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## Nadda likely to get extension till LS polls

NEW DELHI, Oct 9:

BJP president J P Nadda is likely to continue at the helm at least till the 2024 Lok Sabha polls as the party top brass believes that a sense of organisational continuity will help it in a string of key Assembly polls in the coming months and the next general election.

Nadda's three-year term will end in January next year, and the BJP parliamentary board, its apex body, is expected to endorse an extension for him before that, sources said.

With organisational polls in BJP State units yet to start, it is obvious that he will continue at the helm, they noted.

The party rules stipulate that organisational polls should be over in at least half of its state units before the election of its national president.

His predecessor Amit Shah also got an extension as the party wanted him to continue during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

It was only after the Parliamentary elections were over that the organisational polls began and Nadda was elected unopposed with Shah

### \*BJP looks for continuity

joining the Union Cabinet during Narendra Modi's second stint as the Prime Minister. A Modi confidant who also



requires navigating a fresh set of challenges every now and then, with the State poll cycle always on the move, party sources said.

Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are among the important States where Assembly polls will be held this year and the next.

With the Prime Minister keenly invested in the BJP's organisational functioning and Shah also playing a critical role, especially in some of the more politically crucial States, Nadda is credited for driving the coordination and implementing strategies for its expansion, they added.

The BJP has notched up several important poll successes with Nadda at the helm, including retaining power in States like Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and putting up an impressive show in Bihar.

The big loss in West Bengal last year was, however, a low, while it has emerged as a strong force in Telangana. (PTI)

### H&ME seeks report on complaint against CMO

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: The Health and Medical Education Department has sought factual report on a complaint by a female staff against the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Budgam.

The H&ME Department has received a complaint from the female staff of the medical profession against Dr Tajamul Hussain, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Budgam.

In this regard, the H&ME has written to the Director of Health Services Kashmir

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### Two LeT militants booked under PSA

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: Two Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militant associates were booked under Public Safety Act (PSA) by authorities in Bandipora district today.

Police said that two militant associates of LeT were detained under the PSA. They include Ishaq Majeed Dar son of Abdul Majeed Dar alias Salahudin, resident of Saderkoot Bala in Bandipora district.

"He was a hard-core anti national element and was in touch with militants in Pakistan occupied Kashmir. He was given the task by his handlers

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### One killed, 2 hurt in car mishap

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Oct 9: One person was killed and two others sustained injuries after a Safari car rolled down into deep gorge at Layee area of Padder here today.

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As per police sources, a Safari car bearing registration number JK14D-1151 was on its way to Machail from Udhampur when the driver lost control over the vehicle and it rolled down into deep gorge at Layee

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**WEATHER**  
**JAMMU:**  
 Mainly dry  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 30.4 Degree C  
 Min: 22.4 Degree C  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
 RH-I (Morning): 90.0 per cent  
 RH-II (Evening): 70.0 per cent  
 Sunset on Monday: 06.06 p.m.  
 Sunrise on Tuesday: 06.33 a.m.  
**SRINAGAR:**  
 Mainly clear  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 26.7 Degree C  
 Min: 8.2 Degree C  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
 RH-I (Morning): 66.0 per cent  
 RH-II (Evening): 42.0 per cent  
**LEH:**  
**TEMPERATURE**  
 Max: 17.8 Degree C  
 Min: 2.3 Degree C

## IGP Traffic's assurance to fruit growers

### Clear stranded trucks on NH within 24 hours: CS

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct 9: In a marathon meeting held today to take stock of traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway Chief

Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta impressed upon the concerned traffic authorities to clear the stranded traffic within 24 hours and certify the same at the earliest.

The meeting was virtually attended by the Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production; Additional Chief Secretary, Home, both the Divisional Commissioners, Secretary Transport; IG Traffic; Deputy Commissioner and other senior officers from Traffic Department and those from NHAI.

The Chief Secretary directed the Traffic Department to formulate a viable plan for smooth movement of traffic on the highway in association with fruit growers. He asked them to ensure that the fruit laden trucks

leaving from Valley should reach their destinations taking appropriate time without any undue delay.

Dr Mehta urged them to submit daily reports to his office about the travel time and number of vehicles reaching Jammu or Srinagar leaving from opposite directions. He enjoined upon them to publish daily the number of vehicles stranded including place and reasons thereof. He asked them to simultaneously give time required for restoration of the normal traffic on this road.

The traffic management authorities were asked to augment manpower from all sources to regulate traffic efficiently. He stressed on enforcing lane discipline on this highway especially on critical stretches between Banihal and Ramban. He underscored the need of ensuring that no road side parking is allowed except at designated parking spaces only.

For seasonal migration, the (Contd on page 4 Col 1)



## Admn to set process in motion shortly

### Govt likely to regularize all colonies of PoJK refugees in Jammu's outskirts

### \*Centre's nod after BJP leaders pursue demand

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Oct 9: The Jammu and Kashmir Government is likely to regularize erstwhile 52 camps which were gradually converted into 12-odd colonies in Jammu outskirts in which Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) refugees had settled after their migration in 1947. The Government decision, when implemented, will lead to development of the colonies and will vest all kind of rights on the inhabitants.

Only few days back, the Government had set the exercise in motion to grant land rights to West Pakistani refugees which were denied to them for last 75 years since they settled here after migration from Pakistan.

Sources told the Excelsior that majority of PoJK refugees were given 7 Marla plots with land rights in different parts of Jammu on their migration but a number of them stayed in tents at Bhour Camp, Chatha, Miran Sahib, Gadigarh, Ranibagh,

Badyal Brahmana, RS Pura, Indira Nagar, Brij Nagar etc.

"At that time, tented colonies were set up at 52 places for the PoJK refugees which gradually were converted into dozen-odd colonies with people themselves constructing one or two rooms for them. However, these colonies were never regularized, as a result of which the people couldn't get any kind of rights there," the sources said.

BJP UT president Ravinder Raina and party's national secretary Narinder Singh took up the issue with the Central Government giving detailed briefing on the plight of PoJK refugees whose colonies have not been regularized so far.

Raina confirmed that the Central Government has agreed to the demand and assured them that the Jammu and Kashmir Government will shortly set the process in motion for regularization of the colonies inhabited by the PoJK refugees.

Narinder Singh said the Government decision will con-

fer different kind of rights upon the PoJK refugees once their colonies are regularized as promised by the Centre.

Official sources confirmed that process for regularization of PoJK inhabitants' colonies has been set in motion and details will be available shortly.

The Central Government has already distributed Rs 5.5 lakh compensation per family among PoJK and West Pakistani refugees.

"The Government decision to regularize colonies of PoJK refugees which will give them advantage to many facilities will be another morale booster for the displaced persons of 1947," the sources said.

They wondered that the Governments which ruled at the Centre and Jammu and Kashmir for 70 years paid no focus towards PoJK and West Pakistani refugees as issues like regularization of colonies remained pending for more than seven decades.

As far as the West Pakistani (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

## 2426 Dengue cases reported so far in J&K, 2092 alone in Jammu distt

Govind Sharma

### \*Most of cases being logged in urban areas

JAMMU, Oct 9: The Dengue cases are on surge in Jammu and Kashmir as over 2400 cases have been reported so far this year from various parts of the Union Territory with Jammu district topping the chart as more than 80% of the total cases have been reported alone from Jammu district and most of them from urban areas.

Official sources told Excelsior that a total of 9487 tests for Dengue have been conducted so far this year in J&K and out of which 2426 reported positive. Elaborating more, they said that out of total 2426 cases, only 3 cases have been reported from Kashmir region and that too of non-locals while 5 cases of locals were reported from

other States/UTs.

Giving district wise data, sources said that more than 80 percent cases of Dengue have been reported from Jammu district and a majority of the cases have been logged in urban areas, particularly Rehari, Sarwal, Paloura and Janipur. They said a total of 2092 cases have been reported from Jammu district, 81 from Samba district, 71 from Udhampur, 47 each from Kathua and Reasi districts, 28 from Doda, 17 from Ramban, 16 from Rajouri, 14 from Poonch and 5 from Kishtwar district.

Sources further informed that a total of 270 tests for Dengue were conducted today

in the Union Territory and out of these 77 were found positive. They said the intensity of the Dengue spread in Jammu can be gauged from the fact that out of 77 cases reported today, 75 belong to Jammu while only one each were reported from Samba and Ramban districts. Of the 77 cases, they said 67 were adults and 10 children.

They said most of the Dengue cases in the UT were reported in the month of September. They further revealed that 37 cases were reported on October 3, 82 on October 4, 46 on October 5, 72

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### Says Rs 200 cr saved annually

## End of Darbar Move practice finds prominent space in Centre's magazine

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 9: The end of 149-year-old Darbar Move practice in Jammu and Kashmir has prominently found a place in fortnightly Government magazine 'Samachar' which says it has resulted into annual savings of Rs 200 crore.

The 'Samachar' magazine which covers prominent national subjects has given half page to end of Darbar Move practice with the title "End of Darbar System in Jammu and Kashmir".

"The 149-year-old Darbar Move practice involving shifting the capital between Srinagar and Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir was abolished in June 2021," it said, adding "it used to be a complicated process in which files

were moved from one place to another".

It said because of the two bi-annual capitals, all goods were transported by trucks and, as a result, Government spending increased.

"Its abolition enabled annual savings of approximately Rs 200 crore," the Samachar said. Asserting that tradition of changing the capital was started by the Dogra ruler Gulab Singh in 1862, it said Gulab Singh was the ancestor of Maharaja Hari Singh.

"At the time of Hari Singh, Jammu and Kashmir became a part of India," the magazine said in its article.

It may be mentioned here that bi-annual Darbar Move practice was stopped in June 2021 by the Jammu and Kashmir

Government as it involved lot of expenditure.

As per the practice, the Civil Secretariat and some other Government offices used to function for six months of Summer in Srinagar and six months of winter in Jammu.

The people of Jammu had to travel to Srinagar during summer for any kind of work in Civil Secretariat while similar was the case with people of Kashmir who had to come to Jammu during winters to pursue their files in Jammu.

However, now the Civil Secretariat functions from both Jammu and Srinagar.

The Government estimates revealed that nearly Rs 200 crore were spent on Darbar Move practice every year which have been saved by ending the shifting.

## Real fight is against BJP, RSS: Kharge

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Oct 9: Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge today said that his contest with Shashi Tharoor for the post of party president was aimed at putting forth their viewpoints for the betterment of the country and the party while Congress' real fight was against BJP and the RSS.

Kharge said this during an interaction with party delegates

\*Watch video on www.excelsionews.com

at Congress office at Srinagar and Jammu, where he sought their support for the AICC presidential election.

Kharge, a Rajya Sabha MP took a dig at BJP saying that nobody knows when and how elections of president are held in BJP, so what right the party

### 'Contest with Tharoor for betterment of country, Cong'

has to raise questions about others especially, Congress which is the oldest and largest democratic party in the country.

"Congress is the largest democratic party in the country where elections are held right from booth level upwards to the AICC president, if there is a



Senior Congress leader, Mallikarjun Kharge addressing party delegates at Jammu on Sunday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

contest, like present one but nobody knows how the elections are held in BJP," he remarked.

Kharge said that elections are held with complete trans-

parency and freedom in the Congress party as per Constitution and every eligible delegate is free to contest for any post including the Congress president (AICC) but I have never heard any such election in the BJP for the post of president. However, they continue to raise

questions about Congress.

Reacting to the BJP's charge that the Congress only talks about dividing the country, the Cong veteran said, "If the coun-

try is prospering today, it is because of the Congress party. Our leaders have given so much to the country," he added.

"Wherever BJP says, it talks about dividing the nation, and never talks about uniting the nation. We talk about uniting the nation, society and bring all together and want to safeguard the constitution of the country so that it will function as a democracy," he said.

When asked about PM Modi saying that Congress has done nothing, he asked whether PM Narendra Modi and Shah helped in getting the country its independence.

"They were not even born then. Congress party leaders like Mahatma Gandhi fought for it. Pandit Jawaharlal (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

## LG's Admn must expose names of those involved in recruitment scam: Mehbooba

Gopal Sharma

### ■BJP trampling democracy, betraying Jammu people

JAMMU, Oct 9: Targeting BJP for trampling democracy in the country, former J&K Chief Minister and PDP president, Mehbooba Mufti today said that this party has betrayed the people of Jammu region in every respect and installed people from outside at important positions in the Union Territory.

Addressing a party meeting here today, Mehbooba Mufti

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said BJP always speaks to Jammu people claiming that they will make a CM from Jammu. " If BJP leaders are so true to their words, commitment and sincere towards people of Jammu, they should have



PDP president Mehbooba Mufti waving to party workers during a meeting in Jammu. -Excelsior/Rakesh

these positions?" Mehbooba asked.

"At least they should have installed Dr Karan Singh as Governor or Lt Governor of the Jammu and Kashmir or any body else. Even they brought any body capable in J&K for

outside. They targeted former Chairman of the J&K Bank from Kashmir but they even failed to bring a Bank Chairman from Jammu region and inducted outsider," the former CM alleged.

"Today nobody in the administration listens to the general public. The people not only from Kashmir but from Jammu who rendered massive support to BJP in 2014 are badly suffering. This party has betrayed even the people of Jammu. Late Mufti Sahib had joined hands with BJP respecting people's verdict as Jammu people had given massive mandate to this party. But the people are today repenting and feeling duped," Mufti alleged.

She pointed out that BJP is (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

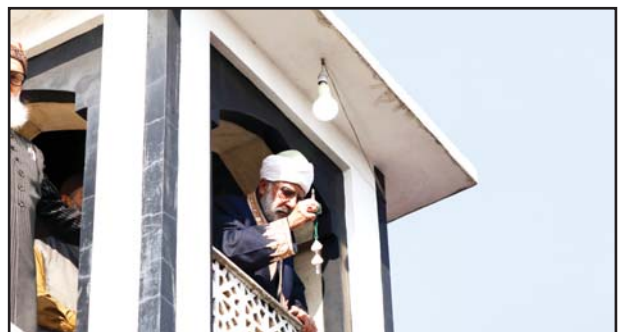
## Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) celebrated with religious fervour in Kashmir

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi-the day which marks the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW)-was today celebrated with religious gaiety while special prayers were held at all the major Masjids and shrines across Kashmir.

The entire focus during the

day remained on Dargah Hazratbal where the people, including women, elderly people, and children, participated in all 5 prayers of the day with huge participation. People from various parts of



Holy relic being displayed at Hazratbal shrine on Sunday. -Excelsior/Shakeel

Valley thronged Hazratbal throughout the day and for them, the authorities had put in place the necessary transport arrangements as well. After the culmination of every prayer, the Holy Relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was displayed for the faithful who attended in thousands.

The management of Dargah Hazratbal said the display of the

Holy Relic will continue coming Friday and that the people will have the opportunity of getting to see the Holy Relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) once again.

On the occasion, as per reports, several Milad processions were taken out across Kashmir in which elders, as well as children, participated with enthusiasm, while as the religious scholars shed light on the life of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW), his influence on the world history and also impressed on the need for Muslims to emulate Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to lead a better and successful life. The officials said that apart

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## AC approves disinvestment proposal for JKCL

Excelsior Correspondent

### Govt to takeover all employees

SRINAGAR, Oct 9: After exploring all possibilities for revival of the Jammu and Kashmir Cements Limited, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal for disinvestment of Jammu and Kashmir Cements Limited

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor and Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting.

The disinvestment in the JK Cements was necessitated as the company was not able to sustain

and manage its finances properly and maintain efficiencies of operations over the period of time. The company was also not able to fully exploit the potential and sustain stiff competition in the market despite having dedicated limestone mining leases at its disposal.

In spite of enjoying economy of scales, the company failed to show requisite growth and generate cash flows and operating margins during the last more than two decades," an official spokesman said.

The company despite having assured demand from

Government against advance payments has not grown even marginally over the long period of time and has rather shown sharp decline in its production and revenues from 2012-13 onwards. Managerial and financial inefficiencies, coupled with failure to exploit locational advantage, has made the company defunct further depreciating plant and machinery without any resultant productivity, he added.

The company had not only accumulated losses but is also burdened with liabilities on account of salaries and outstanding wages and payments in addition to default in statutory (Contd on page 4 Col 3)