

Naidu to head panel of CMs to boost digital payment systems

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /-/- The Centre has constituted a 13 member Committee of Chief Ministers headed by Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu to promote digital payment systems to promote transparency, financial inclusion and also prepare a roadmap in the year. Apart from Naidu, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik, MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Sikkim CM Pawan Kumar Chamling, Puducherry CM N. Narayanasamy, Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis are also members of the committee along with NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya, and Amitabh Kant CEO, NITI Aayog. Nandini Nilekani, former Chairman, UIDAI, Janmejay Sinha, Chairman, Boston Consulting Group, Rajesh Jain, Managing Director, netCORE, Sharad Sharma, Co-founder, iSPIRIT and Yant Varma, Professor (Finance), IIM (Ahmedabad) are special invitees. According to officials, the reference of the committee are identifying global best practices for implementing an economy primarily based on digital payment and examine the possibility of adoption of these global standards in the Indian context. The panel will also outline measures for rapid expansion of adoption of the system. Digital payments like cards (Debit, Credit and pre-paid), Digital wallets / E-wallets, internet banking, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), banking apps, etc. shall broadly indicate the roadmap to be implemented in one year. It shall evolve an action plan to reach out to the public at large with the objective to create a conducive environment for the benefits of such a switchover to digital economy and would prepare a roadmap for the administrative machineries in the States to facilitate adoption of digital modes of financial transactions. The high level group will also identify and address bottlenecks and indicate the steps required for adoption of the steps required to move towards a digital payments economy. It will also associate the key stakeholders for implementation of the suggested steps towards a digital payments economy and delineate and adopt measures evolved by the Committee of Officers constituted for the purpose. It will also examine and address any other associated issues which are not specifically mentioned herein. The Committee may devise its own procedures for conducting business, meetings, constitution of sub-groups, etc. (PTI)

Despite Bajwa as new army chief Pak's Indiapolicy won't change: Experts

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /-/- The Nagrota attack, which claimed the lives of seven soldiers including two Majors, is a signal from the Pakistani establishment that their policy of proxy war against India will continue despite change of person helming their army, eminent security analysts said today. "It is a signal that even if the chief of the top changes, national policies will remain the same," said Lt Gen (Retd) Vinod Bhatia, former Director General of Military Operations. The attack came days ahead of the Heart of Asia Summit on Afghanistan in Amritsar on December 2-3 and the day Qamar Javed Bajwa took over as the new chief of the Pakistani army replacing explicitly anti-India Raheel Sharif. "If you see the pattern of all previous major attacks, you will find that either preceded or followed by a diplomatic initiative between both the countries," Lt Gen Bhatia said. He admitted that the Pakistani army needs to beef up security of its camps and attributed the lack of it to inadequate resources. Lt Gen (Retd) H S Panaga, a former Northern Army Commander, said Pakistan has a very clear target which is India. "For them, India is a natural enemy which has, according to it, wrongly de-

India should adopt 'tit for tat' policy against Pak: RK Singh

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /-/- Former home secretary R K Singh today advocated for adopting a "tit for tat" policy against Pakistan and stressed that there should be no bilateral talks with the neighbouring state till it supports terrorism. His remarks come ahead of Pakistan Prime Minister's foreign affairs adviser Sartaj Aziz's visit to India to take part in the Heart of Asia Conference in Amritsar this week. "His (Aziz) coming and meeting in a multilateral conference, I don't think that it is a problem. But bilateral talks... There is no point in talking to them (Pakistan). Whenever we have started a dialogue with them, we only had terror attacks," the BJP MP from Arun Bihar said. He said that it should be made clear to the neighbouring state that the present Indian government has a new policy of "hitting back". Asked whether Pakistan should be declared a terror state, he said that such a declaration from India will not lead to anything but if it is done at the international forum, then sanctions will be imposed and Pakistan will "feel the pain". "If we (India) alone declares it as terror state, nothing will happen. If it is declared at the international forum, then sanctions will be imposed on it. Then it (Pakistan) will feel the pain. And if Pakistan does not change its policies, then that time will come when it is not only our problem, but it is world's problem." "This attack is a message that no matter who the chief (Pakistan army) is, our (Pakistan's) policy remains the same. We need to tell them that our policy does not remain the same. During the previous governments, the policy was different. This government has a policy of 'hitting back'," he said. Referring to the recent terror attack on the army camp in Nagrota, he said the targeting is done by Pakistani army and ISI who not only train and arm these jihadi, but also send them across the border and give covering fire (while crossing border). "One should not take it as a jihadi attack. This attack is by Pakistani Army and ISI. They just use jihadi. And the answer to this is only one. If someone hits you, you hit back. "This we have started through surgical strike. And it is not that we have done it once and we will not do again. It should be made clear to Pakistan that 'tit for tat' is our new policy," he said. (PTI)

Army chief visits Nagrota; combing operation on

JAMMU, NOV 30 /-/- Army Chief Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag today visited the Nagrota-based 16 Corps headquarters and was briefed about the combing operation in which seven officers and jawans were killed, even as combing operation to flush out any remaining militant continued. Three militants were killed by security forces personnel and combing operation to sanitise the area was nearing end. Gen Suhag arrived in Nagrota in the afternoon and was briefed by the top commanders on the terror attack at an army artillery unit. He was also briefed about the combing operation. He reviewed the security aspect post terror attack and paid tributes to those killed in the strike. "Combing operation is required this morning at the camp. The area has to be cleared. Operation is on to see whether there is presence of any other militant

in the area. We cannot take chances," a senior army officer said. "Blinds (unexploded shells) were destroyed at the site of the terror attack by a bomb disposal team during the combing operation. Jammu was rocked by two terror attacks yesterday in which seven army personnel, including two Major-rank officers, were killed and eight other securitymen, including a BSF

DIG, were injured, before six heavily-armed terrorists were eliminated in the separate fierce encounters. In one incident, a group of heavily armed terrorists in BSF in Ramgarh area of Samba near the International Border after an encounter that lasted several hours and was followed by intense cross-border firing by Pakistani troops. Four security personnel, including BSF DIG, were injured in this incident. (PTI)

involved a hostage-like situation with 12 soldiers, two ladies and two children being held captive. All were rescued. Three terrorists were killed during the encounter in Ramgarh area of Samba near the International Border after an encounter that lasted several hours and was followed by intense cross-border firing by Pakistani troops. Four security personnel, including BSF DIG, were injured in this incident. (PTI)



Lieutenant General Jagbir Singh, General Officer Commanding, Dakshin Bharat Area salutes after laying the wreath at Victory War Memorial on the occasion of "Relinquishes Command" in Chennai.

Centre, Oppn fight over obituary remarks in RS

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /-/- Opposition led by Congress and TMC on Wednesday forced two adjournments in Rajya Sabha over their demand that the House condone the killing of 25 army men since the surgical strikes and the death of 82 persons due to post-demonetisation hardships. Rejecting the government's offer for discussion on the situation along the border and resuming the debate on demonetisation of 500 and 1000 rupee notes, Opposition members trooped into the Well shouting anti-government slogans, forcing an adjournment. Deputy Chairman P J Kurien to adjourn the proceedings till noon. When the House resumed at noon, the uproar continued and the Question Hour could not be taken up, forcing Chairman Hamid Ansari to adjourn the proceedings till 1400 hours. No sooner had the House assembled for the day, Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said there should be an obituary reference for the seven army personnel including two officers in terrorist attack at Nagrota army camp near Jammu yesterday as well as for the 82 persons who died because of the "wrong policies of government."

As other opposition members joined in, Kurien got listed papers laid on the table. Sukhdev Sekhar Roy (TMC) said he had given a notice under rule 267 for an obituary resolution to mourn the martyrdom of 25 army personnel since the surgical strikes across the LoC and the death of 82 people standing in queues to get valid currency after the ban on 500 and 1000 rupee notes. Kurien, however, said the notice is not permitted. Azad said it was a serious issue if "we are not ready to pay homage" to brave soldiers and those who died because of the "wrong policies" of the government. Charging government with being insensitive, Mayawati (BSP) said demonetisation was done without preparation. She said the government is ready for discussion on the situation along the border, he said. When Sharad Yadav (JD-U) also spoke on the currency issue, Jaitley snapped at him asking him to first discuss demonetisation within his party and decide if it is against the move or for it. His remark was apparent reference to JD-U Chief Anurag Singh Bisht. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar supporting demonetisation. "We are not against demonetisation. We are against the restrictions that have

Did Samba terrorists crawl through 80-m tunnel to infiltrate IB?

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /-/- The three militants killed in Samba in Jammu might have crawled through an 80-metre-long tunnel under farm lands to cross the International Border (IB), the BSF chief said today. Addressing journalists on the eve of the Border Security Force's 51st Raising Day, its chief K K Sharma said the paramilitary force had "strong inputs" about possible infiltration bids by terrorists from across the IB following the Indian Army's surgical strikes on terror launch pads, and hence it was "in a position" to detect and neutralise the heavily-armed militants. "After the operation got over at the Chamliya BOP (border outpost), we checked the fence and there was no breach. Then today morning, we detected a small tunnel of the size of 2x2 metres... we had detected 'depth nakas' across the fence and hence we could detect and neutralise the three militants. The tunnel was found in a field where farming is done and has soft soil. The tunnel is about 75-80 metres from the IB and about 35-40 metres from the fence," he said. The DG said the border guarding force would take up the matter with its counterparts - Pakistan Rangers, but added that due to increased hostilities, the other side is not "getting in touch" for quite some time now. BSF officials said the militants "ample proof" about possible infiltration bids by terrorists from around the IB area and that is why we were in a position to effectively neutralise the three" yesterday. The DG said the three terrorists were carrying huge arms and ammunition like three AK-47s, 20 full magazines, 517 bullets, an 8mm pistol, 20 grenades and a GPS set along with other items on them. The BSF chief said there are inputs of a "grave threat" to security establishments and hence the forces have beefed up and reviewed camp and perimeter security. (PTI)

On same page with Nitish on demonetisation: Sharad

NEW DELHI, NOV 30 /-/- Amid reports of differences between him and party chief Nitish Kumar on demonetisation, senior JD-U leader Sharad Yadav today asserted both were on the same page on the issue and there was "not even an iota" of disagreement. Speaking to reporters in Parliament premises, Yadav, who had joined TMC chief Mamata Banerjee in protest led by her against demonetisation earlier this week, said he is not opposed to invalidation of Rs 1000 and Rs 500 currency notes, but had flagged concerns over cash crunch faced by poor. "There is not even an iota of difference within our party. I have not sought withdrawal of noteband (demonetisation). And what Nitish ji has been saying? He said demonetisation is a welcome step. When did I say withdraw the move?" he asked. Yadav also wondered if his raising issues of "inconvenience" faced by farmers, agrarian workers and daily wage earners meant there are fissures within the party. To answer the question, Yadav said the Opposition wants the House to run, but the government should consider its demand (that Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes part in the debate over demonetisation on the floor of the House). Yadav was one of the key Opposition leaders to have taken part in the question hour organised by the TMC. Kumar, however, has been supporting the move unshakingly. Meanwhile, Union minister Harsh Vardhan lauded the Bihar Chief Minister for taking up the stand "rising above" politics and urged other Opposition leaders to take a cue from him to support demonetisation.

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