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Goyal posted in J&K, Raju shifted to Puducherry

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Sept 23: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today ordered posting of Prashant Goyal, an IAS officer of 1993 batch of AGMUT cadre from Puducherry to Jammu and Kashmir.

M Raju, an IAS officer of erst-while Jammu and Kashmir cadre, now AGMUT 2005 batch, has been shifted from Arunachal Pradesh to Puducherry.

Raju was transferred from Jammu and Kashmir to Arunachal Pradesh on May 21 this year. Neeraj Semwal of 2003 batch of AGMUT cadre has been shifted from Delhi to Arunachal Pradesh.

Prasad appointed as Pr. Secy PDD

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Sept 23: The UT Government today ordered posting of H Rajesh Prasad as Principal Secretary to Government, Power Development Department.

Prasad is an AGMUT cadre officer of 1995 batch and was transferred from National Capital Territory of Delhi to UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Reddy elected INS president

Excelsior Correspondent
 NEW DELHI, Sept 23: K Raja Prasad Reddy from Telugu daily Sakshi was today elected as the president of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS), the media body said.

Rakesh Sharma from Aaj Samaj, a Hindi language newspaper, was elected as the INS deputy president and Mathrubhumi Arogya Masika's M V Shreyams Kumar the society's vice president at its 83rd annual general meeting, a statement said.

Tanmay Maheshwari from Hindi daily Amar Ujala was elected as the INS treasurer, the statement added.

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AAP expels Mankotia

Excelsior Correspondent
 JAMMU, Sept 23: The Aam Admi Party (AAP) terminated former legislator Balwant Singh Mankotia from the party for anti-party activities, AAP election in-charge said today.

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Mankotia, who was president of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) before joining AAP in April, has hit out at AAP for deceiving people and said he is yet to decide the next course of his future.

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Srinivas is new Director AIIMS

Excelsior Correspondent
 NEW DELHI, Sept 23: M Srinivas, Dean of ESIC Hospital and Medical College in Hyderabad, has been appointed as the Director of AIIMS-Delhi, according to an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training today.

Dr Srinivas will succeed Randeep Gulera who has been holding the post since March 2017.

Srinivas was a Professor in the Department of Pediatric Surgery at AIIMS-Delhi before he joined ESIC Hospital and Medical College in Hyderabad in

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J&K woman held in Assam hotel

Excelsior Correspondent
 TINSUKIA, Sept 23: Two persons who had been posing as a married couple and staying at a hotel in Assam's Tinsukia district for over one month with alleged fake identity documents have been arrested, a senior police officer said today.

Police are looking into possible links of the duo with any anti-India groups, the officer said.

Tinsukia Superintendent of Police, Debojit Deuri said the duo, of whom the man hailed from Karnataka and the woman from Jammu and Kashmir, were staying at a hotel here as a married couple

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Meeting discusses roadmap ahead for UT

Shah reviews J&K's security scenario, development works with Sinha in Delhi

Sanjeev Pargal

***HM's two-day visit schedule also figures**
 JAMMU, Sept 23: Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed security situation and development works in Jammu and Kashmir with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in New Delhi.

The meeting comes ahead of Shah's two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir on October 1 and 2 during which he will address two public rallies, meet senior BJP leaders and review security situation.

Sinha is reported to have briefed the Home Minister about further improvement in security situation in the Union Territory especially the Kashmir valley where large number of militants including some top commanders and Pakistanis have been neutralized this year and many others arrested.

"The meeting between Shah and Sinha lasted half an hour," the officials said, adding it discussed roadmap ahead for UT in terms of anti-militancy operations and giving further boost to development.

It was also reported to have discussed the schedule of Shah's two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

Apart from security scenario, the Lieutenant Governor is also understood to have briefed the Union Home Minister on ongoing developmental projects including those under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Many developmental works under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and PMDP besides those undertaken by the UT administration are going on in Jammu and Kashmir. Some of the works are nearing completion," the officials said.

This was second meeting of Amit Shah with Sinha in a month. On August 25, Shah had held high-level review of security scenario and devel-

opment works in the Union capital with Sinha, top officials of security and Intelligence agencies; civil and police administration from J&K among others.

Shah is also reported to have reviewed progress on guidelines released by him in August 25 meeting.

Though there has been an increase in infiltration attempts on the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, the troops have foiled majority of such bids and either eliminated or apprehended the infiltrators. Some of the intruders, however, managed to retreat to Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) after failing to intrude into this side.

"Entire gamut of security scenario in Jammu and Kashmir came up for review during the meeting," sources said, adding in the coming days anti-militan-

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Apex court to re-constitute 5-Judge bench SC agrees to list pleas against 370 abrogation after Dussehra

Excelsior Correspondent

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 NEW DELHI, Sept 23: The Supreme Court today agreed to list after Dussehra vacation the pleas challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 which had given special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and Justices Indira Banerjee and S Ravindra Bhat took note of the submissions of a counsel that the pleas were assured to be listed after the summer vacation but they could not be listed.

"We will certainly list that," the CJ said.

On April 25 this year, a bench headed by the then CJ N V Ramana, since retired, had agreed to consider

listing after the summer vacation the pleas challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370.

The pleas were then mentioned

by interveners Radha Kumar (academic and author) and Kapil Kak (retired officer of the Indian Air Force).

The apex court will have to re-constitute a five-judge bench to hear the pleas after Dussehra vacation as the ex-CJI Ramana and Justice R Subhash Reddy, who were part of the five judge bench which had heard the pleas, have retired.

Besides the two former Judges,

Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, B R Gavai and Surya Kant were part of the bench which, on March 2, 2020, had declined to refer to a larger seven-judge bench the batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 on August 5, 2019.

Several petitions challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split J-K into two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - were referred to a Constitution Bench headed by Justice Ramana in 2019 by the then CJ Ranjan Gogoi.

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Important legal questions pertaining to Evacuees Property cases settled Spl Tribunal can exercise powers of revision against orders of Custodian General: HC

Mohinder Verma

***Writ petition dismissed for being utterly misconceived**
 JAMMU, Sept 23: Deciding several important legal questions pertaining to the cases under the Evacuees Property Act, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has held that J&K Special Tribunal can exercise powers of revision against the orders passed by the Custodian General, Evacuee Property.

Moreover, the High Court has found no legal infirmity in the order passed by the J&K Special Tribunal by exercising the power as revisional authority by virtue of which the Custodian General has been directed to issue fresh notice to the parties with a further direction to hear them and pass fresh

order on merits. Rather, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal has noticed that there was patent illegality for non-adherence to the mandatory provision of law which was writ large on the face of the order passed by the Custodian General.

By filing writ petition before the High Court, the Custodian General, Evacuee Property challenged the order dated April 23, 2008 passed by the J&K Special Tribunal whereby the Custodian General to issue fresh notice to the parties and pass an order on merits after hearing them.

The questions before the High Court were—whether in presence of 30(1)(c) of the Evacuees (Administration of Property) Act 2006, J&K Special Tribunal is legally competent and justified in entertaining the revision petition and directing the Custodian General to issue fresh notice to the parties, hear them and pass fresh orders on merits; whether the provision of J&K Special Tribunal

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People gather in large numbers at Tawi bridge in Jammu to celebrate birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh on Friday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Grand celebrations of Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday across Jammu region

***Massive rally taken out by Yuva Rajput Sabha**

Gopal Sharma

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 JAMMU, Sept 23: The people of Jammu region today celebrated the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler of the Jammu and Kashmir State with great enthusiasm while Yuva Rajput Sabha took out a large rally in the City of Temples to mark the occasion.

Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha had declared the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, which falls on September 23, as an annual holiday in the Union Territory of J&K recently. Today was the first holiday in this connection. Entire Temple City wore a festive look today.

The grand celebrations today started with the great grandsons of Maharaja Hari Singh Vikramaditya and Ajatshatru Singh, offering prayers at Shri Ranbireswar Temple, at Shalamar Road in Jammu City this morning.

"I congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the 127th birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh ji. Grant of holiday on his birth anniversary is a victory of all the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the youth of Jammu," grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh and former legislator Vikramaditya Singh told reporters.

The celebrations by the Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) led by its president, Rajan Singh Happy started in the form of grand rally from Kot Bhalwal to the

statue of Maharaja Hari Singh at main Tawi bridge near Dogra Chowk, while scores of Team Jammu members led by Zorawar Singh also joined them. The people from all walks of life assembled at Tawi bridge and Maharaja Hari Singh Park to pay tribute to the popular Dogra ruler.

Wearing colourful turbans and

holding flags of their organisation, several members of the Rajput community on two-wheelers, tractors, cars and even horses took out victory processions from Ban Talab area of Jammu North and then moved towards Tawi bridge via Janipur, New Plot, Amphalla, BC Road, Bus Stand and Jewel Chowk area.

They raised slogans glorifying Maharaja Hari Singh and brandished swords as part of the celebrations.

"Our continuous agitation and support by all yielded results and the Government has announced a holiday on the birth anniversary of the Maharaja after 75 years," YRS president Rajan Singh Happy said.

Rajan said the Kashmir-based political parties, which have largely ruled the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, were opposed to the public holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh, who signed the instrument of accession with the Republic of India on October 26,

1947. At the Tawi bridge, the BJP leadership led by its president, Ravinder Raina danced to tunes of drum beats amid slogans of 'Maharaja Hari Singh Amar Rahe'. Sweets were also distributed among the people while medical camps were organised at several places in the city.

"It is victory of people. It is justice done. We congratulate the people of J&K, particularly Yuva Rajputs for their fight," Raina told media-persons.

Former DyCM and senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta while paying tribute to Maharaja said that Kashmir valley based political parties had demeaned the rulers of the erstwhile Kingdom of Jammu and Kashmir by concocting stories and distorting history. He highlighted the role of Maharaja and welfare schemes initiated by him for the general public.

Congress party led by its working president Raman Bhalla

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Anti-peace elements wiped out Pak bloody game in Kashmir is over: DGP

Fayaz Bukhari

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 SRINAGAR, Sept 23: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh today said that Pakistan was playing bloody game in Kashmir through Hurriyat Conference, militants and other anti-peace elements but that has been defeated.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of 'Pedal For Peace' event here, the DGP said that the Hurriyat Conference and other anti-peace elements used to play a "bloody game" in Kashmir on behalf of their mentors across.

"Almost all the anti-peace ele-

ments have been wiped out and those remaining will be cleared off soon," Singh said.

He said that a lot of anti-peace elements were wiped out in Kashmir including militants and remaining ones would be cleared soon.

The DGP said that there were many thorns in the garden of peace that were removed by police along with security forces.

"Those remaining will be removed as well and that won't take much time," he said.

Singh said that 'Pedal for Peace' is not just an event but a move that connects police directly with youth and people.

"There are many such events on cards that include Jashne-e-Dal, Marathon race and series of other events," he said.

About change taking place on

ground, he said that Zainapora area of Shopian paints a different picture today.

"The place was once hub of militants where militants would openly shoot videos and circulate the same on the social media. Today, we have youth there who want cricket field, dispensary and a cricket academy," he said.

About downtown youth, the police chief said that he was glad to see the downtown youth choosing sports and other competitive exams as their career.

Replying to a query about security situation in Kashmir, he said that security situation has improved a lot in the Valley and today, a common man can have a sigh of relief and breathe openly in a free air.

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Terror module busted, 2 held

Excelsior Correspondent

CHANDIGARH, Sept 23: The Punjab Police today claimed to have busted an ISI-backed terror module jointly handled by Canada-based gangster Lakhbir Singh alias Landa and Pakistan-based gangster Harvinder Singh Rinda with the arrest of two of its operatives.

Lakhbir Singh is considered to be a close aide of Harvinder Singh, who had joined hands with Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), and the duo has close ties with the ISI, a Punjab Police statement said here.

Lakhbir Singh had played a key role in planning the rocket propelled grenade (RPG) attack at Punjab Police Intelligence Headquarters in Mohali in May and planting of an Improvised Explosive Device under the car of Sub Inspector Dilbag Singh parked outside his residence in Amritsar on August 16.

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3 sisters, brother drown in Nallah at Ramnagar

Excelsior Correspondent

***Writ petition dismissed for being utterly misconceived**
 UDHAMPUR, Sept 23: In a tragic incident, three sisters and their brother drowned while taking bath at Chattrari Nallah in Ramnagar today.

According to the police reports, the deceased siblings had gone for grazing their cattle where they accidentally drowned apparently while taking bath in the Nallah or trying to rescue each other.

The deceased were identified as Nishu Devi (16) daughter of Firangu Ram, her sisters Anju Devi (22), Meenakshi (12) and brother Yash Pal (24).

The matter came to light when body of one of the sisters was found floating in the water by a villager, this afternoon. On being informed, SDPO Ramnagar Dr Bhisim



Bodies of four siblings who were found drowned in Nallah in Ramnagar. Dubey along with SHO Ramnagar Pushpinder Singh and SDRF team rushed to the spot and launched a

Gaddi, brother of Firangu Ram but had been adopted by the latter.

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