

Conflict profiteers are experiencing pain, wish their suffering to intensify  
**People will remember me for ages for remarkable work: LG**

**Fayaz Bukhari**  
SRINAGAR, Aug 24: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that people in Jammu and Kashmir will remember him for the remarkable work he was accomplishing. Addressing a gathering at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar after re-inaugrating the various projects for Budgam district, the LG said people will remember him for the remarkable work. "Some people are saying that LG has arrived and that

he will depart, but I want to tell them that I must indeed leave. However, I want to accomplished," he said. Sinha said that he wants a better future for the youth of J&K. "With full force and honesty, the welfare of the people should be prioritized, ensuring a better future for the youth and enabling girls to breathe in free air. Efforts will be made for this," he said. The LG said that numerous dreams were shown by the politicians here and a

convey that I will depart, leaving behind such an example that people will remember me for ages, for the remarkable work I have



LG Manoj Sinha addressing a programme at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar on Thursday.

Protests held across Jammu for 4th consecutive day  
**CCI calls for bandh on Aug 26 against Sarore TP, installation of Smart Meters**

**Avtar Bhat**  
JAMMU, Aug 24: Extending solidarity with the agitating people of Jammu expressing their anger over collection of Toll Tax at Sarore Toll Plaza and installation of Smart Meters, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu today gave one day bandh call on August 26. The announcement in this regard was made by Jammu CCI, president, Arun Kumar Gupta at a press conference here today. He said Chamber earlier held a meeting with the



Activists of YRS and other organizations protesting at Sarore Toll Plaza in Jammu on Thursday. Another pic on page 15.

representatives of different market associations in which the issue was discussed and they authorised him to take final decision in this regard. He said that traders were

Gadkari meets NHA officials, BJP leaders  
**CS reviews NH issues with top Highway Authority, J&K functionaries**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 24: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) Nitin Gadkari today held two-round of talks with BJP leaders from J&K and officials of the National Highway Authority of India (NHA) on suspension of Sarore Toll Plaza, in New Delhi. Though there was no immediate relief for the people, Gadkari is reported to have assured the BJP leaders that he will depute a high-level team of the NHA to the National Highway including Sarore to look into the issue and follow up action will be taken based on the recommendations.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta this evening reviewed condition of road connectivity along NH-44 from Jammu to Kathua with senior functionaries of NHA and UT Government. He deliberated upon immediate steps required for improving road condition. On Sarore Toll Plaza, the NHA officials assured the Chief Secretary that facility of monthly passes at Rs 300 to commuters residing within 20

**Facility of monthly passes for locals**

kilometres of Toll Plaza and paid commercial monthly passes for Rs 2700 allowing 50 trips shall be provided to everyone in a hassle free manner for convenience of the public in general. The Chief Secretary directed Divisional Commissioner, RO (NHA) and Deputy Commissioner(s) concerned to undertake a joint visit along the NH-44 tomorrow to assess the present condition of the road connectivity along the NH-44 from Jammu to Lakhanpur and suggest immediate necessary measures to alleviate the issues being faced by the commuters and to reduce the travel time. Based on the assessment made during the visit, the matter shall again be reviewed tomorrow. (Contd on page 4 Col 4)

JKBL hosts its 85th AGM  
**JK Bank on a strong growth trajectory with record profits, economic boom: CEO**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
SRINAGAR, Aug 24: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd, Baldev Prakash, today announced that the bank is on a strong upward trajectory thanks to the unwavering support of stakeholders and customers. He shared this during the 85th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held for the financial year 2022-2023 at the Kashmir International Convention Centre. He began his address to the



MD and CEO JK Bank Baldev Prakash addressing a press conference in Srinagar on Thursday. — Excelsior/Shakeel

shareholders by congratulating the countrymen in general and the scientists of ISRO in particular over the historic landing of India's Chandrayaan-3 on the far side of the moon. In his address, Prakash elaborated on the bank's

impressive financial performance, stating that the bank had achieved a record-breaking profit of 10,197 crores in the previous year. He emphasised that this successful journey continues into the current year with an excellent first quarter. "The bank is experiencing robust growth, marked by improving asset quality and a commitment to meeting guidelines set forth by the al and the scientists of ISRO bank. The bank's capital adequacy ratio has surpassed 15%, currently standing at 15.38%," he said. He also highlighted the positive economic climate in

People to pay token premium, subletting prohibited  
**Only domiciles of J&K to get free 5 Marlas land for PMAY-G**

**Sanjeev Pargal**  
JAMMU, Aug 24: The UT Government today issued guidelines for allotment/lease of land for construction of houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) to poor people who are domiciles of Jammu and Kashmir. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had earlier announced that poor landless people will be given land for construction of houses under PMAY-G. The guidelines were released today in a detailed order issued by Dr Piyush Singla, Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department. The rules silenced the crit-

**40 years of lease will be extendable for another 40 years**

ics of major pro-poor scheme who were claiming that land will be given to outsiders. However, the guidelines clearly stated that only domiciles of Jammu and Kashmir will be entitled to land which will be given on a lease of 40 years which will be extendable for another 40 years. The land will be paid at the cost of just Rs 100 per marla as one-time premium and Re 1 per marla rent. It's subletting has been prohibited. As per the guidelines, five Marlas of state land will be allotted on lease basis to land-

less PMAY (G)/Awas plus beneficiaries out of Rural Development Department's permanent waiting list 2018-19. Those eligible for allotment are people residing on state land; forest land; Rakhs and Farms; people in possession of Custodian land; those living on land already allotted by the Government near Dachigam Park for agricultural purposes, where construction is not permitted and any other category of cases who are otherwise eligible (Contd on page 15 Col 1)

'Apprise court about action taken against field staff'  
**HC seeks details of major, minor violations of BOCA in Gandhi Nagar, Green Belt Park areas**

**Mohinder Verma**  
JAMMU, Aug 24: High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has directed the Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to file an affidavit mentioning the major and minor violations of J&K Control of Building Operations Act (BOCA), 1988 in Green Belt Park and Gandhi Nagar areas, commercial activities being carried out from residential properties and departmental/penal action taken against the field staff of the Corporation for their act of omission and commission. These directions have been passed by Justice

Wasim Sadiq Nargal while dealing with a petition filed by Varun Mahajan and Another challenging the order passed by JMC under Section 8(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Control of Building Operations Act, 1988. With a view to clinch the controversy in question, High Court directed Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation to file an affidavit providing information about major/minor violations in furtherance of which notices under Section 7(1) and 7(3) of the Act have been issued in Green Belt Park and Gandhi Nagar areas; total major violations liable for penal action under

Section 7 of the Act of 1988 and how many residential properties subject to minor/major violations have been sealed in Green Belt Park and Gandhi Nagar areas. Moreover, the Commissioner JMC has been directed to provide information about number of residential properties where commercial activities were under taken, have been sealed in Green Belt Park and Gandhi Nagar areas under Section 8 of J&K Control of Building Operations Act, 1988 and in how many cases, the Corporation has initiated preliminary enquiry to ascertain (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

**Peace on LAC essential: Modi to Xi**

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 24: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has conveyed to Chinese President Xi Jinping India's concerns on the "unresolved" issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, underlining that (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

**'No hope of traffic restoration in one week' Temporary bridge over Tarnah again washed away in flood**

**Gopal Sharma**  
JAMMU, Aug 24: Causing major setback to the continuous efforts of National Highway Authority of India (NHA), massive flash flood in river Tarnah again washed away the temporary, culvert-type bridge being constructed over the river near Dyalpora Chak on Jammu-Pathankote National Highway last night. Sources said that there was heavy rain in Dinga Amb, Mangloor, Jasrota, Ramkote and Billawar areas of Kathua district late last evening. Several Nallahs were over flooded and it caused massive flood, like similar to that of July 19, in river Tarnah. The flash flood in the river, again washed away about 100 to 130 meters portion of just completed Culvert type bridge over Tarnah river washed away 5th time late evening on Wednesday. — Excelsior/Pardeep

Abrogation of Art 370  
**No Constitutional fraud: Centre tells SC**

NEW DELHI, Aug 24: Commencing their arguments in support of abrogation of Article 370 in the Supreme Court, the Centre's top law officers today asserted there was no "Constitutional fraud" in annulling the provision that accorded special status to the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir. The five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, which heard their contentions at length, told them they will have to justify the procedure adopted for abrogation as the court cannot postulate a situation "where the ends justify the means". The petitioners opposing the repeal of Article 370 have been insisting that the provision could not have been abrogated, as the term of the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly, whose concurrence was required before taking such a step, ended in 1957, after it had drafted the erstwhile state's Constitution. With the constituent assembly having become extinct, Article 370 acquired a permanent status, they have said. "We cannot postulate a situation where ends justify the means. The means have to be consistent with the ends," the CJI observed when Attorney General R Venkataramani said it was necessary to abrogate Article 370 and there were no infirmities in the process adopted. There was no constitutional fraud, as alleged, in abrogation of the provision, said Venkataramani, (Contd on page 4 Col 4)

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**Shah reviews internal security, terrorism**

NEW DELHI, Aug 24: Internal security, terrorism, narco-finance and cyber security were some of the key subjects discussed at a high-level security conference chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah here today. The two-day conference (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

**Skywalk to bifurcate entry, exit routes SMVDSB's 3 new projects to be completed in Navratras**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Aug 24: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) is set to complete three major projects at the Bhawan which will be inaugurated during upcoming Navratras in October. They include Skywalk, Parvati Bhawan with 1500 lockers and washrooms and renovated Atka Aarti area with new Gate. SMVDSB CEO Anshul Garg told the Excelsior that Skywalk which will completely bifurcate entry and exit of the pilgrims at Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan and will be a major "crowd control measure" will be thrown open for the pilgrims by the Shrine Board during upcoming Navratras in October. (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

4-day visit to Srinagar from today  
**Rahul interacts with youth, Army personnel in Kargil**

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
KARGIL, Aug 24: Senior Congress leader and Lok Sabha member Rahul Gandhi today Territory of Ladakh. The former Congress president is scheduled to address a public meeting here tomorrow in poll-bound Kargil before leaving for Srinagar. The election to 26 seats of the 30-member Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil, is slated for September 10 and the counting of votes will be held four days later. After an overnight stay at Padam in Zanskar Tehsil of Kargil, the 53-year-old Gandhi reached Kargil (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

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