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Number of roads, bridges fall in J&K, Ladakh

Rajnath to e-inaugurate 75 projects from Leh tomorrow, review situation on LAC

Road connectivity up to Zero Line on IB achieved: Dr Jitendra

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Oct 26: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will dedicate 75 projects to the nation, a number of them falling in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, from village Shyok in Leh district of Ladakh on October 28 during which he will also review situation prevailing along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh.

Rajnath will visit Kashmir on October 27 during which he will attend Infantry Day celebrations at Budgam and review security situation on the Line of

Control (LoC) with Pakistan at 15 Corps Headquarters.

Rajnath will inaugurate 75 projects including roads constructed along the International Border and LoC with Pakistan and LAC with China in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh through video conferencing. The projects are of very vital importance for the troops as well as the civilians.

Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh in whose Parliamentary constituency of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda seven bridges are being inaugurated, will also join the function through video confer-

encing from New Delhi as he is camping in Uttar Pradesh.

Seven bridges scheduled for e-inauguration by the Defence Minister in Kathua district of Dr Jitendra Singh's constituency include Jantriya, Konyali-I, Konyali-II, Chenab Badi, Pakka Kotha, Challa Nallah and Benadi.

In Jammu, Satarimandal-Makwal road will be inaugurated by Rajnath Singh while three projects are scheduled for launch in the border district of Rajouri.

Commenting on inauguration of 10 percent of total projects in his Parliamentary seg-

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Reiterate 4 major demands

LAB, KDA announce agitational schedule

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 26: The Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) today held a joint meeting in Leh after quite a long time and announced agitational schedule in support of their

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demands saying the Central Government hasn't paid any heed towards them, the assurances notwithstanding.

Meeting of senior leaders lasted three hours.

Addressing a press conference post-meeting, LAB leaders including Thupstan Chhewang and Chering Dorjay Lakrook and KDA representatives Qamar Ali Akhoun and Haji Asgar Ali

Karbalaie among others said that there will be a massive protest by the students on October 29 in both districts of Leh and Kargil which will be supported by the Apex Body as well as KDA. It will be followed by a huge protest on November 2.

They announced launch of sustained agitation in Ladakh in 2023 and 2024 starting January 2023.

The Apex Body and KDA leaders charged the Central Government with neglecting the demands raised by Ladakhis repeatedly.

"Neglect of the demands by the Central Government has left the people unhappy," they said.

Demands reiterated by the representatives of Leh and (Contd on page 9 Col 7)

PoK suffers from extreme poverty, ailing economy: LG

J&K economy takes quantum leap after 370 abrogation

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct 26: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today released Sheikh Khalid Jehangir's book "The Two Kashmiris".

The Lt Governor commended the author for effectively countering the false propaganda and calling out the lies and duplicity of Pakistan.

This book sheds light on harsh realities of Pakistan occupied Kashmir, where people are deprived of basic amenities, infrastructure, investment and



Welfare schemes. It has been kept in complete darkness for last 75 years, he said.

Sinha, speaking on the transformational journey of J&K said, "While the abrogation of Article 370 has brought a new dawn of hope to the aspirations of the people of J&K UT and the overall economy has taken a quantum leap, the Pakistan occupied

Kashmir suffers from extreme poverty and an ailing economy".

The poverty stricken country which failed to provide even basic facilities to its people continues to make nefarious attempts to mislead our youth. The society needs to identify and unmask Pakistan and its Sympathizers, he added.

"The days of separatism, terrorism, corruption and dynastic politics are over in J&K. Article 370 and dynastic politics had deliberately deprived the people of UT. Now, it's a new dawn of peace and progress. J&K has set new trends in development. Today, common people have become partner in J&K's developmental journey," said the Lt Governor.

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For the first time, languages interface of GAD's website to be launched shortly

All contents to be available in English, Hindi, Urdu

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, Oct 26: For the first time, the languages interface of the website of the General Administration Department of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is going to be launched shortly as translation work has been completed with the active support of the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

Moreover, a panel of officers is working out the modalities for use of official languages in the preparation of orders, notification and other important documents by other Government departments to achieve the man-

date behind the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act passed by the Parliament in the month of September 2020.

In Section 3 of the Act, it has been mentioned that with effect from such date as the Administrator (Lieutenant Governor) may, by notification in the official gazette, appoint in this behalf, the Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi and English languages shall be the official languages to be used for all or any of the official purposes of the Union Territory.

It has also been mentioned that English language may continue to be used for those administrative and legislative purposes in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for which it was

being used before the commencement of the Act.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR that Official Language Section, which was created in the General Administration Department in the month of December 2020, with the active assistance of J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages has completed the translation of Statutory Orders, Government Orders and other important documents of the General Administration Department as desired by the authorities concerned into Hindi and Urdu languages.

Moreover, Information (Contd on page 9 Col 5)

Modi to address 'Chintan Shivir'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 26: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address and Union Home Minister Amit Shah will preside over 'Chintan Shivir' of Home Ministers, Home Secretaries and Director Generals of Police (DGPs) from across the States

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Karra among 47-Member SC replaces CWC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 26: After taking over as the new Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge today set up a 47-member Steering Committee that includes former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, the party's

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Pak trying to disrupt peace, harmony in Kashmir: Army

Infiltration bid foiled along LoC in Karnah

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Oct 26: Army today said that Pakistan was trying to disrupt peace and harmony in Kashmir while putting on the facade of ceasefire as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara

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Video on www.excelsiornews.com

Police said that it along with Army foiled an infiltration bid in Sudhpura along the LoC in Karnah area by neutralising a militant of the LeT.

A statement of the police said that at about 0100hrs, based

on specific input about possible attempts of infiltration, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by police and Army in Sudhpura area of Karnah Kupwara.

"During the search operation, an infiltrator was challenged by the joint party who started firing indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said.

In the ensuing encounter, one militant of the LeT was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of encounter. He was identified as Mohammad Shakoor son of Mohammad Yaqoob resident of Syedpora Leepa of Pakistan

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