

Cop injured in firing

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SRINAGAR, Nov 14: A policeman was injured when a militant fired on a police party after they raided a location on a specific input this evening.

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Inspector General of Police Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, said that based on specific input about the presence of a militant in Jamalata area of Nawa Kadal, a raid was carried out by a small party of Srinagar Police.

As the police team approached

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No nation can take India for granted: Rajnath

LUCKNOW, Nov 14:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said India has changed its image during the past seven years and now, no country can take it for granted.

Speaking at the Akhil Bhartiya Poorva Sainik Seva Parishad's silver jubilee celebrations here, Singh said, "We have slowly succeeded in sending a message that be it anyone, be it the strongest nation of the world, if anyone does something to India, then India won't spare them. This trust has been built

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ACB books ex-BMO, 16 others

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SRINAGAR, Nov 14: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has produced a charge sheet

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against former Block Medical Officer (BMO) Uri, Baramulla and 16 others for fraudulent withdrawal of arrears.

ACB said that a charge sheet was filed in Case FIR No: 47/2015 Police Station Vigilance Organization Kashmir (now Anti-Corruption Bureau) against accused public servants namely Sheikh Farooq Nazir, the then

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CBI, Enforcement Directorate chiefs' tenures extended up to 5 years

NEW DELHI, Nov 14:

The Government has brought two ordinances to extend the tenures of the CBI and Enforcement Directorate chiefs to up to five years. The chiefs of the Central agencies currently have a two-year tenure.

Both the ordinances have been signed off by President Ram Nath Kovind. The chiefs of the top agencies can be given extensions every year for up to three years after they complete the two-year term.

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Google seeks more details from JKP in Parra case

SRINAGAR, Nov 14:

Google has sought more details from the Jammu and Kashmir Police on its demand of records related to email exchanges of Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra, a close aide of PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, in connection with his alleged links with Pakistan-based secessionist leaders and terrorists, officials said here today.

According to officials, they had recently submitted the replies sought by the authorities seeking further details about

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WEATHER

JAMMU:	
Mainly clear	
TEMPERATURE	
Max:	26.6 Degree C
Min:	11.8 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	
RH-I (Morning):	64.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening):	66.0 per cent
Sunset on Monday:	05:32 p.m.
Sunrise on Tuesday:	07:02 a.m.
SRINAGAR:	
Mainly dry	
TEMPERATURE	
Max:	13.6 Degree C
Min:	-0.9 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY	
RH-I (Morning):	93.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening):	73.0 per cent
LEH:	
TEMPERATURE	
Max:	7.6 Degree C
Min:	-7.2 Degree C

Seeks bifurcation of J&K, Ladakh for separate bureaucrats

After over 15 years, J&K completes Cadre Review; IAS officers' strength to go up

Dr Jitendra hails LG's Admn for undertaking exercise

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Nov 14: After more than 15 years, Jammu and Kashmir has conducted the Cadre Review of Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officers to increase sanctioned strength in the Union Territory as large number of All India Services (AIS) officers are on deputation to J&K and Ladakh.

However, after the Cadre Review, the J&K Government has urged the Central Government to bifurcate the cadre of J&K and Ladakh as presently officers/officials from J&K are feeding Ladakh after their bifurcation into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019.

Presently, Jammu and Kashmir has sanctioned strength of 137 IAS officers but against them only 58 are in place including few who are on Central deputation besides those posted in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Official sources confirmed to the Excelsior that Jammu and

Kashmir has completed its Cadre Review which was pending for last more than 15 years after a series of meetings within the Union Territory as well as consultations with the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

"The Cadre Review will increase sanctioned strength of IAS officers in Jammu and Kashmir which will be of great help to the UT as it was reeling under shortage of the officers which prompted the Central Government to depute number of AIS officers from Centre as well as different States to J&K and Ladakh," sources said.

Soon after taking over as Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Incharge DoPT, Dr Jitendra Singh had started dashing communications to the Jammu and Kashmir Government to conduct the Cadre Review to overcome shortage of IAS officers in the erstwhile State.

However, the then political

Governments, initially the National Conference-Congress headed by Omar Abdullah and then PDP-BJP led by Muftis paid no heed to the communications and didn't go for Cadre Review as they wanted their "favourite officers" to be given major postings.

"It was under the Lieutenant Governor's Rule that a go ahead was given for the Cadre Review and completed successfully after series of meetings," the sources said.

Lauding the Lieutenant Governor's administration for conducting the Cadre Review, which was not done in Jammu and Kashmir for last over 15 years, Dr Jitendra Singh said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and his administration deserved praise for undertaking the exercise which was avoided by the previous dispensations without any reason.

"Now, when such a major exercise has been completed, the DoPT will ensure increase in the

number of IAS officers to Jammu and Kashmir through AGMUT cadre," Dr Jitendra Singh said.

He added that the step will also lead to implementation of the Central Government guidelines under which certain posts are specifically reserved for the IAS officers.

While completing the Cadre Review, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has written to the Central Government for bifurcation of J&K and Ladakh cadres as both the Union Territories are part of AGMUT cadre as the move will clear strength of the officers of two UTs.

"Presently, a number of IAS/IPS and JKAS/JKPS besides other officers/officials from Jammu and Kashmir have been posted in the Union Territory of Ladakh to run the affairs there. This has also resulted into shortage of officers in Jammu and Kashmir," sources pointed out.

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Revision of APR guidelines to adopt Gol pattern

Committee of bureaucrats fails to submit recommendations even after lapse of deadline

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Nov 14: Notwithstanding the dire need of revisiting the Annual Performance Report (APR) guidelines of the Jammu and Kashmir Government and adopting the Government of India pattern, a high-level committee has failed to submit recommendations to the Government even several months after the lapse of deadline.

Vide Government Order No.693-JK(GAD) dated August 6, 2021, the Government constituted a committee comprising three bureaucrats for revisiting the Annual Performance Report guidelines notified vide

Exercise imperative for insertion of stringent provisions

Government Order No.1311-GAD dated November 9, 2001.

The committee comprising Principal Secretary to the Government Home Department, Commissioner Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department and Secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs was directed to submit its recommendations keeping in consideration the existing guidelines in the Jammu and Kashmir and the Government of India pattern on Performance Appraisal Report Rules within a period of one month.

"Though the committee was supposed to submit its recommendations by September 6, 2021 yet it has not completed the task till date", official sources told EXCELSIOR while disclosing that the committee has met only once so far as a result of which no serious discussion could be held on subject.

Interestingly, even the Government has not exerted any pressure on the committee to seek report despite being aware of the fact that there is a dire need to insert stringent provisions in the APR guidelines.

The necessity of amending the APR guidelines was felt when Government started implementing Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window (SPARROW) in respect of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers, sources said, adding "SPARROW developed by the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, started demanding those details and information, which don't find mention in the APR guidelines of J&K Government".

It is pertinent to mention here that SPARROW makes

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Srinagar records first sub-zero night temp of season

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Nov 14: Srinagar today recorded the first sub-zero night of the season with Meteorological Department forecasting light snowfall in North Kashmir hills by weekend.

A Meteorological department said that mercury settled at minus 0.9 Degree Celsius against previous night's 0.1 Degree Celsius.

The temperature is below minus 2.1 Degree Celsius than the normal for this time of the year in the city and was lowest so far this season.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 1.2 Degree Celsius against previous night's minus 1.0 Degree Celsius. It was minus 2.5 Degree Celsius below normal for the place. Pahalgam recorded a low of



A view of foggy morning in Srinagar on Sunday. -Excelsior/Shakeel

minus 3.5 Degree Celsius, same as on previous night and normal of minus 1.2 Degree Celsius.

Kokernag recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.3 Degree Celsius against 0.4 Degree Celsius the previous night.

Kupwara recorded a low of minus 1.3 Degree Celsius against

minus 1.1 Degree Celsius the previous night.

Gulmarg, recorded a minimum of minus 1.8 Degree Celsius against minus 2.0 Degree Celsius the previous night.

Leh recorded a low of minus 7.2 Degree Celsius against last night's minus 7.1 Degree Celsius while mercury

settled at minus 3.0 Degree Celsius against minus 3.2 Degree Celsius last night in Kargil.

The MeT office has said that the weather shall remain dry in plains for at least till November 20 in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

For next 24 hours, the official said there would be mainly dry weather over the plains and "very light snow at one or two places on higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir."

"A feeble Western Disturbance is likely to affect the region during November 21-23rd which may cause light to moderate snow over higher reaches especially northern parts of Kashmir, the MeT office said."

Two deaths, 150 cases in Kashmir

Woman, Nepali labourer die of COVID in Leh; 13 test +ve

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR/LEH, Nov 14: In fresh surge in COVID casualties, four persons succumbed to the virus -- two in Leh district of Ladakh and two in Kashmir division of J&K today. As many as 174 fresh cases were reported in J&K and 13 in Ladakh.

A 79-year-old woman hailing from Phayang, who was co-morbid and a Nepali labourer died of Coronavirus in Leh district today taking Corona toll in the UT of Ladakh to 211--153 in Leh and 58 in Kargil.

Thirteen fresh COVID positive cases were reported in Ladakh including 12 in Leh district and one in Kargil.

Ladakh now has 154 active positive cases--149 in Leh and five in Kargil.

Meanwhile, out of 174 active positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir, 24 were recorded in Jammu region.

Nine cases were registered in Jammu district, eight in Reasi (five of whom were travelers who tested positive on their arrival at Katra Railway Station), four in Rajouri and one each in Doda, Kishtwar and Poonch districts.

Udhampur, Kathua, Samba and Ramban districts didn't report any positive cases today.

As against 24 new cases, 11 persons recovered from the virus leaving number of active positive cases in Jammu region to 215.

Jammu region's Corona count has gone up to 1,24,610. Among them, 1,22,217 have recovered from the virus while

there have been 2178 casualties. Meanwhile, Kashmir today reported 150 fresh cases of COVID-19.

There were two deaths in Kashmir due to the virus today. So far 4450 persons including 2272 in Kashmir have died due to the pathogen.

Srinagar reported 68 cases, Baramulla 29, Budgam 9, Kupwara 21, Anantnag 5, Bandipora 6, Ganderbal 9 and Kulgam 1.

Moreover, 107 COVID-19 patients recovered today including 96 from Kashmir.

So far 328215 patients have recovered, leaving active case tally at 1515 including 1300 in Kashmir.

Out of 334180 cases, 1515 are active including 1300 in Kashmir.

NC, PDP derailing political process in J&K: Sood Selective killings, law & order situation to figure in BJP WC meet tomorrow

Avtar Bhat

JAMMU, Nov 14: The prevailing law and order situation including selective killings by terrorists, achievements of Government especially attaining 100 crore COVID vaccination, new industrial policy for Union Territory and developmental issues will figure in J&K Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Working Committee meeting to be held on November 16 at Raya Morh in Samba district.

The Working Committee meeting will be preceded by one day office bearers meeting tomorrow which will be held at BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar here.

According to party sources, besides Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, BJP national general secretary and incharge J&K and Ladakh UTs, Tarun Chug, party co incharge, Ashish Sood will be present in both office bearers meeting tomorrow and Working Committee meeting on Tuesday which will be chaired by BJP UT president, Ravinder Raina.

This time 80-member UT Working Committee of the party will have new faces who recently were inducted in it. They included senior leaders Devender Singh Rana, Surjit Singh Salathia and Y V Sharma, former president of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu. Rana, former provincial president of NC and Salathia, former Minister in NC Governments had joined the BJP last month along with their supporters while Y V Sharma joined the party this month. They all were inducted in party Working Committee later.

Sources said a political resolution which mostly will reflect the national resolution passed by the party in the recently held National Working Committee meeting at Delhi will also be passed during the meeting.

The prevailing political situation and law and order situation will also be discussed during the meeting and the resolution will welcome the new industrial policy announced by the Government recently which will open employment opportunities

for the unemployed youth in J&K.

Though the party resolution will strongly denounce the selective killings by terrorists in Kashmir, it will firmly support the Modi Government's resolve in weeding out terrorism with iron hands. It will pay compliments to Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, who recently visited J&K to boost the morale of party, people and administration. It will also compliment the Home Minister for handing over the employment orders to youth of the UT under the new job package during his recent visit to Jammu.

Sources said the remarkable development which took place in the UT after the annulling of Article 370 and 35 A in August 5, 2019 will also figure in the political resolution and stress will be given on intensifying pace of work on much talked about Tawi River Front and taking up in hand the work of diversion of Chenab water towards Jammu to overcome drinking water problem in the city and its suburbs -a project which was

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