



Army moving in Jammu City on Saturday midnight (left) and people holding a massive demonstration during Jammu bandh. More pics on Page Nos. 3 and 4.

**Complete bandh in Jammu region, extended for 48 hours**

# Curfew clamped in most parts of Jammu, Rajouri; Army called out; stages flag march

**\*Curfew in Kishtwar for 2nd day, Machail Mata yatris stranded**

**Sanjeev Pargal**

JAMMU, Aug 10: Curfew was clamped under the jurisdiction of about a dozen police stations in Jammu district and Army was called out in the mid-night tonight following apprehensions of communal violence as protesters continued to burn tyres and hold protests till late in the night in various parts of the City in protest against yesterday's Kishtwar violence. Curfew was also clamped in Rajouri town after minor trouble tonight. Curfew continued for second consecutive day today in Kishtwar town and outskirts as Army staged flag march in disturbed areas while tension flared up in Paddar, Atholi and Kajai after a procession

taken out by the minorities to protest yesterday's vandalism in Kishtwar was fired upon from inside the houses this afternoon following which minorities retaliated with firing and injured six civilians. Some shops were also damaged. Over 5000 pilgrims of Machail Mata Ji remained stranded at Gulabgarh and Dool for the last two days with yatra remaining suspended. DIG Jammu-Kathua range Shakeel Ahmad Beig told the Excelsior that curfew was clamped in the midnight tonight under the jurisdiction of 12 police stations in Jammu and Army was called out to maintain law and order. He said curfew has been imposed under the jurisdiction of Janipura, Bakshi Nagar,

Nowabad, City, Pacca Danga, Pir Miha, Bagh-e-Bahu, Trikuta Nagar, Channi Himmat, Gandhi Nagar and Satwari police stations. Army has also been called out in entire City and outskirts especially the sensitive areas, where there were chances of flare up of violence. Army columns moved out in the City around the midnight tonight after which the youths indulging in violence dispersed and normalcy was restored. Before imposition of curfew, Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, AK Sahu met GOC 16 Corps Lt Gen DS Hooda and sought Army assistance in maintenance of law and order. The Army agreed after obtaining written request, official sources said. After deployment, Army

staged flag march in some sensitive areas including New Plots, which had witnessed violence till late tonight in which some shops were burnt and damaged. The youths continued protests till late tonight in various parts of the City including New Plots, Exchange Road, Purani Mandi, City Chowk etc burning tyres and shouting slogans. Authorities finding no end to protests and few incidents of violence in New Plots decided to impose curfew and call out Army to prevent any flare up of violence tomorrow. Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri, Faquir Chand Bhatgauri ordered imposition of curfew in Rajouri town at 10.30 pm after some miscreants pelted stones at Anderkoot Masjid in Rajouri

town. After stone pelting, the people from inside the Mosque and other places came out and indulged in sloganeering. SSP Rajouri Mubassir Latifi said to keep the situation under control and prevent any spurt in violence, the administration clamped curfew in Rajouri town at 10.30 pm. He said situation was well under control in Rajouri town and curfew has been imposed only as a precautionary measure. A complete bandh was observed in Jammu region to denounce the violence let loose against the minorities by the majority community in Kishtwar yesterday. The bandh was further extended for 48 hours i.e. till Monday (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## Militants shift to local training: Police

**Fayaz Bukhari**

SRINAGAR, Aug 10: As the security forces have intensified the counter infiltration grid along the Line of Control (LoC) to stop militants from infiltrating, the local youth who are joining the militant ranks are being trained in Kashmir only, a top police official said here. The official said that now the local militants get trainings here only and they don't cross the LoC for arms training as ex-filtration and infiltration has become almost impossible due to tough counter-infiltration measures. "Basically it is familiarization with the weapons and for that one can get a basic training in just in couple of hours. Operating an AK-47 rifle and throwing a grenade is what they need training for", the official said. The militants don't need to do the rigorous training and they are being imparted just weapon handling training. "As militants cash on surprise element they don't need much training. Weapon familiarization is enough for them. However, with this basic training they can't stand against the security forces for long time. For that one needs rigorous training just like we give it to our jawans", the official said. However, sources said that

the militants are now conducting almost week long training course for the new recruits locally in the forests mostly in South Kashmir before taking them on board. They said that the militants are resorting to cop killings to snatch the rifles as they are short of weapons. The official denied large scale recruitment of youth local youth in militant ranks. "Every year 10-15 odd youth join the militancy and same number must have joined this year now. We get regular updates from the ground and number of new entrants this year can't be more than 10-15", the official said. On the recycling of the released and surrendered militants, the police official said that around 15 out of 30,000 of them have so far recycled and joined the militant ranks. "It is a small number that has recycled and we can't crackdown on all 30,000 former militants", he added. On the infiltration of militants this year into Kashmir valley, the police official said that around 35-40 militants managed to infiltrate this year upto June. "Some of them have been killed in various operations this year", he added. "We are receiving reports of militant presence but it is not being corroborated on the ground", the official said. (Contd on page 4 Col 2)

## Hate speeches by politicians, religious leaders J&K begins consultations over framing of specific law

**Mohinder Verma**

JAMMU, Aug 10: Though the hate speeches by the politicians and religious leaders have the potential to disturb the basic fabric of the society and create wedge between different sections of people yet the Jammu and Kashmir does not have any specific law to check this practice. Now, on the intervention of the Apex Court of the country, the State has begun consultation on framing specific law or making explicit provision in the relevant sections of the Ranbir Penal Code. Official sources told EXCELSIOR that any of the Sections of the Ranbir Penal Code does not have any penal provision in dealing with the politicians and religious leaders delivering hate speeches and this has come to fore during the careful examination of

the RPC in the light of Supreme Court of India's notice issued in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) titled Pravasi Bhalai Sangathan Versus Union of India. "Though Sections 295-A and 298 of RPC pertain to hurting religious beliefs yet the same don't specifically cover the aspect of hate speeches by the politicians and religious leaders, which has become a matter of concern for the Apex Court of the country", sources said while disclosing that Supreme Court has made J&K and several other States as parties in the PIL. Moreover, a chapter in the RPC about the offences relating to elections does not have any mention about the hate speeches by the politicians and punishment for the same, sources further said in response to a question. Disclosing that the copy of the

PIL and all the orders of the Supreme Court have been handed over to the General Administration and Home Departments, they said, "the GAD has a role to play in this regard as this department deals with the policy matters of the Government while as amendment, if any, in the Ranbir Penal Code would be possible with the consent of the Home Department". "The GAD and Home Departments after arriving at any conclusion vis-à-vis carrying amendments in the RPC or framing new law to address the concern of the Supreme Court will submit their opinion to the Law Department", sources said, adding "the State is also required to apprise the Supreme Court as to what steps it has planned to check hate speeches and deal sternly with those indulging in the same". (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

## India gives effective response Heavy firing on LoC in Poonch, Pak Army fires 7000 rounds

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 10: Just five days after the killing of five Indian Army soldiers at Chakan-Da-Bagh sub sector in Poonch district, Pakistan Army last night again opened heavy firing at Digwar, Mankot and Sabjian sub sectors in Poonch district prompting troops to retaliate effectively. The heavy firing from Pakistan side lasted more than six hours. However, there were no casualties on the Indian side. Casualties, if any, on Pakistan side were not known. Official sources told the Excelsior that Pakistan Army started firing at Sabjian at 9 pm and Digwar and Mankot at 10 pm. Pakistan Army fired at least

7000 rounds of Pika and medium mortars on forward Indian posts. The firing continued in Digwar sector till 4.30 pm, Mankot till 2.30 pm and Sabjian till 12.30 pm. Army spokesman SN Acharya said the Indian side retaliated effectively. He said the Indian side fired 18 rounds of 81mm mortars, 111 automatic grenade launchers, 111 rocket launchers, 11 Russian made MMG type KPWT rounds, 2600 rounds of Medium Machine Gun and 1935 rounds of Insas etc. "The effective retaliation by the Indian Army can be assessed from the rounds fired by the troops", sources said, adding that Pakistani troops would be given effective response in case of any misadventure. (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

The firing completely stopped at 4.30 pm. Describing Pakistan firing as "unprovoked", sources said no attempt of infiltration by the militants was observed during the firing from across the LoC, which indicated that Pakistani troops had been aggravating situation either to push the militants or cause casualties among the Army. However, they said, the troops were maintaining a very high alert on the LoC in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch especially after the killings of five Indian soldiers on August 5 at Sarala battalion area of Poonch. Meanwhile, the people living in forward areas of Digwar, Mankot, Sabjian and other areas of Poonch district were worried

## Azad discusses situation with PM

**Excelsior Correspondent**

NEW DELHI, Aug 10: Concerned over widespread violence in Kishtwar district, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Ghulam Nabi Azad today discussed the prevailing situation with the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh. Mr Azad, while elaborating the Prime Minister about the situation prevailing in Kishtwar district and its fall out in other parts of the Jammu region, stressed that all possible steps should be taken to defuse the situation and restore peace. The Union Minister also appealed the Prime Minister to depute additional forces, if required, for restoration of law and order in the violence affected areas of the State. He also stressed that all possible steps should be taken to ensure check (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## Tomar is new IG BSF

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 10: S S Tomar today took over as Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF) Jammu Frontier. Mr Tomar has replaced Rajeev Krishna, who has been posted as IG Operations BSF Headquarters, New Delhi. Mr Tomar is a BSF cadre officer with vast experience of serving (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## Class 11th exams postponed

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 10: The State Board of School Education (BOSE) has postponed Class 11th examinations, which were scheduled to be held from August 12 to August 16. According to Joint Secretary Examination V R Sharma, Terminal-1 exams of regular and Terminal-2 exams of private students of Class 11th in Winter Zone, which were scheduled to be held on August (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

## Mumbai blast dossier not closed: India

NEW DELHI/LONDON, Aug 10:

A day after senior Pakistan diplomat admitted that one of India's most wanted terrorists Dawood Ibrahim was in his country, India today said the 1993 Mumbai bomb blast dossier has "never" been closed and it will not rest till those responsible for the heinous attacks were brought to justice. "We too have seen the reports which have been attributed to an official of the Pak Government. The 1993 Mumbai bomb blast dossier has never been closed by us. Therefore, now that we have received more information about it, we will not rest till those responsible of 1993 attack against our citizens in Mumbai are brought to justice wherever they are. "We will continue to pursue this," the spokesperson in the (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

## Strike paralyses life in Kashmir

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Aug 10: Normal life was disrupted in Kashmir Valley today due to a strike called by Hurriyat Conference to protest against the clashes in Kishtwar district. Shops, business establishments and petrol pumps remained closed, while Government offices and banks witnessed thin attendance. Though public transport was off the roads, private cars and auto rickshaws were seen plying. Geelani had termed the situation in Kishtwar town as extremely grave and had appealed for a general strike against the biased approach of the State administration in dealing with the situation in Kishtwar. (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## 23 Medical officials suspended

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Aug 10: Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag today ordered suspension of 23 Medical officials who were found absent during surprise visit of various Health institutions across the district. On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag Dr Farooq Ahmad Lone, the Additional DC accompanied by Tehsildar Bijbehara paid surprise visit of various Health institutions and checked the attendance of the employees. During the visit, they inspected District Hospital, Anantnag, Sub-District Hospital Bijbehara, Sub-District Hospital, Dooru, Sub-District Hospital, Kokernag, Sub-District Hospital, Seer Hamdan, MCH Anantnag and Primary Health Centre Mattan. They checked the attendance registers of the respective Health institutions and found 23 officials including medicos, para-medicos and other ministerial staff absent from their duties. All the absentees have been put under suspension and action against them would also be taken under rule. (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## Yatra to remain suspended today

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Aug 10: Though Amarnath yatra from Jammu to holy cave remained suspended today due to bandh call and no yatri vehicle was allowed to leave for Kashmir Valley, 882 pilgrims performed darshan in holy cave today. The yatra will remain suspended tomorrow also in view of extension of bandh call for 48 hours more. District Development Commissioner, A K Sahu told Excelsior that the Amarnath yatra will remain suspended tomorrow in view of the bandh call and no yatri vehicle will be allowed to leave for holy cave from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas tomorrow. He however said the Buddha Amarnath yatra to Mandi Poonch will leave from Jammu as usual. According to an official spokesman, 360 pilgrims left for holy cave of Swami Amarnath situated at an altitude of 14,000 feet in (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

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