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Anti-militancy ops, counter-infiltration measures to be reviewed

Top brass of MHA, CAPFs to join Home Minister during 3-day J&K visit

*Massive response to Rajouri, North Kashmir rallies

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Sept 26: Top brass of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) will accompany Home Minister Amit Shah during his three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir from September 30-October 2 to join him at high-level review of security situation in the Union Territory with particular reference to anti-militancy operations in the Valley and strengthening of Counter-Infiltration Grid on the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB). Officials told the Excelsior that senior officials from the MHA including those dealing with Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh division and top officials of paramilitary forces like Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF) besides the National Investigation Agency (NIA) are likely to accompany the Home Minister and join him at high-

level security review meeting. Senior officers of Army and CAPFs posted in Jammu and Kashmir, police, Intelligence agencies and civil administration will also join the security review meeting and give detailed view of security situation prevailing in the Union Territory and infiltration attempts by the militants on LoC and IB, most of which have been thwarted by the security personnel. Shah will be accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in all major meetings including those which will be held for review of security scenario and developmental works. "The Home Minister will get detailed feedback on the situation," the officials said. There were reports that Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) and paramilitary personnel will step-up anti-militancy operations in the coming winters in the Kashmir valley when the militants come down to plains from upper reaches due to heavy snowfall.

A number of militants have been killed in the Kashmir valley this year. They include top commanders and Pakistani nationals. On the LoC and IB, several infiltration attempts have been foiled by the Army and BSF though some bids have been successful too. There has been special focus of the Union Home Ministry on the cases registered under Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). The cases registered under UAPA in Jammu and Kashmir, progress on them, the cases challenged etc are also expected to come up for high-level review at the meeting. While the Jammu and Kashmir Government has already set up the Special Investigation Agency (SIA) which is also being given some cases registered under UAPA, separate units under the District Police for taking up UAPA cases have also been constituted. "Cases under UAPA are being given very importance by the Union Ministry of Home

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JeM comdr killed; 2 civilians, soldier injured in Kulgam

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: A top commander of Jaish-e-Mohammad was killed and two civilians and a soldier were injured in an encounter in Batpora village of South Kashmir's Kulgam district today.



Security personnel at the site of encounter at Batpora in Kulgam on Monday. -Excelsior/Sajad Dar

A police official said that militant commander of JeM identified as Abu Hurrirah was killed in an encounter tonight. He said that he was involved in planning in several militant attacks in Kashmir. The official said that an AK-47 rifle and ammunition besides incriminating material was recovered from the encounter

site. He said that one soldier and two civilians were injured in the ongoing encounter. "All the three injured have been shifted to hospital for treatment", the official said. The operation in the village was launched after security forces received inputs about

presence of militants. As the security forces were searching the house where the militants were hiding they were fired upon by militants leading to injuries to three persons including two civilians and a soldier. The security forces had information about presence of two militants in the village. The cordon around the village has been strengthened and operation is going on.

CBI raids hotel, residence in City

IRP cop, ex CRPF jawan among 5 more arrested in paper leak scam

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: The Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) has arrested five more persons including an Indian Reserve Police (IRP) constable and two touts of Haryana in connection with paper leakage scam even as it conducted searches at a hotel in the City here today in connection with the racket. Three persons, who were arrested from Jammu, have been

at Chand Nagar in Jammu City, which is owned by Sanjay Kumar Dutta. His residence in the same area was also searched by the teams. As per the officials, the CBI



CBI sleuths during raids at Hotel New Krishna Palace in Chand Nagar in Jammu City on Monday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

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identified as Kewal Krishan, an IRP constable posted at Mattan in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, Ashwani Kumar son of Mela Ram of Kachryal in Kfour, who had taken voluntary retirement from CRPF to run paper leak racket and Rakesh Kumar of Pel in Kfour area of Akhnoor, who had collected Rs 1.25 crore from the beneficiaries. Two scamsters arrested from Haryana were identified as Yatin Yadav alias Guru Ji of Rewari and Anil Kumar of

A Government teacher and a police constable were among three racketeers who were arrested earlier by the investigating agency. These three accused have been sent to judicial custody after completion of their 14-day police remand. Meanwhile, the CBI sleuths today conducted raids at Hotel New Krishna Palace

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Videos spreading disinformation on J&K, Ladakh blocked

NEW DELHI, Sept 26:

Government has ordered the blocking of 45 videos from 10 YouTube channels that contained fake news and morphed content with the intent to spread hatred amongst religious communities, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said today. The blocked videos had a cumulative viewership of over 1.30 crore and claimed that the Government had taken away the religious rights of certain com-

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HC upholds termination of Govt employee

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: The High Court today upheld the dismissal order of a Government employee who was also a Councillor at Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC).

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey upheld the Government order on dismissal of Abdul Hadee Shah from Government service and advertisement notice issued for filling up the

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ACB nabs ASI taking bribe

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: An Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) of Jammu and Kashmir Police has been arrested while accepting bribe by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths. As per police sources, a complaint was received by the ACB that ASI has demanded bribe of Rs 10,000.

Acting on the complaint, the sleuths of ACB laid a trap at Police Station Bakshi Nagar and arrested ASI Muzamil while accepting the bribe red handed. Further investigation into the case is going on.

DB upholds life imprisonment of HM 'Area Comdr'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 26: A Division Bench of High Court comprising Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Mohd Akram Chowdhary today upheld the life-imprisonment of area commander of HM namely Farooq Ahmed, son of Abdul Rashid of Baderwah, who has been convicted by the trial court while accepting the bribe red handed. Further investigation into the case is going on.

Hosabale to hold detailed deliberations on prevailing situation in J&K, Ladakh

Avtar Bhat

*Reaching Jammu for 3 days visit on Oct 4

JAMMU, Sept 26: To take the stock of prevailing situation in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Union Territories and to have account of functioning of Sangh and its sister organizations in the two UTs, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Sarkarivah (general secretary), Dattatreya Hosabale is arriving here on three days visit of Jammu on October 4.

According to sources, the RSS general secretary which is second in chief of the Sangh in its hierarchy will address a Vijay Dashmi function of RSS in the lawns of at historic Veda Mandir, Ambhalla here on October 5 morning in connection with observance of 97th Foundation Day of RSS. In 1925 Vijay Dashmi Day, Sangh was founded by Dr K B Hedgewar in Nagpur,

Cong will sweep upcoming Assembly elections in J&K: Patil

Excelsior Correspondent

KATRA/LEH, Sept 26: All India Congress Committee (AICC) Incharge, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Rajni Patil (MP) today claimed that Congress Party will sweep the upcoming Assembly elections in J&K as people are fed-up of series of lies and false promises made by the BJP leadership.

Speaking at a party function in the holy township of Katra Mata Vaidhnadevi today, Patil said since BJP took over in 2014, the miseries of the people of Jammu and Kashmir have increased manifold. She said all the promises made to the people prior to the Assembly elections of 2014 remained unfulfilled. "More than eight years have

Navratras start in J&K, temples beautifully decorated

Sanjeev K Sharma

JAMMU, Sept 26: The nine auspicious days of Navratras started here today with temples beautifully decorated and special arrangement put in place for some special rituals but the rush of devotees was much less than expected.

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At Katra, the base camp of revered Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, the devotees mostly were the locals from Jammu region while number of outside pilgrims was very less. "The authorities have now introduced RFID enabled Yatra access cards replacing the paper



Sources said the RSS cadres all over Jammu province will participate in the programme and full dress parade during the function. Later Dattatreya Hosabale will address the Sangh activists and unfold the various future programmes of the organization aimed at strengthening national unity and integrity. Sources said during his three

‘BJP can never come to power in J&K again’



AICC Incharge J&K Rajni Patil, PCC president Vikar Rasool Wani and others at party function in Katra on Monday. -Excelsior/Romesh Mengi

Government has done nothing to address those problems. The BJP can never come to power in J&K again," she claimed. Launching attack on

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Devotees pay obeisance at Bawe Wali Mata temple in Jammu on Monday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

Yatra slips," Varinder Kesar, president PHD Chamber Katra informed adding that the new process consumes lot of time while earlier there used to be online registration for pilgrims

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15 dead, 24 hurt in Russian school shooting

MOSCOW, Sept 26:

A gunman opened fire in a school in central Russia today, killing 15 people and wounding 24 others before shooting himself dead, authorities said. The shooting took place in School No. 88 in Izhevsk, a city 960 kilometres (600 miles) east of Moscow in the Udmurtia region.

Russia's Investigative Committee identified the gunman as 34-year-old Artyom Kazantsev, a graduate of the same school, and said he was wearing a black t-shirt bearing "Nazi symbols." No details about his motives have been released. The Committee said 15 people, including 11 children, were killed in the shooting, and 24 other people, including 22 children, were wounded in the

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3 teachers suspended

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: Chief Education Officer Kupwara has suspended three teachers in Handwara area for their alleged irresponsibility in providing Mid-day Meals (MDM) as per standard chart menu.

CEO Abdul Hamid Faani paid a surprise visit to High School Pohrupeth and High School Guloor, during which it was observed that the teachers were found irresponsible in providing MDM as per chart menu. "It was observed that FLN TLM was not distributed among the eligible students of UPS Malik Mohalla Galoor and GMS Galoor clubbed with High School Guloor," read an order issued by the CEO. "The quality of MDM was very poor and was not served as per diet

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Six Pak army officials killed in air crash

ISLAMABAD, Sept 26:

Six Pakistan army officials, including two Majors, were killed in a helicopter crash in southwestern Balochistan province, the military said today, the second such incident after another military helicopter crashed in the same province last month.

The crash occurred near Khost in the Harnai district of the province on Sunday night during a flying mission, it said. All the "six personnel on board, including 2 pilots" were killed in the crash, the Army said. No reason for the crash was given.

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'DAP not to make Art 370 an election issue' Azad launches Democratic Azad Party in J&K

* Says 50% seats will be reserved for women, youth

Gopal Sharma

JAMMU, Sept 26: While launching Democratic Azad Party (DAP) here today, former J&K Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said that his party will not make the restoration of Article 370 an 'election issue' in the Jammu

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and Kashmir. "Our party will make development as 'election plank' besides restoration of Statehood to J&K and protecting jobs and lands of the locals. The issues of roads, water supply and price rise etc are meant for elections. I don't stop anybody from making any thing an election issue. I



Former J&K Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad unveils the flag of his new 'Democratic Azad Party' during a press conference in Jammu on Monday. -Excelsior/Rakesh

Replying to a question about Kashmir-centric parties, particularly the PDP, criticising his media-persons after launch of his new party on Ist Navratra at Jammu.

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Mandis closed in protest against halting of trucks

Apple trucks stranded on NH-44 being cleared: Div Com

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, P K Pole, today said that apple trucks stranded on Jammu-Srinagar National highway are being cleared at an earliest.

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He said that the trucks are being cleared now and passenger vehicles could only be released from Jammu and Srinagar. "The congestion due to halted trucks has been cleared at the earliest," he added. He said that 3995 Apple trucks moved towards Jammu yesterday, only. "Almost 1500



Fruit growers and traders staging protest at Parimpora Fruit Mandi on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway. -Excelsior/Shakeel

trucks got stuck in between intermittent shooting stones at Ramban and Ramsoo as traffic Mehar causing regular stop-could not move ahead of pages," he added.

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J&K bags best performing award in UT category under AB-PMJAY

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 26: With substantial health insurance coverage to populace, Jammu and Kashmir has bagged best performing Union Territory category for enrolment under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya presented the prestigious award to State Health Agency during a two day Arogya Manthan held in New Delhi to commemorate completion of four years of implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and one year of completion of Ayushman Bharat Digital



J&K officials receiving award from Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi on Monday.

During the event, the State All the States and Union Health Agencies exhibited the best practices adopted in their Manthan.

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