

**Biden hails Indo-US partnership**  
HANOI, Sept 10:

President Joe Biden today hailed the partnership between India and the US, saying it is rooted in Mahatma Gandhi's principle of trusteeship that is shared between the two countries.

President Biden and other G20 leaders paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial Rajghat in New Delhi today. "The partnership between India and the United States is rooted in Mahatma Gandhi's principal of trusteeship - trusteeship that is shared

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**INDIA bloc CC to meet on Sept 13**  
NEW DELHI, Sept 10:

The first meeting of the 14-member coordination committee of the opposition bloc INDIA will be held in the national capital on September 13, leaders said today.

The meet, to be held at the residence of NCP supremo Sharad Pawar, will chalk out the coalition's strategies and future programmes, they said.

Over two dozen opposition parties have formed the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) to take on the BJP-led National

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**Woman among 3 OGWs held**  
Excelsior Correspondent

BARAMULLA, Sept 10: Security forces have busted a

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terror recruitment module here and arrested three Over Ground Workers (OGWs) associated with the proscribed outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT). One among the arrested OGWs is a woman.

Besides, a cache of arms and ammunition has also been (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

**4 GMCs get AOs**  
Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 10: The Government today ordered transfer and posting of officers in which four Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) got the Administrative Officers.

Masood Ahmad Bichoo, General Manager, DIC Reasi has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Thathri, against an available vacancy. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Thathri, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Mohammad Anwar Bandy Programme Officer, ICDS Project Reasi, shall hold the (Contd on page 11 Col 3)  
**Missing BSF jawan traced to home**  
Excelsior Correspondent

MENDHAR, Sept 10: Two days after he was reported to be missing from his post near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, a Border Security Force (BSF) jawan was traced to his home in Bihar.

The jawan was reported missing from the forward post in Bharani in Balakote sector early Friday, following which the BSF lodged a missing person report at the Police Station concerned, the officials said. (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

**Punjab cops thrash Kathua family**  
Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Sept 10: The height of unlawful activity of Punjab Police was noticed today when three cops from neighboring State including a Sub Inspector forcibly entered into a residential house belong-

ing to Rajesh Kumar at village Tafari Sangi in Kathua district in wee hours and started beating the family members. The family members also retaliated and succeeded in catching hold of one of the cops (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

**Meets French Prez, German Chancellor, Canadian PM PM makes renewed push for UNSC, proposes G20 virtual session in Nov**

NEW DELHI, Sept 10:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today made a renewed push for expansion of the UN Security Council and reforms in global institutions to reflect world's "new realities", as the G20 summit concluded here with world leaders lauding India's presidency for ensuring several tangible outcomes.

Marking the ceremonial transfer of the rotational G20 presidency, Prime Minister Modi handed over the gavel to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who hailed India for giving voice to topics of interests of emerging economies. Lula also said the UN Security Council needs new developing countries as permanent and non-permanent members to regain political strength and greater representation for emerging countries at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In his concluding remarks at the final session of the two-day G20 summit, the Prime Minister also proposed a virtual session



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at G20 Summit in Bharat Mandapam at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on Sunday (UNI)

of the G20 around the end of November to take stock of the suggestions and decisions made by the leaders of the major developed and developing countries here.

"With this (proposal), I declare the G20 summit as closed," Modi said. Modi, who noted that India's presidency of G20 would officially continue till November 30 and that over two-and-half months were left for its tenure as

the head of the grouping, cited a Sanskrit shloka to pray for hope and peace in the entire world.

Official sources, meanwhile, said the text relating to Russia-Ukraine conflict in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration is a "convergent consensus" rather than a "divisive consensus" and it could show a path to a resolution of the crisis, a day after a breakthrough on the contentious issue was achieved to help the G20 leaders come out with a 37-page Declaration marking a huge diplomatic win for India.

India achieved '100 per cent' consensus on developmental and geo-political issues in the Declaration, which avoided mentioning the Russian invasion of Ukraine and made a general call to all states to follow the principle of respecting each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty. Addressing the 'One Future' (Contd on page 4 Col 7)

**World leaders hail India's Presidency**

**Dhoks left by tribes in winter to be monitored**

**Add troops deployed in Rajouri, Poonch to counter terror threat**

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, Sept 10: Additional troops have been deployed in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, including on the Line of Control (LoC) as well as hinterland while police have strengthened its positions close to the LoC as a part of series of measures taken by Army and Police to thwart infiltration attempts from Pakistan and eliminate the militants who have managed to sneak-in to this side.

Police officials have been asked to connect villagers living close to the LoC with WhatsApp Groups for timely information about any kind of suspicious

movement so that reinforcement could be dispatched at the earliest and the militants eliminated or apprehended, officials told the Excelsior.

They said there have been reports that Rajouri and Poonch districts could witness more intrusion bids on the LoC as Pakistan was desperate to revive militancy in Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi districts of the region and use this route for sending militants to South Kashmir.

As per the officials, Army has strengthened its positions on both LoC as well as hinterland by rushing in more troops to ensure that the militants don't manage to infiltrate from Pakistan and, if they succeed in crossing over,

they are either killed or arrested well before they could strike at their targets.

"All dhoks used by the tribes which they will start vacating by the end of this month or start of next month with onset of winter, will be kept under surveillance as there have been reports that such dhoks could be used by the militants for shelter," the officials said, recalling that in Bhatta Durrian (Mendhar) terror attack on April 20 in which five Army bravehearts were killed, the militants involved had stayed in the dhoks.

They said drones are likely to be used for constant watch on the dhoks in mountainous areas of Rajouri and Poonch districts. Police in Rajouri and

**'They only salute the rising Sun'**

**Officers not loyal to politicians but to themselves: Omar**

Tarun Upadhyay

JAMMU, Sept 10: Former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and ex MP Omar Abdullah has said that biggest mistake politicians make is in assuming that officers are loyal to them. He has said officers are loyal to themselves only and to the chair they are occupying and that is what we have to expect.

"I think the mistake politicians make is in assuming that officers are loyal to us (politicians). They are not. They are loyal to themselves. They are loyal to the chair they are occupying. The officers will go wherever they see the direction of power is flowing," he said.

Omar, in an interview with YouTube channel "UNFILTERED by Samdishi" said though he had seen such behav-



our of officers in his life and was not shocked when officers stopped turning to him after he was jailed. "I was an ex CM in 2019

and I am an ex CM now also. I have never had so many officers come and wish me on Eid as they did after 2019 Parliamentary elections because they thought that I am going to be CM very soon. On that day I was tired of saying Eid Mubarak to officers."

PDP-BJP alliance formed Government in 2015 and in June 2018 BJP pulled out of the alliance. There were talks of fresh elections at that time.

Omar said even when he was released in March 2020, from the detention not a single officers came to greet him on Eid.

"This is nothing new (officers not turning up after loss of power). (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

**Mayor, Deputy among bigwigs hit by proposed notification to reserve JMC Wards**

\*Resentment among Councillors grow, Election Authority invites objections

Sanjeev K Sharma

JAMMU, Sept 10: As the proposed notification issued by the Chief Electoral Officer J&K on September 4, 2023 has reserved many Wards of the Urban Local Body (ULB) represented by prominent persons including sitting Mayor, Deputy Mayor, present chief whip of Congress, many other senior BJP and Congress leaders along with some independent Councillors in Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), the development has triggered objections against the notification and many Councillors have demanded amendment in the same. It is pertinent to mention here that in accordance with

Section 10-A of the J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000 and Section 11-A of the J&K Municipal Act, 2000, Wards are to be reserved for Women, Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Municipal Bodies of J&K. This based on the population data, Wards to be notified as reserved Wards for SCs, STs, Women (Open Category), Women (SC Category) and Women (ST Category) were worked out and Wards 19, 29, 41, 45, 56, 57, 59, 65, 67 and 74 were notified reserved for SCs while Wards 29, 56 and 65 for SC Women; Ward 60 for ST; Ward 63 for ST Woman and Wards 2, 5, 8, 12, 16, 18, 23, 26, 32, 36, 39, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 61, 66, 72 and 73 were notified

reserved for Women Open to give 33 per cent reservation to them.

However, the Chief Electoral Officer J&K has invited objections/suggestions till September 14, 2023 in relation to the proposed notification.

When contacted, Mayor, Rajinder Sharma, who is presently at the helm of affairs in the ULB and whose Ward number 16 has been reserved for Women Open in the proposed notification, said, though rotation of the JMC Wards for reservation is a matter as per the JMC Act but whatever the formula applied for this should be justified and all the Wards should remain reserved at least for one time. (Contd on page 4 Col 3)

**Assets of drug smugglers frozen**

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 10: Police today froze property and other assets worth lakhs belonging to two notorious drug smugglers in Bandipora.

The assets, valued at Rs 56 lakh and 60 thousand, were owned by Khurshed Ahmad Waza, son of GH Ahmad Waza, and his wife (whose name is withheld), residents of Bandipora.

The frozen property comprises land measuring 1 Kanal & 1.5 Marlas, a Mahindra Scorpio with registration No. JK01T-6266, and a Tata Minibus with registration No. JK05-7707, according to the police.

These assets were frozen under Section 68F(2) of the NDPS Act by the Competent (Contd on page 11 Col 3)



A vendor displays clay pots used to store drinking water on a hot day in Jammu. -Excelsior/Rakesh

**'300 new tourist destinations being developed in J&K'**

**Terror, its ecosystem had given bad name to Kashmir: LG**

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, Sept 10: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that terror and its ecosystem had destroyed everyone while tourism is uniting all and one.

Sinha said this while inaugurating the Bungus Tourism and Adventure Festival at Bungus Valley in Kupwara district.

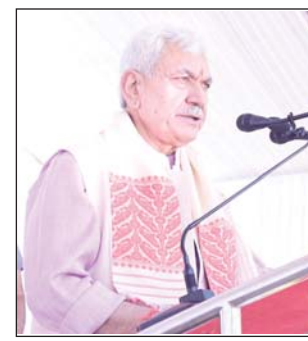
The LG told the gathering that years of terrorism and its eco-system destroyed and damaged almost every one while tourism is all set to unite all. "Terror and its ecosystem had given a bad name and image to J&K," he said.

Sinha said that it's the responsibility of the security forces to cement peace in Kashmir but locals especially their representatives have a great responsibility.

"Without peace, no development and tourism can happen. It is not only the job of security forces to cement peace but every one including locals have to play their part. Elected representatives have a great responsibility," he said.

The LG said that everyone must work to promote tourism in J&K. "We must leave no stone

turned to ensure tourism is promoted in J&K. We want the UT to become a global tourism destination and we have been



LG Manoj Sinha addressing a function at Bungus in Kupwara district on Sunday.

able to achieve that to a greater extent so far," he said.

Sinha said that the Bungus festival is organised on a big scale and is a success and a great achievement. "A lot of change has happened here in the past couple of years. Tourism is part of our culture and identity," he said.

The LG thanked all those who have come to Kashmir from different parts of the world and country. "Integrated tourism plan is being carved out. Offbeat destinations and unexplored places are being explored by vis-

itors," he said.

The LG said that the administration is committed to promote and explore tourist destinations. He said Bungus is fit for trekking and for those who love streams.

"Every visitor who visits Kashmir goes back with great memories. Every visitor is becoming our brand ambassador. They encourage everyone back home to visit J&K," he said.

He added that three years ago when he joined as LG in J&K there were a lot of challenges. "Despite COVID all destinations were promoted through road shows and other means. It was ensured that these promotions reach to everyone," he added.

The LG also said that the private sector is very important for infrastructure development. He assured that the administration is working to make J&K a best tourism destination. (Contd on page 4 Col 5)

**'ACB, CB have to play due role'**

**Fight against corruption not one-off event but continuous process: CS**

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 10: On the conclusion of the 'Brashtachar Mukh J&K Week' held first time in the UT between 4-9th September, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta reiterated that the fight against corruption is not a one-off event but a continuous process that needs to become integral part of our thinking and action.

He stated that the UT Administration does not believe in just symbolism but is committed to take this fight against the corruption to each and every household. He observed that the corrupt practices are beneficial

to only few individuals who amass illegitimate wealth but detrimental for the welfare of general public.



Dr Mehta said that the society as a whole can progress only by defeating corruption in all its dimensions and forms. He emphasized that the task has to be accomplished collectively by working hand in hand with the

administration. The anti-corruption bodies like ACB and Crime Branch have to play their due role. He highlighted that it is for these reasons that the theme of the upcoming Vigilance Week has been kept as 'corruption free society for development of the nation'.

Referring to the recently concluded 'Digital Week', the Chief Secretary emphasized that the digital empowerment of public is contributing hugely to reducing corruption in the system. He said that the IT enabled features

like e-tendering, BEAMS, Janbhagadari, geo-tagging, digital payments and physical verification payment have saved the Government exchequer from being siphoned off by the vested interests to a large extent. He encouraged people to make it their habit to apply for services online from their homes without visiting offices physically. He disclosed that there are around 1020 services onboarded on eUnnat portal and some 900 services on 'Mobile Dost' application. He said that it is easy for everyone to apply for any citizen-centric service themselves just using their mobile phone devices. (Contd on page 4 Col 1)

**North Tech Symposium from Monday**

**LGs, CDS to attend today; Rajnath, Dr Jitendra to join tomorrow**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 10: Three days North Tech Symposium will start tomorrow at IIT Jammu in the presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Ladakh LG Brig (Retd) BD Mishra, Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan and Vice Chief of Army Staff besides other top Army Commanders and arms dealers from across the globe.

The North Tech Symposium will be held on September 11, 12 and 13.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr Jitendra Singh

will visit the Symposium and address it on September 12.

Besides the CDS and Vice Chief of Army Staff, four other top Army Commanders including Northern Command chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi will also be present.

"Prominent arms dealers from across the globe will join," the officials said.

The Symposium will be inaugurated tomorrow followed by an exhibition by various vendors, the officials said.

In addition to addressing the North Tech Symposium, the Defence Minister will also inaugurate 90 projects constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) physically

and virtually from Devak river in Samba district.

The Symposium will facilitate a structured approach to product evaluation, prioritization, and acquisition while contributing actionable inputs for procurement plans, the officials said.

The North Tech Symposium, which began in 2005 as a blend of equipment, ideas, innovation, and display, has since shifted its focus towards promoting cutting-edge defence technology and self-reliance.

"This year's North Tech Symposium will be a bigger leap in reinforcing endeavours to close the gap towards desires," the officials said.