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Army fully geared to fight full-fledged war in Ladakh: Northern Command

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Asserting that it is fully prepared to fight a full-fledged war even in winters in eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army on Wednesday said if China created conditions for war, they will face a better trained, better prepared, fully rested and psychologically hardened Indian troops.

In a statement, it said compared to physically and psychologically battle-hardened Indian troops, Chinese troops mostly are from urban areas and not used to hardships or prolonged deployment under field conditions.

The Army's Northern Command headquarters made these assertions reacting to China's official media

Global Times reports that India's operational logistics is not geared up adequately and it will not be able to fight through winters effectively.

This can best be attributed to ignorance, Indian Army is fully prepared and more than capable of fighting a full-fledged war even in winters in eastern Ladakh, a Northern Command spokesperson said here.

India is a peace-loving country and wishes to have good relations with its neighbours. India always prefers to resolve issues through dialogue. While talks are in progress to resolve the border issues with China in eastern Ladakh, at the military level it is well prepared for the prolonged stand-off, he said.

He said altitudes in Ladakh range from high to super-high altitude and there is a lot of snowfall up to 40 feet after November.

Coupled with this, the temperature dipping down to minus 30 to 40 degree Celsius is a usual phenomenon. Wind chill factor makes matters even worse for the troops. The roads also get closed due to the snow. But despite all this, the most encouraging part for India is that the Indian soldiers have a huge experience of winter warfare and are psychologically tuned to operate at short notice, the spokesperson said.

While these facts are known to the world, he said, adding the operational logis-

tics capabilities, however, are hardly known.

Logistic capability relates to mobility, habitat and billeting, quality services for health, special rations, repair and recovery, heating systems, high-quality weapons, ammunition, quality clothing, and so on. While much of these capabilities existed earlier and troops could simply plug and play, a lot has also been boosted since May this year when China showed first signs of aggression, he said.

The spokesperson said it is important to understand that the Army has the experience of Siachen, the highest battleground in the world, where conditions are much more demanding

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Two terrorist associates held in Baramulla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Security forces on Wednesday arrested two terrorist associates in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Details revealed that two terrorist associates were apprehended during Naka checking and arms and ammunition were

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2 taxi drivers held for providing fake COVID negative reports to travellers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two cab drivers have been arrested from Tourist Reception Center (TRC) here for allegedly providing fake COVID-19 negative reports to people wanting to travel outside the Kashmir valley amid the pandemic, police said on Wednesday.

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LG makes surprise visit to village; says his vision for development based on realistic planning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday made a surprise visit to a village on the outskirts of the city and interacted with the locals, saying that his vision for development is based on realistic planning backed by financial and technical aspects.

The LG's visit to Khonmoh during 'block diwas', which was organized as part of a 'Jan Abhyan' outreach programme, left the residents surprised as he stayed there for more than an hour and listened to their problems besides interacting with the field staff of various departments, officials said.

Besides Khonmoh, block diwas was held in Panzinaara



LG Manoj Sinha addressing gathering at Khonmoh village during ongoing 'Awami Muhim'.

and Dhara areas. It was, among others, attended by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary who briefed the Lt Governor about the coverage of beneficiary-oriented schemes in the block, road development works, interventions in education and health sector, and about public

demands related to water supply and sports, the officials said.

"My vision for development is based on realistic planning backed by financial and technical aspects. I will encourage actual developmental initiatives instead of mere announcements," Sinha

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Jammu Police busts terror module of banned outfits operating via social media

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a major breakthrough Jammu Police on Wednesday busted terror module of banned outfits operating through social media and arrested one person indulged in unlawful activities.

As per the details, On September 14, 2020 police team from sub-division Domana in Jurisdiction of Police Post Chinore on receiving specific inputs regarding presence of a radicalised person namely Nazir Hussain, son of Mohammad Alam, resident of Raiper Kheri who is regularly indulging in unlawful activities and advocating and abetting

unlawful activities with ANEs through social media. He is in contact with terrorists and their supporters of banned terror outfits. He had been circulating pictures/video's and other incriminating material through various social media applications in an attempt to wage war against the Government of India. The accused has been in regular touch with terror operatives through various communication channels. In this regard a case FIR No 248/2020 under 13,18 ULAP act 1967, 121/121-A IPC, 66F of IT Act has been registered in Police Station Domana.

HC seeks status of former ministers unauthorisedly residing in ministerial bungalows

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey of J&K High Court granted 10 days time to Senior Additional Advocate General to update the status/compliance, on the Affidavit of the Principal Secretary/ Secretary to Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Estates Department, as regards the directions passed by this Court qua eviction of such former ministers/ former MLAs/ retired IAS officers/ MLCs/ political persons, who are still unauthorisedly residing in ministerial bungalows

as well as A, B and C-type accommodation of the Estates Department; both at Jammu as well as at Srinagar and recovery of outstanding amount from the authorised/ unauthorised occupants.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey directed that the Affidavit shall also furnish the details of recoveries, if any, made of the outstanding amount of rent from these authorised/unauthorised occupants on the basis of the calculations made in accordance with the norms governing the subject.

When the petition came-up for hearing, High Court observed that by order dated 11th of February, 2020, this Court directed Senior AAG to update the response/ compliance of orders passed on August 8, 2018, October 23, 2018 and November 13, 2018. "Principal Secretary Estates Department shall submit the details of unauthorised occupants evicted from Ministerial Bungalows/ Special houses (A-type, B-type and C-type quarters) till date. He shall also provide the details of former ministers/ legislators/ retired offi-

cers/ politicians who are occupying the ministerial bungalows/ special houses (A-type, B-type and C-type quarters) both in Srinagar and Jammu, within a period of two weeks. The respondents shall also ensure that all unauthorised occupants of ministerial bungalows/ special houses (A-type, B-type and C-type quarters) both at Jammu and Srinagar, are evicted forthwith. The respondents shall also ensure that outstanding rent from both authorised and unauthorised occupants

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AC gives nod to World Bank assisted project for strengthening healthcare institutions

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In an important decision aimed at further strengthening patient care in the health institutions across J&K, especially in wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, gave its nod to implementation of the World Bank assisted project for strengthening of healthcare institutions by way of providing equipment for intensive care units/operation theatres, laboratories

and power back up systems at the District level, manifold system and gas pipelines at SDH/CHC level, besides critical care ambulances.

The Administrative Council also accorded sanction to procurement/installation of equipments including critical care ambulances for hospitals through J&K Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd and establishment of manifold and gas pipeline system in the proposed SDHs/CHCs of Jammu & Kashmir through Mechanical Engineering Department.

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Army pays tributes to jawan martyred in Pak firing in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Army on Wednesday paid tributes with full military honours to a soldier martyred in ceasefire violation by Pakistan along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

Naik Aneesh Thomas was martyred and two others, including an officer,

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Martyr Naik Aneesh Thomas

Declare lockdown for two more weeks, Narayana Hospital as COVID-19 Centre: Jammu Bar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu on Wednesday demanded lockdown in Jammu and Kashmir for two more weeks and declaration of Narayana Hospital Katra as designated COVID-19 Hospital-cum Quarantine Centre.

The office bearers of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu, held a meeting

under the Chairmanship of its President Advocate Abhinav Sharma to discuss the seriousness of the coronavirus and exponential rise in cases of COVID-19 deaths in the Union Territory of J&K, combined with it, insufficient medical institutions designated for the purpose and lack of facilities for the patients in those institutions and also insufficient measures taken by

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Terror incidents reduce in J&K since Article 370 scrapped: Govt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: As many as 71 civilians and 74 security personnel were killed in terror attacks and ceasefire violations by Pakistan since the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution a year ago, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Wednesday.

Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy also said that terrorist incidents have come down

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J&K records 1,590 new COVID-19 cases, tally reaches 58,244

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday recorded 1,590 fresh COVID-19 cases, while 18 deaths took place in the last 24 hours, officials said.

The total number of cases in the union territory has now risen to 58,244 and the death toll increased to 932, they said.

The UT recorded 1,590 fresh cases of COVID-19 in

Central team to visit Jammu in view of alarming COVID-19 situation: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI: In view of the rising coronavirus cases in Jammu, a team from the Union Health Ministry is being immediately sent there to assist the administration, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Wednesday.

Singh, the minister of state for personnel, said he has

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the last 24 hours with 832 in Jammu and 768 in Kashmir valley," the officials said.

It was for the 14th consecutive day that the number

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Ladakh reports 80 new COVID-19 cases, 3 more deaths

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Union Territory of Ladakh reported 80 new coronavirus cases and three more deaths, taking the cumulative figures to 3,499 infections and 44 fatalities, officials said Wednesday.

There are 938 active coronavirus cases in the union territory now, out of which 502 are in Leh and 436 in Kargil, they said, adding 2,517 patients have recovered

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IT raid in BEd College, hotel at Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The sleuths of income tax on Wednesday raided Sadiq Memorial BEd College in Soura area of Srinagar while another raid was conducted at hotel Pine Spring Wazirbagh, Dalgate, Srinagar. Details revealed that officials from the income tax department conducted a raid on Sadiq Memorial BEd College, Soura and seized documents and accounts related details. The raid remained on for an hour, sources said.

Meanwhile, income tax also raided the hotel pine spring at Wazirbagh area of Srinagar.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
 Max: 35.5°C Min: 25.4°C

Humidity
 Max: 78 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)
 Max: 30.2°C Min: 12.1°C

Humidity
 Max: 66 Min: 38

Sunset : 18:36 Hours
 Sunrise : 06:18 Hours

J&K must have a Hindu Chief Minister! But who?



Prof (Dr) Vivak M. Arya General Secretary, SKUAST Jammu Teaching Association: "Yes, the question is very valid because if we are living in a democratic setup why can't we have a Hindu Chief Minister. Unfortunately, the Valley-based parties never tried to give genuine and due representation to the Jammu region. I personally feel that the Jammu region was neglected deliberately so that the voice of justice can be crushed. The important question again is why there was discrimination in number of assembly seats in Jammu as against Kashmir. It has happened only because the Valley-based parties always tried to create their hegemony over the Jammu region which is against natural justice. Hindu should become CM as we are living in a democratic republic country. Having said that, I want to emphasize that the person for the top executive slot should be of high calibre with impeccable integrity and honesty. He should have a clear road map for the Union Territory, a clear vision for the youth of J&K who are feeling dejected and disenchanted because of unemployment, visions for the education sector, industry, agriculture, and tourism. Only sloganeering will not work. See the condition of the health sector, we are lacking behind even to the poorest state in the country. But fortunately, we have some Hindu leaders in parties which can fulfil this criterion. So I don't feel anything wrong if Jammu and Kashmir has an honest, forward-looking and dynamic Hindu as a Chief Minister.



Dr Hari Om: "In 2014, people of Jammu province voted overwhelmingly for J&K BJP hoping it would respect its solemn pledge and work for the installation of a Hindu from Jammu as J&K Chief Minister. Sadly, it went back on its pledge and hobbled with the PDP against whose ideology it had fought.

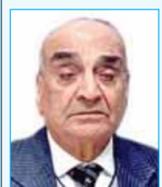
No wonder, people of Jammu province are chafing and J&K BJP at the receiving end. Demand in Jammu for a Hindu CM is as democratic and secular as it is rational and genuine. It's the fundamental duty of all parties to appreciate this demand in the larger interest of the Union Territory, make-Hindu-J&K-CM as their chief plank and contest elections on this issue as and when held. It would be the responsibility of the electorate to vote for a party which, they think, could ensure installation of a Hindu as J&K CM. Again, it would be the responsibility of the concerned party to elect a public-spirited Hindu with an impeccable record as Leader of the Legislature Party. The installation of a Hindu as CM would help bridge the gulf between Jammu province and Kashmir. All would appreciate Kashmiri leadership, which led J&K for over seven decades, if it also takes the plunge to support the demand in Jammu for a Hindu CM.



Rajesh Gupta, President National Democratic Party: "The chances of elections to be held in Jammu and Kashmir are very bleak in the near future. But whenever they will be held, the former minister Altaf Bukhari, who recently launched J&K Apni Party, may most probably be the most credible face for the post of Chief Minister. Bukhari has acceptance in both the regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Moreover, in a short span of time many people have joined the Apni Party by resigning from Congress, BJP, National Conference, PDP etc. People, especially youth have rejected these parties because they were disillusioned with their functioning. Altaf Bukhari will be the best candidate to lead the affairs of Union Territory in future as Chief Minister.

Will Jammu factotum political clan muster the guts to say no to 'His (Kashmiri) Master's Voice and evolve leadership qualities to lead, and not to play the humiliating role of second fiddle?



Former MLA Gandhi Nagar Ch Piara Singh: "I strongly vouch for a Chief Minister from Jammu and that too a Hindu only. Enough is enough. Discrimination in the number of assembly seats was with an ovoid and sinister objective of having always a Muslim Chief Minister. 46 seats to Kashmir and 37 to Jammu was blunder done by Kashmiri rulers.

We the people of Jammu have always suffered discrimination and this time we want a Hindu CM. Jammu people must begin a movement to work unitedly to achieve this target.



President Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha Romesh Chander Gupta: "I will be delighted to have the next CM from the BJP and a Hindu. But at the same time I am of the view that our CM should be a man of vision, which can carry forward the Union Territory to the next level in terms of progress, development and equal opportunity in jobs to all. From the present set up, I am not able to choose any name of that calibre. Our youth need jobs, our industrialists want industry and businessmen want roaring business. Our CM should be a man who can work for all of us. Moreover, he must be a visionary person who can work to upgrade Jammu based places of pilgrimage so that more pilgrim tourists visit this place."



Rajiv Chuni, Chairman SoS International: "Jammu and Kashmir is different when compared with the rest of the country. Previous governments in erstwhile State always remained Kashmir centric and they never focused on the Jammu region. People thought that the Centre has taken such a giant exercise and Article 370 and 35A were abrogated and there is no separate Constitution of J&K now. There should be a credible face, liked by the people from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions. The future Chief Minister should be strict who will focus on 'law and order' on ground and treat both the regions equally. At present, there is no credible face and many people in discussions have political affiliations and they have already served in previous governments. There should be a new face this time."