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Militant module busted

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Nov 22: In a major breakthrough against militant infrastructure in North Kashmir, security forces today busted a Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militant module by arresting two active LeT militants and their two important associates including a woman associate in Bandipora.
 A police spokesman said that Bandipora Police along with 13 RR of Army and CRPF during a cordon and search operation launched at Gundbal Nursery arrested two active mil-
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NIA court frames charges against 4 JeM militants

Excelsior Correspondent
 SRINAGAR, Nov 22: State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir today said that the designated Court of Additional Sessions Special Judge, NIA Court, Srinagar has framed charges against four JeM militants.
 The SIA, in a statement, said that today it presented charge sheet against four accused namely Inayat Sikender Padder son of Mohammad Sikender Padder resident of Bathipora
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Man kills 2 kin, arrested

Excelsior Correspondent
 KATHUA, Nov 22: What can be called a bizarre and inhuman act, a 40-year-old man allegedly killed his younger brother and sister in-
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 law in Chak Wazir Labzoo in Maren area of Kathua district early this morning.
 The accused identified as Raj Kumar son of Bhagat Ram has been arrested by police and booked for double murder charges.
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Pashmina, nomadic life in Ladakh's tableaux

LEH/JAMMU, Nov 22:
 The Union Territory of Ladakh's Republic Day tableaux next year would be themed on an enterprising model, depicting world famous pashmina and nomadic life, officials said today.
 The administration has invited request for proposal (RFP) for the selection of consultant for conceptualisation, design and fabrication of Ladakh Tableaux 2023.
 "The administration intends to engage consultants including firms, artists and designers to conceptualise, design and fabricate 'Ladakh tableaux 2023' on
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Panel formed for 5G rollout

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 22: The Government today ordered constitution of a Working Committee for working out modalities for using Government infrastructure/ street furniture for facilitating 5G roll out in the Union Territory of J&K.
 The Working Committee shall be headed by Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Home Department and comprises 11 Members and Special/ Additional Secretary, House & Urban Development Department as the Member Secretary.
 Administrative Secretaries of
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Hill Council delegation meets LG

Excelsior Correspondent
 LEH, Nov 22: A delegation of Executive Councillors and Councillors led by Leh Hill Council CEC Tashi Gyalton and BJP MP from Ladakh Jamyang Tsering Namgayal called on Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur today.
 The delegation briefed the Lieutenant Governor about resolution passed by the Hill Council for grant of Sixth Schedule like status to Ladakh.

71,000 youngsters get appointment letters from Modi
Thousands of youth given jobs through Rozgar Melas in J&K, Ladakh, other UTs: PM

3 Ministers distribute letters in J&K, LG in Ladakh

Sanjeev Pargal
 JAMMU, Nov 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today handed over job appointment letters to more than 71,000 youngsters, saying similar campaigns have been held in NDA-ruled States and Union Territories including Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the past one month.
 "This is the double benefit of double-engine Governments. The campaign to hand over appointment letters to the youth
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 shall continue in a sustained manner," Modi said addressing the second 'Rozgar Mela' (employment fair) organised by the Central Government.
 Union Minister of State in the PMO Dr Jitendra Singh delivered welcome address at 'Rozgar Mela' at Chhawla BSF Camp in New Delhi while three Union Ministers including Krishan Pal Gurjar, Bhanu Pratap Singh and Dr Bhagwat Krishnarao Karad attended 'Rozgar Melas' in Jammu and Kashmir. Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur distributed appointment letters at 'Rozgar Mela' at Leh.
 "Thousands of youth have been given jobs through the 'Rozgar Melas' in Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu and Chandigarh in the appointment letter to the youth of the country through 'Rozgar Melas' will continue relentlessly," the Prime Minister said.
 Modi distributed 71,056 appointment letters to recruits via video conferencing. Physical copies of appointment letters were handed over at 45 locations across the country including Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
 He said organising 'Rozgar Mela' showed the Government was working in mission mode to provide jobs to the youngsters of the country. "This huge Rozgar Mela shows how the Government is working in mission mode to provide jobs," he said.
 The Prime Minister said that despite the global pandemic and crises triggered by the war, experts around the world were optimistic about India's growth trajectory.
 "As per the experts, India has
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at 'Rozgar Mela' in New Delhi on Tuesday. More pics on page 9.

'Agri reforms best cure for sustained growth'
J&K's economy now growing quite strongly: LG

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 22: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated IFFCO's Farmer's Convention on liquid Nano Urea, at the Convention Centre, here today.
 Addressing the gathering of farmers and agricultural scientists, he said that the biggest challenge before us today is to make fertilizers more sustainable for future and ensure adequate nutrition.
 Nano Urea enhances productivity, quality, reduces CO2 emission, and increases farmer's prof-
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 itability, he added.
 "In order to meet the challenges of climate change, high farm input cost, productivity, resilience against socio-economic factors, we are implementing policies that tackle the problems and create synergies between a range of concerns and with the multiple stakeholders," Sinha said.
 He observed that J&K's economy is now growing quite strongly & Agri reform is the best cure for sustained growth. "Our steps are focused on enhancing productivity, competitiveness, removing disparities, diversification to higher value commodities, expansion of agro-processing and value chains", he added.
 Noting that relationship between administration and society is changing and people & Government are devising a new mechanism to work together, the Lt Governor stressed that farmers and officials should work together and strengthen the collaboration in order to put agri-economy on a new trajectory of growth and better implementation of reforms.
 Soil conservation is a global priority now. For better management of agricultural production, investing deeply in soil health, prevention of biodiversity loss is necessary for sustainable growth,
 said the Lt Governor.
 He underscored that Individual Farmer incomes have grown solidly over the last two years and the pace of reform has quickened recently followed by recommendations of Apex Committee on holistic development of Agriculture & allied sectors.
 Structural and attitudinal changes are reflecting in productivity performance, adaption of new technologies, expansion of public extension services and strengthening of infrastructure and operations, he added.
 "We have huge potential for processing, comparative advantage in several Agri-commodities and scope for mobilizing farmers through FPOs and SHGs to monetize produce, secure livelihood and standard of living for farmers and workers," Sinha said.
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Lt Governor Manoj Sinha speaking at the inauguration of IFFCO's Farmer's Convention.



A vendor sells traditional fire pots (Kangris) at Batamloo in Srinagar. — Excelsior/Shakeel

Qayoom, Ronga, Thoker issued notices
HC Disciplinary Committee summons 3 Advocates on Dec 17 for misconduct

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 22: The Disciplinary Committee of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has summoned three senior Advocates including Mian Abdul Qayoom, former president of Kashmir Bar Association on December 17 at Srinagar for committing professional and other misconduct under the Advocates Act, 1961.
 Besides Mian Abdul Qayoom, two other Advocates who have been summoned by the Disciplinary Committee are Nazir Ahmad Ronga and Ghulam Nabi Thoker alias Shaheen.
 "A complaint filed by Achal Sethi, Secretary to the Government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs for initiating disciplinary action against three Advocates—Mian Abdul Qayoom, Ghulam Nabi Thoker alias Shaheen and Nazir Ahmad Ronga for committing professional and other misconduct under the Advocates Act, 1961, is presented before us by the Registrar General of this court under the orders of the Chief Justice," said the summon order issued by the Disciplinary Committee comprising three Judges including Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sanjay Dhar and Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary.
 "Having gone through contents of the complaint and material placed on record, we are of the view that, prima facie, the allegations levelled by the Law Secretary against the three Advocates constitute professional and other misconduct," they observed.
 They issued notices to the three Advocates for their reply by or before next date of hearing on December 17. They also issued notice to the complainant and the Advocate General of the Union Territory.
 They said the office shall ensure that all requisite material i.e. complaint and annexures are provided to the notices.
 The complaint was filed against the three Advocates for appropriate action on the basis of detailed investigation carried out by the law enforcement agencies. The investigation report had said that Mian Abdul Qayoom is known for his anti-national and secessionist stand.
 "He has been instrumental in endorsing hartal calls and protest demonstration throughout the Kashmir valley," the investigation report stated.
 The report further revealed that in 1990, Qayoom openly came out in support of the secessionist movement and presented a memorandum to UNMOGIP Headquarters at Srinagar. He was solely responsible for making High Court Bar Association as a constituent part of All Party Hurriyat Conference and drafting the constitution of Bar Association, wherein it was provided in the aims and objectives to secure secession of J&K from Union of India.
 While recording his statement as witness in contempt petition No.11/2010 against Superintendent Kot Bhalwal Jail and others in the High Court Srinagar on April 07, 2010, Qayoom challenged the Indian
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'Elements sitting across don't digest peace in J&K'
Militancy in Kashmir down; active militants very less: DGP

Fayaz Bukhari
 SRINAGAR, Nov 22: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh today said that the number of local militants active in Kashmir has been reduced to two digit while a minuscule number of foreigners were active who are being tracked down.
 "As far as the status of militancy is concerned, the number of active local militants has been brought to just two digit. Very less foreign militants are active as of now," Singh told reporters on the sidelines of his visit to North Kashmir's Baramulla town.
 "Anti-militancy operations are going on and very soon remaining militants will be eliminated as well," he added.
 He said that at one point of time, North Kashmir was badly affected by the militancy and at present. "This place is almost peaceful and there is less influence of militancy now," he added.
 About hybrid militancy, he said it has been a challenge as the handlers across the border had been luring the young boys, giving them weapons and targets.
 "We have largely succeeded in facing this challenge and this year so far, over 100 modules of hybrid militants were busted across J&K," he added.
 On Kashmir Fight blog, he said that some elements sitting across the LoC can't digest the peace prevailing in Kashmir and hence continue to issue threats to police, media men and even public representatives.
 "It is the media that has to take the call. Media men don't need to worry as we have already lodged a case against the blog and people
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DGP Dilbag Singh speaking.

'Situation undergoes major change after 370 abrogation'
300 militants present in J&K, 160 others waiting to sneak: Army Comdr

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 22: Northern Command chief Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi today said around 300 militants are present in Jammu and Kashmir, while 160 others are waiting on the launch pads for an opportunity to sneak into this side from across the Line of Control (LoC) in Pakistan.
 However, he said, the security situation in the Union Territory has undergone a major change after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 and terrorist activities have been controlled to a large extent.
 "Around 300 militants are present in length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir but we are pads in Pakistan, Lt Gen Dwivedi said around 160 militants are present across the Line of Control - 130 in north of Pir Panchal (Kashmir valley) and 30
 Targeted killings show Pak's frustration
 in south of Pir Panchal.
 "As per our data, 82 Pakistani militants and 53 local militants are active in the hinterland, while the area of the concern is the criminal activities of 170 others who are not identified," he said.
 Reacting to Defence
 Minister Rajnath Singh's recent statement hinting at retrieving Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK), Lt Gen Dwivedi said a Parliamentary resolution exists on the subject, therefore it is nothing new.
 On security situation in Kashmir, the Army Commander said it has undergone a major change after the abrogation of Article 370 and the civil administration is doing a great job to ensure peace and development and making sure terrorism is put on back seat.
 "All the trend lines which were there, are coming down (post abrogation of Article 370), to the extent, and today peace
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Lt Gen Dwivedi speaking.

Step taken to ensure transparency in implementation of CSS
Ombudsmen under MGNREGA to look into complaints relating to PMAY-G also

Mohinder Verma
 Quarterly reports about corrective actions to be submitted
 RH-Pol dated September 15, 2022 asked for availing the services of Ombudsmen appointed under MGNREGA for redressal of PMAY-G related complaints and grievances.
 "The services of Ombudsmen appointed as per the provisions of Section 30, Schedule 1 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 should be utilized for redressal of complaints and grievances relating to PMAY-G also and necessary orders in this regard should be issued", read the communication of the Union Ministry addressed to J&K Government.
 An order issued by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj read: "Ombudsmen under MGNREGA shall act as grievance redressal forums for PMAY-G with the same geographical jurisdiction as assigned under MGNREGA. The institution of Ombudsmen seeks to provide people a scope to get redressal for their grievances through designated persons, who are autonomous from the administrative system within which they faced such grievances".
 The Ombudsmen will receive complaints from PMAY-G beneficiaries and others on any matter specified under the Clause-7 (grounds on which complaint can be filed) and complaints will be considered and orders passed within 30 days from the receipt of the complaint, read the directions issued by the Government.
 The Ombudsmen have been empowered to seek relevant documents/certified copies on the subject matter of the complaint from the officials for considering such complaints and facilitate their disposal in accordance with PMAY-G guidelines. The Ombudsmen will suggest redressal, disciplinary and corrective actions and send quarterly regular reports to the Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for appropriate action.
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Drone droppings down, says IG BSF
Intruder killed, another held as BSF foils infiltration bids

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Nov 22: The BSF foiled two infiltration bids along the International Border (IB) in Jammu frontier early today, killing an intruder and arresting another.
 "At about 2.30 am today, alert BSF troops noticed suspicious movement of an intruder near the International Border in Arnia sector (of R S Pura area). The intruder crossed over to the Indian side from IB and started moving towards the fence", Inspector General of BSF, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora told reporters at the force headquarters here.
 He said troops warned the intruder many times not to move forward but he didn't pay any heed and kept aggressively mov-
 ing toward the fence.
 "On this, BSF troops fired and neutralised the intruder and thwarted the infiltration attempt", he said.
 In the second incident, BSF troops observed suspicious movement along the IB in Indreshwar Nagar around 4.30 am.
 "In this case, when the intruder tried to cross the border fence, he was challenged. He raised his hands to surrender and was nabbed", he said.
 However, in the evening, the intruder was repatriated to Pakistani Rangers at a flag meeting on the IB.
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BSF jawans on high alert in Arnia sector on Tuesday. — Excelsior/Rakesh