

**Ex AMU VC is BJP VP, two Gen Secys dropped**

NEW DELHI, July 29: BJP president J P Nadda rejigged the list of the party's central office-bearers today, bringing in a Pasmanda Muslim from Uttar Pradesh as one of its vice presidents and former Telangana unit chief Bandi Sanjay Kumar as a national general secretary.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has dropped C T Ravi, a leader from Karnataka, Dilip Saikia, a Lok Sabha MP from Assam, as its general secretaries, and Vinod Sonkar, (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

**21 Oppn MPs in Manipur**

IMPHAL, July 29: As tribals in Manipur reached out to a delegation from the opposition bloc INDIA seeking President's rule, Congress leader Adhir Chowdhury said here today that the conflict in the Northeastern State was sullyng India's image and all parties needed to find a peaceful solution to end it.

Chowdhury was part of a delegation of 21 MPs from the opposition alliance who are on a two-day visit to Manipur to assess the (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

**We hope PM speaks in Parl on Manipur: Farooq**

SRINAGAR, July 29: National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah today said opposition parties want peace in strife-torn Manipur and hoped Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks in Parliament soon on the situation in the State.

A delegation of 21 MPs from the opposition bloc INDIA reached Imphal today to assess the ground situation in the State. They will visit several relief camps to meet with victims of the ethnic clashes that (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

**Hybrid militant of Al-Badr arrested**

SRINAGAR, July 29: Police today arrested a hybrid militant of Al-Badr outfit in Srinagar who was allegedly involved in grenade throwing incidents.

A police spokesman said that acting on specific intelligence, a small team of Srinagar Police arrested a hybrid militant linked with proscribed militant outfit Al-Badr identified as Arafat Yusuf son of Mohammad Yusuf Khan, resident of Rajpora Pulwama from Batamaloo area of Srinagar. The police spokesman further (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

**Melting of Ladakh Glacier can form 3 lakes**

NEW DELHI, July 29: Accelerated melting of the Himalayan Parkachik Glacier in Ladakh could give rise to three glacial lakes with an average depth ranging between 34 and 84 metres, scientists have found.

These lakes could be a potential source of glacial lake outburst floods in the Himalayas, the scientists from the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, said.

Parkachik Glacier is one of the largest glaciers in the Suru River valley, which is a part of the Southern Zaskar Ranges, (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

**Muharram observed across Kashmir, processions taken out**

**LG joins Shia mourners in downtown, offers 'chaddar' to 'Zuljanah'**

**Fayaz Bukhari**  
 SRINAGAR, July 29: In an outreach to Shias community and for the first time, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today joined the mourners in the Zuljanah procession on 10th Muharram in Srinagar's downtown area.

Wearing a black dress, Sinha visited the volatile part of the city in Srinagar's Botakadal area and offered 'chaddar' to 'Zuljanah'.

The LG reached Botakadal at around 11 am amid tight security.

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He was accompanied by the Additional Director General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bhirdi and Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Ajaz Asad. He was also seen distributing refreshments among the mourners.

"I pay my tributes to Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions. Their sacrifice for righteousness and greater good of humankind serves as a beacon light for the world," he said.

The administration made

necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the procession from Botakadal to Imambargah Zadibal.

Earlier, on July 27, the 8th Muharram procession. Tens of thousands of Shia mourners took out the Muharram procession from Botakadal Lal Bazar to Zadibal (NGOs), political parties and other civil society members as well as police and civil administration had installed stalls to provide refreshments to the mourners throughout the day at Zadibal.

The Zadibal area remained flooded with the mourners as well as the Shia Muslims on the eve of Ashoora.

The deployment of police and CRPF was also made at procession bound areas in Srinagar and elsewhere to ensure that the procession culminates peacefully. A huge Muharram procession was also taken out at Bemina.

ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said that foolproof security cover was in place for the smooth conduct of the Ashoora. "Officers were deployed on ground from midnight to ensure deployment as per the plan," he said, adding that "allowing the (Contd on page 4 Col 3)



LG Manoj Sinha joins Youm-e-Ashoora's Zuljanah procession at Botakadal in downtown Srinagar on Saturday. Another pic on page 4.

Muharram procession was taken out in Kashmir on the traditional route, from Guru Bazar to Dalgate, Srinagar through city centre Lal Chowk after 34 years.

The Shias have appreciated the gesture of the LG and praised the arrangements being made by the administration for the

amid tight security and all the roads leading to the main procession were closed by the authorities for vehicular movement to ensure that the procession passes off peacefully.

During the procession since the morning, the Non-Government Organizations

**'Lala was won over by Pak army in PoJK jail'**  
**SIA raids Rafiq Lala's house; 8 contacts in narco-terror cases, vital leads gathered**

**Sanjeev Pargal**  
 JAMMU, July 29: As the State Investigation Agency (SIA) came across very vital clues about involvement of Rafiq Lala in narco-terrorism

**\* Searches to continue 2-3 more days**  
 case, it conducted raids at nine locations in Poonch including contacts of Lala and others to ascertain more details about him regarding

his involvement. Raids are expected to continue for two-three more days as list of his contacts is quite long.

The SIA officials were not



An SIA team on way to conduct raids in Poonch on Saturday. -Excelsior/Wasim Hyderi

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ready to comment on the raids saying they are still on and will continue.

However, reliable sources told the Excelsior that Rafiq Lala, a resident of Danna Duiyian in Poonch, had spent nearly two years in jail in Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) in drugs smuggling case a long back where he was won over by Pakistan army,

**Undeterred by morning rain, 7000 perform darshan at holy cave**

**Avtar Bhat**  
 JAMMU, July 29: Undeterred by the morning downpour, over 7000 pilgrims drawn from different parts of the country paid obeisance to naturally formed Ice Shivlingam in 3888 metre high Himalayan cave in South Kashmir's Anantnag district today.



Yatris ascending the staircase at holy cave for darshan on Saturday.

Officials said that the weather remained overcast with clouds and it was drizzling up to afternoon but the yatra plied smoothly from both the tracks.

Officials said that one pilgrim identified as Kalpesh Zaveri, 53, who came from district Jam Nagar, Hazwai Chowk, Shethfali Gujarat was on his return journey from holy cave when he suddenly fell unconscious near Kali Mata track.

He was immediately shifted to nearby health centre where doctors (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

**Confirmation of Justice Rahul Bharti soon**  
**J&K HC decides to recommend Adv Qadri to SC collegium**

**Neeraj Rohmetra**

JAMMU, July 29: Collegium of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has cleared the name of Advocate Mohsin Qadri for appointment as Judge and the formal recommendation is likely to be sent to Supreme Court Collegium and Law Ministry shortly.

Official sources told EXCELSIOR, "the collegium meeting held under Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh and attended by Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Atul Sreedharan has cleared the name of Advocate Qadri two days back", adding, "there is already one vacancy in the High Court created due to retirement of Justice Ali

Mohammad Magrey. Further, there was also one Judicial Officer vacancy in anticipation of forthcoming retirement of Justice Mohan Lal Manhas in November this year".

"The collegium also discussed in detail the case of senior most Judicial Officer Mohammad Yousuf Wani, who is presently posted as Additional Judge. All the documents pertaining to his confirmation including the important judgements delivered by Justice Bharti, will be shortly sent to the Supreme Court Collegium and the Union Law Ministry".

The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has a sanctioned strength of 17 judges including 13 Permanent Judges (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

**Evaluation process initiated for Wani**  
 Wani will be initiated after the conclusion of the evaluation process, which is likely to take some time".

Simultaneously, sources pointed, "the collegium has also initiated the process for confirmation of Justice Rahul Bharti, who is presently posted as Additional Judge. All the documents pertaining to his confirmation including the important judgements delivered by Justice Bharti, will be shortly sent to the Supreme Court Collegium and the Union Law Ministry".

The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has a sanctioned strength of 17 judges including 13 Permanent Judges (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

**Northern Comdr, GOC Leh also join**  
**Army chief calls on LG Ladakh, discusses LAC situation**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, July 29: Winding up his four-day visit to the Union Territory of Ladakh, Army chief Gen Manoj Pande called on Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Brig (Retd) B D Mishra at Raj Niwas Leh and discussed with him the situation prevailing along Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh.

LAC in Eastern Ladakh is reported to have prominently figured in the meeting, the sources said. A tweet by the Office of Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Army chief Gen Manoj Pande was in the Union Territory of Ladakh for four days during which he attended (Contd on page 4 Col 1)



Army chief Gen Manoj Pande with LG Ladakh Brig (Retd) B D Mishra in Leh.

Gen Manoj Pande called on Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Brig (Retd) B D Mishra. "They discussed a range of (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

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