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Teacher arrested, 3 students booked for celebrating Pak win

NEW DELHI, Oct 27:

A private school teacher in Rajasthan's Udaipur was arrested today while three engineering students from Kashmir were booked in Agra in Uttar Pradesh for posting objectionable messages on WhatsApp celebrating Pakistan's victory over India in the T20 World Cup cricket match three days ago.

Nafeesa Attari, a teacher

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PoK will be part of India in future: AoC-in-C WAC

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 27: Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Air Command Air Marshal Amit Dev today said

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that in the years to come, Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) will be part of India fully.

The Air Marshal said this while speaking to reporters on

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Won't accept any aggression: Shah

NEW DELHI, Oct 27:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah today described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the most successful administrator of the country after independence, saying he has taken India into a different trajectory in the spheres of eradication of poverty, economic development, national security and foreign policy.

Addressing a conference on "Delivering Democracy: Reviewing two decades of Narendra Modi as head of gov-

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2 brothers among 3 more held for Mendhar encounter

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: Police today detained three more persons including two brothers for providing food and shelter to

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the militants stranded in Bhatta Durrian forests of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch district. Army operations against the militants entered into 17th day today.

Those detained include Mohammad Arif, 24 and

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70 test +ve in J&K, 9 in Ladakh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU/SRINAGAR /LEH, Oct 27: Seventy persons today tested positive for COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir and nine in Ladakh.

Among 70 cases, 64 were reported from Kashmir division and six in Jammu region.

Two cases each were recorded in Jammu and Doda districts and one each in Kishtwar and Reasi districts. Rest of the six districts didn't report any new cases.

Nine persons recovered

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Not Tribals, but Pak army tried to capture Kashmir in 1947: LG

Fayaz Bukhari

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressing a function in Srinagar on Wednesday. -Excelsior/Shakeel

SRINAGAR, Oct 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that it was the Pakistan army, not the Tribals, who had reached Baramulla and unleashed terror to capture Kashmir in 1947.

The LG while addressing a function at Old Airport, Rangreth on the outskirts of Srinagar said Pakistan has been spreading lies for the past 75 years and its biggest lie was that Tribals in 1947 tried to capture Kashmir.

"Not just in the Kargil war of 1999 but for the past 75 years, Pakistan has been spreading lies. There is a perception that Tribals tried to invade Kashmir in 1947 but the fact is that they were the Pakistani army men in the guise of Tribals," he said.

He said that security forces especially the Army gave a befitting reply to Pakistani invaders on October 26, 1947.

"The new generation must be told about the barbaric atrocities perpetrated by Pakistan, killing of thousands of innocents. They must know the brutality executed by the neighboring country, also the biggest terror sponsor", Sinha added.

Recalling the darkest hours of J&K's history, the LG said that the Pakistan army disguised as Pashtun Tribals on reaching Baramulla created havoc and rampaged the entire town, killed, raped and looted the innocents, burnt houses, hospitals and churches. "People of all religions, whoever had survived, left their homes and took refuge in the mountains", he added.

"The 1947 generation of Srinagar heaved a sigh of relief when on the intervening night of 4th and 5th November, the Pakistani army, marching towards the city, was gunned down by our brave soldiers near Trikulbal before reaching Srinagar", he said.

He said that the historic Air landing Operation conducted by Indian Army and Air Force in face of the enemy and subsequent eviction of Pakistani forces was the first landmark military action of Independent India.

"On this day, 75 years ago, the first Dakota aircraft with Lieutenant Colonel D.R. Rai and his warriors on board had reached Srinagar airport. The gallant actions of the Indian Army alongside the people of J&K turned the tide in favour of the Nation, he added.

"I salute the courage of the immortal heroes and saviours of Jammu Kashmir - Brigadier Rajinder Singh, Major Somnath Sharma, Lt Col Rai, Maqbool Sherwani, and all those great personalities who sacrificed their lives to save J&K from

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Tourists enjoy Gandola ride from Peer Kho to Mahamaya temple in Jammu. -Excelsior/Rakesh

3rd party inspection guidelines in road sector approved

AC extends SRO 43 relief to non-residents killed in Kashmir

Excelsior Correspondent

* 4 new courts of ADSJs to be created

SRINAGAR, Oct 27: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here today under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, extended relief under SRO 43 to the next of kin of victims who were non-residents of Jammu and Kashmir having died in the recent violence in the Kashmir valley, as per the eligibility criteria of the SRO.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K, and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

This would enable the Government to provide cash compensation to this category of militancy affected people.

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In a bid to improve the quality of infrastructure in road sector and fix responsibility for proper maintenance of assets, the Administrative Council also approved the rollout of the 3rd party inspection guidelines in Jammu and Kashmir.

The new guidelines have been framed on the lines of established regulations in respect of road network created under the PMGSY scheme. Accordingly, structured control mechanism is being established in PW(R&B) Department to carry out scientific and periodic independent inspections for all district roads and State highways by undertaking monitoring via in-house departmental engineers and empanelled consultant of national stature.

The quality control mechanism also defines procedures and timelines to properly govern preparation of realistic Detailed Project Reports (DPRs); preparation of bid documents and effective selection process for procurement of works; quality control on material and workmanship through enforcement of technical standard; and quality control requirement by regular testing, close supervision and inspection.

The mechanism has provisions for ensuring preparation of realistic Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the basis of detailed drawings and design, with adequate attention to investigations and pre-construction activities which are essential for proper design and estimation of the project as per standard IS, IRC

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Aged persons being neglected by family members to get major relief

Govt to shortly notify J&K Maintenance and Welfare for Parents & Senior Citizens Rules

*SDMs to head Tribunals for passing appropriate orders

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Oct 27: In a major relief for parents and senior citizens, who generally run from the pillar to post after being neglected by their own family members, the Government of Union Territory is shortly going to notify Jammu and Kashmir Maintenance and Welfare for Parents and Senior Citizens Rules under the Central Act.

The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act was enacted by the Parliament in the year 2017 to provide for more effective provisions for the maintenance and welfare of parents and senior citizens guaranteed and recognized under the Constitution and for connected matters.

However, the Act was not applicable to the then State of Jammu and Kashmir because of its special status under Article 370 and Article 35-A. Though the Central Act became applicable soon after the abrogation of these Articles yet framing of Rules as per the provisions of the Central Act received due attention of the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir only in the recent past.

On September 17, 2021, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, while launching Senior Citizens National Helpline "Elderline-14567" in Jammu and Kashmir had informed that J&K Maintenance and Welfare for Parents and Senior Citizens Rules, 2021 have been prepared and will be notified shortly.

"Now, these Rules have received the approval and the same will be notified shortly by the Social Welfare Department. These Rules have already been cleared for application by the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs", official sources told EXCELSIOR.

With the notification of these Rules, the parents and senior citizens, who generally run from the pillar to post after being neglected by their own family members, would heave a sigh of relief as far as getting maintenance is concerned, sources informed, adding "a senior citizen

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4 JKAS officers shifted, posted

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: The Government today ordered transfer and postings of four JKAS officers with immediate effect.

Nighat Alam, Deputy Director, Tourism Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Srinagar, replacing

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48 JKPS officers get NFS

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: The Home Department of J&K Government has ordered placement of 48 JKPS officers in Non-Functional (Monetary) Scheme.

An order of the Home Department in this regard stated that three JKPS officers have

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School, religious place searched in Nagrota for foreign funds

NIA raids 17 Jamaat locations across 7 distts of J&K in terror funding

Sanjeev Pargal

*Electronic gadgets, many other items seized

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Oct 27: The National Investigating Agency (NIA) today carried out raids at 17 locations of outlawed Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) outfit in seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir in connection with terror funding case and recovered number of incriminating documents, electronic gadgets etc.

Searches were carried out in different districts of both Jammu and Kashmir divisions and were aimed at detecting bank accounts, financial transactions and other modes of funding to the organization in view of inputs gathered during previous round of raids across different offices and residential premises of the JeI cadre.

"Second round of raids on Jamaat cadre was necessitated as questioning of some of those connected with the outfit had given vital clues to the NIA about involvement of more persons in terror funding and mobilization of funds from different organizations not only within the country but abroad," reliable sources told the Excelsior.

Seven districts where searches were carried out today include Jammu and Kishtwar in Jammu region and Anantnag, Kulgam, Ganderbal, Bandipora and Budgam in Kashmir division.

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In Jammu district, the NIA sleuths raided Islamic School and a religious place connected to it at Noor Mohalla in Bajalata area of Nagrota on the outskirts of Jammu City.

A Moulvi Ghulam Rasool son of Nazir Ahmad, originally a resident of village Patnazi in Kishtwar district and presently putting up at Bajalata, was subjected to questioning in connection with funding to the organization. However, he hadn't been arrested till late this evening when the reports last came in.

Sources said he was subjected to questioning only in connection with funding as the NIA wanted to know exact source of funding and spending of the amount received from various places in the country as well as abroad.

Construction works at Bajalata was originally done by Ghulam Nabi Faridabadi affiliated with JeI and Hurriyat Conference.

Reports said that the organization had received certain foreign funding also for which the NIA conducted searches to seize the documents and question the concerned persons. Some documents have, however, been recovered.

In Kishtwar district also, the NIA searched house of Ghulam Rasool at Peer Mohalla at Patnazi Bounjwah and seized a cell phone among other items.

An official said that NIA sleuths along with the Jammu and Kashmir Police raided the house of a leader of JeI, Ghulam Mohammad Dar son of Abdul Aziz Dar at Gotapora in district Budgam. The searches were

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Decision on continuation of Chibber as Chairman awaited

Baldev appointed MD/CEO J&K Bank

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its formal approval for appointment of Baldev Prakash as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank for a period of three years.

However, there is no word on the fate of R K Chibber whose name had also been recommended by the Board of J&K Bank for the post of Chairman.

"Reserve Bank of India vide letter no. DOR.GOV. No. 1865/08.39.001/2021-22 dated October 26, 2021 accorded approval to candidature of Baldev Prakash as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of the Bank for a period of three years from the date of taking charge or April 10, 2022, whichever is earlier", says the official communication which is in possession of EXCELSIOR.

Prakash would be replacing R K Chibber, who is presently operating as Chairman and Managing Director of J&K Bank. Last month, Chibber had been granted six months extension by Reserve Bank of India with effect from October 10, 2021.

Reliable sources said, "the Board of J&K Bank had in two separate proposals to RBI recommended appointment of Baldev Prakash as MD and CEO and Chibber as Chairman of the Bank. While formal consent has been given in case of Prakash, there is yet no word on the proposal of Chairman".

Sources added, "there is also yet no communication on the actual date of taking charge by the new CEO/MD and the same will be decided soon".

Previously, Baldev Prakash was working with State Bank of India in various capacities including as Chief General Manager (Digital and Transaction Banking Marketing) responsible for framing bank level policy and strategy for developing and providing digital and transaction banking services to all corporate clients of the Bank.

Besides this, Prakash has worked for over four years at Muscat (Sultanate of Oman) responsible for handling remit-

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