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Army foils infiltration attempt; 3 militants, jawan killed

tant was killed by troops when he was trying to sneak in. Army along the LoC has achieved major success for past one month eliminating around two dozen militant along the LoC and forests area of North Kashmir.

Major General Panday said that around 350 militants are waiting for infiltration on launching pads across the LoC in Tangdhar, Keran, Macchil and Gurez sectors. He said that Army is on high along the LoC to foil any attempt by militants to infiltrate.

Army today also killed a militant commander of Lashkar-e-Toiba in the Mooldari forests of Handwara in the frontier district of Kupwara. The 21 Rashtriya Rifles of the Army and SOG Handwara launched an operation in Mooldari forests after information that one of the militants who survived in the Hafrooda forest encounter was hiding in the area.

The militant on being spotted early today was fired upon by the troops leading to a gun battle in

24 drugs found sub-standard in J&K

Jammu; Metonorm (Metoclopramide Injection IP) manufactured by M/s Ethicare Laboratories Jammu; Cefotaxime Sodium Injection IP 500 mg manufactured by M/s Vivek Pharma Chem Ltd Jammu; Pheniramine Maleate Injection IP manufactured by M/s SGH Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd Roorkee; Curcef 1000 Injection manufactured by M/s RH Laboratories, Opposite Gondpur Industrial area, Poanta Sahib, HP; Curcex (Amoxicillin Dioxycillin capsules) manufactured by M/s Orison Pharmaceuticals, 51 Industrial Estate Ambala Cantt; Levocetirizine Dihydrochloride Tablets IP 5 mg (Levitrox) manufactured by M/s Regency Health Care Rudra Pur Uttarakhnad; Cefepodoxime Proxetil Tablets IP (Cefdom-p) manufactured by M/s Roseate Medicare Solan, HP; Calcium Carbonate tablets (Marylcal 500) manufactured by M/s A K Biotech Pvt Ltd Kartholi Jammu; Ofloxacin tablets IP (ONOF-BACT 200) manufactured by M/s Sea Pharmaceuticals Poanta Sahib, Nitrofurantone Tablets IP manufactured by M/s Martin and Harris Laboratories Haridwar and Clozapemam 1 mg IP manufacture by M/s Beta Drugs Nandpur Baddi.

The samples of these drugs were taken from various Government Hospitals and Medical Shops across the State. The CDSCO has asked the Drug Controller of the State to immediately seize these drugs that were found sub-standard.

Sonia supports Durga Shakti

officer in the course of her public duties was seen to be standing up against vested interests engaging in illegal activity.

"We must ensure that the officer is not unfairly treated," she told the Prime Minister. Nagpal had shot into limelight by acting against the powerful sand mafia in the State.

In the letter written by her as chairperson of National Advisory Council (NAC), Gandhi asked Singh to focus on such issues as highlighted by the present case and if there was need for bringing in more measures to protect Government servants while upholding the law.

Exercise begins to rework boundaries of depts' divisions, sub-divisions in Reasi

in Reasi district. While DFO Nowshera receives funds under district plan from Reasi no funds are allotted to Udhampur thereby this fringe area remains deprived of development.

Public Works Department and PMGSY are other two important departments, which are facing this boundary issue as some roads of Reasi division cross through Jammu divisions.

To solve this problem, District Development Commissioner Reasi initiated a study in June 2013 and the issue was presented before the District Development Board on July 17, 2013, which directed the DDC to carry out exercise for making boundaries co-terminus with district and analyze the development funding being allotted to these departments for schemes across district boundary.

The DDB headed by Deputy Chief Minister, Tara Chand also issued directions for approaching Planning and Development Department for allocation of funds in respect of various schemes, which have been left incomplete after creation of new districts, sources said.

They said that District Officers of various departments

which he was killed. One AK-47 rifle, 3 magazine, one grenade, one pistol and war like stores were recovered from him. Sources identified him as LeT commander Abdullah who was leading the group and had escaped from Hafrooda forests.

It may be mentioned here that the group that was spotted on July 29 by the security and 5 members of the group were killed on August 1 while 3 Army personnel were also injured in the operation.

In the meantime, Army and SOG Handwara launched massive search operations in the Handwara forests along the LoC in the frontier district of Kupwara.

Sources said that 14 Garwal and SOG Handwara launched an operation in Makal forest of Handwara after information about the presence of militants in the area.

"The 30 RR of Army and SOG Handwara launched another operation in Rangwar forest of Handwara after reports of militant presence in the area", sources said.

that Excelsior broke the spurious drug scam early April this year leading to registering of cases against suppliers and manufacturers of Maxamizine-625 drug that was supplied to hospitals across Kashmir valley. The antibiotic tested negative for amoxicillin while the company had claimed that it contains 500 milligramme of amoxicillin. The drug, Maxamizine 625 milligram, along with several other drugs were chosen in random sampling for laboratory testing by the Drug Controller Kashmir during winter. The drugs were sent to the laboratory for testing and the anti-biotic tested negative as the laboratory report revealed that it contains "NIL" Amoxicillin. The drug contained Zero milligrams of Amoxicillin tri-hydrate while the company claims that it contains 500 milligrams of Amoxicillin tri-hydrate + 125 milligrams clavulanic acid.

Following the expose and outcry across the State, the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad had sent an 11-member team from the CDSCO to the Jammu and Kashmir to investigate the quality of drugs being supplied to the Government run hospitals and those available in the open market.

A team of experts from CDSCO headed by Deputy Drug Controller (North Zone) Dr K Bangarurajan visited various hospitals of the State and collected samples of 156 drugs as part of the investigation ordered by the Union Health Ministry into the spurious drug scam.

"This particular instance has highlighted the need for assessing whether there are adequate safeguards in place to protect executive functionaries working beyond the average call of duty to uphold the rule of law.

"The implementation machinery must feel that the conditions are conducive to the delivery of public services without fear or favour," Gandhi said. Appreciating the good beginnings made with regard to administrative reforms by the Government, the Congress President said incidents like Nagpal have highlighted the need to focus on such issues. (PTI)

especially under District Plan have been directed by the DDC to submit plan for reworking the boundaries of divisions/sub-divisions besides bringing on record areas of Reasi district being funded under District Plan of Udhampur, Rajouri and Jammu districts if any and vice-versa. The DDCs of Jammu, Udhampur and Rajouri have also been approached by DDC Reasi for issuance of necessary directions to their district officers for submission of details of inter-district areas, schemes, funds provided and authentication of divisions by revenue authorities.

"The departmental meetings will begin by end of this month following which plan will be submitted to Planning and Development Department for reworking the funding pattern under District Plan as well as State Plan and CSS", sources added.

It is pertinent to mention here that Reasi is the first among eight districts created in 2007, which has set in motion an exercise to make departmental divisions co-terminus with the district despite the fact that such problems are also being faced in seven other districts.

Telangana revives demand for UT status to Ladakh

portive of the demand. "There is no demand on ground for grant of UT status to Ladakh," Mr Khan said, adding the proposed creation of Telangana didn't mean that "we should start raising the demand for UT status to Ladakh".

The Ladakh MP asserted that there were two parties supporting the UT-one of whom has merged into the BJP and another into the Congress, an indirect reference towards the group headed by former MP Thupstan Chhewang and Leh Union Territory Front (LUTF).

Mr Chhewang, a former Lok Sabha member from Ladakh, recalled that demand for UT status to Ladakh was much old than Telangana. "We have been demanding UT for Ladakh since independence as we have suffered a lot at the hands of Kashmir dispensation," he said. Saying that time has come for launching a joint movement in favour of UT status to Ladakh, Mr Chhewang called

DB's fresh directions on old age home

age home there are number of females, who are having medical problems because of their old age and some directions should be issued to Director Health Services to provide a female doctor and she can also be included in the School Health Check-up scheme so that she along with team of other doctors also visit the old age home twice a week.

Upon this, Division Bench directed Director Health Services to include the female doctors also in the School Health Check-up team and the team of doctors shall visit the old age home twice a week and a complete report in this regard shall be submitted to Director Health services on monthly basis.

Division Bench granted another two weeks time to Deputy AG ZS Wattali to submit the compliance report in

Govt orders probe into CCBL irregularities

The Minister for Cooperatives Dr Manohar Lal Sharma told the Excelsior that no one would be allowed to misuse the bank depositors' money and necessary action will be taken if anything is found wrong.

Pertinent to mention here that the new management had taken over the bank control following election of Directors in October last. Previous manage-

CM intervenes to end water dispute

(MLC) had close shave as the farmers of several villages of Handwara fought pitched battles with those of Kupwara over sharing of irrigation water in the North Kashmir's Kupwara this week. The trouble started after the farmers of dozens of villages of Handwara constituency of National Conference leader and Cabinet Minister, Chowdhery Ramzan used earth movers in the stream to draw more water from the Kahmil stream. This led to low discharge for the paddy fields of Kupwara villages leading to irrigation water crisis in Kupwara.

This irked the farmers of dozens of villages of Kupwara constituency of NC leader and Cabinet Minister Mir Saifullah and farmers went on war path and tried to use force to draw their share of water from Kahmil irrigational canal.

Joint interrogation of Chinese men

These three men who are brothers and speak only Yarkandi language are with the ITBP since they were spotted in BDO on June 12. The ITBP had got permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs for their custody that was to be renewed after every fortnight.

Now the ITBP can't keep them further in their custody as the MHA's permission is expiring on August 7. The MHA has asked for the joint interrogation of the Yarkandi men before handing over them to police.

Sources said that an ITBP party has left for Leh from DBO on July 30 along the three Yarkandi Chinese men and it will take them one week to reach Leh. "Once in Leh, they will be interrogated jointly by Army, ITBP, Police and Intelligence Bureau (IB)", they added.

The security agency are seeking help from a Yarkandi speaking man in Ganderbal area of Kashmir, Mohammad Abdullah or another Kashmiri who speaks Yarkandi but is now in Delhi.

Once the joint interrogation takes place the three Yarkandi

upon LAHDC, LEH CEO Rigzin Spalbar to resign like Gorkha Hill Council chief and come under joint platform of LBA to give momentum to the UT demand and put pressure on Congress headed UPA Government at the Centre to concede their demand.

Independent MLA from Nobra, Leh, Tsetan Namgyal, who also indirectly supports the ruling National Conference, said the people of Leh have strong aspirations for the UT status.

"Ultimate and final solution to all demands of Leh lie in conferment of UT status to Ladakh," Mr Namgyal, a former state Minister, said.

However, another former Minister in 1996 Farooq Abdullah regiment and present Omar Abdullah Government and now Advisor to Chief Minister, Qamar Ali Akhooon, MLA Kargil said the people of Kargil didn't support the demand for bifurcation of the State and grant of UT status to Ladakh. "We stand for united State," he added.

terms of the order dated July 2, 2013 wherein Chief Secretary was directed to comply with earlier directions in which Division Bench had directed Chief Secretary to pass necessary orders to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee so as to meet the requirements as early as possible, preferably within a period of three weeks and file compliance report in the Registry of this Court.

The Committee, so constituted by the Chief Secretary in compliance of the directions passed by this Court, was directed to give status of the building condition in which the Old Age Home is housed at Ambphalla. Government was also directed to furnish details as to how many Old Age Homes are existing and functioning in other districts of the State and what was their status.

ment of the bank was removed by the Government following numerous complains of financial irregularities.

Meanwhile, sources said that more skeletons are likely to come out of cupboard as three Directors of the bank have sought branch wise information of each Manager regarding the advances, loans sanctioned and recommended between financial years 1996 to 2012-13.

The Kahmil canal feeds thousands of acres of paddy land of scores of villages of Handwara Assembly constituency including those of Ramhal, Vilgum, Dahama, Punzoo, Tarathpora and Magam and Kupwara Assembly constituency including those of Kralpora, Trehgam, Shumag, Batargam, Gushi, Nagri and Hatmulla.

Sources in the district Administration said that it had become a big issue for them to resolve the crisis as the two Cabinet Ministers had locked horns over the issue and the district administration was helpless.

Sources said that district administration had a sigh of relief after the Chief Minister asked both the Ministers who were supporting the farmers of their respective constituencies to keep off from fuelling the irrigation water crisis.

men will be handed over to the Police. Sources said that as per the preliminary investigations, the three men are local labourers. Local Yarkandi map, some Indian rupee coins and clothes were recovered from them when they were nabbed by the ITBP.

Sources said that there was incoherence in statements of three men, except that they were mesmerised by the charm of Bollywood superstars, Salman Khan and Hrithik Roshan.

Sources said that they claimed that they were driven out by extreme poverty from home and wanted to come to India because they had seen it as a land of prosperity on the slyer screen. "During the interrogation they said that the movies of Khan and Roshan were a hit in their area, Kargalilik of Xianjiang province. They know only two languages, Yarkandi and Uyghur", sources added.

Sources said that the trio can't be booked for any offence as India claims Aksai Chin as part of India. "Under Indian law the trio has not committed any offence by crossing the LAC", sources added.

Nearly 100 houses damaged, CISF jawans among 6 injured

earthquake yet the same was restored.

The inhabitants of Kishtwar district particularly the people whose houses had suffered damages in the past and in overnight tremors have completely been in the grip of panic and spend night in the open sky or in the safe building for the safety of their lives.

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Saleem Choudhary, who visited various areas to take stock of the damages caused by the tremors, got around 90 tents released for those people, who were reluctant to return to their houses. Earlier, in the morning he issued orders for keeping all the educational institutions closed in view of the panicky situation.

When contacted, he said,

CBI team in Kashmir in Ishrat case

Initially Gujarat police and Jammu and Kashmir Police in its investigation have said that the killed two youth were Pakistani nationals and had come from Jammu and Kashmir to target VIP's in the State of Gujarat.

Sources said, Pakistani militant Shahid Mehmood, who was shot dead immediately after he had identified one of the three

"during the preliminary reports we have come to know that around 100 more houses have suffered damages. The reports are still pouring in from different parts of the district and this figure may go up".

Though there was neither any loss or life or injuries to anyone due to overnight earthquake in Doda district yet cracks in the already damaged houses have widened further and created panic among the people.

"We have constituted disaster management cells at district, tehsil and block levels so that any assistance under the available resources could be extended to the people in case of any disaster", Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Mubarak Singh, said when contacted.

men killed along with Ishrat as Amjad Ali, a Lashkar operative who had been trained by Lashkar commander, Muzzamil in Pakistan.

Earlier, during the investigations of the case Gujarat Police had visited Valley to ascertain the identity of the two youth killed in the encounter in Ahmedabad.

PM seeks Oppn's cooperation

NEW DELHI, Aug 3:

Lamenting that lot of time has been wasted in the last two to three Parliament sessions, Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh today asked the opposition to cooperate in the passage of the legislative business including the "most important" ordinance on Food security bill.

Promising to discuss all issues raised by the Opposition, Singh hoped that the nearly month-long Monsoon session starting Monday will be "very constructive and productive".

"I hope it will be a very constructive and productive session of Parliament. Lot of time was wasted in previous two to three sessions and there is lot of legislative agenda pending before Parliament.

"And I sincerely hope that all sections of the House will cooperate in making it very productive and very constructive session," Singh told reporters after an all-party meeting convened by Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar to ensure smooth functioning of the House.

Maintaining that Government on its part is willing to discuss any issue which may agitate the opposition, he said, "But all that we respectfully ask Opposition is to cooperate with the Government in passing the essential legislative work, which is primarily the responsibility of Parliament." (PTI)

BJP to campaign for bridging Hindu-Muslims gap: Vibodh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will play a vital role in bridging all gaps between Hindu and Muslims by starting a campaign of confidence building measure.

This was stated by BJP State vice president Advocate Vibodh Gupta, while addressing party workers at Rah Siot area of Akhnoor constituency which was organized by Mandal president Parshotam Sharma.

Gupta said that both Hindu and Muslim communities of Jammu region feel neglected on part of the rulers of Valley but the only thing which keep Jammuites away from ruling the State is a small gap between them.

"Let all Muslims and Hindus

Excise sleuths foil bid to smuggle banned tobacco in J&K

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Aug 3: Foiling bid to smuggle banned tobacco in the State, the Excise Department today seized 100 kgs of the consignment at Lakhampur.

Continuing with on going surveillance to curb the menace of import/export of smuggling goods, the sleuths of Excise Department at Toll Post Lakhampur put a Kashmir bound vehicle bearing registration No. JK13A-2865 on routine check. The vehicle was declared to be carrying trade goods and cloth. During the checking it was found loaded with 100 kgs of tobacco concealed under trade goods and cloth. The sample of the above said tobacco was sent to Food Safety Officer, Kathua for his opinion who later on declared the said item "as banned item as the tobacco product bears the logo of vegetarian food which is itself contravention of FSSAI.

The driver and vehicle carrying goods and cloth along with the banned item has been handed over to Commercial Taxes Department after imposing fine under the J & K Levy of Tolls Act.

Grameen Vikas Committee framed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: The residents of village Raya held a meeting and framed Grameen Vikas Committee.

Parkash Singh has been elected as Chairman, whereas Chanchal Singh as president, Pritam Chand as vice president, Ragbir Singh as secretary, Raj Dogra as general secretary, Rajinder Singh as joint secretary, Pritam Singh as publicity secretary and Baldev Raj as cashier.

Jeevan Singh, Basant Lal, Subash Kumar and Janak Raj were elected as committee members.

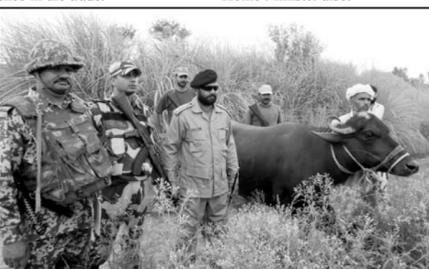
Chamber of LoC Traders demands reconstitution of delegation visiting PoK

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: Chamber of LoC Traders J&K today demanded the reconstitution of the 47 member delegation going to PoK.

Addressing a press conference, Pawan Anand, president of the Chamber alleged that the delegation comprising of 47 members to visit Pakistan comprises of influential persons and their kin among just nine traders and demanded its reconstitution with maximum number of traders for redressal of trade related issues.

He added that the unnecessary ban imposed and later lifted by the Custom Department on the tradable items during the Sushil Kumar Shinde's visit to the Chakkan-Da-Bagh has not been lifted on ground till yet and demanded to lift it immediately. A full truck scanner for easy scanning of the trucks should be installed as the manual checking of trucks by the agencies spoils goods causing huge loss to the traders, he said, adding that a memorandum of all the demands has been forwarded to the Union Home Minister also.



BSF and Rangers alongwith buffalo returned by Pakistan in RS Pura sector on Saturday.

BSF gets buffalo returned from Pak

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: With the efforts of the Border Security Force (BSF), a Gujjar got his buffalo back after more than a week when it was washed away to Pakistan due to floods in Niki Tawi river.

A BSF handout said the buffalo of Pika Gujjar, a resident of village Kalali in RS Pura tehsil was washed away to Pakistan from Niki Tawi river through forward village of Allah Mai De Kothe (AMK) on July 25.

After getting a report from Pika Gujjar, the BSF held Company Commander level

SMVDU Class-IV employees on strike for compensation to family of deceased colleague

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Aug 3: The ongoing protest demonstration of Class-IV hired contractual employees of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Kakryal, today entered into 13th day.

The agitating employees raised slogans against the Vice Chancellor and authorities sitting at the helm of affairs of SMVDU.

The hired contractual employees are on agitational path for the last 13 days. They are demanding adequate compensation to family of their colleague Karnail Singh, who lost his life on campus on July 4. University authorities miserably failed in extending any relief to the family of deceased, who died on duty. There are around 250 Class IV employees who are working on hire basis under a contractor.

The employees when approached Vice Chancellor, he pleaded that employees working on hire basis were not responsi-

flag meeting with Pakistani Rangers and sought early return of the buffalo.

Yesterday, the Rangers called Company Commander level flag meeting with the BSF at Border Out Post of Sangral in RS Pura sector and handed over the buffalo to BSF.

Today, the BSF restore the buffalo to Pika Gujjar. "Pika Gujjar had all smiles on his face after getting his buffalo back," the handout said. It added that Pika expressed his sincere gratitude to Manish Aul, Commandant of 122 battalion of BSF for his personal initiative in bringing his buffalo back from Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the reports fear apprehensions of clash between the agitators and the employees called from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board on arrangement basis.

The agitating employees are also demanding that hiring of staff through contractor should be stopped and University must engage the staff on direct basis as per the University norms.

Meanwhile, the leaders of Shrine Board Employees Union (SBEU) and Shiv Sena Hindustan (SSH) also visited the dharna site and extended their support to the agitating employees.

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