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Pak EC disqualifies Imran Khan

ISLAMABAD, Oct 21: In a major setback to former Prime Minister Imran Khan, Pakistan's top election body today disqualified him from holding public office for five years in the Toshakhana case for hiding proceeds from the sale of gifts he received from foreign leaders.

After the consensus ruling by a four-member bench headed by Chief Election Commissioner Sikander Sultan Raja, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman cannot

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'Terrorism biggest violation of human rights' Stone pelters now participating in J&K's development: Shah

JAMMU, Oct 21: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said today that situation in major security theatres has improved and it is such in Jammu and Kashmir that those who used to pelt stones earlier have now become Sarpanchs and Panchs and were participating in development activities across the Union Territory.

Describing terrorism as biggest violation of human rights, he said in order to fight



cross-border terrorism, cross-border cooperation is very important and all countries must agree on the definition of terrorism and terrorist.

He said this while speaking in two different functions today in the Union capital including National Police Commemoration Day and 90th Interpol General Assembly on its concluding day.

"The situation in Jammu and Kashmir is such that those who used to pelt stones earlier have now become Sarpanchs and Panchs and were participating in development of the Union Territory in a democratic manner," Shah said.

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HC upholds 2 PSAs, quashes 5

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: The High Court today upheld the two detention orders passed under Public Safety Act (PSA) and quashed five others with the direction to release the detainees from preventive custody.

Upholding the detention

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Mehbooba asked to vacate residence

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: The Government has asked former Chief Minister and People's

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'Each teardrop of families will be avenged' Action to be taken against people justifying violence: LG

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that action will be taken against such people who are trying to justify violence for their self-interest.

While addressing the Police Commemoration Day function at Zewan here, the LG assured that strict action would be taken against anybody 'jeopardising' the country's integrity with their statements or actions.

"If anybody jeopardises the nation's integrity by their state-



ment or acts then action will be taken against them under the purview of law," he added.

Sinha's remarks came days after National Conference president Farooq Abdullah alleged that incidents of targeted killings by militants in Jammu and Kashmir are not going to stop "until justice is served."

"This will never stop until justice is served. Earlier, they said such killings were happening due to Article 370, but it's abrogated now, so why such killings haven't stopped? Who's responsible?" Abdullah said on October 17.

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J&K Bank's Q2 profit up by Rs 243.49 cr

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: J&K Bank's net profit has gone up by 119% Year-on-Year (YoY) basis at Rs. 243.49 cr in September quarter of current financial year when compared to Rs 111.09 cr recorded for the corresponding quarter previous year, while as, its half-yearly (H1) profit rose by 90% to Rs 409.46 cr from Rs 215.41 cr recorded for H1 last year.

The Bank announced its financial numbers after its Board-of-Directors reviewed and approved the quarterly and



Headquarters.

The Bank's Net Interest Income (NII) is up 24% YoY at Rs 1204.12 cr for the September quarter and 15% up at Rs 2238.35 cr for the half year compared to corresponding periods of previous year, while the operating profit rose YoY basis by 56% and 29% for respective periods.

The Bank's NIM has also improved to 4.04% against 3.51% recorded for the corresponding quarter last year, while as the return on assets has improved to 0.71% for the quarter and 0.62% for the HY. The Bank's steadily moderating cost-to-income ratio has also come down to 64.19% for the Q2 from the

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Militant arrested in Bandipora

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: Security forces today arrested a militant of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) in Bandipora and recovered arms and ammunition from his possession.

Police said that acting on specific information regarding movement of militants in

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BJP marks thumping victory in JMC Mayor, Dy Mayor elections

Protest, boycott by Cong; media disallowed



Rajinder Sharma, Councillor of Ward number 16 (New Plot area) to bag the coveted seat of Mayor and Baldev Singh Billowria, Councillor of Ward number 56 (Gangyal area) to get that of Deputy Mayor.

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