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Woman saves sons, dies in house collapse

Excelsior Correspondent
 BHADERWAH, Nov 15: A 38-year-old woman saved her two sons before losing her life when a rain-triggered landslide hit their mud house here.

The mud house at Butla village of Saringal panchayat, few kilometres from Bhaderwah

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Re-poll for two DDC seats on Dec 5

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 15: The State Election Commission has ordered a re-poll in DDC constituency Hajin-A in district Bandipora and Drugmulla in district Kupwara of Kashmir.

According to an order in this regard, re-poll in Hajin-A and Drugmulla shall be held on December 5 from 7 am to 2 pm. The counting shall be done on December 8 and the poll

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HC dismisses Lal Singh's plea

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 15: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court today dismissed former Minister Choudhary Lal Singh's petition against an eviction notice issued to him and directed him to vacate the Government residence allotted to him previously within six weeks.

Singh, the Dogra
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Rijiju defaming Nehru: Cong

Excelsior Correspondent
 NEW DELHI, Nov 15: The Congress today slammed Union Minister Kiren Rijiju for his fresh attack on Jawaharlal Nehru, saying that instead of wasting time authoring "fraudulent" pieces on the country's first Prime Minister, he should focus on rectifying a legal system that frees those convicted of murder and gang rape.

Rijiju mounted a fresh
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MeT forecasts dry weather

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Nov 15 : As the weather is dry after snowfall and rains, the mercury across the region plummeted with

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 Gulmarg and Pahalgam recording sub-zero temperatures.
 "Mainly dry weather over the plains of Jammu and Kashmir with very light rain at

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3 Enggs given addl charge

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 15: The Managing Director Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDC) has assigned additional charge to three Engineers.
 According to an order, Manhar Gupta, Chief Engineer, Project Wing JPDC shall hold the charge of Chief Engineer P&P Wing JPDC Jammu.

Neeraj Sharma, Superintending Engineer (SE) will hold the charge of SE Circle II Project Wing Jammu.
 Aftab Ahmad, Executive Engineer Planning Circle P&P JPDC Jammu shall hold the charge of the post of Executive Engineer Project Division Rajouri.

MS GMC Baramulla attached

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 15: Pending enquiry into the matter of dereliction of duties on account of violation of Kayakalp Yojana by him, Government today attached Dr Javid Iqbal Lone, Medical Officer (looking after the charge of Medical Superintendent, Government Medical College Baramulla), in the office of Principal GMC

Reined-in Jamaat, Hurriyat; now JKP fighting terror

Wants elections to be held soon in J&K, we have to see security point of view also: Shah

***Will take initiatives to control worsening situation in Punjab**

Sanjeev Pargal
 JAMMU, Nov 15: Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that he wants the (Assembly) elections to be held soon in Jammu and Kashmir but added that the Government has to see it from the security point of view also and then the Election Commission has to decide.

Shah had strong praise for Jammu and Kashmir Police saying earlier the Central forces were fighting against terrorism in the Union Territory but now the JKP is fighting against the terror which is a big change in the Valley. However, he said, the law and order situation is getting worse in Punjab and he will take the initiatives to control the worsening situation.

In an interview to TV18 network, Shah said he wants the elections to be held soon in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Election Commission is correcting the voter list. We have to see it from the security

point of view. The Election Commission has to take the call," he added.

The Home Minister said the Government is now fighting against those also who feed terrorism in Kashmir.
 "From 1990 till today, we are fighting terrorism. We never fought against those who feed terrorism. We re-in Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) and Hurriyat Conference. Today, the Valley has been reporting least number of terror incidents," he asserted.

Lavishing praises on Jammu and Kashmir Police for fighting against terrorism, Shah said earlier the Central forces were fighting against terrorism but now the JKP is fighting against the terror which is a major change in the Valley.

However, he added, law and order situation is getting worse in Punjab. "I will take the initiatives to control the worsening situation under the AAP-led Government in Punjab," he said.

On the issue of reclaiming

Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK), Shah said the nation has always maintained this and there is Parliament's resolution as well that the region is India's.

Maintaining that Dalits didn't have reservation rights in Jammu and Kashmir, Shah said the BJP gave them the rights.
 "Within our time, J&K is an integral part of India today by ending two legislations, two symbols and two heads. It is part of major achievements of Modi-led regime," the Home Minister said.

He said there were problems in Kashmir mainly due to ineffective democracy as it was hegemony maintained by three families (a reference towards Abdullahs, Muftis and Gandhis). However, because of the Narendra Modi Government, more than 30,000 people representatives are doing their work (a reference towards DDC, BDC and Panchayats' elected people), he added.

Speaking on elections

promises fulfilled by the BJP, the Home Minister said: "We had promised that Article 370 will be removed and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has kept the promise. We also promised construction of Ram Mandir and Modi did 'Bhoomi Puja' and now a grand Shri Ram temple is being constructed in Ayodhya".

He said there has been highest tourist footfall in Jammu and Kashmir since independence with eight million tourists which is a big achievement.

On implementation of Uniform Civil Code, the Union Home Minister said right from 1950, it is in our manifesto that we will bring the UCC.

"In any secular country, there should be equal laws for citizens of all religions. This is the promise of our manifesto and we will fulfil it," he asserted.

Maintaining that Congress has no right to utter Sardar Patel's name, Shah said Modi made the biggest statue of



Panoramic view of Patnitop under the clouds. — Excelsior/Rakesh

Modi meets Biden, Sunak, Macron; other global leaders

BALI, Nov 15:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had informal interactions with US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanuel Macron and several other global leaders today on the sidelines of the G20 summit here and exchanged views on a range of issues.

In an address at the G20 summit here, Modi said that climate change, the Covid-19 pandemic, the developments in Ukraine and the global problems associated with it have caused havoc in the world and rued that the global supply chains are in "ruins".

Referring to India's upcoming G-20 presidency, Modi said he was confident when the leaders of the grouping meet in the "holy land of Buddha and Gandhi, we will all agree to convey a strong message of peace to the world."
 "PM @narendramodi and @POTUS @JoeBiden interact during the @g20summit in Bali," the Prime Minister's Office said in a tweet.

Modi also met UK's Prime

Exchanges views on range of issues



Prime Minister Narendra Modi posing with US President Joe Biden, Indonesian President Joko Widodo and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida at the G20 Summit in Bali (Indonesia) on Tuesday. (UNI)

Minister Sunak, their first face-to-face interaction since he assumed power last month.
 "Prime Ministers @narendramodi and @RishiSunak in conversation during the first day of the @g20summit in Bali," the PMO said in another tweet.

"A brief discussion at the start of the @g20summit with President @EmmanuelMacron," the PMO tweeted.

Modi is scheduled to hold wide-ranging talks with Sunak and Macron, apart from holding a meeting with the host country's president Joko Widodo on Wednesday.

He met Senegal President and Chairman of the African Union Macky Sall.
 "@narendramodi interacted with President @Macky_Sall, the President of Senegal and Chairman of the African Union.

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Paharis to get reservation, but no change in status of Gujjar, Bakerwals: LG

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 15: The grant of reservation to the Pahari community in Jammu and Kashmir will not have any effect on the quota of the Gujjar and Bakerwal communities, Lieutenant

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Governor Manoj Sinha said today.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a programme here, he referred to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement during his visit to Rajouri and Baramulla on the grant of reservation to the Pahari community.

"Some people are trying to

mislead the communities for political reasons, but I again reiterate with confidence and responsibility that there will be no change in the reservation quota of Gujjars, Bakerwals, Gaddis and Sippis," Sinha said.



LG Manoj Sinha addressing 'Janjatiya Samagam' in Jammu on Tuesday.

Gujjars and Bakerwals have been holding protests against the Centre's move to give Scheduled Tribe (ST) status to Paharis.

UAPA, 505, 153B, 124A & 506 IPC in Shergari PS," Srinagar Police wrote on Twitter.

A police official said that the contents of threats depict the intention of terrorists and anti-national elements.
 "They have put the life of people, especially media persons, in danger by publicly calling them corrupt and giving direct threat to their lives. In this regard, an FIR stands registered," a police officer said.

The official said that around a dozen suspects have been rounded up by the police and are being questioned for their alleged links with TRF.
 "We have rounded up suspects for being Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of TRF. The detentions are not exactly linked to threats against media houses,"

FIR No. 82/2022 U/S 13
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Sinha reviews situation in 4-hr long meet

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today reviewed security situation in Jammu and Kashmir with top officers of Home Department and Jammu and Kashmir Police at a four-hour long meeting at the Civil

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BSF ADG takes stock of IB situation

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 15: BSF Additional Director General, Western Command, P V Rama Sastry has reviewed the security situation, including challenges related to drone activities and smuggling, along the International Border here with Pakistan.

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Sastry, on his arrival in Jammu from Chandigarh was welcomed by top officers led by Border Security Force (BSF) Inspector General Jammu Frontier D K Boora. He is on three-day visit.

Boora gave a detailed presentation to the Additional Director General (ADG) on the critical aspects, including those

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ACB arrests Sarpanch

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 15: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) today trapped and arrested Sarpanch, Halqa Panzgam, Awantipora, Gulam Mohammad Dar, for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5,000.

A statement issued by the ACB said that it received a complaint against Gulam Mohammad Dar son of Asad Ullah Dar of Panzgam, Awantipora in Pulwama district who is Sarpanch, Halqa Panzgam, Awantipora, for demanding bribe of Rs 5,000 for passing and signing of Labour Muster Roll of Labourers engaged under "MGNREGA" Scheme by the concerned Contractor.

It said that a complaint (case FIR No. 17/2022) was registered at Police Station ACB

All DCs asked to expedite land acquisition process
Nearly 300 uncovered villages of J&K UT to get 4G mobile services

***Forest, PWD, PDD to shift utilities on priority basis**

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Nov 15: Nearly 300 uncovered villages including border areas of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will get 4G mobile services as per the decision taken by the Union Government and necessary directions have been issued to all the Deputy Commissioners so that service providers don't face any difficult in early start and timely completion of work.

The Union Cabinet, few months back, approved a project for providing 4G mobile services in all uncovered villages across the country in order to

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promote delivery of various e-governance services, banking services, telemedicine, tele education etc through mobile broadband and generate employment in rural areas.

As per the official data, there are nearly 300 uncovered villages in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and finally people of these areas will be able to avail the benefits of 4G mobile services as Government has issued directions to all the Deputy Commissioners for providing proactive support to the service providers regarding allocation of State land for mobile towers, speedy clearance of sites in forest areas, lease/acquisition of sites, permissions and power

connectivity.
Official sources told EXCELSIOR that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Jio and Airtel authorities have been asked to share the village wise list of the areas to be covered under the project for saturation of 4G mobile services with all the Deputy Commissioners so that Deputy Commissioners can evaluate the covered and left over areas for ascertaining the priority to be covered in first instance.

Laying stress on better coordination and cooperation between the administration and service providers, the

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HC upholds process of land acquisition for 4 laning NH

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 15: High Court has dismissed the plea challenging the notification for acquisition and award of land for the purpose of four laning of the National Highway (NH) from Bahihal to Srinagar and directed the Collector Land Acquisition to ensure that the compensation awarded is credited in land owner's account.

Hearing the plea filed by one Bashir Ahmad Bhat whose land has been acquired for the NH, the Division Bench of Justice Rajesh Oswal and Justice Rahul Bharti dismissed the petition by recording that if the petitioner-owner's plea for grant of the relief sought in the writ petition is to be accepted, then the same would be at the cost of put-

ting the clock back to the year 2005 and by undoing the entire process for acquisition of the land for four laning of the National Highway IA from Bahihal to Srinagar.

Court said the entire process of land acquisition came to be put into exercise and even the four laning has come to be carried out at the time when this matter got heard by this Court for final adjudication as such, this Court may not be in a position to serve the wish of the petitioner, particularly, when the petitioner himself has been privy by design and default to the course of events relating to acquisition of his land situated in district Pulwama.

Court said the owner has acquiesced, both by commission and omission, with the course of events without ever bothering to

question it at the appropriate point of time, even if the same were seeming to be so offending to his rights qua the property in reference.

"This writ merits dismissal. However, before parting with the judgment and taking cognizance of the fact that in case the petitioner has not received the amount of compensation assessed and payable for his land in terms of the award in reference, the Collector concerned shall enquire and ensure that the award amount stands credited with the account of the petitioner if the same has not already been done", Court directed.

Court said the petitioner-owner being fully conscious of land acquisition award dated 15.01.2014 qua his land specific comes forward with the present

27 AEEs elevated; 51 I/C X-Ens posted in PHE, I&FC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 15: The Government today placed 27 Assistant Executive Engineers (Civil) as Incharge Executive Engineers and issued orders of transfer and postings of 51 Incharge Executive Engineers (X-Ens) in Jal Shakti/Irrigation and Flood Control department.

Those elevated to the next post of I/C Xen are-Sunil Seth, Nawaz Ahmed Bhat, Amit Abrol, Mushtaq Ahmed Wani, Sunil Kumar, Nazia Nazir Zahid, Miftah Alam Buchh, Sohan Lal, Rajiv Kumar Sharma, Vaneet Kumar Vaid, Shakeel-Ur-Rehman, Sanjay Kumar Badhan, Akhil Dutt, Vipin Kumar, Asrar Ahmed Khan, Syed Fida Hussain Rizvi, Sareer Ahmed Wani, Riaz Ahmed , Ghulam Ahmed

Tantray, Fayaz Ahmed Dar, Nazir Ahmed Bhat, Harpal Singh Modi, Mukhtar Ahmed Dar, Brij Mohan, M. Najuib Ahmed, Sanjay Nagpal and Joginder Singh Bali.

Consequent upon these placements, the Government ordered transfer/ posting of 51 I/C Executive Engineers in JS/I&FC department.

Rakesh Changotra, Tech officer to CE I&FC Department Kashmir/Srinagar has been shifted and posted to I&FC Division Ganderbal, Mohd Hanief from I&FC Div Poonch to I&FC Div Shopian, Qazi Mushtaq Ahmed from Spl PHE Div Kulgam to Irrigation Div Kulgam, Bashir Ahmed Dar from PHE Div Handwara to I&FC Div Srinagar, newly elevated Amit Abrol to I&FC Div Kupwara, Miftah Alam as TO to

CE I&FC Kashmir (Srinagar), Riaz Ahmed to Irri Div Sumbal, G M Tantry to FC Div Anantnag, Fayaz Ahmed Dar to Irri Div Anantnag, Nazir Ahmed Bhat to Irri Div Pulwama, Harpal Singh Modi to I&FC Div Handwara, Mukhtar Ahmed Dar to FC Div Kakapora, Sunil Seth to I&FC Div Nowshera, Vaneet Kumar Vaid to I&FC Div Poonch, Sanjay Kumar Badhan to the office of CE I&FC Jammu as TO, Asrar Ahmed Khan to Irri Div Rajouri, Sami Ullah Beigh from PHE Div Bijbehara to PHE Rural Water Supply Div Ganderbal, Nawaz Ahmed Bhat to Spl PHE Div Kulgam, Mushtaq Ahmed Wani to PHE Div Sopore, Nazia Nazir Zahid to PHE Div Chadoora, Shakeel-ur-Rehman to PHE Div Budgam, Syed Fida Hussain to

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