

**Visit likely in third week of January**  
**PM to lay foundation of several national, other projects**

*Countrywide launch of some schemes proposed*

**Sanjeev Pargal**  
 JAMMU, Jan 2: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Jammu, which is expected in third week of this month, is likely to lay foundation of a host of projects for all three regions of the State including Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, some of which have been declared as national projects.

Official sources told the Excelsior that a proposal has also been mooted by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for national wide e-launch of some of the national schemes and projects by the Prime Minister from Jammu and, it was in this context, that date of Modi's visit to the winter capital of the State, hasn't been finalized as yet.

"The Prime Minister was likely to visit Jammu in third week of this month depending upon availability of the time," they said, adding that discus-

**Prez rule resolution stalled in RS**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 2: A statutory resolution moved by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh

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under Article 356 on imposition of President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir was stalled in the Rajya Sabha today due to massive uproar by the members from Tamil Nadu on some local issues and was likely to be taken up tomorrow if the House functions.

Rajnath made a statement in the House on necessity to impose President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir though his

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**Be ready for challenges: Rawat**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Jan 2: Chief of Army Staff, General Bipin Rawat, today asked the troops deployed for counter militancy operations in Kashmir to be prepared to meet emerging security challenges effectively.

General Rawat today reviewed the prevailing security situation in Kashmir and the strategy for counter militancy operations.

Accompanied by the Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Ranbir Singh, the Army chief was briefed by Chinar Corps Commander, Lt Gen AK Bhatt, at Badami Bagh

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**New pattern of funding for Leh, Kargil**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 2: As a follow up to the State Administrative Council (SAC) decision regarding devolution of fiscal powers to the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), the Government today notified revised scheme of funding for Leh and Kargil districts.

The revised guidelines have been conveyed through an order issued by Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Navin K Chaudhary.

"All the funds related to the districts of Leh and Kargil will,

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**WEATHER**

**JAMMU:**  
 Possibility of light rain/thundershowers  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 16.6 Degree C  
 Min: 9.6 Degree C  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
 RH-I (Morning): 90.0 per cent  
 RH-II (Evening): 68.0 per cent  
 Sunset on Thursday: 05:38 p.m.  
 Sunrise on Friday: 07:34 a.m.

**SRINAGAR:**  
 Possibility of light rain/snow  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 6.5 Degree C  
 Min: 0.0 Degree C  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
 RH-I (Morning): 84.0 per cent  
 RH-II (Evening): 78.0 per cent

**LEH:**  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 3.9 Degree C  
 Min: -12.4 Degree C

**Admn Secys fail to meet timelines on submission of reports to Guv**

■ Govt forced to reiterate direction

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 2: Notwithstanding that the State was under spell of Governor and President's Rule for past six and half months now, the lethargic approach of the Administrative Secretaries on the Government directions, that too pertaining to the Governor's Secretariat, can be well gauged from a General Administration Department (GAD) order issued today, which had to reiterate a similar direction issued in the month of August last year to all Administrative Secretaries pertaining to submission of major development activities and achievements of every month.

Through an order issued in August 2018, the Government had directed all Administrative Secretaries to submit major development activities and achievements of their Departments to the Principal Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department by 25th of every month, who had to further submit them to the Principal

Secretary to the Governor by 3rd of every month.

The Government order issued today noted with concern that the Administrative Secretaries were not furnishing monthly details/brief stature note regarding development activities and achievement to the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department as per the fixed timelines, thereby causing delay in the submission of reports to the Governor's Secretary by the Principal Secretary, Planning.

"The delay in submission of monthly report to the Governor's Secretariat has been viewed seriously," the Government order said.

The order reiterated: "All Administrative Secretaries are directed to furnish the monthly information regarding major developmental activities and achievements during the month to the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department invariably by 25th of every month so as the enable the department to submit a consolidate report to the

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Upper reaches of Bhaderwah witness fresh snowfall on Wednesday. (UNI)

**NH, Mughal Road closed due to snowfall**

**Fog hits train, air traffic**

Jawahar Tunnel area along the National Highway that led to closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in view of slippery conditions in the sector. No traffic was allowed on the road

Thannamandi-Poonch Road were also closed today. Reports of snowfall have also been reported from Bhaderwah, Patnitop, Nathatop and Dera Gali and parts of Bani-Sarthal

**Gopal Sharma / Fayaz Bukhari**

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR, Jan 2: The month long dry spell ended today as parts of the Valley received fresh snowfall, bringing respite to the people from bone-chilling cold

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and the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was closed due to snowfall in Jawahar Tunnel area while, due to fog, several flights and trains were delayed in Jammu.

Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Pahalgam, Pir Panjal and hills in Bhaderwah and Poonch experienced a fresh snowfall today. Unlike other areas, Srinagar received light rainfall this afternoon. Gulmarg experienced one feet of snow, Tangmarg 6 inches, Sadna Top 2 feet, Tangdhar 6 inches, Macchil 4 feet, Gurez one feet, Tulail one feet and Razdhan top 2 feet.

Seven to eight inches of snowfall was recorded at



A view of snowfall on the outskirts of Srinagar on Wednesday. —Excelsior/Shakeel

from Jammu to Srinagar today. However, if the weather improves, the traffic will ply from Jammu to Srinagar tomorrow.

The Bandipora-Gurez, Kupwara-Tangdhar and Kupwara-Keran roads were closed for the vehicular movement by the authorities due to snowfall.

Due to heavy snowfall on the hills of Poonch and Rajouri, Mughal Road and Rajouri-

area today. A Meteorological Department official said that the next Western Disturbance (WD) will most likely affect the State from evening of January 4 to 6.

"There is possibility of moderate rain or snowfall at widespread places of Jammu and Kashmir including Ladakh. There is possibility of heavy snowfall at isolated places with maximum

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**Funds insufficient even for basic maintenance works**  
**Merely Rs 3.40 lakh for conservation of each of 124 protected monuments in J&K**

**Mohinder Verma**

JAMMU, Jan 2: Unbelievable it may sound but it is a fact that on an average an amount of only Rs 3.40 lakh is earmarked annually for the conservation of each of the 124 State and Centrally protected monuments in the heritage rich Jammu and Kashmir, which otherwise is not sufficient even to remove bushes in and around these sites periodically.

Due to meagre annual budget, the Archaeology Department of the State Government and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are finding it difficult to lay focus on these heritage sites

**Requests for increase in allocation fall on deaf ears**

simultaneously thereby leading to their continuous plunder.

Of the total 124 protected monuments in all the three regions of Jammu and Kashmir, 55 fall in the domain of Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums of the State Government and 69 are under the control of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), a wing of the Union Ministry of Culture.

Fifty five monuments were declared State protected during the period between 1986 and 2013 while as 69 sites were

declared Centrally Protected monuments during the past some decades keeping in view the inability of the State Government to properly look after all the heritage sites in Jammu and Kashmir, official sources told EXCELSIOR.

However, the State as well as Central Governments became complacent by according protected monument status to these 124 sites as till date sufficient funds were never earmarked for their conservation that too in a time bound manner.

This can be gauged from

the official figures, which reveal that only an amount of Rs 2.69 crore was kept at the disposal of Archaeological Survey of India by the Union Culture Ministry for the conservation of 69 Centrally protected monuments in J&K during 2017-18 financial year.

"Though this amount was slightly higher than the money earmarked during 2016-17 financial year yet the hike was not sufficient to lay complete focus on even few Centrally protected monuments", sources said while disclosing that during 2016-17 only an amount of Rs 1.39 crore was kept for the conservation of these 69 monuments.

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**DGP rules out large presence of IS in Kashmir**

*Excelsior Correspondent*

SRINAGAR, Jan 2: Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh, today ruled out any large presence of Islamic State (IS) group in Kashmir, but claimed that the youth are being radicalized through its ideology.

Speaking at a news conference here at Police Control Room (PCR), Singh said: "In the past also, carrying those (IS) flags and displaying them publicly to show that there is a very large presence of such elements...we would again say that presence (of IS) is not that big but the fact that people are being radicalised on those lines that can't be denied."

The DGP said that some elements were making serious efforts to radicalise a section of the youth to the extent possible. "Kashmir civil society has been

**'Youth being radicalized'**

as such an open society, a very secular kind of culture where we extend due respect to our places of worship. Such efforts had been made at various quarters and their expression has

been seen in the kind of activities we saw other day (at Jamia Masjid)," he said.

Singh said that the youth being killed on the path of militancy is painful. He said that last year 252 militants were killed by the security forces in 97 operations in which 83 witnessed no collateral damage.

He, however, said that in rest of the operations some precious lives were lost.

He said that 91 civilians were killed last year while 44 among them were killed by

militants and 38 lost their lives near encounter sites. "I once again appeal to the youth that life is very precious and it should not be lost like this. Police and other security

forces have always exercised maximum restraint and now we will once again appeal them to exercise maximum restraint while dealing with the situation", he said. Forty five policemen, 9 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel and 30 Army men were also killed in the year.

The DGP said it is always painful when the youth who have picked up arms are killed in operations. "The killing of youth who have picked up arms is not appreciable at all," he said,

adding that killing militants is a success but at the same times losing lives is painful and cannot be a thing to be celebrated.

"Lives of anyone; be militants, security forces personnel is very painful," Singh said, hoping that the New Year (2019) will be better year and graph of violence comes down.

Commenting police and other security forces for what he called as wonderful job, the Singh said that the number of violence related incidents increased last year as the youth recruitments and infiltration continued. He said infiltration increased last year while as large number of infiltration bids were also foiled.

On law and order situation, the DGP said the situation was by and large peaceful across the State in 2018.

The DGP when asked about

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**Khanyar residents skeptical over status, complain lack of development**

**Waseem Ahmad**

SRINAGAR: One of the historic places of Srinagar, known for shrines and historic Jamia Masjid, Khanyar constituency has a heritage value but people here complained lack of facilities.

The constituency comprised of areas like Rainawari, Khanyar, Nowhatta, Khawaja Bazar and Nowpora. The constituency is the stronghold of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) which won eight Assembly elections since 1957 in a row. Ali Mohammad Sagar of JKNC won the 2014 Assembly elections for the fourth consecutive time. He defeated Mohammad Khurshid



**Ex-MLAs' Report Card**  
 Constituency: Khanyar  
**Ali Mohd Sagar**

Alam of PDP in last elections. Sagar polled 6505 votes as against Alam's 5338 votes.

Although the residents of some of the areas claim development but several areas have been neglected and people said they are skeptical whether they belong to Khanyar constituency or any other.

The residents of several areas of Khanyar constituency are facing identical problems including congested and dilapidated roads, no better health-

care facilities, no street lights, defunct drainage system, no Fire and Emergency Station etc.

As per the residents of the various areas of the constituency, the road widening project of most of the roads in Khanyar have not been initiated till date as a result commuters are often stuck in traffic jams. "The road widening is a long pending demand of the people of Khanyar. There were various road widening projects on cards but till date no project was initiated. Due to congestion on the roads, commuters are often

stuck in traffic jams," Mushtaq Ahmad, a resident of Khanyar said.

He said various road widening projects that have not been initiated include Mamta Junction to Khanyar Chowk, Koolipora towards Baba Dawood Khaki bridge, Khanyar to Dastageer Sahib shrine up to Khawaja Bazar and Nowpora bridge towards Miskeen Bagh up to Surteng.

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