

11 injured in Srinagar grenade attack

5 militants killed in Kulgam gun battle

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Feb 10: In a major success to the security forces, five militants of Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul Mujahideen were killed in a fierce gun battle in Kulgam district of South Kashmir today while 11 persons including 7 cops were injured when militants hurled a grenade at security forces in Srinagar this evening.

**Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com*

Security forces including Army, Police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) this morning cordoned off Kellam village in Devsar area of Kulgam district in South Kashmir after specific inputs about presence of militants in the village. Sources said that these militants had arrived in the village in a car yesterday afternoon and were staying in a house.

SSP Kulgam Harmeet Singh said that the security forces had specific input about the presence

Army helps pregnant woman

JAMMU, Feb 10:

A pregnant woman stuck in heavy snowfall safely delivered twins, thanks to the Indian Army which came to her aid in the nick of time and shifted her to hospital in North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

On Friday, the Company Commander of Panar Army camp of Bandipora received a call from a villager seeking help for evacuating his pregnant wife Gulshana Begum to hospital, officials said today.

The weather conditions were precarious as it was snowing heavily and the temperature was minus seven they said.

The snow had covered the roads, making it impossible for vehicular movement. Nevertheless, the lady needed to get to a hospital, they added.

The men of the Bandipora Rashtriya Rifles braved heavy

(Contd on page 9 Col 7)

of a militant group in the village and when cordon was established in the morning they were asked to surrender. He said that they denied to surrender and instead opened fire on the troops



Security forces alert after grenade attack at Palladium cinema lane in Lal Chowk, Srinagar on Sunday.

—Excelsior/Shakeel

leading to a gun battle which lasted for eight hours.

Five militants were killed in the gun battle and the house where they were hiding was damaged. The slain militants have been identified as Waseem Ahmad Rather son of

Mukdam Mohalla Qoimoh, Idrees Ahmad Bhat son of Ramzan Bhat resident of Arwani and Zahid Ahmad Parray son of Abdul Hamid resident of Gopalpora DH Pora.

These militants belonged to

HM and LeT outfits. They were wanted by the security forces for various militant activities including attacks on security establishments and civilians.

Police said that Waseem, Aqib and Parvaiz were involved in the killings of a civilian Mohammad Iqbal Kawaq resident of Kellam and local Army personnel Mukhtar Ahmad son of Ghulam Hassan Malik resident of Shurat, for which cases stand registered in concerned Police Stations.

This group was also involved in various grenade attack incidents across Anantnag and Kulgam districts for which cases stand registered in concerned Police Stations.

Police said that incriminating material such as arms and ammunition was recovered from the site of encounter. "All these materials have been taken in the case records for the purpose of investigation", police added.

The bodies of the killed militants were handed over to their families after completion

(Contd on page 9 Col 5)

of Mukdam Mohalla Qoimoh, Idrees Ahmad Bhat son of Ramzan Bhat resident of Arwani and Zahid Ahmad Parray son of Abdul Hamid resident of Gopalpora DH Pora.

These militants belonged to

HM and LeT outfits. They were wanted by the security forces for various militant activities including attacks on security establishments and civilians.

Police said that Waseem, Aqib and Parvaiz were involved in the killings of a civilian Mohammad Iqbal Kawaq resident of Kellam and local Army personnel Mukhtar Ahmad son of Ghulam Hassan Malik resident of Shurat, for which cases stand registered in concerned Police Stations.

This group was also involved in various grenade attack incidents across Anantnag and Kulgam districts for which cases stand registered in concerned Police Stations.

Police said that incriminating material such as arms and ammunition was recovered from the site of encounter. "All these materials have been taken in the case records for the purpose of investigation", police added.

The bodies of the killed militants were handed over to their families after completion

(Contd on page 9 Col 5)

NH remains blocked

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR, Feb 10: While Jammu-Srinagar National Highway continued to be blocked for the 5th consecutive day today, the Indian Air Force airlifted about 186 stranded passengers to Srinagar from Jammu.

**Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com*

As scores of link roads in Doda-Kishtwar and Bhaderwah area have been closed due to massive snowfall, the hapless villagers from far-flung snow-bound areas have demanded airdropping of ration and other essential supplies. Several serious patients were airlifted by IAF choppers from Kishtwar area today to Jammu.

The Kashmir valley is also facing crisis of essential commodities like gas, petrol, diesel, fresh vegetable, chicken, mutton. Besides this, a large numbers of people are stranded in Srinagar and Jammu despite additional flights being run between Srinagar-Delhi-Srinagar and Srinagar-Jammu-Srinagar.

(Contd on page 9 Col 5)

No specific time-frame for restoration of damaged power transmission line

Lakhs of people in snow-bound Doda, Kishtwar suffering badly for past 4 days

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Feb 10: Lakhs of people in snow bound Doda and Kishtwar districts are suffering badly during the past four days as no major headway has been made by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) in the restoration of damages to the only transmission line supplying power to these districts.

The 132-KV single circuit Udhampur-Kishtwar transmission line had suffered extensive damage at various places on the intervening night of February 6 and 7 due to massive snowfall as a result of which both the mountainous districts, which are pro-

Fate of alternate line hanging in balance during past many yrs

vided electricity through this line only, plunged into complete darkness.

As per the reports, one tower between Udhampur-Doda and seven towers between Doda-Kishtwar have suffered extensive damages due to the massive snowfall and falling down of big trees on the transmission line.

"The restoration work on tower between Udhampur-Doda is going on in full swing but work on seven other towers has yet not picked up required momentum", official sources privy to the status of restoration

works told EXCELSIOR, adding "yesterday NHPC had conveyed to the Systems and Operations Wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department that work on tower between Udhampur-Doda will most likely be completed by this evening but the Corporation has failed to fulfil its commitment".

They further said, "now NHPC has conveyed that it will try its level best to ensure that work on this tower is completed by tomorrow

(Contd on page 9 Col 3)

Kashmiri politicians habitual of dancing to tunes of Pakistan when out of power: Dr Jitendra

Avtar Bhat

KATRA, Feb 10: Lambasting the Kashmir centric political parties and politicians, Union Minister in PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that they start singing Pak songs when out of power and swear on the name of India and its Constitution when in power.



The Union Minister was talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here today, held in connection with Basant Panchmi and celebration of 138th birth anniversary of Deen Bandhu, Ch Chhotu Ram. When his attention was turned towards the tweet of former Chief Minister and People's Democratic Party (PDP), presi-

dent, Mehbooba Mufti who had said at a time when Pakistan is making laws to safeguard temples in their country, the Indian Muslims are feeling insecure due to the Hindutva politics dominating India's secular fabric, Dr Jitendra Singh said that there is nothing new in the statement as the Kashmir centric leaders are habitual of making such statements when out of power.

Dr Jitendra Singh, while rejecting the statement of Mehbooba Mufti said it was not only she but even former Chief Minister and president of

National Conference (NC), Dr Farooq Abdullah who was on record to state of bombing terrorist camps in Pakistan when he was in power and later showing sympathy towards terrorists as well as Pakistan after losing power.

He said it was an irony that Kashmir centric politicians when in power were privy to the Government decisions on various anti-terrorist operations and were heading the Unified Command which is empowered to take decisions on anti terrorist operations in the State but soon after being out of power they start speaking language of separatists.

Turning tables on Kashmir centric politicians, Dr Jitendra

(Contd on page 9 Col 7)

'Raj Bhawan isn't for playing Golf only

I'm CM also, I've to keep view point of my Govt too: Guv

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Feb 10: Taking on two political parties which had been targeting him for making political statements, Governor Satya Pal Malik said today that he is not only the Governor but in his capacity as representative of the President of India, he has to put forth the view point of his Government.

In a brief chat with media persons after attending a function in Katra, Malik said the Raj Bhawan is not meant for playing Golf alone.

"Tell me whether the Governor House is meant for playing Golf all the time?", he

Somebody has to reply if you daily abuse Govt

asked.

Replying to a question on criticism by two political parties that he has been making political statements, Malik said the Governor's House is representative of the President of India and there is a President's Government in New Delhi.

"If you daily abuse that Government, somebody has to reply that. I do keep viewpoint of my Government before the people," he said, adding that he

wasn't only the Governor but the Chief Minister as well.

"I'm not only the Governor of the State but the Chief Minister also. I have to give my view point," he asserted.

Reiterating his full support to armed forces, Malik said: "I fully stand by my forces. I'm with my Army".

People's Demo-cratic Party (PDP) and National Conference (NC) had strongly criticized Governor Satya Pal Malik's recent statements that there was



Govt fails to bring constituency on tourism map

No headway in promoting world famous Basohli art

Avtar Bhat

BASOHLI: Basohli Assembly segment is in no way different in topography from its sister constituencies of Bani and Billawar forming the part of Kathua district. The constituency is mostly Kandi belt. It is



Ex-MLAs' Report Card
 Constituency: Basohli
Ch Lal Singh

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/ex-mlas-report-card/>

linked to along this constituency right from Hut Mashika to Lakhampur. However, two bridges constructed on the river one at Basohli town called Atal Sethu and another at Hut Mashika links it with both Punjab and HP States and the distance from Basohli to neighboring States was reduced to a great extent with the construction of these two bridges.

As the topography of these three constituencies to some extent is similar hence the problems faced by the people in all the three Assembly segments are also to some extent same.

The constituency is separated from Punjab and HP by mighty Ravi river, which flows

The constituency was represented in the dissolved Assembly by BJP leader Ch Lal Singh. He also represented the Assembly segment right from 1996 to 2004. Firstly he was elected from year 1996 to 2002 and later from year 2002 to 2004 as a Congress candidate. But in 2004 he had to quit as MLA to contest the Lok Sabha elections from Kathua -Doda Parliamentary constituency and his wife Kanta Andotra was elected from this constituency for remaining four years.

This clearly indicated that

(Contd on page 9 Col 1)

TTC Apply
₹2234*
 per gram
MANAPPURAM GOLD LOAN
 Toll Free : 1800 420 22 33 24x7

Download Mobile Apps of Daily Excelsior for Android and IOS

Download on the Google Play Store | Download on the App Store

<http://www.dailyexcelsior.com/apps/>

INSIDE WEATHER

JAMMU: Mainly dry
TEMPERATURE
 Max: 18.9 Degree C
 Min: 7.1 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
 RH-I (Morning): 84.0 per cent
 RH-II (Evening): 51.0 per cent
 Sunset on Monday: 06.13 p.m.
 Sunrise on Tuesday: 07.18 a.m.

SRINAGAR: Mainly dry
TEMPERATURE
 Max: 9.6 Degree C
 Min: -3.4 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
 RH-I (Morning): 79.0 per cent
 RH-II (Evening): 54.0 per cent

LEH: Mainly dry
TEMPERATURE
 Max: 2.2 Degree C
 Min: -6.6 Degree C

BEING EQUALS IN LOVE CAN TAKE YOU PLACES

PLATINUM

PARIS • 2019

SWITZERLAND, LONDON, THAILAND, GREECE, DUBAI, PARIS

Love built on equality is truly rare. Celebrate it with our Equals in Love Collection.

You could WIN A ROMANTIC TRIP FOR TWO on purchase of Platinum Love Bands.

PARIS • LONDON • SWITZERLAND • GREECE • DUBAI • THAILAND

PLATINUM LOVE BANDS | **RAKESH Jewellers**

Apsara Road Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. T 2432121

wisdom, fearlessness, strength, focus, purpose, endurance, intensity

UNISON WORLD SCHOOL

Every young woman dreams of taking the world by storm. Few young dreamers, however, make their dreams come true because it takes a lot to become Athena.

At Unison World School, we train our girls to be equally at ease in battle as they are in a boardroom. Just like the goddess who inspires them.

AN ALL-GIRLS' RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FROM GRADES 5 TO 12

For Admission Enquiries, please call T +91.135 7113 000 M +91.98370 00650, 96271 21000, 96271 41000, 98370 22222 Mussoorie Diversion Road, Dehradun - 248 009 India E admissions@uws.edu.in W www.uws.edu.in