

Governance reforms are in fact social reforms: Jitendra

Rs 3 lakh cr saved from landing in wrong hands: PM

Excelsior Correspondent

***J&K CS, Sehrish receive awards**
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 NEW DELHI, Apr 21: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed Civil Servants on the occasion of 16th Civil Services Day, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan here today. He conferred the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration and released e-books on "Viksit Bharat".



Addressing the gathering, Modi congratulated everyone on the occasion of the 16th Civil Services Day. He noted that the occasion of Civil Services Day this year becomes much more special as the nation has completed 75 years of its independence

oped India. He highlighted the contributions of those Civil Servants who joined (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

'Some people trying to destroy young generation'

Join hands with Govt in eradicating drug menace in J&K: LG to youth

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 21: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today urged the youths to join hands with the Government in eradicating the drug menace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha said this while addressing the Rajya Puraskar Ceremony of J-K Bharat Scouts and Guides here today.

"The way the illicit trade of drugs is increasing...The way youth are being destroyed, I think it is the right time for Scouts and Guides to join and take part in this campaign," he said.

Some people are trying to destroy the young generation in the country, Sinha said.

"We want to make a mechanism to take strict and strong action against those involved in the drug trade and destroying the young generation," he added.
 "Wherever you see such elements in schools, universities or in any colony, please provide us with information about them. Strong action will be taken against them," the LG said.
 The police and administration are acting against it. However, there is a need for social awakening. All should join us in this campaign to put an end to this menace, he said.
 Sinha further said that the young generation is the (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

Top officials, agencies examine spot

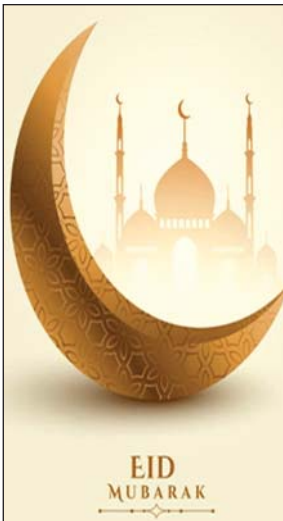
Militants may have been using natural cave-type hideouts

Sanjeev Pargal

***Steel core bullets seized, 11 detained**
 JAMMU, Apr 21: Like Dhangri carnage, the militants used steel core bullets in Thursday's strike on Army truck in which five bravehearts sacrificed their lives at Bhatta Durrian in Mendhar tehsil of Poonch district even as teams of National Investigation Agency (NIA), State Investigation Agency (SIA), Intelligence Bureau (IB) and top police officials including DGP Dilbag Singh and Additional DGP Mukesh Singh visited the spot for investigations and reviewed the situation with top Army officials.

Police have detained 11 persons for questioning in connection with the terror attack which was described as well-planned by the militants and wouldn't have been possible without the help of local support.

DGP Dilbag Singh and Additional DGP Jammu Mukesh Singh met top Army and police officials after visiting the spot to review situation emerging out of one of the deadliest terror attacks in the border district of Poonch which, as per the sources, was an ambush laid by at least 3-4 militants who might be affiliated with Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) outfit though responsibility for the attack has been taken by another group.
 Police and Army officials were reportedly concerned over the attack which occurred in broad day-light on the Poonch (Contd on page 4 Col 3)



EID MUBARAK

CBI to quiz Malik in insurance scam

NEW DELHI, Apr 21: The CBI has asked former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik to answer certain queries in connection with an alleged insurance scam in the Union Territory, officials said today.
 This is the second time in seven months that Malik, who (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

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DG BSF reviews situation in Jammu

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JAMMU, Apr 21: BSF Director General S L Thaosen reviewed the security situation along the International Border (IB)

***Pic on page 4**

on the Jammu frontier today, officials said, a day after a terror attack in Poonch near the LoC killed five Army personnel.

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Several engineers promoted, shifted

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JAMMU, Apr 21: The Government today ordered promotions, transfers and postings of Public Works (Road & Building) Department engineers.

As per an order issued in this regard, engineers Prithi Pal Singh, Subash Kothe, and Sandeep Kumar Dogra, have been given the look after charge (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

HC stays re-investigation of case against Lal Singh's wife

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Apr 21: The High Court has stayed the order of trial court directing for re-investigation of case with regard to encroachment of public land by Lal Singh's wife in connivance with Revenue and Forest officials.

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57 test COVID +ve in J&K

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JAMMU, Apr 21: A total of 57 fresh COVID-19 positive cases were reported today from Jammu and Kashmir, 33 from Jammu division and 24 from Kashmir valley.

The highest number of 25 cases was reported from Jammu district, followed by 11 from Anantnag, 4 each from (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

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