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Tehsildar Bahu arrested taking bribe

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Nov 14: Tehsildar Bahu Rohit Sharma was arrested by Anti-Corruption Bureau this evening while accepting Rs 50,000 from a complainant. Sharma demanded a bribe of Rs one lakh from a person for issuing fard in his favour. The ACB received a complaint that a person living in R S Pura had bought land in City South and applied for fard in respect of the land.

ED charge sheets Jammu Group, promoters

Excelsior Correspondent
NEW DELHI, Nov 14: A charge sheet under the anti-money laundering law has been filed against the promoters of a Jammu-based business group in a case linked to an alleged bank loan fraud involving an amount of more than Rs 91 crore, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said today. Those named in the prosecution complaint include Raj Kumar Gupta, Radhika

6 officers transferred

Excelsior Correspondent
LEH, Nov 14: The UT administration in Ladakh today ordered transfer and postings of six officers including five from JKAS.

According to an order, Nargis Bano, Deputy District Election Officer Kargil was transferred and posted as Programme Officer ICDS Kargil relieving Inteeaz Ahmad Khan Kacho, Joint Director Information of the additional charge of the post of PO, ICDS Kargil.

Swaran Singh has been

IED recovered near Police Post

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Nov 14: A suspected IED was tonight recovered by police adjacent to Phallian Mandal Police Post of Satwari Police Station, close to

the International Border.

SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli told the Excelsior that a bag was found close to Phallian Mandal Police Post tonight and material inside seems to be an IED.

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Mann to contest next LS poll from Srinagar

Excelsior Correspondent
KATHUA, Nov 14: Slamming the Central Government for denying his entry into Kashmir, Shiromani Akali Dal (A) president, Simranjit Singh Mann today said that he is going to fight the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Srinagar Parliamentary constituency in Kashmir valley.

The radical Sikh leader had moved a local court in Kathua last month after district authorities did not permit him to visit

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'India Habitat Centre, Smart City projects to come up'

Declared unsafe; Govt to raze Ware House, Nehru Market buildings, shops in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent
JAMMU, Nov 14: Declared unsafe by the Jammu Development Authority (JDA), the old buildings and the entire large market complex at Ware House and Nehru Market in Jammu, the J&K UT Government proposes to raze all these buildings in all the four blocks and raise India Habitat Centre hub and other important projects under Jammu Smart City besides development of Tawi River Front.

The Government plans to shift Ware House/ Nehru Market to some other suitable location and rehabilitate about 210 traders/shopkeepers at the newly identified site around Jammu City. For this, 2-3 sites have already been

Heavy rain across J&K; snowfall on hills, temp dips SE R&B Doda, X-En among 4 die as Bolero slips into gorge; boulder falls on vehicle, 2 hurt

■ Srinagar-Leh highway, Mughal Road closed

Gopal Sharma

JAMMU/ SRINAGAR, Nov 14: Four Government officials including Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Doda, Executive Engineer (X-En), Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) and a driver of PW(R&B) Department were killed after their official vehicle slipped into a deep gorge

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during heavy rain in Assar area of Doda today and two persons were injured after a boulder fell on a private vehicle in Kishtwar area while a sharp fall has been witnessed in the temperature across J&K due to rain and fresh snowfall on higher reaches.

Many parts of Kashmir and mountainous areas of Jammu

region including Natha Top, Pir Panjal, Seoj Dhar, Pir Ki Gali on



Tourists enjoying at Natha Top after season's first snowfall on Monday. Another pic on page 4. — Excelsior/Rakesh

Mughal Road and Zojila axis on Srinagar-Leh highway experienced fresh snowfall today, snapping the road communica-

tion. The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway also remained

blocked for more than seven hours due to landslides and shooting of stones at several places in Ramban amidst rains.

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Reports said the mishap took place when a Government vehicle was carrying a team of PW (R&B) department officials of Doda. It was raining in the area and visibility was also low. When the ill-fated Bolero vehicle, bearing registration number JK02CC/0701 reached at Triugal near Assar on Batote-Kishtwar highway around 10.45 am, it slipped and rolled down into about 200 metres deep gorge, resulting in the death of Executive Engineer, Doda Mohd Rafiq Shah of Poonch; Assistant Executive Engineer, Kamal Kishore Sharma of Udhampur and driver, Mohd Hafeez hailing from Doda.

Superintending Engineer Suresh Kumar, hailing from Jammu also travelling in the same vehicle, was critically injured in the accident and was

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Heavy rains lash Jammu on Monday prompting people to take out umbrellas. — Excelsior/Rakesh

Also targets Karan Singh for disappointing response Rijju again attacks Nehru, says he backed Sheikh's 'Quit Kashmir' movement

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Nov 14: Law Minister Kiren Rijju today again targeted first Prime Minister of independent India and Congress leader Jawahar Lal Nehru on the accession of Kashmir with India and also hit out at Dr Karan Singh, former Sadr-e-Riyasat, saying his response to his previous article on the subject is deeply disappointing.

In a series of tweets and an article written on News 18 Network on the birth anniversary of Nehru, Rijju wrote: "Aacharya Kripalani, president of the Indian National Congress, visited Kashmir in May 1947. A report published in The Tribune on May 20, 1947, recorded this about Kripalani's views: 'Hari Singh was keen to accede to India and that it was not correct on the part of the National Conference to raise the demand of 'Quit Kashmir' against Hari Singh. 'He is not an outsider'... He appealed to the National Conference in particular to give up the call of 'Quit Kashmir'." "Dr Karan Singh also mentioned in his article that there

was lack of prior intelligence regarding the Pakistani invasion. Perhaps, he meant Hari Singh had no intelligence inputs," Rijju said but added that the same is not true about Nehru. "In his Parliament speech dated November 25, 1947,

Nehru rejected Hari Singh's plea to accede to India thrice

Nehru accepted that he was aware in advance, he said and quoted him as saying "In September, news reached us that tribesmen of the northwest frontier province were being collected and sent to the Kashmir border." In the same speech, Nehru further states, "About this time, the State authorities asked us to supply them with arms and ammunition. We agreed to do so in the normal course. But in fact, no supply was made till events took a more serious turn."

Before this speech, on November 2, 1947, Nehru had addressed the nation on

Kashmir. In this long speech, Nehru stated, "We were asked by Kashmir state to provide them with arms. We took no urgent steps about it and although sanction was given by our State and Defence Ministries, actually no arms were sent."

"This clarifies further the callous role Nehru was playing with security of the region - using it as a tool to get his demands fulfilled. The Kashmir region, in particular, and India, in general, are still paying the price for this gamesmanship by Nehru," said the Law Minister.

Rijju quoted Nehru's letter on October 21, 1947 to Mehar Chand Mahajan, Prime Minister of Kashmir, which said, "It will probably be undesirable to make any declaration of adherence to the Indian Union at this stage" and asked "What do these words convey?"

"Who was asking for accession and who was delaying it? Pakistan had already invaded Kashmir on October 20, 1947. On October 21, a day later, Nehru was still advising the

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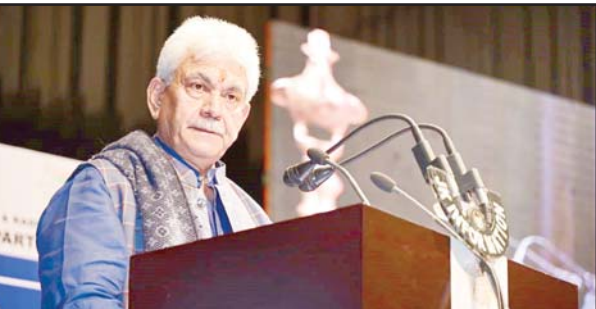
Rs 255.71 cr for 3 Coop Banks Cooperatives being transformed to ensure growth in agriculture: LG

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 14: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the 69th All India Cooperative Week celebrations across the UT of J&K, during a function at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

He commended the significant role being played by all stakeholders associated with the cooperative movement in building a strong eco-system for growth of cooperative sector in the UT.

Sinha said that the Jan-Andolan for promotion of social-enterprises, its values, and principles to establish equality, equity, and solidarity are pivotal for



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at Cooperative Week celebrations in Jammu on Monday.

bringing socio-economic development for inclusive growth in rural J&K.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home & Cooperation Minister, Amit

Shah, the Cooperatives are being transformed as an effective economic instrument for ensuring growth in sectors like agriculture, handicraft, sugar, dairy, textiles, fisheries, storage, food processing and uplift-

ment of small & marginal farmers, he added.

Cooperatives are perhaps the best medium to reach out to the far-flung areas of J&K UT and the poor & marginalized sections, the Lt Governor observed.

"In the era of Startups and

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Unicorns, we need to meet the aspiration of youth and Cooperatives need to constantly reinvent themselves. Cooperatives should be established as one of the pillars for economic and social development," he added.

Highlighting the achievements made under Cooperative sector in the UT, Sinha shared the

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Various issues to come up for discussion Sinha to review security situation today with Home Deptt, police officials

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 14: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will tomorrow review various aspects of security scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at a high-level meeting of the Home Department.

Senior officers of the Home Department, Jammu and Kashmir Police and Intelligence agencies are expected to be present at the meeting to brief Sinha about security scenario in the UT especially the Valley, borders with Pakistan, anti-militancy operations, anti-infiltration grid etc.

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) RK Goyal, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh, DG CID Rashmi Ranjan Swain, Additional DGP Jammu

meeting, they said.

Security scenario has been well under control in the Kashmir Valley with killing of large number of militants including many top commanders of various militant outfits. Situation in Jammu region is normal.

However, Pakistan continued to make attempts to push militants into Jammu and Kashmir from the Line of Control (LoC) but majority of such attempts are being foiled by the Army by killing the militants.

Drone activities have become potential threat especially along the International Border as Pakistan continued to send arms, ammunition, explosives and narcotics using flying machines. While majority of

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Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Nov 14: Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri today said that the Prime Minister's commitment to the development of Jammu and Kashmir is turning into reality.

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in the economic development in the J&K because of the Central Government's farsighted decision to remove the bottleneck of

Articles 370 and 35A.

He said that a new dawn of development is now set in the J&K after the abrogation of Article 370 that could be judged from the fact that 25 new National Highway Projects have

been sanctioned to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 11,721 crores, 168 MoUs have been signed amounting to Rs 13,600 crores, seven new Medical Colleges have been sanctioned with medical seats increased from 500 to 955, world's highest railway bridge constructed in J&K, Vande Bharat Express is in operation from Jammu to Delhi and tourist footfall increased.

The Minister said that under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, some 12 lakh LPG connections have been provided under PM Ujjwala, 50,000 houses have been sanctioned under PMAY (U).

Puri said that the petroleum prices have seen a sharp rise from July 2021 to August, 2022 with 43 percent to 46 percent increase in USA and Canada while as India is the only country in the world where only 2 percent increase has been seen during that period.

"When many countries in the world are witnessing the shortage

of fuel and exorbitant price rise, there is no shortage of fuel in India even in the remotest corners of the country," he added.

Interacting with the district administration officers in Srinagar, Puri said that the Centre is committed to achieving new milestones with respect to growth and development in J&K. Puri reviewed the progress of work on various development projects and work done as per Government schemes like PM Awas Yojana, PM Ujjwala, PM SVANidhi, SBM 2.0 and Amrut 2.0.

During the review meeting, the Minister said that application of modern technology to solid waste management is the need of the hour and Srinagar will be among the cities where such strategies will be adopted on a priority basis. He said that there is a need to process the waste as per modern standards to avoid dumping it at one location, which is hazardous to the ecosystem.

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Old unsafe Ware House buildings to be dismantled by JDA in Jammu shortly. — Excelsior / Rakesh

identified and a final decision in this regard was yet awaited. Besides shops, about 132 families residing in the Government quar-

'Very difficult situation will emerge' Forced religious conversions may pose danger to national security: SC

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov 14: Forced religious conversions may pose a danger to national security and impinge on religious freedom of citizens, the Supreme Court said today, and asked the Centre to step in and make sincere efforts to tackle the "very serious" issue.

The court warned a "very difficult situation" will emerge if proselytisation through deception, allurements and intimidation is not stopped.

"The issue with respect to the alleged conversion of religion, if it is found to be correct and true, is a very serious issue which may ultimately affect the security of the nation as well as the freedom of religion and conscience of the citizens.

The Union Government may make their stand clear and file counter on what steps can be taken by Union and/or others to curb such forced conversion maybe by force, allurements or fraudulent means," a bench of Justices M R Shah and Hima Kohli said.

The court asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to enumerate measures to curb the practice.

"This is a very serious matter. Sincere efforts are to be made by the Centre to stop forced conversions. Otherwise very difficult situation will come. Tell us what action do you propose... You have to step in," the bench observed.

Mehta submitted before the top court that the issue was debated even in the Constituent

Assembly.

"There were two Acts. One was by the Odisha Government and other one by Madhya Pradesh dealing with regulation of any forcible conversion by deceit, falsehood or fraud, money. These issues came before this court for consideration and the top court upheld the validity," Mehta said.

The Solicitor General said forced religious conversions are rampant in tribal areas.

Many a time the victims are not aware they are the subject matter of criminal offence and would say they are being helped, Mehta said.

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