services continue to remain sus- (Contd on page 9 Col 5)

Govt colleges not refunding fees of students who withdraw admission

Nishikant Khajuria

JAMMU, Aug 29: In clear violation of the Supreme Court ruling and also directions of the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Government Degree Colleges affiliated to Jammu University are refusing to refund the fees of hundreds of students, who have withdrawn their admission for studies in other institutions.

Allegedly adopting coercive and profiteering institutional practices, these Government Degree Colleges are refusing to refund the admission fees of these students by giving reference of an 18-year old outdated circular of the State Higher Education Department and

SC, UGC directions being violated for profiteering

S.No	Percentage of Refund of fees*	Point of time when notice of withdrawal of admission is received in the HEI
(1)	100%	15 days or more before the formally-notified last date of admission
(2)	90%	Less than 15 days before the formally-notified last date of admission
(3)	80%	15 days or less after the formally-notified last date of admission
(4)	50%	30 days or less, but more than 15 days, after formally-notified last date of admission
(5)	00%	More than 30 days after formally-notified last date of admission

UGC's five-tier system for the refund of admission fees.

ignoring the latest directions of UGC as well as the Supreme Court on the matter. More interestingly, the

Cluster University Jammu, which is also a State University like Jammu University and functioning under greater control of the Higher Education Department, is refunding the admission fees of such students after charging nominal services charges.

Pertinent to mention that a student is charged around 8-10 thousand fees for admission in the Government Degree Colleges under Jammu University or Cluster University Jammu. Since the number of such students, who have withdrawn their admission from JU affiliated colleges, is in hun- (Contd on page 11 Col 1)

Company threatens to cut Pak PMO's power supply

ISLAMABAD, Aug 29:

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan faces an embarrassing situation as an electricity company has threatened to disconnect the power supply to his sprawling office in Islamabad if the bills worth lakhs of rupees were not paid by his cash-strapped Government.

The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) on Wednesday had issued a notice to the PM Secretariat that it will cut off the power supply if the bills were not cleared.

The IESCO said that the PM Office owed Rs 41 lakhs. The PM Secretariat did not pay Rs 35 lakh of the previous month also, it added.

The PM Office failed to respond to several reminders, (Contd on page 11 Col 4)

After mobile services, demand grows for internet restoration in Jammu

Sanjeev K. Sharma

JAMMU, Aug 29: After the authorities restored mobile phone services to five more districts in Jammu division of J&K, entire Jammu region, barring Banihal, now enjoys the service. This has now triggered demand in Jammu region for restoration of mobile internet facility.

The news of mobile phone services restoration in the border district of Rajouri prompted young housewife Anjali to dial her husband Rajiv-an Army jawan posted in Kashmir-but she sadly ended her attempt as the Valley was unlike Rajouri, where the mobile phone services are yet to be restored.

"After 24 days I talked to my parents who live in a nearby hamlet and that gave me a hope to try phone call to Rajiv but after dialing him I learnt that I still have to wait more to give or take a call from him as mobile services in Kashmir are yet to be restored," she said.

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She also informed that her kids are badly missing their 'Pappa' and are eagerly waiting to talk to him as otherwise they used to have a video conversation daily.

However, she was happy that in her Rajouri district phone services have been restored and hoped that it may usher in similar development in Kashmir too where apart from locals, men in uniform are also being affected along

with their families outside. Many more people in Rajouri expressed happiness over the restoration of mobile phone services in the district and demanded that mobile internet services should also be started soon.

Another border district Poonch was not lucky like Rajouri as only BSNL mobile phone services are available there and the facility is only possessed by a limited number of people.

Sarfriz-a Mendhar (Poonch) based student living in Jammu informed that after he got the news of mobile phone restoration, he called his parents and some friends at his home town and learned that only BSNL mobile phone services are avail- (Contd on page 9 Col 7)