

Tribal Ministry to move proposal to Cabinet now

NCST approves inclusion of Paharis, Paddari tribe, others in STs list

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Nov 3: The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) today approved inclusion of Pahari Ethnic Group, Paddari Tribe, Koli and Gadda Brahmins in the Scheduled Tribes (STs) and the proposal will now go to the Cabinet followed by amendment in the STs Order to be carried out by the Parliament, which is expected to be done in coming winter session starting this month end.

Official sources told the Excelsior that the Commission after series of meetings approved the proposal for including Pahari Ethnic Group, Paddari Tribe, Koli and Gadda Brahmins in the list of STs. Presently, the ST status are conferred upon Gujjars and Bakerwals.

"The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs had moved the proposal for inclusion of these groups in the list of STs before the Commission on October 7 following an announcement by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Rajouri on October 4 and Baramulla on

***Bill likely to be moved in winter session of Parl**

October 5 that Gujjars, Bakerwals and Paharis will get the reservations as per recommendations of Justice GD Sharma Commission," sources said.

The Commission studied the proposal in its meetings and cleared it this morning," they said.

Soon after the announcement, Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh tweeted: "Thanks to Home Minister

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Amit Shah for conceding long pending demand of granting ST status to Pahari community".

He said this could have been possible only in a Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi which has courage and conviction to transform Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP UT chief Ravinder Raina said the Prime Minister and the Home Minister have given due rights to victimized section of

DG CRPF reviews situation

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 3: Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Dr Sujoy Thaosan today reviewed

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operational preparedness of the paramilitary forces in Kashmir.

A statement said the DG commenced his visit from 130 Battalion at Awantipora, Pulwama and also inspected the arms workshop, and the Signal Company.

He lauded the hard work of personnel and interacted with

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Omar won't contest polls: Farooq

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 3: National Conference president and former Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah today said Omar Abdullah will not contest Assembly elections till Statehood is restored to Jammu and Kashmir.

He said this after speaking to reporters in Budgam where he visited the residence of Aga Syed Rohullah to pay homage to his late father Aga Syed Mehdi on his 22nd death anniversary.

"Omar will not contest

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JE, SI reexams in Dec

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 3: The Services Selection Board today announced dates for reexamination of Sub Inspectors and JE Civil which were cancelled due to leakage.

The written test/CBT examination for JE Civil will be held on December 5 and 6 while the similar tests for Sub Inspectors in Jammu and Kashmir Police will be conducted from December 7-20.

This was announced in a notification issued by the SSB.

Imran sustains bullet injury

ISLAMABAD/LAHORE, Nov 3:

Imran Khan today sustained bullet injury on his leg when a gunman opened fire on the container-mounted truck carrying him during his protest march,

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killing one person, but the former Pakistan Prime Minister was out of danger in what his party claimed was an "assassination attempt."

The incident occurred near Allahwala Chowk of Wazirabad town in Punjab when 70-year-old

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Militant associate arrested

Militants fire at 2 non-local labourers in Anantnag

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Nov 3: A militant associate was arrested in Pulwama while two non-local labourers working in a private school were shot at and injured in Wanihama area of Anantnag district by militants today.

Militants today shot at two labourers working in Sabir Abdullah Public School (SAPS) in Wanihama and injured them inside the school. The duo was shifted to GMC Anantnag for treatment.

A police official said that they have been identified as Vikram from Bihar and Badahur from Nepal.

Principal GMC Anantnag Dr Tariq Qureshi said that the condition of one is stable while the condition of the other is critical and both are being treated.

A police spokesman said that police received information about an attack on non-local labourers at Wanihama area of Anantnag. Senior police officers reached the spot.

The spokesman said that preliminary investigation revealed that the militant had fired upon two outside labourers, working at a private school (SAPS) at Wanihama area of Anantnag.

He said that the initial investigation also revealed that both victims were called by militants to come out to engage in a work. The moment they came out, they fired upon them with pistol.

Additional Director General of Police Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said that this cowardice and "inhumane act of terrorism is being investigated on top priority and the terrorists involved in this terror crime would be brought to justice soon".

He said that the area has been cordoned off and massive searches are going on in the area.

The spokesman said that police, 44 RR of Army and CRPF at a checkpoint established at Khamri Chowk area of Pulwama arrested a militant associate of the LeT.

He has been identified as Zubair Ahmad Dar son of Ali Mohammad Dar resident of Arigam Pulwama. "Incriminating materials and a hand grenade was recovered from his possession," he said.

The spokesman said that preliminary investigation revealed that he was tasked to carry out attacks on outside labourers in the area.

A case (vide FIR No. 314/2022) has been registered at Police Station Pulwama and investigation initiated.

'Elected Reps have to play role in peace'

Terrorism counting last breaths in J&K: Sinha

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 3: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has said terrorism is counting its last breaths and called upon all the stakeholders to play their role in bringing everlasting peace and normalcy in the Union Territory.

"Only police and forces cannot bring lasting peace. Elected representatives and other rings of administration will also play a big role in it," he said.

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The LG's statement came in response to the political parties' criticism over the targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits in the Union Territory.

"I am saying this with utmost confidence that terrorism is counting its last breaths", Sinha said at a function in the Garkhal border belt in the region on Wednesday evening.

There is now a need for a system where common people



have confidence that they will get justice and the administration will help them. Such a system will be a big step in bringing peace and normalcy in the Union Territory, he said.

The LG lauded the security forces and said that the security forces are doing their work diligently at the juncture where we stand today.

The Capex budget of J&K has also been increased to Rs 22,126 crore this year which is four times more as compared to earlier, he said, adding that the increase in budget has been given for development works in collaboration

with the three levels of the Panchayati Raj system.

Sinha said the budget allocation of Rs 1,000 crore to Panchayats, Rs 200 crore to DDCs, Rs 71.25 crore to BDCs and Rs 600 crore for Samridh Seema Yojana this year is a reflection of the administration's commitment to empower and strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions, border villages and addressing challenges by harmonising policies and programmes, ensuring that the benefits of development reach all sections, granting every citizen their due rights and entitlements.

The principle of transparency and zero tolerance towards corruption has revolutionised the implementation of projects, he said.

"Fear-free corruption-free system has been established through paperless, faceless administrative mechanism. This system has ensured that every citizen can keep track of every rupee being spent in their locality", the LG added.

'DH Kargil to get more infrastructure'

All vacancies in Govt depts will be filled up by next year in Ladakh: LG

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 3: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur said today that all vacancies in the Government departments at both Gazetted and non-Gazetted levels will be filled up in the Union Territory of Ladakh by next year.

He was speaking to media persons after a function at the District Hospital in Kargil which has been developed as state-of-the-art hospital and was described by Mathur as one of the best District Hospitals in the country.

Replying to a question that he has been conferred powers by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs for framing Recruitment Rules for Group A and B category posts of the Gazetted officers.

A notification to this effect was issued by President

droupadi Murmu.

Describing the District Kargil hospital as state-of-the-art hospital and among best District Hospitals in the country, Mathur said the Government will make efforts to further improve facilities in it and raise infrastructure.

"Not only in Kargil City but the district and Ladakh have best possible medical facilities," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He said it is the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that every district should have Medical College facilities.

"The hospital has 300 beds, MRI and CT Scan will come. Blood Bank has also been sanctioned. Last 2-3 years have seen tremendous development," Mathur asserted.

During his visit to Kargil, Mathur inaugurated various developmental works and projects.

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completed by next year," Mathur said.

Only yesterday, as exclusively reported by the Excelsior today, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs had extended powers to the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh for framing Recruitment Rules for Group A and B category posts of the Gazetted officers.

A notification to this effect was issued by President

Two District Judges promoted

Major reshuffle in J&K judiciary: 84 Judicial Officers transferred

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 3: The High Court today ordered promotion of two District Judges and conducted major reshuffle by ordering transfers and postings of 84 Judicial Officers.

As per the order issued by Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General, Jaffer Hussain Beg, District Judge (Selection Time Scale), presently posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge Kathua has been placed in Super Time Scale of the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Judicial Services with effect from October 8, 2022 against the available vacancy.

Rajeev Gupta, District Judge (Entry Level) has been placed in

the Selection Time Scale of the Jammu and Kashmir Higher Judicial Services with effect from October 8, 2022 against the available vacancy.

As per another order, Haq Nawaz Zargar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Ramban has been transferred and upon placement of his services at the disposal of Chief Justice he has been posted as Registrar Vigilance. Tahir Khurshid Raina, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kulgam has been transferred and posted as Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Jammu against the available vacancy.

Shahzad Aseem, Registrar Vigilance, High Court of J&K and Ladakh has been posted as

Director J&K Judicial Academy. Shazia Tabasum, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Ganderbal has been transferred and posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kupwara. Tasleem Arif, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Kupwara has been transferred and posted as Additional District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar against the available vacancy.

Naseer Ahmad Dar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Anantnag has been transferred and posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Pulwama against the available vacancy. Suresh Chand Katal, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur has been transferred and posted as

Principal District and Sessions Judge, Anantnag. Virender Singh Bhou, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Baderwah has been transferred and posted as 1st Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jammu against the available vacancy.

Rajeev Gupta, Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice has been transferred and posted as Member, J&K Special Tribunal Jammu on deputation against the available vacancy. Rupali Ratta, District Judge, LRP, has been transferred and upon placement of her services at the disposal of Chief Justice she has been posted as Registrar Rules.

Suneet Gupta, Additional

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FD approves 7.1% interest on GPF

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 3: Finance Department has ordered that the accumulations at the credit of subscribers to General Provident Fund shall carry interest at the rate of 7.1 per cent.

According to the order issued by Director General (Codes) Finance Department, "Pursuant to the notification issued by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, it is hereby ordered that the accumulations at the credit of subscribers to General Provident Fund shall carry interest at the rate of 7.1 per cent for 3rd quarters of the financial year 2022-23 i.e 1st October, 2022 to 31st December, 2022".

India rejects references to J&K

NEW DELHI, Nov 3:

India today strongly rejected references made to Jammu and Kashmir in the China-Pakistan joint statement issued during Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's recent visit to Beijing, and asserted that the Union Territory as well as Ladakh "are and will always" be "integral and inalienable" parts of India.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, referring to the so-called China-

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Snow forecast for weekend in Kashmir

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 3: Weatherman today forecast mainly dry weather during the next 24 hours and fairly widespread light to moderate rains, snowfall and thunderstorm on the weekend.

"The weather is expected to be mainly dry for next 24 hours although it might be partly cloudy at most places," an official of the Meteorological Department said here.

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App stands developed by Chakra Vision India Foundation

Iconic Tribute Wall to come up in Jammu city shortly

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Nov 3: The City of Temples will shortly have an iconic Tribute Wall with a National Flag of 100 feet height as all the formalities in this regard have been completed and work will begin during the next one month. The wall will attract local people as well as tourists besides generating awareness about the freedom fighters.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that Chakra Vision India Foundation Trust in association with Rotary Club of India is establishing Tribute Wall within 100 feet high National Flag at 75 locations across the country in order to

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celebrate 75 glorious years of independence of India and they have selected Jammu city as one of these locations.

In the month of February this year, the Trust formally approached the Jammu administration and asked for selection of one site in Jammu city. Accordingly, the Vice-Chairman of Jammu Development Authority was asked by the administration to identify suitable site.

Finally, Maharaja Hari Singh Park on the banks of

River Tawi was identified for creation of iconic Tribute Wall and installation of 100 feet high National Flag. Accordingly, Jammu Development Authority granted in principle No Objection Certificate (NOC) to Chakra Vision India Foundation Trust for construction of Tribute Wall at Maharaja Hari Singh Park on the location identified jointly by the then Mayor and Engineering Wing of JDA sub-

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High-level meet reviews security situation

Army foils infiltration bid on LoC in Poonch, kills 3 militants

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 3: Army today foiled an infiltration bid and gunned down three militants in an encounter along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district. Arms and ammunition were recovered from the site of encounter.

While the body of one of the militants was recovered by soldiers, bodies of the other two, lying across the LoC, were taken back by villagers of Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK), sources said.

"At about 1000 hours today, alert soldiers of the Army observed suspicious movement of some individuals along the Line of

Control in the Poonch sector, wherein they were trying to infiltrate from across the Line of Control into the Indian side," they said.

The soldiers challenged the infiltrators who opened fire on them.

In an ensuing fire fight, three militants were killed. Body of one of the militants has been recovered along with two AK-47 rifles, a pistol and war-like stores, the sources said.

The villagers in PoJK carried back the bodies of the other two militants, the sources said. The operation continued and a search of the area is underway, the sources said.

"A major terror plot has been

foiled by the Army with killing of three militants and recoveries of arms and ammunition from their possession which would have been used for terror attacks in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri or the Kashmir valley," they added.

The militant outfits like Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and The Resistance Front (TRF) have been making attempts to revive militancy in the parts of Jammu region especially the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch and erstwhile Doda district.

However, police and security forces have foiled militant attempts by busting several mod-

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