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News in Brief

Shehla Rashid gets protection from arrest in sedition case

New Delhi, Sept 10 : A Delhi court has granted interim protection from arrest to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student leader and Jammu and Kashmir People's movement leader Shehla Rashid, who has been booked under the sedition law for allegedly tweeting against the Indian Army.

Additional Sessions Judge Pawan Kumar Jain at the Patiala House Court while granting interim bail to Rashid, said: "Considering all the facts, I am of the view that matter requires investigation in detail...Till then accused shall not be arrested, however, she shall join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer (IO)."

The court then posted the matter for hearing on November 5. During the course of the hearing, Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the

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ED summons Shivakumar's daughter for questioning

New Delhi, Sept 10 : In more trouble for arrested Congress leader DK Shivakumar, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has now summoned his daughter Aishwarya for questioning as part of its probe into the money laundering case against the former Karnataka minister.

A senior ED official told IANS: "We have summoned Aishwarya for questioning in the money laundering case on September 12."

The official said that while scrutinizing the financial dealings of Shivakumar, the agency found documents pertaining to a trust handled by his daughter. "To get the details of the function-

Curfew-like restrictions reimposed in several parts of Kashmir to foil Muharram processions

Srinagar, Sept 10 : Curfew-like restrictions were reimposed on Tuesday in several parts of Kashmir, including the city, to foil any plans on taking out Muharram processions in the Valley as authorities apprehended that large congregations might lead to violence.

Commercial hub of Lal Chowk and adjoining areas were completely sealed off by placing concertina wires at all entry points where large number of security force personnel were

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Revocation of J&K's special status sovereign decision: India at UNHRC



Geneva, Sept 10 : India on Tuesday delivered a stinging rebuttal to Pakistan Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Qureshi at the UN human rights body in Geneva, insisting that the statement made by Qureshi was a 'fabricated narrative from epicentre of global terrorism'.

"One delegation here has given a running commentary with offensive rhetoric of false allegations and concocted charges against my country. The world is aware that this fabricated narrative comes from the epicentre of global terrorism where ring leaders are sheltered

Pakistan foreign minister Qureshi calls J&K an Indian state

Geneva, Sept 10 : Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Tuesday called Jammu and Kashmir an Indian state-something that Pakistan has vehemently denied in the past since partition. Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the 42nd United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) Council meeting, the Pakistan minister mentioned Jammu and Kashmir as "Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir".

Shah Mahmood Qureshi has already raised the issue of Kashmir at the session and demand the formation of a UN-backed committee to probe the ongoing situation in Kashmir. "We support the formation of a joint committee," Qureshi said during his speech. Qureshi also criticised India for saying that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has been normal after the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to the region.

He also raised many other questions regarding the situation in Kashmir at the UNHRC session.

for years," Vijay Thakur Singh, secretary (east) in the foreign ministry told

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MEA rejects China-Pakistan statement on J&K, raises concerns over CPEC project on Indian soil

New Delhi, Sept 10 : India on Tuesday rejected the status quo in Pakistan issued by China and Pakistan on Jammu and Kashmir. "We reject the reference to Jammu and Kashmir in the Joint Statement issued by China and Pakistan after the recent visit of Chinese Foreign Minister. J&K is an integral part of India," said Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar.

"On the other hand, India has consistently expressed concerns to both China and Pakistan on the projects in so-called 'China Pakistan Economic Corridor', which is in the territory of India that has been illegally occupied by Pakistan since 1947.

India is resolutely opposed to any actions by

other countries to change the status quo in Pakistan Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements and

occupied J&K. We call on the parties concerned to cease such actions," added Kumar.

China Monday opposed "any unilateral actions that complicate the situation" in Jammu and Kashmir as it maintained that the issue should be "peacefully resolved based on the UN Charter, relevant UN

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J&K block development councils polls by month-end

NJNS
Jammu, Sept 10 : The schedule for elections to 316 Block Development Councils (BDCs) in Jammu and Kashmir will be announced in a day or two, with the polls to be completed before the State is formally declared a Union Territory on October 31.

Senior sources confirmed this development of taking the second step towards full devolution of rural and urban local bodies. After the December 2018 panchayat polls in the State, both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah had announced their in-

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Terrorists putting pressure on Kashmiris to not carry out their daily chores: DGP Dilbag Singh

NJNS
Srinagar, Sept 10 : Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said that Pakistan-based terror groups, including Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed and Hizbul Mujahideen have been putting pressure on Kashmiris to not carry out their daily chores but people are not paying any heed to their warnings and threats. He added that all petrol pumps in the region are open and security forces have ensured that shops are open wherever people are interested in opening them.

Singh also said that police on Monday apprehended a group working with Jaish-e-Mohammed in Sopore. He added that eight people were arrested in connection with this case. According to Singh, these people are associates of Jaish terrorists and were involved in printing and pasting threatening posters at various places. Singh said that the accused were working on behalf of three local terrorists from Sopore.

According to the initial investigations carried out by the local police, it is learnt that Aijaz Mir,

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India doesn't want interference in its internal matters: Vice President

New Delhi, Sept 10 : Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has asserted that India believes in peaceful co-existence with all countries, including its neighbours, but does not want any interference in its internal affairs, remarks seen as an oblique reference to Pakistan.

New Delhi has maintained that its decision to scrap special status to Jammu and Kashmir is an internal matter and has slammed Islamabad's efforts to internationalise the issue.

Several countries have sided with India's stand. "India always believed in peaceful co-existence

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Pakistan's ISI holds high-level meeting with terror groups in Islamabad to foment trouble in J&K

NJNS
Jammu, Sept 10 : Pakistan's aim of fomenting trouble in Jammu and Kashmir, after India abrogated Article 370 and ended the former state's special status, has been turned up a notch with the country's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) holding a high-level meeting with terror groups in Islamabad.

The meeting has been held with terror groups including, Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), and Khalistani Zindabaad Force (KZF) to launch attacks in India.

In yet another attempt to draw the attention of the international community in Jammu and Kashmir, ISI now planning to attack India with the help of Khalistani terrorist group. This comes even as the Indian Army on Monday carried out a major offensive against terrorists by destroying terror launch pads in PoK. The terror launch pad was located in Leepa Valley.

Sources told the Army targeted the launch pad which was located near Pakistani Army posts. Sources added that the Pakistani Army was using these post to target Indian villages in order to provide cover to the terrorists to infiltrate inside India.

On Thursday, Media reported that Pakistan has now established new and movable training camps for terrorists in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The Pakistani terror group Jamaat-e-Islami is leading

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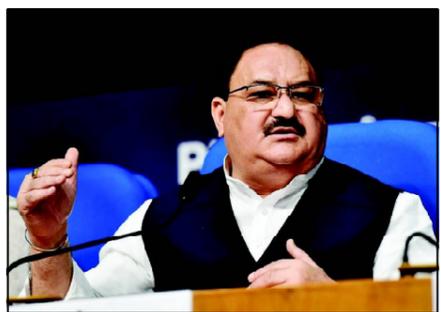
JP Nadda meets retired Army officers, discusses Kashmir

Jaipur, Sept 10 : BJP working president J P Nadda on Tuesday blamed Jammu and Kashmir's recently abrogated special status for separatism in the Valley as he met retired Army officers who have served there.

Nadda was here on "sampark abhiyan" - a party outreach programme - during which he sought the views of retired Army officers on the region, now bifurcated into the union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. The Bharatiya Janata Party leader visited the home of Lt. General (retd) Vishambhar Singh, where he met some other retired Kashmir due to the Article 370 status.

He said separatist powers had been on the rise in the Valley even though the state was a part of the Union. After the abrogation of the special status under Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir has joined the mainstream, he said. "We have got some good suggestions from our decorated soldiers that we will embrace and work for the development of Jammu and Kashmir," he said. "These officers have spent a long time to secure Jammu and Kashmir and they have given suggestions that the Centre can

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Jailed JKLF chief Yasin Malik to face trial in 1990 IAF personnel killing case

NJNS
Jammu, Sept 10 : After nearly three decades, trial in the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in Kashmir is scheduled to start this week as production warrant has been issued against JKLF chief and main accused in the case Yasin Malik. A special court has issued warrant against Malik and three others who were allegedly involved in this incident which took place on January 25, 1990, on the outskirts of Srinagar city. It is to be noted that Malik is currently in judicial custody at Delhi's Tihar Jail after he was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in connection with a terror funding case. Sources told Zee Media that it was likely that Malik would be produced through video conferencing. The CBI had filed two charge sheets against Malik in August and September of 1990 before the designated TADA court in Jammu but the JKLF chairman was granted a stay on trial in 1995 by a single bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court as Srinagar had no designated TADA court. In 2008, Malik had filed a plea before a special court requesting that the trial should be shifted to Srinagar as he was facing security problems. The

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Art 370 abrogation stepping stone to regain PoK, affirms Jitendra Singh

NJNS
Jammu, Sept 10 : "Counting achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government at the Centre on completion of 100 days, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir is one of its greatest successes and will serve as a stepping stone to recover Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Government of India on August 5 abrogated Article 370, which provided special status in Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated it into two Union Territories. "Ar-

Article 370 abrogation is the biggest and greatest achievement of Mr Modi's 2.0 rule," he added and said that had Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee been alive, he would have declared, "go and tell the world that Mr Modi and Mr Amit Shah have abrogated Article 370." "The decision was taken for the betterment of life of the common people of Jammu and Kashmir," said the Minister. Dr Jitendra Singh added that next on the NDA agenda is to regain PoK.

