

## Ladakh reps to meet MoS Home today

Excelsior Correspondent

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## Separatism in Kashmir is dead: Dulat

SRINAGAR, June 18:

Former spymaster A S Dulat has said the separatism in Kashmir was "dead" but felt there was a need to start a dialogue with mainstream political parties in the Valley.

Dulat, who was Advisor on Jammu and Kashmir to the Central Government during the tenure of former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, also (Contd on page 9 Col 1)

## PC expels Bukhari

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 18: Former Minister and senior leader Syed Basharat Bukhari was today expelled from Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference allegedly for his anti-party activities.

"Syed Basharat Bukhari, constituency head Kreeri is hereby expelled from the party, for indulging in anti party activities." (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## Explosives haul in Poonch

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, June 18: Security forces today dug out a large quantity of rusted explosive material, including 11 RPG.

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 rounds and grenades, from underneath rocks in a forested area in Poonch district.

The recovery was made from Seri Chowana forest dur- (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## Army Comdr reviews yatra security

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 18: Army Northern Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi today reviewed the security and operational preparedness for Amarnath yatra, officials said.

Lt Gen Dwivedi visited Panjtarni astride Southern Route for Amarnath yatra to review security arrangements for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra. (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

## Fresh tremors rock Doda, Ladakh

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Two mild intensity earthquakes shook the mountainous Doda district early today, officials said.

The Union Territory of Ladakh also recorded a mild tremor late Saturday. There was no report of any damage reported from anywhere, the officials said. (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

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## 'Collective will of people can achieve any goal' Tourism, G20 meet lead to lot of discussion on J&K in country: PM

**\*Baramulla turning into symbol of white revolution**

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, June 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today that nowadays there has been a lot of discussion about Jammu and Kashmir in the country due to rising tourism and spectacular conduct of G20 event last month.

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He mentioned this while addressing monthly programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on All India Radio this morning.

Modi also spoke about Baramulla district turning into a symbol of new white revolution with efforts of local people including women.

"Nowadays, there has been a lot of discussion about Jammu and Kashmir in the country due to rising tourism and spectacular events of G20," the Prime Minister said referring to heavy tourist footfall in the Union Territory and successful conduct of Tourism Working Group



PM Narendra Modi during monthly Radio address 'Mann Ki Baat' referred to white revolution in Baramulla on Sunday.

(TWG) meeting of G20 in Srinagar last month. He said he was turning into a symbol of new white revolution and referred to youth who have come forward to do dairy farming.

He said due to hard work of such people, 5.5 lakh liters of milk is being produced daily in Baramulla district of the Kashmir Valley. Recalling that some time back he had mentioned how Lotus Stems (Nadru) of Kashmir are being relished outside the country, Modi said now the people of Baramulla district have

done a wonderful job in dairy farming. "Farming has been going on in Baramulla for a long time but there was shortage of milk. People of Baramulla took this challenge as an opportunity and a large number of people started dairy farming there," he said. He added that the women were also in forefront of this task including Ishrat Nabi, a Graduate, who started Mir Sisters Dairy Farm.

The Prime Minister said about 150 litres of milk is being sold every day from their dairy farm. Similarly, Wasim Anayat from Sopore has more than two dozen animals and he also sells more than 200 litres of milk every day. "Another youth Abid Hussain is doing dairy farming. His work is also progressing a lot," he added.

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## 'Isolate forces who want to take nation back' Present pace of development in J&K never seen in past: LG

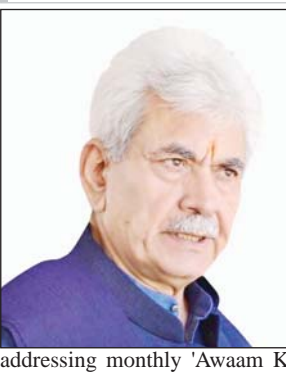
Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said today that the pace of developmental works in Jammu and Kashmir at present has never been witnessed in past even as he called upon the people to isolate the forces who want to take the nation back.

"Within very short duration  
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of time, a complete transparency and honesty has been witnessed in the works which was not seen in the past," Sinha said while

Together, people will make Amarnath yatra a success



addressing monthly 'Awaam Ki

Awaaz' address on Radio this morning.

Timing of 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' this month was advanced from 11 AM to 10 AM as it was coinciding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat'. Modi addresses Mann Ki Baat on Radio on last Sunday of the month while Sinha addresses 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' on third Sunday of the month. Modi advanced his address as he will be in the United States.

Asserting that Jammu and Kashmir has been undergoing an era of development presently, Sinha said such a pace of development has never been witnessed in the past here.

"Everyone is feeling the pace of development," he said and called upon the people to isolate those forces who want to take the nation back as every citizen wants to see development in the Union Territory.

The Lieutenant Governor said in both rural and urban areas there is a need to isolate the elements holding the J&K back, so that the creative forces of the society can work as a cohesive group towards shared goal of making India the new economic powerhouse of the world.

He said everyone must be united to fulfil dream of a powerful India. (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## 'Befitting reply given to attacks in Uri, Pulwama' Terrorists used to come from Pak, behead our jawans but previous Govt stayed mum: Shah

SIRSA/GURDASPUR, June 18:

Targeting the previous UPA Government at the Centre, Shah said that nine years ago terrorists used to come from Pakistan and behead our soldiers, "but Manmohan and Sonia sarkar used to remain mum".

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Targeting the erstwhile Congress dispensation in Haryana led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the senior BJP leader said it was a "3D Government of darbaris (courtiers), daamad (son-in-law) and dealers".

He listed various achievements of the Narendra Modi Government and said it was strong and decisive. The Modi Government took decisions such as scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution which accorded special status to the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, despite stiff opposition from several parties, including the Congress, he said.

mark the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi Government. "Remember the time nine years ago, Congress party had indulged in Rs 12 lakh crore worth of scams...In these nine years, even our opponents cannot point a finger of corruption at Modi ji, who has run the Government in a transparent manner," Shah told the gathering.



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## Modi ensured equitable development of UT: Dr Jitendra Fast industrialisation taking place in J&K after 370 abrogation: Puri

Avtar Bhat

KATHUA, June 18: While Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Oil & Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri said that fast industrialisation has taken place in J&K



Union Ministers Hardeep Singh Puri and Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a mega public rally at Banotti, Kathua on Sunday.

after abrogation of Article 370 by Narendra Modi Government and era of stone pelting is over, Union Minister

of Sate in PMO with independent charge of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh said rising above vote bank politics pursued by opposition parties for decades together, Prime Minister in nine years ensured equitable develop-

ment of every region of the country. Puri, while talking to reporters on the sidelines of a

maintained that the stage of stone pelting is over and rapid industrialisation in J&K is taking place after abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. He said there has been a sea change in the UT since 2019 and it is heralding to a new era of peace and prosperity now.

The security scenario has totally improved in the UT and big industrialists are coming for rapid investment here. This will change entire scenario in J&K, he said, adding he had

rally at Barnoti near here organised by BJP in connection with nine years of Modi Government

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## Work on 532 mts span bridge over Ujh river abandoned near Jathana in Kathua

**\*10,000 villages suffer in wrangles between JKPC, contractor**

Gopal Sharma

KATHUA, June 18: The work on 532 mts span double lane pre-stressed concrete bridge over river Ujh, near Jathana and Jakhol villages of district Kathua, has been abandoned from the last more than two and half years following wrangles between JKPC and contractor, aggravating the miseries of over 10,000 people from three Panchayats of Barnoti block.

Official sources told the Excelsior that this important bridge project worth Rs 45.54 crores was sanctioned by the Government during March 2015 under Central Roads Fund



Students crossing over narrow beams of Ujh bridge near Jathana in Kathua.

(CRF), during the period when the bridge of Kote Punnu was sanctioned. While the bridge of Kote Punnu was completed and made functional more than three

The work on this bridge commenced during 2017 and three years time span was given to the agency, M/s V K Gupta & Associates from Chandigarh. Though project cost of the bridge was Rs 45.54 crores, the work was tendered at Rs 36.80 crores with 1875 mts approach roads, for 500 mts span bridge, sources added.

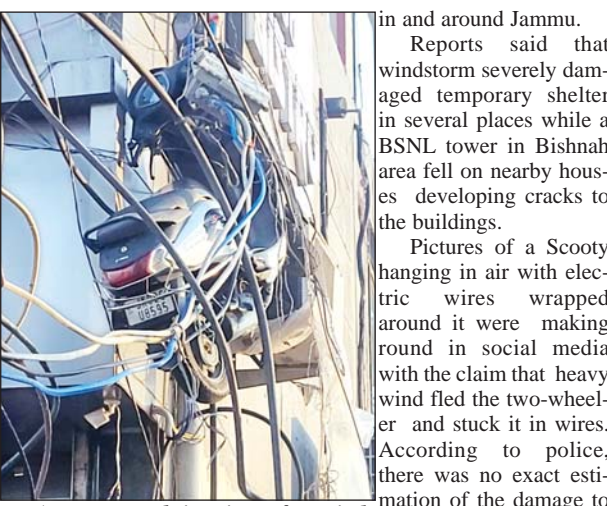
Sources further said that from very beginning, this bridge witnessed some unusual hurdles. Initially, 445 mts span bridge with 2550 mts approach roads was proposed but the site selected for raising this bridge was changed. The PW(R&B) Department un-trusted the work (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

## Water supply to remain partially affected today Thunderstorm damages public property, power infrastructure in Jammu

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Intense thunderstorm along with rains lashed Jammu and adjoining areas this evening causing massive damage to public property in various areas here. A number of trees and poles got uprooted at several locations and there was heavy damage to electricity infrastructure even as there were no reports of loss of life or injuries to anyone.

Electricity supply remained disrupted for hours together because of damage to the electricity infrastructure. Poles and trees were seen uprooted in Sainik Colony, Sector-6 of Channi Himmat and Sector 7 of Nanak Nagar besides other areas



A scooter stuck in wires after wind-storm in Jammu on Sunday. -Excelsior/Rakesh (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

## Police inquiring into entire issue, says SSP ICJ chief on way to Lal Chowk to hoist tricolor returns following threat

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Lashing out at the Jammu and Kashmir administration and police for not taking appropriate steps with regard to security arrangements and demanding probe, president, International Council of Jurists (ICJ), London, Dr. Adish C Aggarwala today said the national flag hoisting by him at Lal Chowk in Srinagar scheduled for this morning has been postponed allegedly due to security threat.

In a statement issued here this afternoon, Dr Aggarwala, who is also Chairman, All India Bar Association said he was travelling from Katra to Srinagar yesterday for unfurling the national flag at Lal Chowk, Srinagar scheduled for today.

He said they stopped at Zaika Sweets and Restaurant at Samroli in Udhampur district for taking snacks at about 10:08 pm when two cars stopped near their parked car, one to his left and the other behind his taxi.

"In the left side car, one occupant was having a rifle. A short height person in his mid 40s, came to me and told me "Kashmir me Tiranga Fehra Rahe Ho. Srinagar Me Dekh Lenge" (Hoisting National Flag in Kashmir. Will see you in Srinagar)," Aggarwala said.

He further said, "I kept mum and did not react and instead asked the driver to take me to Jammu claiming that I have to collect the important file."

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NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah speaking to reporters in Srinagar on Sunday.

who are coming for Amarnath pilgrimage find a real spirit of brotherhood here. Kashmiri's are helping pilgrims, carrying their luggage and rendering every kind of service to them so that they can perform the yatra smoothly", he said. He said if the yatra is stopped, it would result in losses for the poor people whose earnings during these two (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

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