daily Excelsior

Follow us: Daily Excelsior | JAMMU, SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 | REGD. NO. JK-71/21-23 RNI No. 28547/65 | Vol No. 59 No. 125 | 12+4 (Magazine) = 16 Pages | ₹ 6.00

Series of operations to be launched in border distts

Rajnath reviews security situation with LG, Army chief in Rajouri

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, May 6: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today reviewed security situation in Jammu and Kashmir particularly in twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Army chief Gen Manoj Pande and Northern Command chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi during his visit to the border district of Rajouri, a day after five elite para commandos of the Army were martyred and a Major was injured in a powerful IED blast triggered by the militants.

**Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com*

Militant killed, another injured

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh accompanied by LG Manoj Sinha interacting with troops at Rajouri on Saturday.

Rajnath took stock of operational preparedness of the Indian Army and situation along the borders during his visit to the Army base camp in Rajouri.

As per the officials, a

(Contd on page 4 Col 3)

Snowfall, rains lead to drop in temp

Newly-wedded couple among 4 killed; 3 injured in cloudburst, lightning

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR/JAMMU, May 6: Four persons including a newly wedded couple were killed in cloudburst and lightning strike incidents at two different places in Kashmir today, while three villagers including a woman were injured as lightning hit Kuntwara area of Kishtwar today.

A senior police official said that there was a cloudburst incident at Bujbagh area of Pampore in Pulwama district this afternoon, resulting in the death of two persons- Hilal Ahmed Hanji, 25, and his wife Rozia Jan, 25.

**Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com*

In another incident, two persons died when lightning struck them at a high-altitude meadow land in Mujpathri area of Budgam district today.

The deceased have been identified as Taja Begum, wife of Abdus Samad Chopan and Mohammad Sultan Chopan, son-in-law of Ghulam Mohammad Chopan of Gurwaith Kalan.

Many Jammu areas experience hail, windstorm

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir was lashed by heavy rains today while hills had fresh snowfall leading to drop in temperatures across the region with Weatherman forecasting widespread moderate rain and thunderstorms in the region for next 24 hours.

Kashmir valley was lashed by heavy rains and there were hail-storms at few places and snowfall in the hills.

In many parts of Jammu, including Akhnoor, Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Ramban, Samba, Udhampur and Kathua besides some other areas heavy rain occurred this evening. Many parts of Jammu also witnessed strong hailstorm causing damage to the crops.

Reports from Kishtwar said that three villagers including a woman were injured as lightning struck Kuntwara area of Kishtwar today. Reports said Heena Begum, wife of Shabir Hussain, resident of Malie village was standing near her bathroom

(Contd on page 4 Col 3)

Proclamation executed in Bhaderwah

SIA to attach property of Pak-based militant Khateeb

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 6: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) Jammu today executed proclamation against a Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen militant in Bhaderwah tehsil of Doda district as a step before attachment of his property.

The Hizbul Mujahideen militant identified as Mohammad Hussain Khateeb is wanted to the SIA in case First Information Report (FIR) No. 73/2023 in which former Minister Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh is facing trial and is presently lodged at Central Jail in Kot Bhalwal Jammu.

Khateeb, a resident of Bhaderwah in Doda district is presently operating from Pakistan and has masterminded some of the terror acts which took place earlier in Doda and Kishtwar districts.

"The SIA is in the process of attaching property of Khateeb in Bhaderwah," the sources said, adding the action is likely to be taken shortly.

In the meantime, the SIA today executed proclamation proceedings under Section 82 CrPC against Mohammad Hussain Khateeb by affixing posters of the absconding accused at his residence at Masjid Mohalla and other conspicuous places at Bhaderwah in Doda after getting the proclamation orders issued from the court.

Khateeb has been granted a period of 30 days by the court in its proclamation order to appear

(Contd on page 4 Col 1)

KCF chief shot dead in Lahore

CHANDIGARH/LAHORE, May 6:

Wanted Khalistani terrorist Paramjit Singh Panjwar was shot dead in Pakistan's Lahore today by unidentified assailants, sources said.

Hailing from Punjab's Tarn Taran district, Panjwar, 63, was

(Contd on page 4 Col 7)

Tourism Deptt vows action against overcharging

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 6: Secretary of Tourism, Syed Abid Rasheed, today vowed action against overcharging and counterfeit sales by any private tourism player and directed the

(Contd on page 4 Col 7)

MP, ex-MLAs, others join last rites of martyr

Hav Neelam Singh cremated with full military honours, thousands join funeral

Gopal Sharma

AKHNOOR, May 6: A pall of gloom descended at Dalpat Chak village near Kirpalpur in Jourian area of Akhnoor Sub Division in Jammu district, after the body of martyr Neelam Singh, wrapped in tricolour and kept in a decorated Army vehicle, arrived at his native village today.

Right from Akhnoor town up to Martyr's village, hundreds of youth in the form of a bike/car rally escorted the decorated Army vehicle, chanting loud slogans….." Shaheed Neelam Singh Chib Amar Rahe"….. "Indian Army Zindabad'….." Bharat Mata Ki Jai'…. and so on. The bikes, cars and other vehicles, part of long rally were fitted with national flags. Besides youth of the area, many ex-servicemen also joined rally and last rites of the martyr.

**Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com*

Thousands join funeral procession of Hav Neelam Singh in Jourian area of Akhnoor on Saturday.

The 10-year-old daughter-Pawna Chib and 7-year-old son-Ankit Chib of Hav Neelam Singh, made every one in tears when both of them literally fell

(Contd on page 4 Col 1)

SIU raids HM comdr's house

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 6: Special Investigation Unit of Kashmir Police today conducted searches in the house of a Hizb-ul-Mujahideen commander in Kulgam district.

A police spokesman said that continuing its crackdown on militants, Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Kulgam today conducted searches in the residential premises of Abdul Gani Bhat, father of militant Farooq Ahmad Bhat alias Nali, at Chek Desen Yaripora. Farooq Bhat is an active militant of HM and is wanted in many militant related cases.

**Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com*

(Contd on page 4 Col 7)

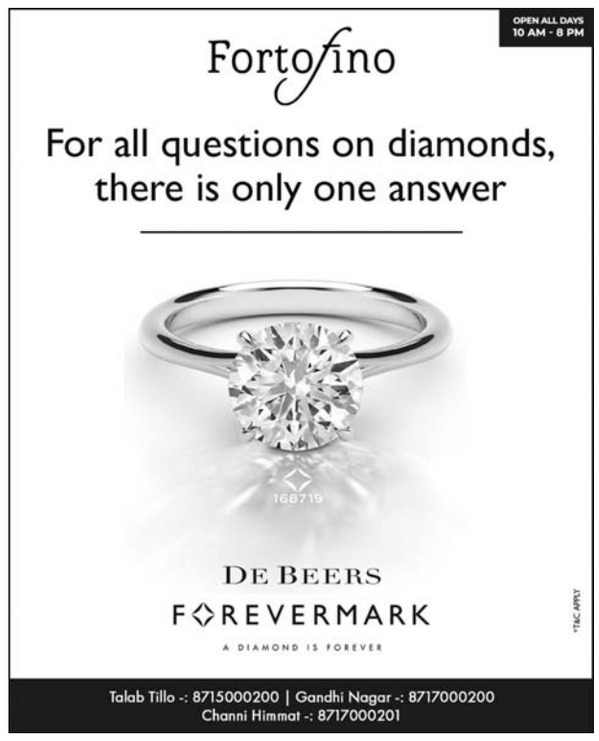
LeT militant killed in Baramulla

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 6: A Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militant was killed in an encounter with security forces in Baramulla district today.

A police spokesman said that acting on a specific input regarding the presence of militant in Karhama, Kunzer area of Baramulla, a joint cordon and search operation was launched by Police, Army (2nd RR) and CRPF (176 Bn) in the area.

** Pic on page 4*
Video on www.excelsiornews.com

"During the search operation, as the joint search party approached towards the suspected spot, the hiding militant fired

(Contd on page 4 Col 5)