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RBI seeks info on accounts of 10 militants

MUMBAI, Oct 27: The Reserve Bank today asked banks and other financial institutions to report to the Government details about accounts resembling 10 individuals who have been designated as terrorists by the Union Home Ministry earlier this month.

On October 4, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had designated a total of 10 members of Hizbul Mujahideen (HM), Lashkar-e- (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

KPs continue to be refugees: Rahul

NEW DELHI, Oct 27: Hitting out at the Centre over the alleged exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from Kashmir, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi today said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is enjoying power while members of the minority community continue to be refugees in their own country.

The BJP has ruined the good work done by the UPA, the former Congress chief said. "There have been 30 target-

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Dengue claims 2 more lives

JAMMU, Oct 27: With two more persons succumbing to dengue fever in Jammu and Kashmir, death toll due to the vector-borne disease in this season has reached to nine while as 15,679 people have been found positive for this dreaded disease till date in the Union Territory.

Giving information about the recent two deaths, official sources told Excelsior that a 26-year-old female belonging to Nai Basti (Gajansoo, Jammu) (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

TDS deadline extended

NEW DELHI, Oct 27: The Central Board of Direct Taxes today extended the deadline for filing quarterly TDS statement in Form 26Q for the June quarter by a month till November 30.

Form 26Q is used for quarterly filing of TDS returns on payments other than salary. "Considering the difficulties in filing of TDS statement in the revised and updated Form 26Q, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the due date of filing (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

GF posters found in Samba areas

SAMBA, Oct 27: Posters of Ghaznavi Force, an outfit of banned militant organization Jaish-e-Mohammed have surfaced in Bari Brahmana and Tarore areas of Samba district today.

The threatening posters have been put up at 6 to 7 different places, including the main gate of the park made by Bari Brahmana Municipal Committee and boards outside the accommodation center built for Baba Amarnath Yatris at Tarore, on different walls at (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

'Overburdened' staff keeps 'show running' as staff shortage hits JKAACL

* Delayed RTI reply demands Rs 20K for info

Sanjeev K Sharma
 JAMMU, Oct 27: Believe it or not, for the last 13 years there is acute staff shortage at Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) in J&K with 26 vacant posts for Gazetted Officers and the Government run cultural body is having a total shortage of 116 staffers which also include 72 non-Gazetted and 18 Class-IV employees and this shortage of employees has directly resulted in overburdening of the existing staff which is presently overworking to keep the show running. As per the documentary evidence available with the Excelsior, the vacant positions

'Pak resorting to torture, harassment' India committed to retrieve PoJK from Pakistan: Rajnath

Fayaz Bukhari

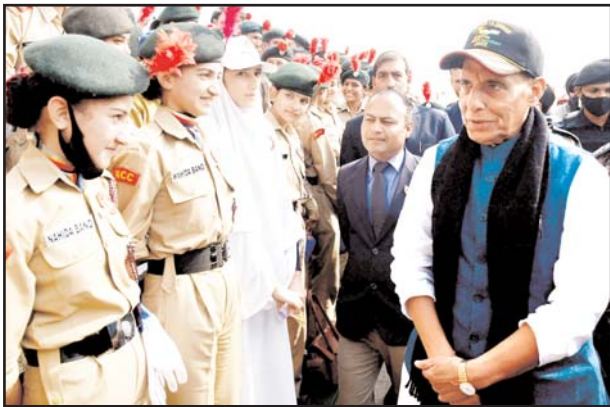
SRINAGAR, Oct 27: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today said that India is committed to retrieve Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) from Pakistan and accused the neighbouring country of "resorting to torture and harassment" in the region.

Addressing the Infantry Day function in Srinagar, Singh said that India is committed to implement the 1994 resolution passed in the Parliament about retrieving the part of Kashmir "under illegal occupation of Pakistan."

* Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

"Pakistan Government is sowing the seeds of hatred in PoJK and time is not far when people will resort to mass rebellion there," he said.

He said that India is committed to implement the resolution passed in the Parliament about retrieving Kashmir under illegal occupation of Pakistan including Gilgit and Baltistan. "People of PoJK are being



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacting with NCC cadets during the 75th anniversary of Infantry Day in Budgam on Thursday. -Excelsior/Shakeel

deprived of all basic rights and we are fully aware of it," he said.

The Defence Minister said the dream of Sardar Valabhbhai Patel will be fulfilled when all refugees of 1947 will get their land and homes back. "And I assure you that day will come..." Singh added.

He said that post Article 370 revocation, Jammu and Kashmir is marching towards success, peace and prosperity. "Before rolling back Article 370, Kashmiri society was

divided into segments, but post August 5, 2019, all sections of society are collectively marching towards success and prosperity. This was just a beginning," he added.

Singh said revocation of Article 370 started a new beginning in J&K. "People of J&K reposed great hope and supported the full integration of J&K with the Union of India. J&K and Ladakh UTs are flourishing with every section of society getting their due rights," he

added. He said in 1947, the Indian Army gave a befitting reply to enemies who tried to play mischief by occupying Kashmir illegally. "I pray great tribute to the Infantry regiments of the Indian Army who offered supreme sacrifices by pushing the invaders back," said Singh.

He said the Infantry Day reminds "us to renew our pledge to root out our enemies and protect the country's sovereignty." Singh hailed the soldiers for their valour and commitment towards protecting the borders and taking the country to new heights.

"This Shaurya Diwas inspires us to take a resolution that no matter what the situation may be in the future, no matter how many divisive forces come before us, we should take our nation to new heights by answering them in their own language," the Defence Minister said.

Singh said that everyone knows how much Pakistan, which sheds crocodile tears in the name of human rights, cares (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

'Had Nehru acted in time, there would have been no PoJK' Installing Sheikh in power was more important for Nehru than accession: LM

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Oct 27: Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju today elaborated on five Nehruvian blunders in Kashmir and asserted that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who corrected them by nullifying Article 370, which granted erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir the special status.

He used the 75th anniversary of Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India to further "expose" Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of the country and a Congress leader. Few days back also, Rijiju had tweeted

quotes from the history to say that it was Nehru who delayed Jammu and Kashmir's accession to India.

In an article written today, Rijiju cited "five Nehruvian blunders" including rejecting Maharaja Hari Singh's request for accession in July 1947 itself to advance a personal agenda, declaring eventful accession as provisional, approaching United Nations Organisation under Article 35 and not Article 51, letting the myth perpetrate that UN mandate plebiscite was in any way an open question and institutionalizing the separatist mindset by creating Article 370. "Seven decades were lost

due to these Nehruvian blunders and India paid a have price," he said and added that finally, history took a turn in 2019 when India First was the only guiding principle and Prime Minister Narendra Modi undid the five "Kashmir blunders of Nehru" by annulling Article 370 and fully integrating Jammu and Kashmir with India.

"It was important to realise past mistakes to build a new future. I haven't tweaked history but stated facts to set the record straight," the Law and Justice Minister said.

He said a historical lie has been perpetrated for past seven

Soldier martyred; militant arrested in Baramulla

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: A soldier who was critically injured in Baramulla gun battle yesterday succumbed today and a local militant was apprehended and hunt for another Pakistani militant is on while a militant was killed in another gun battle in Kulgam.

An official said that yesterday afternoon the security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Wanseeran Taripora in the Sheeri area of Baramulla following information about the presence of militants.

The search operation turned into an encounter after militants fired on the security forces who retaliated ensuing encounter in which one jawan of 52 RR was injured and was evacuated for

Militant killed in Kulgam encounter

medical treatment, who later attained martyrdom. "One militant of LeT Nisar Ahmad Bhat son of Mohammad

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Akbar Bhat of Shrakwara Kreeri, District Baramulla was apprehended," police said, adding that another militant of LeT, Usman of Pakistan, who is wanted in various cases, is being pursued.

"One modified AKS 74, one magazine, 28 rounds among other incriminating materials have been recovered from the apprehended militant," the offi-

cial said. Additional Director General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar said: "Foreign militant Usman Bhai who managed to escape from an encounter in which Yousuf Kantroo along with two more militants were killed in Malwah is still at large in injured condition and search for him is going on."

The Defence spokesman identified the martyred soldier as Kulbushan Manta. "The braveheart is survived by his wife, Neetu Kumari. The mortal remains of the braveheart will be sent for the last rites to his native

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A villager shows dry fruits and fruits including Japanese fruit grown in Bhomag area of Reasi district. -Excelsior/Romesh Mengi

'Modi Govt follows zero tolerance policy against terrorism' New era has started in J&K, terror incidents down by 34 pc: Shah

Excelsior Correspondent

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressing 'Chintan Shivir' at Surajkund in Haryana on Thursday.

Sixty-four per cent less deaths have been reported and civilian deaths in terror incidents have gone down by 90 per cent during the period," the Home Minister said.

He said Jammu and Kashmir had received a total investment of Rs 19,000 crore till 2019 since Independence while in the last three years, an investment of Rs 57,000 crore has been made which shows that the Union Territory has moved ahead on the path of success.

"We have made important changes in the NIA and the UAPA (Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act) to give more

powers to the anti-terror agency...The agency has been given extra-territorial jurisdiction," he said.

"The agency has also got powers to seize properties of a terrorist. We have decided that every State will have a NIA unit to develop a strong anti-terror network," Shah said.

The Home Minister said cyber-crime is a big challenge before the country and the world today and the Home Ministry is committed to fight against it.

The Government led by Narendra Modi is determined to (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

Explosives concealed in two tins seized near Jammu Rly Stn

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 27: Railways police today foiled a plan of militants to possibly trigger an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast and recovered 18 detonators and explosive material concealed in two tins of Amul near a drain at Taxi Stand of Jammu Railway Station.

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Police were alerted after an abandoned bag was found in an 'nallah' (drain) near the taxi stand.

A police team rushed to the spot and took possession of the bag. It contained 18 detonators, some wires and around 500 grams wax-type material packed



Dog squad at the site of recovery of explosives near Railway Station in Jammu on Thursday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

in two 500 and 400 ml tins of Amul, Senior Superintendent of Police (Railways) Arif Rishu told the Excelsior.

"We are investigating it (whether it was a fabricated

converted into an IED but the attempt was foiled as police seized the explosive material well in time.

Rishu said a possible untoward incident has been foiled. "Had they been able to execute it fully, there could have been an untoward incident but we foiled that as we are alert," he said.

The SSP said there was no specific input related to the recovery of the explosive material.

The security setup has already been tightened in the wake of the festival period. Checking and frisking was intensified and cameras were installed, he said.

Some people were trying to trigger an act of sabotage but (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

and Deputy Secretary, three Chief Editors (Dogri-Hindi Dictionary, Encyclopaedia Kashmiriyana and Urdu), one post of Special Officer for Cultural Activities G-1, two of Editor-Hindi and Coordination (Kashmiri), nine of Cultural Officers, four posts of Assistant Editors (English, Gojri, Punjabi and Pahari), one of Exhibition Officer, one of Publication Officer, one of Administrative Officer, one post of Private Secretary and one of Publicity cum Public Relation Officer.

Insiders informed that the shortage of staff at the Academy at present has forced the authorities to give more than one charge to the serving (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

JAMMU, Oct 27: Amid reports of China building new military infrastructure on its side, India is soon going to begin the construction work for upgrading its Nyoma advanced landing ground for fighter aircraft operations less than 50 kilometres from the LAC in Eastern Ladakh.

The Nyoma airfield has been used for the transportation of men and materiel during the ongoing stand-off with China and has seen operations of Chinook heavy-lift choppers and C-130J Special Operations aircraft. "The ALG is going to be soon upgraded for fighter aircraft operations as most of the required clearances and

approvals have come already. As per plans, the construction of the new airfield and the military infrastructure would be done by the Border Roads Organisation," senior officials said.

The capability of operating fighter aircraft from this area would strengthen the Air Force's ability to tackle any misadventures by the adversary in a faster way. The inauguration of the construction work is expected to begin soon in the Eastern Ladakh sector after the clearances by the Central Government in the area, they said.

India has been considering multiple options for developing airfields in Eastern Ladakh including Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO), Fukeche and Nyoma which are at a distance of a few minutes from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

The Nyoma Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) has seen operations of the Apache attack helicopters, Chinook heavy-lift helicopters and the Garuda Special Forces operations from Mi-17 helicopters. "Nyoma ALG has strategic importance due to its close proximity to the Line of Actual Control. It bridges the critical gap between Leh airfield and the LAC enabling quick movement of men and materiel in Eastern (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

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