

India's ties with China and 5 other countries have not deteriorated: MoS MEA

Chinese troops fired warning shots in air at north bank of Pangong lake in eastern Ladakh: Sources

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NEW DELHI: The Chinese army fired a barrage of "warning shots" in the air at the North Bank of Pangong lake in eastern Ladakh last week to "intimidate" the Indian troops ahead of the talks between foreign ministers of the two countries in Moscow, official sources said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on the ridgeline of Finger 4 where the Indian Army has been significantly increasing its deployment after occupying several strategic peaks on the southern bank of the lake, they said.

The sources said a sizeable number of troops from the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) aggressively approached towards an Indian position but they returned sometime later as alert Indian Army personnel held on to their ground with firmness.

While going back, the Chinese troops fired 100-200 rounds of warning shots primarily to intimidate the Indian Army personnel, they added.

The incident took place

ahead of a meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi last Thursday on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) conclave in Moscow.

The first incident of firing of shots was reported on the evening of September 7 near an Indian position in Mukhpari area of Rezang-La ridgeline on the southern bank of Pangong lake. Both sides accused each other of firing in the air.

The Chinese troops unsuccessfully attempted to close in on the Indian position and it was the first instance of shots being fired at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in 45 years.

At the Jaishankar-Wang talks, both sides reached a five-point consensus to resolve the over four-month-long border standoff.

The agreement included measures like quick disengagement of troops, avoidance of action that could escalate tensions, adherence to all agreements and proto-

cols on border management and steps to restore peace along the LAC.

In the Lok Sabha, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said the Chinese side has mobilised a large number of troops and armaments along the LAC as well as in the depth areas.

He said there are several friction areas in eastern Ladakh including Gogra, Kongka La and North and South Banks of the Pangong Lake.

"In response to China's actions, our armed forces have also made appropriate counter deployments in these areas to ensure that India's security interests are fully protected," he added.

Meanwhile, both sides are yet to firm up a date for the sixth round of Corps commander-level talks.

Tension in eastern Ladakh increased manifold following the Galwan Valley clashes on June 15 in which 20 Indian Army soldiers were killed. The Chinese side too suffered casualties, but it is yet to give out the

details.

The situation deteriorated again after China unsuccessfully attempted to occupy Indian territory in the southern bank of Pangong lake on the intervening night of August 29 and 30.

India occupied a number of strategic heights on the southern bank of Pangong lake and strengthened its presence in Finger 2 and Finger 3 areas in the region to thwart any Chinese actions.

China has been occupying the areas between Finger 4 and Finger 8. The mountain spurs in the area is called Fingers. China has strongly objected to India's move. However, India has maintained that the heights are on its side of the LAC.

India has also rushed in additional troops and weapons to the sensitive region following China's transgression attempts. Following China's fresh attempts to change the status quo in the southern bank of Pangong lake, India has further bolstered its military presence in the region.

Implementation of NEP, teachers training programmes reviewed

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SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, School Education Department and Skill Development, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon on Wednesday reviewed the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) and outsourcing Training for Pre Primary Teachers here at a meeting of senior officers of the Education Department.

Threadbare discussions were held on the modalities to be adopted by the education department for the smooth implementation of National Education Policy, conducting examinations in JKUT, working out modalities for Early Childhood Care Education and device strategy for imparting training to the teachers. Director, Education Kashmir, Mohammad Younis Malik, Principal IASE,

College of Education, Srinagar, Dr Ruhi Kanth besides other senior officers of the Education Department were present in the meeting.

Chairperson, JKBOSE, Veena Pandita; Director, Samagra Shiksha JK, Arun Manhas; Director, Education Jammu, Anuradha Gupta participated in the meeting through video conferencing and highlighted the issues and measures taken by them for smooth functioning of the Education Department.

The meeting was informed that 400 teachers deputed for B Ed course at Government B Ed Colleges and around 2000 other Teachers shall be trained under Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE) for which Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be floated to get the best training agencies to train Teachers

as per need assessment.

The meeting discussed that the pre-primary is a focus area under National Education Policy and recently the foundation of 1600 kindergartens has been laid. It was also informed in the meeting that two flagship Training Programmes IMPACT and NISHTA are running across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Principal Secretary directed the concerned officers of different wings of education department to work in close coordination and clear bottlenecks for smooth implementation of different projects and schemes of the education department and to lay focus on timely completion of the same.

On the occasion, the Principal Secretary also interacted with the different Training partners.

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NEW DELHI: "No", said Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan in Lok Sabha in response to a written question on whether India's bilateral ties with neighbouring countries like Nepal, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Myanmar have deteriorated recently. The question was asked by Trinamool Congress member Sougata Ray.

The minister's response that relations with China and five other countries have not deteriorated came at a time when Indian and Chinese troops are locked in a bitter standoff in eastern Ladakh.

Ray also asked two other supplementary questions: whether China is keeping good relations with any of the five countries mentioned, and the steps taken for cordial relations with neighbouring countries of India.

Answering these questions, Muraleedharan said the government accords the "highest priority" to India's relations with its neighbouring countries. "India is an active political and economic partner of its neighbours and is involved in various projects, including development projects with these countries," Muraleedharan said.

Prompt public service delivery fundamental objective of Jan Abhiyan: Advisor Bhatnagar

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PAMPORE: As part of the ongoing public outreach programme 'Jan Abhiyan', Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday visited Pampore and attended Block Diwas at Town Hall there.

Termining the ongoing Jan Abhiyan and the upcoming B2V3 programme vital for achieving efficient and welfare governance, Advisor Bhatnagar asked the public to come forward with their developmental aspirations and needs to the administration as such programmes have been launched to ensure prompt and hassle free public service delivery besides involving them in mission of equitable development.

Asserting that cooperation of the public is bedrock for effective development, the Advisor maintained that such initia-

tives are being taken to facilitate the people at grass root level with regard to public service delivery.

While attending the Block Diwas, several delegations and individuals interacted with Advisor Bhatnagar and highlighted their grievances and issues pertaining to their areas and sought immediate redressal for the same.

The Advisor listened to each of them patiently and assured them that all of their genuine demands will be redressed on priority while several grievances were sent on spot to respective quarters for redressal. Advisor Bhatnagar assured them that the LG's Administration is making persistent efforts to redress all the genuine issues and demands of the public to mitigate their sufferings and to ensure that they do not feel any inconvenience in getting the basic necessities of life.

DYSS holds selection trials at Marh



Selection trials underway at Marh Zone in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) completed three-day selection trials to pick up probables for the upcoming district level activities from Zone Marh in the disciplines of badminton, kho-kho, volleyball, cricket and football.

The selection process took place under the guidance of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Anju Gupta in all age groups of boys. Around 100 participants turned up across different disciplines for the selection, a handout issued here today informed.

The technical panel included Ravi Sharma, Surinder Singh, Balwan Singh, Rahul Jamwal, Vivek Gulati (Kho-Kho), Surinder Singh, Ajit Singh, Pritam Lal, Ajay Choudhary (Volleyball), Pritam Lal, Rekha Devi, Sabit Sharma, Avinash Sharma (Badminton), Ashok Kumar, Swati, Karanjeet Singh, Varinder Singh and Rakesh Singh (Cricket).

Jan Abhiyan aims to ensure cent percent saturation of beneficiary schemes: Advisor Sharma

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GANDERBAL: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, KK Sharma on Wednesday said that Jan Abhiyan is aimed at improving service delivery and redress the public grievances within the shortest possible time and achieve cent percent saturation of beneficiary oriented schemes.

He said this during his visit to



Advisor, K.K Sharma addressing a public gathering.

district Ganderbal to inspect the proceedings of Block Diwas, an initiative under Jan Abhiyan which began today in all blocks of the district. The Advisor participated in the Block Diwas proceedings of block Ganderbal and block Kangan. District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Shaftaq Iqbal, SSP Ganderbal Khalil Poswal, besides other district and police officers accompanied the Advisor.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of people and PRI members of dif-

ferent Panchayat where they apprised the officers about their grievances and sought early redressal of the same. The officers of all line departments were available at all Blocks to hear the public grievances.

The line departments had also installed stalls at all blocks where they provided information to the people regarding several welfare schemes offered by their departments. Handholding in the form of financial assistance was also provided to the beneficiaries at the Block Diwas.

During his visit to block Ganderbal, Advisor Sharma handed over cheques worth Rs. 14 lakh among beneficiaries under Labour Assistance Scheme. Besides, paddy threshers, passbooks under KCC, hearing aids, Income Certificates, etc. were also handed over to the beneficiaries by the Advisor. Speaking on the occasion, the Advisor Sharma said Jan Abhiyan and Back to Village programmes have been launched with the purpose to reach out to the people at their doorsteps to listen to their grievances and meet the developmental aspirations of locals.

While briefing on forthcoming B2V3, the Advisor said that during the 3rd phase of B2V the visiting officers (gazetted) will stay for 3 days and 2 nights in their respective panchayats to listen to the grievances and assess the development needs of

the people. "The main focus will be on doing development rather than talking development: he added. At Kangan, the Advisor said that the main aim of organizing the Jan Abhiyan is to reach to the remote areas of the UT so that benefits of the welfare schemes reach to every beneficiary. He urged upon the officers to ensure that the certificates which are needed for applying various benefit oriented schemes shall be issued to the people well in time.

The Deputy Commissioner also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the importance of active participation of people in Block Diwas. To mitigate the issues and grievances of people, the district administration has started to listen to the public issues, grievances and demands on a daily basis from 10:30 am to 11:30 am except Wednesdays and Sundays, he added.

Advisor Khan reviews winter stocking, supply position of essentials in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan, on Wednesday convened a meeting to review the position of winter stocking and supply of essential commodities in frontier and far-flung areas of Kashmir and Jammu divisions.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Simrandeep Singh and Director FCS&CA Kashmir, Bashir Ahmad while Director FCS&CA Jammu, Jatinder Singh; MD RTC, Angrez Singh and other concerned participated through video conferencing.

Secretary FCS&CA briefed about the stock supply of essentials and the arrangements being made for lifting and dispatching the essential commodities to winter areas of Kashmir and Jammu divi-



Advisor, Farooq Khan chairing a meeting.

sions.

Advisor directed the concerned officers to ensure adequate stock of food-grains, fuel and other related things is stocked at FCS&CA stores wherever required. He also asked the FCS&CA authorities to ensure proper supply position of essentials so that people don't face any inconvenience during harsh winter season.

Regarding stock of food-grains in Kashmir Division,

Director FCS&CA Kashmir informed that the process of lifting of essential commodities has already been started and will be completed in next two weeks. Besides, 88699 liters of kerosene has been dispatched to the Gurez area of Bandipora district while 22690.36 quintal of rice and 3815 quintal of Atta/wheat has also been dispatched to the area.

The supply position of Kerosene in Karnah, Machil,

and Keran areas of Kupwara district was also reviewed and it was informed that 6000 cylinders have been stocked at Karnah, Machil Keran while 8000 cylinders have been dispatched for Gurez area.

Similarly, 55848 quintal of rice, 10047 quintal of Atta and Wheat and 8000 liter of K-Oil has been dispatched to Kupwara border areas.

Regarding Jammu division, it was given out that 50 to 60 percent of stock supply has been lifted and dispatched to different winter stations.

The meeting also discussed the RTC tendering process regarding hiring of buses and trucks of the Corporation for supplying food grains to different areas of J&K.

The Advisor issued instructions for taking necessary action to ensure hassle-free supplies into the area.

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FRESH TENDER NOTICE (3RD CALL) FRESH OF NIT NO. 28 NIT No.e-34/2020-21/LSD/Srinagar/Jammu Dated:-15/09/2020

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Amt in Rs.)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Amt in Rs.)	Time of completion	Date & Date of Opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Engagement Hiring of tank laden Automobile carrier with allied machinery for watering of plants in the jurisdiction of sub Division 2nd Part I	Rs.2.70Lacs	Rs. 200/-	Rs.5400/-	Full Season	22.09.2020 at 11.00AM	"Supplier"/ DEE class Contractor"	MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar)

Position of Funds: -Available. Administrative approval: -Accorded.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	14.09.2020
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14.09.2020
3.	Bid submission Start Date	14.09.2020
4.	Bid Submission End Date	21.09.2020
5.	Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD)	Hard copy to be submitted by the successful bidder (L1) only within seven days after Financial evaluation.
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	22.09.2020at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt (Non-refundable) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority). (The BG validity should be 45 days more than bid validity days)
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority)
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-
 - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- 50% of the normal deposits (deducted at 10% from running bills) to be released after virtual completion of the work and balance 50% after completion of DLP.
- Additional performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after virtual completion of the work.
- Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG shall be released after DLP is over successfully.

No: -LD/1445-64
 Dated:-15-09-2020.
 DIP/J-4612/20
 Dated: 16-09-2020

Sd/-
 Executive Engineer
 R&B Landscaping Division,
 Rajbagh, Srinagar