

**Two CRPF jawans shot dead, 26 hurt  
Daily Excelsior, 1 September 2009**

SRINAGAR, Aug 31: Militants today carried out twin strikes on security forces in the summer capital of the city within 500 metres of the State Legislative Assembly, which is in session, killing two CRPF jawans and injuring 26 others, official sources said here. The assailants armed with silencer-fitted pistols shot at two CRPF jawans from point blank range just outside the UCO Bank at Budshah Chowk, resulting in critical injuries to them, the sources said

**22 hide-outs of militants discovered in Mahore  
Daily Excelsior, 1 September 2009**

JAMMU, Aug 31: A top Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) commander, who had operated in Doda, Rajouri and Reasi districts, was today gunned down by Army and police after a week long search operation in Sildhar in Mahore area of Reasi district. With today's killing, a total of 16 top commanders of LeT and Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) have been eliminated in Mahore and Gulabgarh areas of Reasi district during last about two months

**No helicopter incursion near Ladakh: China  
Hindu, 2 September 2009**

BEIJING: China on Tuesday denied that a Chinese helicopter entered the Indian airspace near Ladakh, and said reports that appeared in the Indian media this past week detailing incursions by Chinese troops along the disputed border were "totally groundless." Indian Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor said on Monday that a Chinese helicopter had been spotted over the Indian airspace in Chunar, near Ladakh, in June. He said the incident was one of several violations and had been taken up at a border personnel meet

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/02/stories/2009090260781300.htm>

**Army withdrawing 39 Mountain Division from Jammu and Kashmir  
Times of India, 2 September 2009**

YOLE CANTONMENT, HIMACHAL PRADESH: An army division, comprising around 15,000 troops, is being withdrawn from Jammu and Kashmir and some of its units have already returned to its base in Himachal Pradesh, a senior army officer said on Tuesday. On withdrawal of 39 Mountain Division from Rajouri and Poonch border districts to its base in Palampur in Himachal Pradesh, General Officer Commanding (GOC), 9 Corps Lt Gen G M Nair here said, "This division is being shifted. Some of its units have already reached its base in HP."

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Army-withdrawing-39-Mountain-Division-from-Jammu-and-Kashmir/articleshow/4961455.cms>

**8 top Pak militants fail to intrude  
Daily Excelsior, 2 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 1: Yet another infiltration attempt, backed by Pakistan troops, was made by a group of Pakistani militants from Line of Control (LoC) at forward village of Sagra in Balnoi area of Mendhar sector in Poonch district in wee hours of this morning. An Army jawan was killed in the firing from across the LoC. "It was being ascertained as to whether the bullet was fired by Pakistan army or the militants trying to sneak-in

**Central Varsity: 28 students hurt in lathicharge  
Tribune, 2 September 2009**

Nearly 28 students were injured, including six seriously, in the first major clash between college students and police personnel here today. The students were protesting inside Government Gandhi Memorial Science College against the state government, demanding setting up of the central university in Jammu. The clash took place when the students were trying to assemble outside the college premises for conducting peaceful rally

**The 15-day annual Ladakh Festival began with usual fanfare in Leh today.  
Union Tourism Minister Kuma  
Tribune, 2 September 2009**

Union Tourism Minister Kumari Selja inaugurated the festival, which witnessed a large number of foreign and domestic tourists. The inaugural function started with a cultural procession, in which various troupes of artists in colourful costumes presented cultural events of different regions of Ladakh. The procession started from Chubi village and passed through various markets of Leh town. It finally culminated at the Polo ground, where an impressive cultural function was held.

**5 militants shot dead in Gurez  
Tribune, 3 September 2009**

The Army has shot dead five militants in the Gurez sector, who had infiltrated through the LoC into Kashmir, an Army spokesperson said here today. The spokesperson said the security forces, already on an extra vigil in the wake of several infiltration attempts by the militants in the past couple of weeks, detected a group of militants moving in the Gurez sector

**Army withdrawing 39 Mountain Division from Poonch  
Tribune, 3 September 2009**

Even as Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor had said that the time was not ripe for the withdrawal of the Army from Kashmir valley, an entire Army division, comprising more than 15,000 personnel, is being withdrawn from the insurgency hit border districts of Poonch and Rajouri

**Army launches major operation in Uri  
Times of India, 4 September 2009**

SRINAGAR: Army on Thursday continued its combing operation along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir's Uri sector for the fourth straight day to hunt down a group of terrorists believed to have sneaked into the Indian territory on Sunday night. Sources said the operation was launched after an army patrol noticed a cut in the LoC fencing in Lacchipora sector. "Army is yet to achieve a breakthrough and with each passing day, the chances of success are becoming bleak," a source said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Army-launches-major-operation-in-Uri/articleshow/4969154.cms>

**KPs still have reservations about return formula  
Daily Excelsior, 4 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 3: There have again been no takers for the Government's return formula for Kashmiri migrants to their homes and hearths as announced by the Finance Minister, Abdul Rahim Rather, in State Assembly while presenting this year's budget in last month with all major Kashmiri Pandit organizations expressing their reservations on the return issue in view of prevailing security scenario in the Kashmir

valley

### **No fresh visitor to PoK**

**Daily Excelsior, 4 September 2009**

SRINAGAR, Sept 3: With Eidul fitr just around the corner, no fresh passenger from Kashmir boarded the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad Karavan-e-Aman Bus Service to visit Paksitan-occupied Kashmir but 48 passengers crossed the Aman Setu on Line of Control (LoC) at Kaman Post in Uri sector of Baramulla

### **NHPC takes over Baglihar project**

**Daily Excelsior, 5 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 4: National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) today took over the operations of 450 Mega Watt Baglihar Hydro Electric Project on River Chenab at Chanderkote in Ramban district for a period of two years. Official sources said that Chief Engineer Baglihar handed over the project's electro mechanical works and power house to General Manager Baglihar Project of the NHPC in a function held at project site today as per the contract signed between NHPC and State Government

### **CII team hopeful of investments in valley**

**Tribune, 6 September 2009**

Stage is set for prospective investors to come to the Kashmir valley with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) more than hopeful to invest in development sectors. A CII team headed by its chairman Harpal Singh is on a visit to the valley and is meeting politicians, bureaucrats and businessmen to seek their assistance while motivating entrepreneurs to come and invest in the valley

### **Self-rule only solution: Mufti**

**Tribune, 6 September 2009**

Former Chief Minister and PDP patron Mufti Mohammed Sayeed today reiterated that the formula of "self-rule" propagated by his party was the only solution to resolve the Kashmir dispute. "Our party is committed to fulfil wishes and aspirations of all regions of the state and the document of self-rule prepared by our party is the only viable solution to address both internal and external dimensions of the vexed Kashmir problem," said Mufti while addressing a meeting of senior party workers in Jammu

### **Heavy presence of LeT, HM ultras across LoC**

**Daily Excelsior, 11 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 10: Even after Tuesday night's failed infiltration attempt in Mendhar sector, the commanders of two major militant outfits with the help of Pakistan army and Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) have kept several militants in the group of four to eight at launching pads near Line of Control (LoC) opposite twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri to push them, getting an opportunity, into this side. Pakistan army and the militant commanders of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) and Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) want to push as many militants as possible into Indian territory from the LoC before the onset of winter which will close down some of the passes due to snowfall.

### **No Kashmiri travels in peace bus**

**Rising Kashmir, 11 September 2009**

Srinagar, Sep 10: For the second time, not a single person from the Kashmir visited Pakistan administered Kashmir (PaK) while only three guests arrived here from across the border Thursday. Official sources said no fresh visitor left for PaK from the valley today. This is for the second time that no citizen from this side crossed over to

other side during this month. However, 16 resident of PaK, who had come here in the previous Karvaan-e-Aman buses, left for their residences across the Line of Control (LoC) after meeting their relatives for the first time since 1947. The returnees included six woman and one children

[http://www.risingkashmir.com/?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=16680](http://www.risingkashmir.com/?option=com_content&task=view&id=16680)

### **India protests re-naming of Gilgit Daily Excelsior, 12 September 2009**

NEW DELHI, Sept 11: India today strongly protested to Pakistan against the renaming of the Northern Areas as Gilgit-Baltistan describing it yet another cosmetic exercise intended to camouflage Pakistan's illegal occupation of the part of Jammu and Kashmir. "The Government of India protested through diplomatic channels today against the Government of Pakistan's so called Gilgit-Baltistan Empowerment and Self Governance Order—2009," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash said

### **Two cops, woman killed; 10 injured in car blast Daily Excelsior, 13 September 2009**

SRINAGAR, Sept 12: In the biggest strike of the year so far in Kashmir Valley, militants today blew up a police vehicle by triggering a massive car bomb, killing two cops and a woman and injuring 10 others outside the Central jail in the Rainawari area of the summer capital here, officials said. The ultras had parked an explosive laden Maruti car at a short distance away from the Central jail at Kathidarwaza in the old city area and used a remote control device to blow up the car as a police bus was passing by, the officials said. "It was a car bomb used by militants ... so far, three persons have been killed while another 10 are injured," Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir Farooq Ahmad Dar told EXCELSIOR

### **Kashmiri Pandits observe 'Martyrs Day' Tribune, 15 September 2009**

A group of Kashmiri Pandits in New Delhi tonsured their heads today to mark the "Martyrs Day". Around 200 persons of the community gathered near Yamuna river to protest. There was prayer meeting after which "people tonsured their heads"

### **Hunt on for infiltrators in Kupwara Hindu, 16 September 2009**

SRINAGAR: A search operation was launched in Kupwara district in Jammu and Kashmir after security forces found two hand grenades and a wireless set near the Line of Control (LoC), indicating the movement of militants from across the border, official sources said on Tuesday. A joint patrol of the Army and the BSF recovered the grenades, the wireless set, four wire cutters and 26 pencil cells at Surnal Malie in Keran sector on Monday

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/16/stories/2009091653690100.htm>

### **Mirwaiz to begin unity talks with Geelani Rising Kashmir, 16 September 2009**

Srinagar, Sep 15: A day after being re-elected as Chairman of Hurriyat (M) Mirwaiz Umar Farooq Tuesday said the unification process between two Hurriyat factions will be re-started soon. Talking to Rising Kashmir over phone Mirwaiz said, "We will start a reconciliation process soon with the conglomerate led by Geelani sahib. After all we have more commonalities than differences. We are keen to work together."

[http://www.risingkashmir.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=16835&Itemid=1](http://www.risingkashmir.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16835&Itemid=1)

### **'Tourist arrivals to JK received worst ever setback in 2008-09'**

#### **Rising Kashmir, 16 September 2009**

Srinagar, Sep 15: With the state government claiming that the situation was improving in Kashmir and major steps were being taken to boost tourism industry, the tourist influx has shown an unexpected slump during the first eight months of the current year. The main factors responsible for the slump include Taliban threat, Shopian incident and a strong campaign of non-state tour operators to divert tourists to Himachal Pradesh and Utranchal, and to project Kashmir as unsafe tourist destination. Official figures suggest that the number of domestic tourists that arrived in Kashmir from April 1 to July 15, 2008, was 4, 07,659 while the number of foreigners was 7,419. "During the same period in 2009, only 2, 96,127 domestic tourists visited Kashmir while the number of foreign tourists dipped to 6, 501," official figures revealed

### **Punjab traders charged with hijacking business**

#### **Daily Excelsior, 16 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 15: Even as cross-LoC trade from weekly Poonch-Rawlakote route today touched Rs 2.25 crore, the traders from twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri have charged the businessmen of Punjab and Jammu of trying to hijack the trade to get benefits of tax free business from Line of Control (LoC) and called upon the Government to put a limit of just one truck items of import-exports by one dealer every week

### **Kaira takes oath as Gilgit-Baltistan governor**

#### **News, 16 September 2009**

GILGIT: Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas (KANA) and Information and Broadcasting Qamar Zaman Kaira took oath as the first governor of Gilgit-Baltistan here on Tuesday. Chief Judge Gilgit-Baltistan Chief Court Justice Muhammad Nawaz administered the oath to the governor

[http://www.thenews.com.pk/top\\_story\\_detail.asp?Id=24571](http://www.thenews.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=24571)

### **Vaishno Devi yatra crosses 6 million**

#### **Daily Excelsior, 21 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 20: With the beginning of Navratras, heavy rush is being witnessed to holy cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi ji as about 50,000 pilgrims reached Katra town, base camp of the shrine today. Only 32,000 of them were allowed to proceed to Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan while 18,000 others were kept in waiting and will be allowed to go ahead during early hours of tomorrow morning

### **No borders for smugglers in Leh**

#### **Hindustan Times, 22 September 2009**

The age-old barter system is back along the Sino-Indian border but with a twist as Indian traders smuggle daily needs into Tibet in exchange for fancy Chinese goods through the Line of Actual Control. The area — Changthang — is located southeast of Ladakh and has been a haven for smugglers who carry essential commodities like rice, wheat, vegetables having longer shelf-life, cigarettes and "bidi" and cooking oil. And in return, the Indian smugglers flood the market with Pashmina shawls, Chinese crockery, toys, electronic items and blankets, say civil and military officials in Ladakh

area

**Pak firing during night, sweet boxes in morning**  
**Daily Excelsior, 22 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 21: Even as Pakistan army violated cease-fire at seven places in Krishna Ghati and Mendhar sectors in Poonch district last mid-night with a clear aim to facilitate infiltration of militants into Indian territory, today morning their officials turned up at Chakan-Da-Bagh cross-LoC point with packets of sweets and fruits for Indian troops on the occasion of Eid. Pakistan army officials, who came to Chakan-Da-Bagh, however, had to face a volley of questions from a selected group of reporters on violation of cease-fire and facilitation of infiltration attempts by the militants from both Line of Control (LoC) as well as International Border (IB) in Jammu.

**Militant, jawan killed;4 injured in encounter**  
**Daily Excelsior, 23 September 2009**

Srinagar, Sept 22: A militant and an Army soldier were killed while four other jawans were injured in a fierce gun battle raging between ultras and the security forces in the forest area of Rafiabad in Baramulla district of North Kashmir. An encounter broke out between militants and troops of 32 Rashtriya Rifles in Panzla forest area of Rafiabad this morning during a search operation launched by the security forces, official sources said

**Arms dropped from Pak army post into Indian village**  
**Daily Excelsior, 23 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 22: A series of new strategies have been detected by security forces on Line of Control (LoC) being used by Pakistani troops to facilitate infiltration attempts and smuggle arms and ammunition to Indian territory from Pakistan during the last few days. As the militants stationed at launching pads, close to Army posts across LoC, were finding it difficult to intrude into Indian territory due to a variety of reasons including alertness of troops, border fencing and installation of sophisticated gadgetry, Pakistan army was desperate to devise new technique to infiltrate the militants

**Rs 700 cr expected to change hands in two months; Kashmir braces up for wedding season**

**Daily Excelsior, 23 September 2009**

Srinagar, Sept 22: An amount of more than Rs 700 crore is expected to change hands over the next two months as Kashmir valley gears up for a marathon wedding season, during which nearly 16,000 people will be tying the nuptial knot. However, traders dealing with merchandise used in the weddings have their fingers crossed as separatist outfits like hardline faction of Hurriyat Conference have given indications that they will be calling for an agitation soon after the Eid festivities are over tomorrow

**Cross-LoC trade suspended**  
**Daily Excelsior, 23 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 22: No cross-LoC trade took place from Chakan-Da-Bagh on Poonch-Rawlakote route due to Eid celebrations for second day today. Yesterday, weekly cross-LoC movement of civilians from Poonch-Rawlakote route, which takes place every Monday, was suspended due to Eid

**No increase in Chinese incursions, says Army Chief  
Hindu, 24 September 2009**

JAIPUR: Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor on Wednesday said there was no increase in Chinese incursions this year, and asked the media to be "responsible" in reporting the "sensitive" issue. "There have not been more incursions or transgressions as compared to last year. They are at the same level. So, there is no cause of worry or concern," Gen. Kapoor said when asked about the situation on the India-China border

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/24/stories/2009092450380100.htm>

**IAF strengthening air defence radars along LAC with China  
Hindustan Times, 25 September 2009**

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is strengthening its air defence in Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China by putting in place a series of special mountain and light-weight radars. Western Air Command (WAC) chief Air Marshal N A K Browne told reporters in New Delhi on Friday that different types of radars would be put in place along the 667-km LAC with China, the air defence of which is WAC's responsibility

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/IAF-strengthening-air-defence-radars-along-LAC-with-China/H1-Article3-457996.aspx>

**'2nd central varsity for J&K in lieu of IIM that was promised'  
Times of India, 26 September 2009**

NEW DELHI: HRD minister Kapil Sibal on Friday said the second central university to be set up in Jammu and Kashmir will be in lieu of the IIM that was promised to the state. Sibal made it clear that there was no question of agreeing to similar demands from other states. Asked specifically about the demand for a separate central university in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand, Sibal said, "We will not entertain such a demand."

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/2nd-central-varsity-for-JK-in-lieu-of-IIM-that-was-promised/articleshow/5057672.cms>

**IAF to up vigil along LAC to counter China  
Times of India, 26 September 2009**

NEW DELHI: IAF is slowly but surely bolstering its operational capabilities along the borders with China and Pakistan. If specialised mountain and other radars are being inducted to make Indian airspace more impregnable, then plans are also afoot to deploy more Sukhoi-30MKI fighters along the eastern and western fronts. "We need to engage everyone in our neighbourhood but also keep our gun-powder dry," says Air Marshal N A K Browne, chief of the Western Air Command (WAC), which is operationally crucial since its area of responsibility stretches from Ladakh to Bikaner

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/IAF-to-up-vigil-along-LAC-to-counter-China/articleshow/5057553.cms>

**Uncertainty over, work on Katra to Qazigund rly line resuming today  
Daily Excelsior, 26 September 2009**

JAMMU, Sept 24: Over 15 months long uncertainty on prestigious 114 kilometres Katra-Qazigund Railway Project has come to an end with Konkan Railways, project executing agency, resuming work on this vital rail-link connecting Kashmir valley

with the rest of the country, tomorrow. Authoritative sources told the EXCELSIOR that all decks have been cleared for the resumption of work on the project of national importance in a meeting of Board of Directors of Konkan Railways held at New Delhi yesterday

### **Two top HM comdrs killed in Kulgam**

**Daily Excelsior, 26 September 2009**

SRINAGAR/JAMMU, Sept 24: Two top commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen were today gunned down by security forces in an encounter at Damhal Hanjipora in Kulgam district. Both slain militants belonged to Neoch, Mahore in Reasi district and were involved in several massacres, kidnappings and extortions in Mahore-Gool-Gulabgarh belt

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### **Pak violates ceasefire norms to help infiltration: Army chief**

**Times of India, 26 September 2009**

JAIPUR: Army chief Gen Deepak Kapoor on Wednesday said Pakistan had violated ceasefire norms recently with an intention to push in additional terrorists to Jammu and Kashmir before the onset of winter. The Chief of Army Staff, however, said India's troops were quite alive to such tactics and giving befitting reply to contain intrusion to the valley

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Pak-violates-ceasefire-norms-to-help-infiltration-Army-chief/articleshow/5047897.cms>

### **Marine commando, Major, 2 commanders among 8 killed**

**Daily Excelsior, 26 September 2009**

SRINAGAR, Sept 23: Six persons including two top commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), an Army Major and a Marine commando were killed in two fierce encounters in Baramulla and Bandipora districts of North Kashmir, taking the death toll in the two-days gun battle to eight, official sources said here today. Despite losing four Army soldiers in the two gun battles, the Army was able to eliminate two district commanders of Hizbul Mujahideen and Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) outfits in the encounter at Banyari village in Bandipora district

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### **Nyoma to be full fledged airbase**

**Daily Excelsior, 26 September 2009**

NEW DELHI, Sept 20: With the first successful landing of an AN-32 at Nyoma airstrip in eastern Ladakh, the IAF is all set to convert the Advanced Landing Ground (ALG)

into a full-fledged airbase for fixed wing transport aircraft in the next couple of years. The work on converting the Nyoma airstrip, just 23 km from Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, into an airbase, where the AN-32s can be based and operated, had already begun, IAF officials said here today