



CCI members felicitating Union Home Secretary, Anil Goswami at a function in Jammu on Friday.

CCI demands special package for Kishtwar tragedy sufferers

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 16: A special package from the Centre in addition to the compensation by Government should be sanctioned for the relief and rehabilitation of the sufferers of Kishtwar tragedy. This was stated by YV Sharma, president, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), after felicitating Anil Goswami, Union Home Secretary. The dignitaries pres-

VHP warns against disbanding of VDCs, highlights woes of Kishtwar victims

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 16: VHP, while reiterating that Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have done a yeoman's job in the militancy infested areas of Jammu region in protecting the lives and properties of innocent



people, warned the Government against any move of disbanding them. The VHP will not allow the separatists to succeed in their game-plan of disbanding VDCs as they have done a commendable job in combating terrorism, its president Dr Rama Kant Dubey told reporters here, today. He said any such move will be resisted with full might by the patriotic people of the State and separatist designs will be frustrated in this regard. Dr Dubey, while expressing his concern over the Kishtwar situation said that riot hit people face problems there after no relaxation has been given in cur-

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23 XEns shifted, posted in R&B

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JAMMU, Aug 16: The Government has ordered transfers and postings of 23 In-charge Executive Engineers (XEns) in the R&B Department. Sadeeq Wani, posted in R&B Division Kathua has been shifted to the office of Chief Engineer R&B Jammu till further orders, K S Nathyal under orders of transfers to Bhaderwah Division has been brought back to Kathua R&B Division, Peerzada Afaq Ahmed to Horticulture Planning and Marketing Kashmir vice Abdul Rashid Lone who has been now been shifted to Tourism Department. Sayed Zahoor Ahmed has been shifted from Tourism to Budgam R&B Division, Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat from Budgam to Sumbal Division, A N Kundal to R&B Division Bhaderwah, Hilal Ahmed Sheikh to R&B Div-I Srinagar,



Thakur Vikas Singh Jamwal, president Sarv Shakti Sevek Sanstha, Jammu along with other members unveiling the VCD 'Bassi Machela Ri Dhara' released.

'Bassi Machela Ri Dhara' released

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JAMMU, Aug 16: On the occasion of Thali Poojan for annual Machail yatra 2013 which would leave for Bhaderwah tomorrow morning, a Video Compact Disc (VCD) 'Bassi Machela Ri Dhara' was released at Mahalakshmi Temple, Pacca Danga, here today. Thakur Vikas Singh Jamwal, president Sarv Shakti Sevek Sanstha, Jammu was the chief guest who unveiled the VCD. The album contains seven fast video tracks and a soft number, 'Mayee Mereyie' sung by Ramandeep Kour. The others songs have been sung by eminent singers like Lucky Sagotra, Bandana, Shushma Rajput and Heema Daloutra. Speaking on the occasion, Thakur appreciated the team efforts for preparing an attractive and devotional album. "Youngsters are very talented and they just need a platform to explore their talent" he said adding that team work for composing VCD would also motivate other youth who were seeking their future in singing. Meanwhile, Lucky and his team assured they had given 100 per cent effort to compose the album which would definitely help to connect them with the goddess Chandi Mata during meditation. The music for the album was composed by Surinder Manhas and lyrics were given by Shadi Lal Hasamukh and Shivani. The album was directed by Parveen Sharma and produced by Rajni Sharma.

Rao for strengthening Village Defence Committees

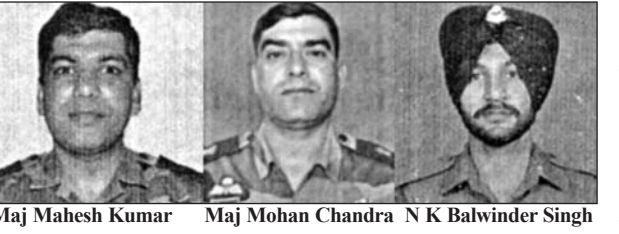
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JAMMU, Aug 16: Member of All J&K Movement for Peace and Justice, Kuldeep Kumar Rao urged the State Government for strengthening the Village Defence

2 killed, 4 injured in mishaps

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 16: Two persons were killed and four others injured in different road accidents in Kashmir province. Police said two persons were killed when a Tanker hit them at Noma in Leh. Police has registered a case FIR number 07/13 under Section 279,304A RPC in this regard. Four persons were injured in a collision between a car JK01H/2940 and a motorcycle JK01F/1184 near a petrol pump in Budgam district, police said. All the injured were shifted to a hospital. In another collision between an Alto car JK01Q/6165 and a motorcycle JK01S/9124 near Fire Service crossing in Srinagar, the motorcyclist, Owais Ahmad Lone and a pillion, Nadeem Ahmad Sheikh of Fateh Kadal, Srinagar, were injured. Police said the injured were removed to a hospital for treatment.

Northern Command soldiers get one Kirti Chakra, 2 Shaurya Chakras, 12 Sena Medals

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JAMMU, Aug 16: The valiant soldiers of the Northern Command



Maj Mahesh Kumar, Maj Mohan Chandra, N K Balwinder Singh

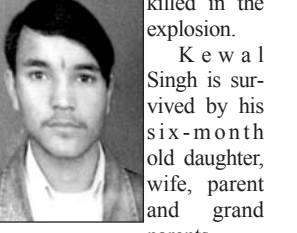
have received one Kirti Chakra, two Shaurya Chakras and 12 Sena Medals on the Independence Day. Major Mahesh Kumar of 22 Rashtriya Rifles (Punjab) has been awarded with Kirti Chakra, country's second highest gallantry award in peace time. Major Mahesh had eliminated a dreaded foreign terrorist of Lashkar-e-Toiba in a close fight in Sopore town in October 2012. The officer is already a recipient of Sena Medal for gallantry in the North Eastern Theatre. In addition, the valiant soldiers of Northern Command have also been awarded two Shaurya Chakras and 12 Sena Medals. Major Mohan Chandra of 4

Submarine tragedy: Ramnagar Sailor's family awaits official word

Excelsior Correspondent
UDHAMPUR, Aug 16:

With extrication of four badly charred bodies today from wreckage of submarine Sindhurakshak, the hopes of Kewal Singh's family receded even as there was no official word on his fate.

L/Ft Kewal Singh son of Sagar Singh of village Kheen Bheen in tehsil Ramnagar, district Udhampur, was among the 18 sailors onboard Indian submarine Sindhurakshak, which exploded on August 14 in Naval dockyard Mumbai. All the personnel onboard are believed to have got



Kewal Singh is survived by his six-month old daughter, wife, parent and grand parents.

According to father of Kewal Singh, they came to know about the tragic incident through news channels. "Shocked over hearing the news, we tried to contact our son on his mobile, which was switched off," he added. Still waiting for an official word over the fate of their son, the shocked family of Kewal Singh has not taken food for the last three days. They are finding it hard to believe that their son is no more in this world.

Body fished out

Excelsior Correspondent
SRINAGAR, Aug 16: The body of a boy, Sohail Ahmad Malik, son of Abdul Rashid of Mandlan, Pahalgam, in Anantnag district who drowned earlier this week, was fished out from river Lidder last evening.

Don't misrepresent Kishtwar facts: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Aug 16: BJP National Executive Member & State chief spokesperson, Dr Jitendra Singh has raised serious objection to National Conference-Congress Coalition Government's systematic design to misrepresent facts related to Kishtwar riots by projecting the events of August 9 as an outcome of an "individual altercation". In a hard hitting statement issued here, today he regretted that the same version was also put forward by the Union Home Minister in the Parliament. Dr Jitendra Singh also contested the contention that counter-insurgency Village Defence Committees (VDCs) were responsible for the violence. The VDCs rather deserve to be further strengthened in view of the prevailing fragile situation, he suggested. Dr Jitendra Singh said, all available information suggests that the violence was sparked by anti-India elements waiting for an opportunity to foment trouble. After offering prayers on Eid, a procession carrying Pakistani flags and chanting "Azadi" slogans marched towards the town's Kuleed Mohalla, where miscreants pelted stones and assaulted residents of minority community, and when the latter resisted, the situation snowballed into a violent flare-up, he elaborated. Dr Singh accused the Coalition Government and local Kishtwar administration of always indulging in a "balancing act" by apportioning equal blame to both sides even though in this case there was clearly one group of provocateurs. The communally motivated elements must be hunted down and put behind bars, he demanded. He said the N C led Government owes to explain why Kishtwar's civilian administration was caught off guard in spite of intelligence reports that Pakistan-based terror-groups such as the Lashkar-e-Toiba had sought to set up their networks in this town with the help of certain local communal elements, as a result of which terror-

BJP delegation meets Goswami, seeks action against those involved in Kishtwar violence

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JAMMU, Aug 16: A delegation of senior leaders of BJP led by its State president Jugal Kishore Sharma called on visiting Union Home Secretary, Anil Goswami here today and submitted a memorandum to him containing the facts related to the recent communal violence in Kishtwar. The other members of the delegation included Leader of Legislative Party Ashok Khajuria, former State President Shamsheer Singh Manhas, State General Secretaries Kavinder Gupta, Bali Bhagat and Rajiv Jasrotia. The BJP leaders expressed serious concern over the incident and the developments which took place thereafter. The Union Home Secretary assured the delegation of appropriate action. The memorandum which was addressed to Union Home Minister, while highlighted the facts about the August 9 violence said some days before Eid-ul-Fitr, the Pakistan sponsored groups like Lashkar-e-Toiba/Hizbul Mujahidin had pasted posters under Jamia Masjid Kishtwar and its surroundings (the copy of which may be in the record of local police and the intelligence agencies) with the photos of Maqbool Butt,

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