

**Yatris protest against SASB, Govt**

**12,000 pilgrims not allowed to visit shrine, many hurt in canecharge**

Avtar Bhat

SRINAGAR/ JAMMU, June 28: Police on the first day of Swami Amarnath Yatra today turned back 12,000 unregistered yatris and those with future date of registra-

tion, when they tried to proceed towards holy cave at Nunwan-Pahalgam on Chandanwari track and Manigam on Baltal route. 12,000 yatris without registration or having registration of later dates had managed to reach Nunwan-Pahalgam and Manigam by this morning to leave for darshan of Ice Lingam

in holy cave of Swami Amarnath situated in deep Himalayas in South Kashmir district of Anantnag. They were not allowed to go ahead by police and forced to beat a hasty retreat, sources said.

Many of these pilgrims had returned from Manigam on Baltal route.

Meanwhile, about 20 yatris were injured in police lathi-charge at Nunwan-Pahalgam base camp today when 600 unregistered yatris protested against the authorities for not

subjected to lathicharge for their bid to proceed towards the cave shrine, sources said, adding some yatris who tried to run helter-skelter got injured after being stuck by the barbed wire which was laid by the police to create barricades and for securi-

ty purposes.

The yatris raised a strong objection against the lathi-charge and maltreatment by the police and CRPF at Nunwan Pahalgam. A woman yatri, who was injured in the lathicharge broke down and begged for her life before the police. This act of police and

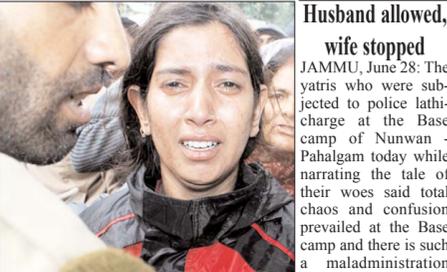
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Cops lathicharging pilgrims of Shri Amarnath ji at Pahalgam and a woman yatri breaks down after the canecharge on Friday.



Husband allowed, wife stopped. JAMMU, June 28: The yatri who were subjected to police lathi-charge at the Base camp of Nunwan - Pahalgam today while narrating the tale of their woes said total chaos and confusion prevailed at the Base camp and there is such a maladministration that the authorities

managed to reach Srinagar while some were on their way to Jammu, sources added. According to district Police authorities of Anantnag, 8000 unregistered yatris and those with later dates registration were turned back from Pahalgam while the district authorities of the Ganderbal said that 4000 unregistered yatris were

allowing them to proceed towards the holy cave. About 600 unregistered yatris today protested at Nunwan Pahalgam base camp after they were not allowed to proceed towards the Holy Amarnath cave shrine, on the first day of the pilgrimage. The women yatris were also not spared and they too were

**VoIP, Sat phones cause of concern Militants switch over to new modes of communication**

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, June 28: Militants have started using highly sophisticated modes of communication to avoid their interception by the security agencies for keeping in touch with their colleagues both within the State and across the Line of Control (LoC) i.e. Pakistan and PoK.

According to official sources and Intelligence inputs, the militants have been using modern equipments instead of relying on Cell phones, which were easily intercepted by most of the security agencies and helped the latter in tracing their movement.

"The militants were now in possession of Global Positioning System (GPS), Thoraya phones, satellite telephone sets and were also relying upon VoIP (Voice over Internet Telephone). They were also using coded messages on social networking sites to interact with each other," they said.

They added that security agencies have come across the sophisticated equipments used by the militants especially those holding rank of the commanders for communication with their associates within the State as well as the neighbouring country of Pakistan.

"The militants have lowered the use of Cell phones to talk and convey messages as they were aware that if their number was with security or Intelligence agencies and police, it would be intercepted," sources said but added that some lower ranking militants including the Over Ground Workers (OGWs) continued to use mobile telephones but by frequently changing their numbers.

They said the mobile telephones were also in use in large

number but the militants have been taking extra ordinary precautions by using them. They not only frequently change the mobile numbers and the companies but also the locations to avoid getting intercepted and arrested, they added.

Sources admitted that a number of militants were in possession of GPS, Thoraya and satellite telephones in the State. Use of net phone through VoIP was also a new phenomenon, which has come from the West. The induction of educated youths into the militancy could see the militants more often using new modes of communication including the VoIP.

A senior Army Commander had recently admitted that the militants were resorting to new methods of communication to avoid getting intercepted.

"Our mechanism is well in place. We have taken steps to counter this new communication threat from the militants," sources said but admitted that the security agencies were yet to find a way out of tackling use of new communication methods by the militants.

Sources said some militants in possession of mobile telephones generally keep them switched off for days together to avoid their location getting traced by the Intelligence agencies. They switch on the phone only for few seconds, interact with militants and then again switched off them.

Some of the fresh infiltrators, intercepted by security forces on the LoC, have also been found in possession of sophisticated modes of communication in addition to arms, ammunition and explosives, sources confirmed.

**Advani, Omar locked in war of words over Article 370**

NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR, June 28:

BJP veteran L K Advani and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah were today engaged in a war of words over Article 370, that gives a special status to the State, with the BJP leader advising him not to use words like "cheating and deceiving" and Omar asking Advani to explain his "silence" on the issue when NDA was in power.

Against the backdrop of Omar criticising him for demanding abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, Advani, in his latest blog posting, said even Congress--other than Jawaharlal Nehru and a few other leaders--were strongly opposed to giving a special status to J&K.

Advani quotes from a biography of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to argue that even he was against Article 370 but kept his views in the background out of his regard for Nehru.

"Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of J&K State, has every right to disagree with the BJP on matters relating to J&K.

**2 turbines lying unused in absence of strong 11 KV network PDD's 'slackness' deprives people of Nimoo Basgo project's full benefit**

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, June 28: In what could be an extraordinary situation, which may have not been noticed in any part of the country, two turbines of a hydroelectric project in Jammu and Kashmir have been under forced shut down despite being in a position to generate electricity. This is mainly because of the reason that the concerned authorities of the State have failed to lay network of strong distribution lines required to withstand the load of actual consumption of the people.

This unusual situation is prevailing in Leh district, where National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has constructed 45 Mega Watt Nimoo Basgo project. Though all the three units--each having capacity to generate 15 Mega Watts of electricity are in ready to use position, only one is being used for electricity generation as feeble 11 KV network is preventing people from consuming electricity beyond one or two bulbs. Official sources told

"But I would advise him never to use offensive language and words like 'cheating and deceiving' in that context," Advani said on his blog.

Advani had recently said Article 370 should be revoked and Omar responded to this without naming Advani and slamming him for raising the "boogy of revocation" of the constitutional provision.

Holding that it is "highly improper" for anyone to use offensive words like "cheating" in the context of BJP's stand on J-K, Advani said his party has "not only been unequivocal, forthright and consistent from the time Jana Sangh (BJP's predecessor) was born in 1951 till today, but it is an issue for which the party's founder-President laid down his own life".

Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, who founded Jana Sangh, was arrested in J&K in 1952 when he tried to enter the State without a permit which was required then to go to there.

He died, allegedly under mysterious circumstances, during his incarceration in that State.

"Since our very first all India

session at Kanpur, we have been championing complete integration of J&K State with India", Advani said.

Omar today hit back at Advani writing on microblogging site Twitter that the BJP veteran should explain his "silence" on abrogation of Article 370 between 1998 and 2004 when NDA was ruling at the Centre.

"Instead of advising me to show restraint, Advani Ji should devote some blog space to explain his silence over Article 370 between 1998-2004," Omar said.

"Perhaps he can also blog about what constitutional mechanism he plans to follow to repeal Article 370. I might learn something from his wisdom," Omar added.

Advani said Abdulalh should be aware that the Jana Sangh was not even formed when the special status was given to J&K.

"However, if there was any provision in the Draft Constitution which had almost the entire Congress Party in arms against it, it was this provi-

of the Leh, the NHPC has laid 66 KV transmission lines under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGVY) yet the same is not of any major help as even in these villages PDD has not strengthened 11 KV network", sources added.

Responding to a question, they said, "even those areas where solar power is being supplied to the people the network is not strong enough to take the load of electricity being generated from the Nimoo Basgo project", adding "this clearly indicates lack of vision and proper planning on the part of Power Development Department, which otherwise, should have left no stone unturned to have complete network in place prior to the commissioning of the project".

"What to talk to upgrading 11 KV network, the Power Development Department is not even ready to take over 66 KV network from the NHPC on the ground that it lacks sufficient manpower", sources informed. "If the PDD cannot

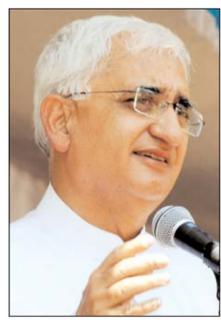
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**"J&K internal issue of India"**

**AFSPA needed to protect armed forces: Khurshid**

Fayaz Bukhari

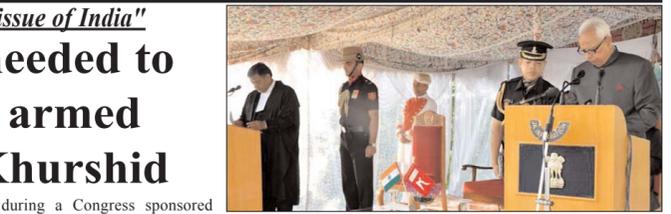
SRINAGAR, June 28: External Affairs Minister, Salman Khurshid today said Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) is needed in Jammu and Kashmir to protect the lives of armed forces



during a Congress sponsored function. "This case is not to be decided by me. We can't take a unilateral decision. Armed forces have given their view point on the AFSPA. It is to be taken by the Home Minister, Defence Minister and, of course, the Prime Minister, who will finally take a call," said the Foreign Minister. Khurshid said there was a sense of loss and tragedy which was not only limited to the civilian population of places where the AFSPA is in force. "You think it is limited to only one section. We have lost some very brave people also. They (armed forces) did not come here on their own will. They were given orders. The latest count is of eight Army people who lost their lives", he said.

The Foreign Minister said, irrespective of grievances against any State agency, people working there are also human beings who need to be protected. "They also are good people there. There are rogue elements in forces and people as well. If we count human lives, they are same whether in uniform or outside it. We have to protect them

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Chief Justice M M Kumar administering oath to Governor N Vohra at Raj Bhawan on Friday.

**Vohra takes oath for 2nd term**

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 28: Governor N. N. Vohra was sworn-in as the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir for a fresh term at the oath ceremony held in Raj Bhawan lawns here this evening.

Mr. Vohra was administered the oath of office by Justice M. M. Kumar, Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

The Governor was presented a guard of honour by a contingent of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

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**HC asks Qasba to tender fresh apology**

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 28: The Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, M M Kumar, today sought personal appearance of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), G N Qasba, before the court and directed him to file a fresh apology as per law.

The Division Bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice M M Kumar and Justice D S Thakur, was hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) titled Mujeeb Andrabi versus State

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**BOPEE cancels all papers of CET**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 28: In a surprising development, the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examination (BOPEE) today cancelled the Combined Entrance Examination (CET) of Physics and Mathematics papers, which were held on June 22 and 23.

Now, fresh dates for the conduct of Combined Entrance Test for all the four papers will be notified separately as the CET for Biology and Chemistry papers, which was scheduled to be held on July 5, also stands cancelled, says a notification issued by BOPEE,

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**KAS officer suspended, another attached**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 28: Rashida Shaheen, General Manager DIC Bandipore, who was under order of transfer as Development Officer (Non-Textile), Handicrafts, Srinagar, was suspended today for non-compliance of the Government order on her transfer and posting.

Pending inquiry into the conduct relating to non-compliance of Government order number 672-GAD of 2013, dated 23-04-2013,

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**Two new trains for Katra**

NEW DELHI, June 28:

With the 25km long Udhampur-Katra rail line, part of the Kashmir rail link project, getting ready to be operational, two new trains for Katra have become part of the new Railway Time Table released today.

The 22461/22462 New Delhi-Katra-New Delhi weekly AC Express and 14503/14504 Kalka-Katra-Kalka Bi-weekly Express are part of the new Time Table which comes into effect from July.

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