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Steps to wean away youth from militancy Pro-active action being taken against militants in J&K: MHA

Series of measures to contain infiltration

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Nov 7: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs said today that the Government of India has initiated series of steps to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir even as it maintained that ongoing militancy in the UT was linked with infiltration of militants from across the Line of Control (LoC) as well as International Border (IB).

Stating this in its annual report for 2021-22, the MHA listed the steps taken to contain militancy as strengthening of border infrastructure, multi-tiered deployment along IB/LoC and near ever changing infiltration routes, construction/maintenance of border fencing, culverts and bridges on nallahs, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces, installation of floodlights on IB and synergizing intelligence flow.

"Pro-active action is being taken against the militants with-

in Jammu and Kashmir," the Home Ministry said.

It said the Government has adopted various counter measures to neutralize the efforts and capabilities of militants to disturb peace in Jammu and Kashmir. It added that the Government has encouraged policies to mainstream the youth including providing them employment opportunities to wean them away from the militancy.

"It has been endeavour of the Government to proactively take suitable measures by all security forces to safeguard the border from cross-border terror and contain militancy besides ensuring that democratic process is sustained and primacy of civil administration is restored to effectively track the socio-economic problems faced by people on account of the effect of prolonged militancy in J&K," the Home Ministry said.

It said the Government will ensure sustained peace process and provide adequate opportu-

nities to all sections of people in Jammu and Kashmir who eschew violence to effectively represent their view points and redress their genuine grievances.

"To support Jammu and Kashmir Government, the Centre has been making available Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) available as and when necessary. It has also been helping strengthening of Jammu and Kashmir Police," the report said, adding the MHA has been reimbursing expenditure incurred by the UT on a variety of security related measures.

During 2021-22, a sum of Rs 936.095 crore has been reimbursed to J&K Government under Security Related Expenditure (Police), the report said.

While the number of infiltration attempts in 2017 stood at 419 with 136 estimated infiltrations (militants who managed to cross over), the

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CS directs GAD, H&UDD to make arrangements Second edition of My Town My Pride in all 78 ULBs from Nov 15

Directions issued for giving impetus to Govt initiatives

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Nov 7: After successful completion of Back to Village 4, the Government has decided to conduct MyTown My Pride with effect from November 15, 2022 in all the 78 Urban Local Bodies (Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees).

The decision in this regard was taken in a high level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and attended by almost all the Administrative Secretaries few days back.

"All the 78 Municipal Committees and Councils shall host the second edition of the My Town My Pride-Programme with effect from November 15, 2022", read an official document the copy of which is available with EXCELSIOR.

The General Administration Department and Housing and Urban Development Department have been asked to make necessary arrangements in this regard so as to make this programme a grand success on

the lines of B2V4.

"The deployment of Visiting Officers to the Municipality during My Town My Pride-Programme shall be the first of a series of visits and the concerned Visiting Officer shall be designated as Prabhari Officer for the Municipality initially for a period of one year or till the programme lasts", sources said, adding the Visiting Officer shall undertake monthly virtual tours and visit physically to the assigned Municipality quarterly to maintain a continuous relationship with the people and communicate their issues with the local administration and concerned line departments for ensuring redressal of minor grievances locally.

The Visiting Officers will also chase deliverables like Dissemination of information regarding Jan Bhagidari; issuance of Land Passbooks; 100% saturation of Golden Cards; Completion of pending inheritance mutations by the concerned Revenue officers;

Distribution of e-Shram Cards to all eligible beneficiaries; 100% Aadhar Seeding and Penetration; Rejuvenating self-employment by facilitating interaction of eligible youth with concerned agencies and marketing awareness programmes, banks and other agencies/line departments.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary has issued directions for giving impetus to the Government initiatives.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that Chief Secretary has conveyed concern about low progress in Jal Jeevan Mission, IT (Digital) penetration in Panchayats and lack of awareness about Jan Bhagidari reflected through substantially low number of hits on the portal.

He has also expressed concern over non-activation or non formation of Youth Clubs, inactive Panchayat Paani Samitis, dismal progress on Swachh Gram, non identification of play fields at few places or less number of Amrit Sarovars.

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Gurpurab Greetings To All Our Readers

2 hybrid militants arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 7: Police today cracked the recent IED blast incident in Kehnusa village of Bandipora district by arresting two hybrid militants from Sopore area of North Kashmir.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

Govt releases 4 pc DA

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 7: The Government today released four percent Dearness Allowance (DA) installment in favour of its employees, pensioners and family pensioners.

An order issued by the Finance Department said the DA has been enhanced from existing rate of 34 percent to 38 percent.

Increase in DA will have

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Hilly roads shut for traffic

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 7: The ski-resort, Gulmarg and other

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higher reaches of Kashmir experienced fresh snowfall today while the various roads across Kashmir including Srinagar-Leh highway has been shut for traffic.

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Al-Qaeda operative arrested in Ramban

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 7: An operative of terrorist outfit Al-Qaeda was arrested with a hand

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grenade in Ramban district today.

He has been identified as Amiruddin Khan son of Mostafa han, a resident of Mashita Haora in West Bengal.

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5 militants charge sheeted

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 7: Police today produced charge sheet against five persons including three dead Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militants for abduction and murder of an Army soldier in Budgam district of Kashmir.

A police spokesman said that police in Budgam produced a charge sheet against five accused persons for abduction

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'No discrimination, no violation of Constitution' SC majority verdict upholds Centre's 10% reservation to EWS

NEW DELHI, Nov 7:

In a landmark verdict today, a Supreme Court Constitution bench in a 3:2 majority decision upheld the 10 per cent reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in admissions and Government jobs that excluded the poor among the SC/ST/OBC categories, saying it was not discriminatory and did not violate the basic structure of the Constitution.

Treating EWS as a separate category is reasonable classification and the 50 per cent ceiling on the total reservation under the Mandal judgment is "not inflexible", the Judges said while dismissing petitions challenging the 103rd Constitution Amendment of 2019.

The bench headed by Chief

Justice U U Lalit delivered four judgements on 40 petitions against the Amendment that was passed after the Centre decided to grant quota to the economically weaker sections.

Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, Bela M Trivedi and J B Pardiwala

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upheld the EWS quota.

The CJ, on his last day of presiding court proceedings, was in minority with Justice S Ravindra Bhat when they ruled against it, holding that due to exclusion of poor of SCs, STs, and OBCs from its ambit the Amendment practices "constitutionally prohibited forms of discrimination".

Justice Maheshwari, who read the judgement for himself, said the 103rd Constitutional Amendment

cannot be said to breach the basic structure of the Constitution.

He said reservation is an instrument of affirmative action so as to ensure an all-inclusive march towards the goals of an egalitarian society and it is a means of inclusion of any class or section so disadvantaged.

"Reservation is an instrument of affirmative action by the State so as to ensure an all-inclusive approach. It is an instrument not only for the inclusion of socially and educationally backward classes.

"Reservation for the EWS does not violate basic structure on account of 50 per cent ceiling limit because ceiling limit is not inflexible," Justice Maheshwari, who was called upon to pronounce the operative part of his judgement first, said.

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'Will fulfill development mission after returning to power' Azad cautions people against parties indulging in communal politics

Avtar Bhat

KISHTWAR, Nov 7: Making a strong attack on the parties seeking vote on the name of religion and spreading communal hatred, chair-

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man Democratic Azad Party (DAP) & former Chief Minister J&K, Ghulam Nabi Azad today cautioned the people against such parties.

Addressing two mammoth public meetings at Kahara and Akhyarpur of Bhalessa area of Doda district today Azad, without naming the BJP, said "Everybody has right in this

country to frame a political party and contest elections but I appeal the people to reject those parties who seek vote on the name of religion".

Despite heavy rains a large



Former Chief Minister and DAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a public meeting at Bhalessa in Doda district on Monday.

number of people attended the public meetings at both the places and listened their leader. Azad stressed on the people to name of religion".

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DM, CDS, IAF, Navy chiefs to address conference

Army Comdrs start review of situation on Pak, China borders; J&K

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 7: Top Army Commanders today began deliberations as part of a five-day conclave that will review India's national security challenges along the borders with China and Pakistan, internal security situation in Jammu and Kashmir especially the 1.3 million-strong force's military prowess.

Army chief Gen Manoj Pande is chairing the conclave taking place in the national capital from November 7 to 11 while Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to address the conference.

The anti-terror operation in

Jammu and Kashmir as well as the overall situation in the Union Territory especially the Valley was deliberated upon and will remain part of deliberations in remaining days of the conference, the sources said.

Army, police and CRPF have executed several successful operations against the militants in the Valley in recent past killing a number of militants including top commanders. The anti-militancy operations continued even after onset of winter and will be further intensified as the militants will come down to plains due to snowfall in the mountains.

They said while a series of issues are taken up by the Army Commanders during the confer-

ence, the focus was definitely on situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh where Indian and Chinese militaries are still engaged at some points though disengagement has taken place in some other areas after talks between the two sides.

Situation prevailing along the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir came up for high-level discussions at the Army Commanders' conference.

Though there has been no major ceasefire violations along the LoC after fresh ceasefire agreement came into effect in February 2021 between Indo-Pak troops, some infiltration attempts have

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HC seeks appearance of top officials

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 7: The High Court today directed for personal appearance of top officials of various departments in contempt proceedings for not complying with the court orders.

The court has sought personal appearance of Commissioner/Secretary Social Welfare Department and Mission Director ICDS in contempt proceedings.

Court in 2017 had directed to consider the case for release of retired benefits to petitioners but there was non-compliance from the officials.

The respondents were directed to pass a consideration order within six weeks. Statement of facts has been filed by the contemnors stating

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Jammu, Sgr, Leh, Kargil to hold series of meetings PM to unveil theme of India's G-20 presidency today; major opportunity for J&K, Ladakh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 7: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil the logo, theme and website of India's G-20 presidency tomorrow, the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will also gear up to hold a number of meetings of the first-ever international event in past quite some time as the two Union Territories have been selected as venues to host foreign diplomats.

In this connection, the administration of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has been sound by the External Affairs Ministry for hosting the crucial meetings pertaining to G-20 while the main Summit will be held in New Delhi in October-November 2023, official sources

told the Excelsior. The MEA said the G-20 opportunity to India to contribute to the global agenda on pressing issues of international importance.

It added that the logo, theme and website of India's G-20 presidency would reflect the country's "message and overarching priorities" to the world.

India will assume the presidency of the powerful grouping from current chair Indonesia on December 1. The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the

Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union (EU).

"The Prime Minister will unveil the logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency on November 8 at 4:30 pm via video-conferencing," the MEA said.

The G20 summit will take place in Bali on November 15-16 and Modi is set to be among the top leaders attending it.

During the course of its G20 Presidency, India will be holding about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across India. The G20 Summit to be held next year, would be one of the highest profile international gatherings to be hosted by India.

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Around 2 lakh devotees throng Jhiri Mela on Day 1, pay obeisance at Bawa Jitto shrine

Govind Sharma

JAMMU, Nov 7: The historic annual Jhiri Mela, one of the largest fairs in North India, which commenced today amid tight security at village Jhiri, about 20 kilometres from Jammu, witnessed huge rush of devotees from within and outside Jammu and Kashmir who paid obeisance at Bawa Jitto shrine.

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Around 2 lakh devotees thronged the Bawa Jitto shrine and the Mela on very first day while about 1.2 lakh devotees took holy dip in 'Bawa-da-Talab', a natural pond near the temple which is believed to have curative powers and paid obei-

1.2 lakh take holy dip in sacred pond



Devotees at Jhiri Mela on Monday.

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sance to Bawa Jitto and Bua Kauri. Since midnight, the devotees started visiting the shrine. Standing in long queues the people were seen waiting for their turn to take darshan of 'Bawa Jitto'.

The Jhiri Mela is organized every year on Kartik Purnima to commemorate the supreme sacrifice of a hard working farmer who preferred to kill himself instead of giving up to the unjust demands of a local landlord, but

due to COVID pandemic, the Mela could not be organized in the year 2020 and 2021.

Devotees of Baba Jitto pay rich tribute to him by celebrating the fair in their festive looks and saluting his sacrifice for the liberation of the farming community. Nearly eight to 10 lakh devotees from across Jammu, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and other parts of the country visit the fair every year.

The main attraction of the fair is exhibition of art and crafts, hybrid fruits, vegetables and awareness camps organized by various departments including Central Bureau of Communication, Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture, Sericulture, Rural Development,

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WEATHER

JAMMU:
Partly cloudy
TEMPERATURE
Max: 22.6 Degree C
Min: 18.1 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 51.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 50.0 per cent
Sunset on Tuesday: 05.36 p.m.
Sunrise on Wednesday: 06.55 a.m.

SRINAGAR:
Generally cloudy
TEMPERATURE
Max: 7.2 Degree C
Min: 4.2 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 74.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 87.0 per cent

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