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ISRO to launch PSLV-C54 on Nov 26
 BENGALURU, Nov 20:
 The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch PSLV-C54/ EOS-06 mission with Oceansat-3 and eight nano satellites, including one from Bhutan, on board from Sriharikota spaceport on November 26.
 launch is scheduled at 11.56 am (rpt 11.56 am) on Saturday, said the national space agency headquartered here.
 Asked about the passengers aboard the rocket, a senior ISRO (Contd on page 4 Col 2)

Court denies bail to MBBS scam accused
 SRINAGAR, Nov 20:
 A court here has rejected the bail application of a man accused of duping MBBS aspirants of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of arranging medical seats for them in private colleges over the past 15 years.
 Chief Judicial Magistrate Raja Mohammad Tasleem rejected the bail plea of Uttar Pradesh resident Sheel Kumar Shukla, saying the petition was devoid of merit.
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2 minor siblings charred to death
 Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Nov 20 : Two siblings were burnt alive after a fire broke out in a residential house last night in Diver Lohab area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

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 A major fire broke out at a residential house belonging to one Mohammad Akbar Khan, son of Abdul Aziz Khan at Kakadpatti Diver last night.
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SC to hear petition on KPs' genocide
 NEW DELHI, Nov 20:
 Supreme Court will hear on November 22, the curative petition filed by Roots in Kashmir (RIK), seeking a SIT (Special Investigation Team) probe into Kashmir Pandits' genocide.
 The RIK had to file the curative petition, before the top court, after its review plea was dismissed by the SC, in 2017 on the ground of 27 years delay to file the same.
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Heroin worth crores recovered
 Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Nov 20: Security forces today recovered four packs of heroin worth crores of rupees in Uri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.
 A police spokesman said that a routine joint naka of Uri Police and 3 Rajput unit of Army was established at AD Post. "During the routine checking, one drug peddler Imtiyaz Ahmed Bhat son of Mohammad Afzal Bhat resident of Sahoora Uri who on seeing the naka party tried to evade arrest was apprehended and four (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

'40,000 dropout children brought back to schools'

Tourism Deptt to prepare Vision Document for major tourist destinations: LG

Sanjeev Pargal
***J&K youth want development, Admn assisting them**

JAMMU, Nov 20: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said today that he will ask the Tourism Department to prepare a Vision Document for major tourist destinations to give further boost to tourism in Jammu and Kashmir as he maintained that new history and records have been created in the tourist sector this year.
 Addressing monthly programme 'Awaaz Ki Awaaz' on Radio and TV channels this morning, Sinha said the youth of Jammu and Kashmir want development and the administration is fully committed to assist them. In this connection, he also mentioned the initiatives taken by the youth in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions.
 "A system has been developed by the administration to help youth in their ventures," he said, adding the village industries are also being encouraged in the rural areas.
 The Lieutenant Governor said during last three years, 5.5 lakh

self-employment opportunities have been created for the youth. Even during just concluded 'Back to Village-IV' (B2V4), 15 youth were identified in each Panchayat for self-employment and 20 youth for skill development.
 "Another important task during B2V4 was to identify and re-enroll school dropout children," he said, adding that more than 40,000 such children were identified and their admission in schools was ensured. Sinha observed that there was massive participation in the B2V4, which enabled the administration to successfully saturate 54 deliverables of 21 Government departments.
 "Back to Village is our endeavour to develop a well-planned comprehensive model of rural development and Panchayats to realise the vision of Atamirbhar Jammu and Kashmir. It is also reflection of our commitment to empower rural community and strengthening partnership for holistic development," he said.
 He added that public participation brings efficiency, transparen-

cy and social justice in Government. The Back to Village is reflection of our commitment to empower rural community and strengthening partnership for holistic development.
 Sinha said tourist activities have been identified for starting through Village Cooperatives while 2000 home stays will be made operational with the help of locals.
 "This year the tourism sector has created history and set new records. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a major focus is being laid on tourist spots with the help of professional service providers and experts. Community partnership by the private companies in tourism sector is need of the hour," he said.
 This year, the Lieutenant Governor said, 210 tourist destinations have been identified and integrated development of tourism is being explored.
 An official handout said: "Around 96,000 Sehat Golden Cards were issued to provide (Contd on page 4 Col 3)



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Nomads move towards plains from upper reaches in Ramban. —Excelsior/Parvaz Mir

3 militant associates arrested with arms
LeT militant involved in targeting of labourers killed in Anantnag

Fayaz Bukhari
 SRINAGAR, Nov 20: A militant associate of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) was killed today during a gunfight with militants in Bijbehara area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district.
 A police official said that hybrid militant of LeT Sajjad Tantray of Kulgam was killed he was critically injured.
 "When search party reached towards the suspected hideout, militants opened fire which hit one accused, hybrid militant of LeT Sajjad Tantray of Kulgam, who was with search party for identification of hideout. He was rushed to SDH Bijbehara where doctors declared him as brought dead," he said.
 The official said during investigation hybrid militant Sajjad Tantray, who was earlier a militant associate of LeT and released from PSA, revealed that he had attacked two outside labourers on 18/11/2022 at Rakhmomen, Bijbehara in Anantnag in which two labourers got seriously injured.
 "Later labourer Chota Prasad succumbed to injuries on 18/11/2022 at hospital. Weapon of offence (Pistol) and vehicle used in militant crime were also recovered on his disclosure. Investigation is going on vigorously to arrest more Militant associates of this module," he added.
 In the meantime, three hybrid militants were arrested at Shalteng (Contd on page 4 Col 5)



Troops at the encounter site at Bijbehara in Anantnag on Sunday. —Excelsior/Sajad Dar

'False narrative against Art 370 stands defeated' I'm still alive, will definitely contest polls: Farooq

Gopal Sharma
 JAMMU, Nov 20: Claiming that false narrative against Articles 370 and 35-A stands defeated, former J&K Chief Minister and top leader of National Conference, Dr Farooq Abdullah today said that he is still alive and shall certainly contest coming elections.
 Addressing a large public meeting at Samba town today Farooq said, "I am still alive and shall definitely contest elections."
 "After my resignation as party president, the market of speculations was quite hot that Dr Farooq Abdullah has fled the election field. But I want to give them clear message that I am still alive and shall certainly contest upcoming elections," former J&K Chief Minister said.
 Criticising attempts of polarization for vote bank politics, the top NC leader launched an attack on the BJP and said he is not a 'traitor' but a true nationalist who is ready to give any sacrifice for the country.
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***Not 'traitor', ready to give any sacrifice for country**
 NC leader and former J&K CM Dr Farooq Abdullah addressing public rally at Samba on Sunday. —Excelsior/Nischant India." Farooq asserted.
 The former J&K Chief Minister said the conspiracies against National Conference are still continuing. "I want to make it clear that we have made numerous sacrifices for the country as we lost thousands of workers and Ministers during militancy. We have to fight them with determination and negate their propaganda. We are not traitors as we have made numerous sacrifices for this country. I will give any sacrifice for my country till my last breath," Dr Abdullah maintained.
 He said those who are dubbing them as 'traitors' despite sacrifice (Contd on page 4 Col 3)



—Excelsior/Nischant India." Farooq asserted.

Searches launched in border areas
Alert sounded after drone movement observed near Jammu Airport

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 20: A suspected drone was detected near Jammu airport today prompting security agencies to sound an alert in the city.
 As per the reports, the drone movement was at a two-kilometre aerial distance in the area where the radars detected it in Satwari. Subsequently, an alert was sounded in Satwari and surrounding areas.
 An alert has also been issued for the Jammu Airport and the Indian Air Force station near the airport.
 It is pertinent to mention here that two low-intensity Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were dropped from a drone at the IAF base in Satwari last year on June 26 wherein two IAF personnel sustained minor injuries.
 The drone, however, disappeared and wasn't spotted anywhere after being detected first.
 Searches have been launched along the International Border in Makwal area which is closest border to Satwari. It was from Makwal area that the drone had dropped two bombs at the IAF base in Satwari last year before returning to Pakistan.
 Only few days back, police recovered an Improvised Explosive Device from near Phallain Mandal Police Post under the jurisdiction of Satwari Police Station which too was reported to have been dropped through a drone. It was later planted outside the Police Post with a view to cause major terror attack but the attempts failed as police detected it well in time.
 There has been increase in drone activities along the International Border in Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts of the Jammu region besides several border areas of neighbouring Punjab.
 Drones are being used by Pakistan and the militants sitting across to drop arms, explosives and narcotics on the Indian side. However, most of such attempts have been foiled by police and BSF. (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

15,000 jackets to be taken on emergency mode
Army to get 62,500 BP jackets to protect troops from steel core bullets in J&K

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 20: Army will be acquiring 62,500 Bullet Proof (BP) jackets for its frontline troops which would be able to protect them from steel core bullets during anti-militancy operations in Jammu and Kashmir.
 In addition to frontline, the steel core like bullets are also used sometimes by the militants in the Kashmir valley during encounters with security forces.
 The Ministry of Defence will procure the BP jackets under Make in India. While 47,627 jackets will be acquired under the normal route, 15,000 jackets will be purchased under emergency procurement procedures which would be finalised in the next three to four months, the officials said.
 The procurement for 47,627 jackets would be done in phases and is expected to be completed in the next 18-24 months, they said.
 The specifications listed by the Army stated that the Bullet Proof jackets should be able to protect a soldier against 7.62 mm armour-piercing rifle ammunition as well as steel core bullets fired from a distance of 10 metres.
 In a few of the incidents in the Kashmir valley, militants used American armour-piercing bullets in encounters with security forces and were successful in breaching the Bullet Proof jackets of soldiers.
 The APBs along with the M-16 assault rifles and M-4 carbines have been left behind in huge numbers by the retreating American Army which quit Afghanistan, 20 years after it started the war against terror. Following its retreat, Afghanistan fell into Taliban control.
 The jackets being procured would be level 4 which are considered to be effective against steel core bullets and would be first provided to the troops deployed in anti-militancy operations in Jammu and Kashmir.
 Sources confirmed that the force would ensure that the jackets have been made in India and material is not sourced from any of the adversaries.
 The Bullet Proof jackets will go a long way in protecting the Army soldiers during operations (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

Main shooter held in Dera follower's murder
 JAIPUR/CHANDIGARH, Nov 20:
 A suspected shooter involved in the murder of a Dera Sacha Sauda follower was arrested following a brief encounter in a joint operation by Punjab and Rajasthan police in Ramnagar area of Jaipur, officials said today.
 The main shooter, identified as Ramjan Khan alias Raj Hooda, was injured in his leg in the shootout, said Promod Ban, head of the Anti-Gangster Task Force of the Punjab Police.
 In Jaipur, Additional DCP (East) Avanih Sharma said that Hooda was hiding in a flat with two others.
 "The accused opened fire at police personnel during the raid prompting the police to retaliate. In the exchange of fire, he was injured and has been hospitalised." (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

Light snowfall in Gulmarg, hills of North Kashmir
 Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Nov 20 : Gulmarg and parts of Kashmir received light snowfall while Kupwara and Pahalgam witnessed rain today.
 A Meteorological official said that Gulmarg, Sonamarg and parts of Kupwara, particularly Sadna Top in Tanghdar received one cm of snowfall today.
 He said Kupwara received 3.3mm and Pahalgam 0.4mm rains.
 The MeT official said Srinagar recorded a low of 3.2°C against 2.2°C the previous night. The temperature was 2.6°C above normal for the city for this time of the year.
 Qazigund recorded a low of 4.6°C against 1.8°C the previous night. The temperature was 3.8°C above normal for the town.
 In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 2.3°C against minus 1.3°C the previous night and it was 4.3°C above normal for the resort.
 Kokernag recorded a low of 4.2°C against 2.8°C the previous night and it was 4.2°C above normal for the place.
 Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.8°C against minus 1.5°C the previous night. It was 0.3°C below normal for the skiing resort in North Kashmir's Baramulla district.
 In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 3.3°C against 1.8°C the previous night. It was 3.5°C above normal for the place.
 Kargil recorded a low of minus 5.1°C, Leh minus 5.1°C and Drass, settled at minus 4.5°C.
 The MeT department has forecast mainly dry weather over Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours in Jammu and Kashmir.

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Bone & Joint Hospital misses several deadlines as work going on at snail's pace

***Now to be dedicated to public by March 2023**
Govind Sharma
 JAMMU, Nov 20: The work on 300-bedded Bone & Joint Hospital Jammu which was to be dedicated to the public by August 2022, is still incomplete as the concerned contractor has slowed down the work seeking release of funds whereas the authorities concerned has now fixed the next deadline of the project as March 2023.
 Official sources told Excelsior that foundation stone of the 300 Bone & Joint Hospital was laid on April 22, 2018 by the then Health Minister Bali Bhagat in the premises of Chest Diseases Hospital, Jammu and the construction work remain suspended for months in the year 2020 and as a result, the executing agency missed its first deadline of March 2021.
 As per the sources, the second deadline for the completion of the project was fixed as March 2022 and it was decided to dedicate the Hospital to the public by August 2022 but even 2nd deadline was missed by the executing agency. Sources said that after March 2022, the concerned contractor stopped construction work seeking release of funds for the work done as due to non-revalidation of funds, authorities failed to clear the liability of around Rs 11 crore to the contractor.
 Sources said the re-validation of funds is yet to be done by the Finance Department despite several pleas made by the GMC Jammu authorities but on the assurance of the authorities in Finance Department, the concerned contractor commenced the work in July this year. However, sources said, he has slowed down the pace of the work.
 In total, sources revealed that about 90 percent work (whether it is civil, mechanical or electrical) of the Hospital has been completed and only 10 percent is left. Regarding manpower needed to run the Hospital, they said the proposal for creation of posts of all (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

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