



PM Narendra Modi awarding DC Baramulla Dr Sehrish Asghar in New Delhi on Friday.



Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta awarding Mission Youth CEO Shahid Iqbal Choudhary.

## Div Com reviews progress on Special Summary Revision in districts

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 21: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar, chaired a meeting with District Electoral Officers to review the progress on the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls. Pertinently, the date for filing claims and objections regarding the Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls has been extended to May 6, 2023.

The Divisional Commissioner reviewed the progress achieved in the districts and inquired about the number of applications received, as well as the number of claims and objections. He instructed District Electoral Officers to conduct revisions according to guidelines and schedule and to expedite the process for achieving targets. He also asked them to ensure timely disposal of claims and objections.

The Divisional Commissioner directed District Electoral Officers to complete the revision of the special summary, including the addition of new voters and

## 5 tourists among 6 injured in Pahalgam accident

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Apr 21: At least six persons including 5 tourists were injured after a vehicle skidded off road in Pahalgam area of Anantnag district today.

Five tourists and a local driver were injured after their vehicle skidded off road in Pahalgam.

An official said soon after the incident all the injured were taken GMC Anantnag for treatment. "All the injured are stable," he said.

He identified the injured persons as Sumati Brijesh Patil, Brijesh Patil, MJ Balraj, Swaroop, 12, Shilok Ashok, 10, and local driver Abdul Rashid.

## Various delegations call on Manoj Sinha

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 21: A delegation of National Awardee teachers from J&K UT called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

The delegation led by Sunil Kumar apprised the Lt Governor



Lt Governor along with members of J&K Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers Association on Friday.

on various welfare issues of National Awardee teachers of Jammu Kashmir.

The members of J&K Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers Association headed by its Chairman and International Gold medalist Narinder Chib apprised the Lt Governor on the concerning issues of Rehbar-e-Khel Physical

## Army pays tribute to bravehearts of Poonch

**Excelsior Correspondent**

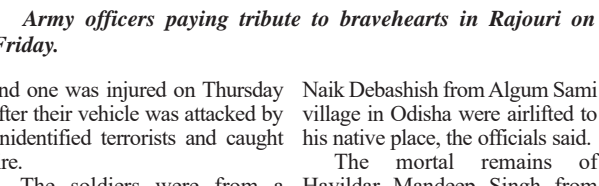
JAMMU, Apr 21: Top Army and police officials today paid homage to five soldiers fallen in a terrorist attack in Poonch district.

Five soldiers were martyred

officials said.

"The nation will always remain indebted to our bravehearts for their supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty," an officer said.

After the wreath-laying ceremony, mortal remains of Lance



Army officers paying tribute to bravehearts in Rajouri on Friday.

and one was injured on Thursday after their vehicle was attacked by unidentified terrorists and caught fire.

The soldiers were from a Rashtriya Rifles unit deployed for counter-terror operations.

At a ceremony held at a military camp in Rajouri, senior officers, including General Officer Commanding (GoC) and Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), and civil dignitaries paid homage to the soldiers,

## There has been a mistake somewhere: Farooq

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Apr 21: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah today said the top security officials in Jammu and Kashmir should look into the laps-

es that led to the killing of five Army soldiers in a terrorist attack in Poonch district.

"The area (where the attack took place) is closer to the border. There must be a security issue which they need to check. There has been a mistake somewhere, they should look into it," Abdullah told reporters here.

The Lok Sabha member from Srinagar was at the Hazratbal shrine to offer the last Friday prayer of Ramzan.

Five Army personnel were killed and another was seriously injured in the terrorist attack that triggered a fire in their vehicle on Thursday. The Army said the victims belonged to a Rashtriya Rifles unit deployed for counter-terror operations.

Asked about his comment on no encounters in Kashmir this Ramzan, Abdullah said, "Do you want more encounters?"

"I will say what the Government of India is saying. That the situation has improved. Therefore, elections should be held but God knows when they will conduct the polls. If the situation is peaceful, why don't they hold elections? What are they waiting for?" he added.

Abdullah said the month of Ramzan is a period when "these things (encounters) don't happen".

"People are busy in prayers seeking forgiveness," he added.

## Pensioners for hike in Medical Allowance, release of DA

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 21: Municipal & Urban Local Bodies Pensioners Association (Jammu Province), has demanded enhancement in the Medical Allowance from Rs 300 to Rs 1000 per month and release of DA installment in favour of employees and pensioners in J&K UT.

In a meeting of the Association held here today under the chairmanship of BS Jamwal, the members expressed strong resentment over the delay being caused in according hike in the Medical Allowance as per UT norms and non-release of 4% DA installment due from January 2023 in favour of employees and pensioners of Jammu and Kashmir. They pointed out that LG Ladakh has already released DA in favour of its employees and pensioners. They sought intervention of LG Manoj Sinha into the matter.

## LG greets people on Eid, Parshuram Jayanti

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Apr 21: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr.

In his message, the Lt Governor said, "Heartiest greetings and good wishes to the people on the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. The festival marks the culmination of the holy month of Ramzan and symbolizes the spirit of austerity, brotherhood, compassion and joy of sharing".

May Eid-ul-Fitr usher in peace, prosperity and happiness for all, he said.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the eve of Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti and Akshaya Tritiya.

In a message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti & Akshaya Tritiya, I convey my warm greetings and good wishes to the people. It is an occasion to rededicate ourselves to living virtuously".

"May the festival bring joy and happiness for all," added the Lt Governor.

## Terrorism spreading tentacles in Jammu also: Digvijaya

**Excelsior Correspondent**

UJJAIN (MP), Apr 21: Congress veteran Digvijaya Singh today said contrary to the Centre's claim, terrorism cases are on the rise in Jammu and Kashmir, and referred to the latest attack on an Army vehicle that led to the death of five soldiers.

The former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister maintained terror activities were largely confined to the Kashmir Valley, but violent incidents are now taking place in new areas like Poonch in the Jammu region of the Union Territory, and this was a matter of concern.

Talking to reporters here, Singh said the Centre had claimed that scrapping Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir (the constitutional provision granted special status to J&K) in 2019 and demonetisation (2016) will help in fighting terrorism in the erstwhile State, but figures of Defence and Home Ministries suggest terror-related incidents have actually gone up since these measures were announced.

"A big attack took place in terrorism-free Poonch which is part of Jammu. Such incidents used to take place in Anantnag and Pulwama (in Kashmir Valley)... now terror attacks have started taking place in new areas," he said.(PTI)

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