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NIA court issues proclamation against 5 militants

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 22 : The NIA designated Special Court in Kulgam issued proclamation orders against five militant activities and target killing cases including killing of lady teacher Rajni Bala and Bank Manager Vijay Kumar in district Kulgam, last year.

"On the request of SIU Kashmir, proclamation notices have been issued against militants namely Arjumand Gulzar alias Hamza Bhuran son of Gulzar Ahmed Dar, resident of Kharbatapora Ratnipora

Four die in 2 road mishaps

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 22: Four persons were killed today in two separate road accidents, one occurred near JMC Crossing in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bus Stand and another at village Channu Chak on City outskirts.

Kotwal to look after duties of Narula

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, May 22: The Union Territory Administration of Ladakh today ordered that Dr Pawan Kotwal, Principal Secretary, will look after the duties and responsibilities of the Advisor to Lieutenant Governor in the absence of Umang Narula, who is proceeding on leave from May 23-June 5.

Long-lost siblings reunite after 75 yrs at Kartarpur

LAHORE, May 22:

A man and his sister, separated during the partition 75 years ago, were reunited at the landmark Kartarpur Corridor, in an emotional meeting made possible through social media, a media report said today.

Mahendra Kaur, 81, from India, reunited with her 78-year-old brother Sheikh Abdul Aziz from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir at the Kartarpur Corridor after they found out through a social media post that they were siblings separated during the partition in 1947, Dawn News reported.

Govt mulling 100% FDI for world class infrastructure

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, May 22: Union Minister for Tourism G Kishan Reddy today said that Jammu and Kashmir expects to see 20 million tourist arrivals and that the Government is mulling 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for world class tourism infrastructure.

"In year 2022, 1.84 crore tourists visited J&K and this year, we expect 20 million tourist arrivals including foreign guests," Reddy told reporters here.

The Minister said that India is also mulling 100 per cent FDI for world class Tourism infrastructure across the country with special focus on J&K.

"We have started the prepa-

J&K to see 20m tourist arrivals this year: Reddy

ratations, and the Government has approached all States, and discussions are going on. Our idea is that without private investment we cannot become a world tourist destination that is why we want investment globally and locally. We cannot become a world tourist destination, which is why we want investments globally and domestically, and we are also encouraging 100% FDI under Modi," he said.

Reddy said that G20 events are being held across the country. "In every State of the country, G20 events are being held. It's a great pride for Srinagar to host a mega event. This event will surely pay back in the form of rise in the tourist influx," he said.

He said this was just the beginning as India is all set to host the Global Tourism Investment Summit.

60 delegates arrive

About 60 foreign delegates arrived here today for the third Tourism Working Group meeting of the G20 countries that will begin here tomorrow.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha will inaugurate the meeting tomorrow morning at SKICC Srinagar.

This is the first international meeting being held in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article



Union Minister for Tourism GK Reddy addressing a function in Srinagar on Monday.

AC nod to upgradation of Transport Nagar Parimpora

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 22: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here today under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha approved upgradation/revamping of Transport Nagar, Parimpora (Srinagar) at an estimated cost of Rs 31.58 crore.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The project components include laying of road network, sewerage & drainage network, electric network to the tune of Rs 30.00 cr. It also includes development of parks/green spaces & contingencies including consultancy to the tune of Rs 1.58 cr.

The project aims at decongestion of Srinagar city besides bringing all the transport agencies on one platform outside the proper facilities both in terms of road network and other amenities at this vital business center. This project once completed will benefit nearly 76 transport agencies, besides, providing/improving the livelihood of people/traders dealing with various trades.

decision aimed to effectively address the legal concerns of the general public and increased litigation cases/judicial work-load of the district, the Administrative Council (AC) gave nod to the construction of new district court complex at Bandipora.

The project has been considered to be funded under Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Development of infrastructure facilities for Judiciary" and is estimated to come up at a cost of Rs 35.12 crore.

The new Court Complex would include a three storeyed court building, construction of Lawyers Chambers and residential quarters for Judges of district court besides other facilities and basic amenities.

that there has been a sea change in Kashmir.

"This change has happened. Common people on the streets of Srinagar want to move on. They have lost two generations (due to militancy)," he said.

While referring to the G20



LG Manoj Sinha chairing the AC meeting in Srinagar on Monday.

Kashmir untapped destination for film industry: Ram Charan

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 22: The Film star Ram Charan today said that Kashmir is an untapped destination for the film industry and it will take 95 years for them to explore it.

The actor was speaking at the Film Tourism for Economic and Cultural Preservation event here at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), being hosted as a part of the three-day Tourism Working Group Meeting of the G20 countries.

While highlighting the potential for filming in Kashmir, the Telugu star said that it is an untapped destination and will take them another 95 years to explore Kashmir.

Meanwhile, in a significant



Actor Ram Charan dancing along with other delegates on the tunes of blockbuster song Natu Natu during the ongoing G20 meeting at SKICC on Monday.

PM meets NZ counterpart, reaches Sydney

India reliable partner of Pacific Island nations: Modi

PORT MOREBY, May 22:

Eyeing to bolster India's footprint in the Indo-Pacific, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today showcased New Delhi as a reliable partner of the Pacific Island nations as he said those considered trustworthy were not standing by the region in times of need, in what is being seen as an oblique reference to China.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, Modi told top leaders of 14 Pacific Island nations at a summit, assuring that India is ready to share its capabilities and experiences with the region without any hesitation and that we are with you in every way.

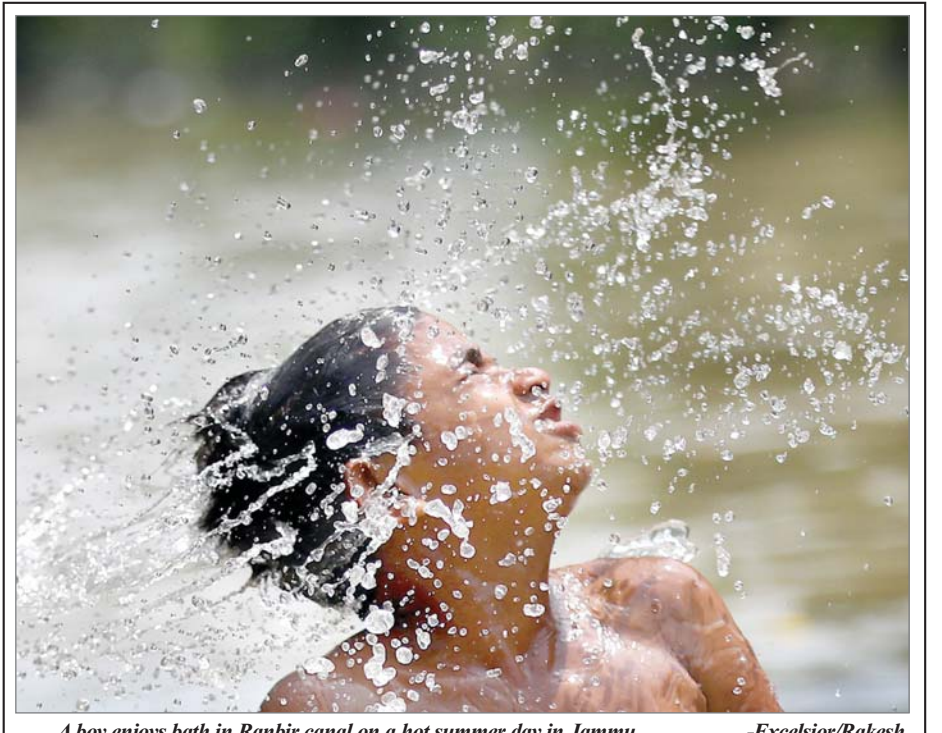
Referring to adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic and other global developments, Modi said India stood by the Pacific Island nations in the challenging time and conveyed to them that they can rely on New Delhi as it respects their

Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives warm welcome by Indian community in Sydney on Monday. (UNI)

The Mumbai tourist whose



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A boy enjoys bath in Ranbir canal on a hot summer day in Jammu.

No better place for shooting than Kashmir

J&K undergone transformation, no takers for strike calls from Islamabad: Jitendra Singh

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, May 22: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said that Kashmir has undergone transformation and there are no takers for the strike calls given by Islamabad as people have moved on.

The Minister while addressing the delegates from G20 countries at a side event on "Film Tourism for Economic and Cultural Preservation" said

Singh told reporters that there has been set back to the development and progress of Kashmir after 1990. "I believe that Kashmir had the potential to become another Hyderabad. The Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) was established to host international conferences. Two generations have been affected by terror, but the younger generation has realized the importance of not wasting their energy and youthful years on it. Kashmir is an integral part of PM Modi's vision for progress," he said.

Residency Road (in the city centre of) Srinagar would close. Now there is no hartal even if the call for hartal has come from here or there."



Union MoS in PMO Dr Jitendra Singh addressing the delegates at Srinagar on Monday.

With no response from Centre; LAB, KDA call crucial meeting today

***MP says 6th Schedule will weaken Hill Councils**

Sanjeev Pargal

Ahead of the LAB and KDA meeting, lone Lok Sabha member from Ladakh and young BJP leader Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said Sixth Schedule status will weaken the twin Hill Sabha member from Ladakh and co-chairman Chering Dorjay told the Excelsior that entire Apex Body will be travelling to Kargil tomorrow from Leh for detailed deliberations with the KDA and chalk out future course of action as there has been no response to their demands from the Union Home Ministry for a long time now.

"All KDA members will attend the meeting," Chhewang said, adding the meeting will discuss in detail the no response to their demands from the MHA. Of course, he added, they will decide future course of action.

"There has been no official contact between the Union Home Ministry and LAB and KDA leadership for past several months now. The MHA had constituted a High Powered Committee headed by Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai in first week of January this year but its composition and agenda

Impact of Rs 2000 currency notes will be very marginal: RBI Guv

Withdrawal part of clean note policy

NEW DELHI, May 22:

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das today said the impact of withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes will be "very very marginal" on the economy because it accounts for only 10.8 per cent of currency in circulation.

Describing the withdrawal exercise as part of currency management operations of the Reserve Bank, he said, he expects most of the withdrawn Rs 2,000 notes to be returned to the exchequer by the deadline of September 30.

Talking to reporters, Das said, "the impact of this on the economy will be very very marginal because it is only 10.8 per cent of currency in circulation.

Asked if Rs 2,000 notes will continue to be a legal tender, Das said "It will continue as legal tender. We will wait how many notes are coming. I cannot give a speculative answer about what will happen post September 30."

Most of the notes are expected to come back, he said, adding "that is our expectation at this stage. We will see how many notes come back. And as we approach September 30, we will decide at that stage."

He said there is enough time available for exchange and deposit in bank accounts so people

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