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China building villages within its side of LAC; no transgression: CDS

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NEW DELHI: Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Bipin Rawat on Thursday said the controversy about the Chinese coming into the Indian territory and building a new village is "not true", and that the villages were well within the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

He also asserted that China has not transgressed the Indian "perception" of the LAC. In its recent report, the US

Department of Defence said China built a large village inside disputed territory Tibet between Autonomous Region and India's Arunachal Pradesh in the eastern sector of the

Earlier in an official reaction to the US report, the external affairs ministry said India has neither accepted China's "illegal occupation of its territory nor any unjustified Chinese claims".

In a weekly media briefing

Arindam spokesperson Bagchi said, "China has undertaken construction activities in the past several "The present controversy -



including in the areas that it has illegally occupied over the decades. India has neither accepted such illegal occupation of our territory nor has it accepted the unjustified Chinese claims."

However, Rawat, at 'Times Now Summit 2021', said, "as far as we are concerned, no such village development has taken place on our side of the

that has erupted - that the Chinese have come across into our territory and built a new village is not true," he

"But what I wish to come

out with is that Chinese are

building villages possibly for

billeting and locating their

civilians or for their military

in the future all along the

LAC, particularly after the

recent face-offs that we have

Rawat also said both the

Indian and Chinese forces

have posts on their respective

had," the CDS added.

have now developed their posts, we have seen some old dilapidated huts that existed in that area," he said.

So, some of those huts have been broken and newer infrastructure was being built up and modern huts are coming up, he added.

Yes, maybe a couple of them, the villages, have increased in size. What I would probably feel is that these are to billet the Chinese soldiers and subsequently, they may also be planning to facilitate the arrival of their families once in a while... Our civilians going there, our families visiting forward areas, so they are watching all this," he explained.

Noting that Chinese soldiers are isolated, Rawat said,"he (Chinese soldier) is living thousands of miles away from the mainland. And he sees our people that they are in a much happier state. They get to go home

Modi to launch RBI's retail direct, integrated ombudsman schemes today ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch two innovative, customer-centric initiatives of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the retail direct scheme and the integrated ombudsman scheme, via video-conferencing Friday.

statement on Thursday, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said the RBI Retail

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Five Under Secys posted, two JKAS among four officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The government on Thursday adjusted five Under Secretaries transferred two JKAS among four officers.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/ Secretary, General Administration Department. Sat Paul, Incharge Under Secretary awaiting orders of adjustment in the

No pre or post-arrival COVID testing for kids

NEW DELHI: Children below five years are exempted from both pre- and postarrival testing for COVID-19 in India, according to the revised guidelines for international arrivals released on Thursday.

However, if found symptomatic for coronavirus infections on arrival or during home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and be treated according to laid down protocol, the guidelines

Highlighting that the global trajectory of COVID-19 pandemic continues to decline with certain regional variations, the document stated the need to monitor the continuously changing nature of virus and evolution of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern must still remain in

The existing guidelines (issued on February 17 with subsequent addendums) for international arrivals in India have been formulated approach. In view increasing vaccination coverage across the globe and the changing nature of the pandemic, the existing guidelines for international arrivals in India have been reviewed, the health ministry said.

oust Pakistan from T20 World Cup

"Children under 5 years of age are exempted from both pre- and post-arrival testing. However, if found symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and treated as per laid down protocol," it

This standard operating procedure shall be valid from November 12 (00.00 Hrs IST) till further orders, the ministry stated.

Also, 15 days must have elapsed since completion of COVID-19 vaccination schedule.

According to the existing guidelines, if travellers are fully vaccinated and coming from a country with which India has reciprocal arrangeof WHO approved COVID-19 vaccines, they shall be allowed to leave the airport and need not undergo home quarantine.

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They shall self monitor their health for 14 days' post arrival.

If partially or not vaccinated, the travellers need to undertake measures which includes submission of sample for post-arrival COVID-19 test at the point of arrival after which they will be allowed to leave the airport, home quarantine for seven days, re-test on the eighth day of arrival in India and if negative, further selfmonitor of their health for next seven

"15 days must have elapsed since completion of COVID-19 vaccination schedule," the guidelines said.

Travellers under home quarantine or self-health monitoring, if develop signs and symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 or test

J&K reports 177 new COVID cases, Ladakh 15

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STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday reported 177 new Covid cases, 36 from Jammu division and 141 from Kashmir division, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to

Moreover, 96 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 18from Jammu Division and 78 from Kashmir Division.

of new case Mucormycosis has been reported during the past 24 hours, officials said.

Over 110.74 crore COVID vaccine doses administered in India so far: Govt STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The cumulative COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country crossed 110.74 crore on Thursday, the Union Health Ministry said.

More than 48 lakh (48.76.535) vaccine doses have been administered till 7 The daily vaccination tally

is expected to increase with the compilation of the final reports for the day by late night, it said. The vaccination exercise as

a tool to protect the most vulnerable population groups in the country from COVID-19 continues to be regularly reviewed and monitored at the highest level, the ministry underlined.

The countrywide vaccination drive was rolled out on January 16 with healthcare workers (HCWs) getting inoculated in the first phase. The vaccination of frontline workers (FLWs)



On COVID vaccination, they said that 99,922 doses of COVID vaccine have been administered in the last 24 hours bringing the cumulative number of doses admin-

across

to1,55,29,188. According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 333667 positive cases, 1311 are Active Positive (173 in Jammu Division and 1138 in Kashmir Division), 327908 have recovered and 4448 have died; 2178 in Jammu division and 2270in Kashmir division. The Bulletin further said that out

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side of the LAC. DB issues directives in petition regarding dearth of staff in J&K Courts

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JAMMU: In a petition filed by Joginder Singh, Bench Secretary of High Court regarding dearth of staff at various level (i.e.) High Court and District Courts, pay anomaly in respect of officers and staff and promotional avenues to Law Graduate Readers of High Court, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Mohan Lal directed AAG Aseem Sawhney to convene a meeting of Chief Secretary of the Union

Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Law Secretary and Registrar General and to ensure that issues raised in the petition are taken up, discussed and if possible, resolved therein. The meeting be held most expeditiously within a month and a report thereof be submitted before the Court, the Bench directed.

When the petition came-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that the petitioners are Bench Secretaries working in High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. They have preferred this

petition seeking certain reliefs, one of which is to accord approval to resolution adopted on September 13-15, 2002 in the Chief Justices' Conference thereby enhancing salary and perks of High Court Staff. Another relief is for a direction to grant retrospective effect to SRO 386 dated December 1. 2008. Lastly, a prayer has been made for the grant of ACP in view of resolution of the Full Court dated November 26, 2014 and sanction/creation of six posts of Additional Registrars in view of judgment of the

Supreme Court passed in A R Zakki's case.

DB observed that the Court, on earlier occasions. had directed for convening of the meeting of the Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Law Secretary and Registrar General for resolving the above disputes and it is alleged that though one meeting was conducted, as directed but in the said meeting only implementation of Shetty Commission Report was considered and there was no discussion with regard

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BJP nominates new J&K **Executive Committee Members** Arora, former Dy. Mayor

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Jammu and

Kashmir BJP President Ravinder Raina nominatnew Executive Committee Members of BJP J&K UT.

Following respected members are hereby nominated as State Executive Committee Members of Bharativa Janata Party. Jammu and Kashmir UT. Former MLA Nagrota

Devinder Singh Rana, former Minister & MLA Surject Singh Slathia, former Minister & MLA Prem Sagar Aziz, former MLA Bishnah Kamal Dharam Veer Singh Jamwal, former President Chamber of Commerce YV Sharma, Som Nath Khajuria and Choudhary Arshad are nominated as new Executive Committee Members of BJP J&K UT.

Ravinder Raina while nominating them said that the party has firm belief in their capabilities and holds the trust that their actions will bring more extensions in party activities while serving the common masses with convic-Disciplinary authority should decide

Neither accepted China's illegal occupation, nor any unjustified claim: India

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday said it has neither accepted China's illegal occupation of its territory nor any unjustified Chinese claims, in the first official reaction to a Pentagon report that said Beijing built a large village in a disputed territory along the Line of Actual Control in the Arunachal Pradesh sector.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on its security and takes all the necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and

territorial integrity.

He was replying to a question on the US report at a media briefing.

Bagchi said India too stepped up infrastructure development including the construction of roads and bridges in areas along the border with China.

"We have taken note of the US Department of Defence's report to US Congress which inter-alia also makes a reference to construction activities by Chinese side along the India-China border areas particularly in the Eastern sector," he said.

Bagchi said reports had

also appeared in the media earlier this year on this issue. "As we had stated then,

China has undertaken construction activities in the past several years along the border areas including in the areas that it has illegally occupied over the decades,"

"India has neither accepted such illegal occupation of our territory nor has it accepted the unjustified Chinese claims," Bagchi said. The spokesperson said

India has always conveyed its strong protest to such activi-CONTD ON PAGE 9

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Thursday said the disciplinary authori-

tv should decide the nature of punishment to be given to the delinquent government employee and the courts should not usurp its function. The apex court said that even in cases where the punishment imposed by the disciplinary authority is found to be

normally the disciplinary authority or the appellate authority should be directed to reconsider the question of imposition of penalty. "The scope of judicial review on the quantum of punishment is available but

shocking to the conscience of the Court,

with a limited scope. It is only when the penalty imposed appears to be shockingly disproportionate to the nature of the



"Even in such a case, after setting aside the penalty order, it is to be left to the disciplinary/appellate authority to take a call and it is not for the Court to substitute its decision by prescribing the

punishment to delinquent employee: SC quantum of punishment...," a bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and Abhay S Oka

"The well-ingrained principle of law is that it is the disciplinary authority, or the appellate authority in appeal, which is to decide the nature of punishment to be given to the delinquent employee. "Keeping in view the seriousness of the

employee, it is not open for the Courts to assume and usurp the function of the disciplinary authority," the bench added. The observation was made while setting aside an order of the Delhi High Court which substituted the penalty of

misconduct committed by such an

removal from service of a CRPF constable for misconduct. The bench said the Central Reserve

Comparing Hindutva with ISIS, Jihadist Islam 'factually wrong, exaggeration': Azad on Khurshid's book

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday dismissed as "factually wrong and an exaggeration" the comparison of Hindutva with the jihadist Islam of terrorist groups such as ISIS and Boko Haram in party colleague Salman Khurshid's latest

Azad, a former leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and a member of the Group of 23 leaders that wrote to party chief Sonia Gandhi seeking organisational overhaul, tweeted, "In Mr. Salman Khursheed's new book, we may not agree with Hindutva as a political ideology distinct from com-



posite culture of Hinduism, but comparing Hindutva with ISIS and Jihadist Islam is factually wrong and an exaggeration."

Referring to the observations of Ghulam Nabi Azad, National Convener of

the BJP IT Cell, in a tweet took on Gandhis, saying that 'Ghulam Nabi Azad, member of G-23, calls it factually wrongful exaggeration. It would, therefore, be fair to assume that echoing Khursheed is

The book by former Union minister Khurshid on the Avodhya verdict, titled 'Sunrise Over Ayodhya: Nationhood in Our Times', was released on Wednesday. A Delhi-based lawyer has filed a complaint with the

Delhi Police seeking regis-

tration of an FIR against

a political version similar to

the jihadist Islam of groups

like ISIS and Boko Haram

of recent years.

Khurshid on the matter. According to lawyer Vivek Garg, Khurshid in his book writes: "Sanatan Dharma and classical Hinduism known to sages and saints were being pushed aside by robust version of Hindutva, by all standards

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Two terror-

ists were killed Thursday in separate encounters with security forces in Jammu and

Kashmir, police said.

While one terrorists was killed in Kulgam district in south Kashmir earlier in the day, another was killed in Srinagar city in the

A police official said acting on specific inputs about the presence of terrorists in Chawalgam area Kulgam, security forces launched a cordon and search operation there.

As the forces were conducting the searches in the area, the militants fired upon them, he said.

separate encounters

The forces retaliated leading to an encounter in which a militant was killed, the official said.

Two terrorists gunned down in

He said the identity and group affiliation of the slain ultra was being ascertained. Later, another terrorist

was killed in a separate encounter between ultras and security forces in Bemina area of the city here in the evening, the official said. He said an AK rifle was recovered from the site of the encounter.