

Indian Air Force Day: President Ram Nath Kovind, BJP chief Amit Shah greet air warriors

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A breathtaking display of sorties by fighter jets, transport aircraft as well as rotary wing aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will mark the 86th anniversary of IAF. The Air Force Day parade, which will commence Air Force Station Hindan (Ghaziabad) will witness flypasts by Sukhoi-30, Mig-21, Mig-29, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, Surya Kirans and Sarang helicopters.

Meanwhile, President Ram Nath Kovind, BJP chief Amit Shah wished the IAF on the occasion of the Air Force Day. "On Air Force Day, we proudly honour our air warriors, veterans, and families of the Indian Air Force. They safeguard our skies with courage and commitment. The resilience, tenacity and zeal of our valiant air warriors is a source of pride for every Indian," said Kovind.

"On Air Force Day, I extend my greetings to our air force personnel and their families. Their bravery and



commitment to serve the motherland is unparalleled. It is because of their dedication and courage that we are among the top air force in the world," Shah said in a tweet. Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa, Chief of the Air Staff will review the parade. Serving as well as former air warriors will be attending the parade. It will be followed by a breathtaking display by the air warrior drill team, which will showcase their weapon handling skills and carry out diverse manoeuvres with their rifles.

Vintage aircraft of the IAF such as Tiger Moth, Harvard vintage aircraft, Dorniers and Dakotas will take to skies during the two-hour-long ceremony. "The air display will commence with a flag bearing skydivers of famous Akash Ganga Team, who will jump from an An-32 aircraft. Flypast will comprise of Mi-17 V5 and Rudra helicopters, Dornier, C-130J and C-17 transport aircraft, Jaguar, Bison, MiG-29, Mirage-2000 and SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft," an IAF press

release said. India's home-developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas will carry out an aerobatic display in front of the audience. The Surya Kiran Aerobatics Team (SKAT), comprising of nine Hawk 132 aircraft and the Helicopter aerobatics team, Sarang will enthral the audience with breathtaking formation aerobatics display. A static display of aircraft, weapon, radar and missiles systems of the Indian Air Force will be open for general viewing.

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"In the history of all revolutionary movements in any country, there had been incidents of different revolutionary groups emerging and factions cropping up in the same organization. However all such events had been brought together and settled in time. Eminent political scientists of the world have maintained that there are different classes of people—educated class, fairly educated and middle class and proletariat class who are facing a lot of hardship, etc. In the midst of all these classes, the leaders of revolutionary organizations and CSOs need to stand and build up ideology for protection of the communities and the land together with all classes of people. In such case, experts will be accompanied with; moderates will have to be allied with and farmers and workers will have to be associated with. However, we have been experiencing opposition from the privileged, high and middle class people to all kinds of movement. Yet those people who are underprivileged and far from getting any kind of benefits but high in thoughts and attitudes, who naturally understand the rights and wrongs and good and evils of the society will extend cooperation. The leadership needs to be the conciliating point for this. So it is natural that there should be a single united strength. Now it shouldn't be that difficult to unite because all revolutionary organizations know pretty well that our goal is the one and same. The experience of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) may be mentioned as one that is more compatible with that of Kangleipak.

"The General Assembly of United Nations recognized the movement of the PLO since 1974 as a right movement for Self Determination. All that the PLO had faced and is facing are comparable with the happenings in Kangleipak. If everyone in Kangleipak studies the merits and demerits of Palestine and brings a semblance of their experience to our state, it will be quite beneficial. Just like the forcible so-called Merger Agreement of India of September 21 of 1949, following the Balfour Declaration organized by the British in 1917, Palestine was dissolved and Israel was created which caused the emergence of the liberation movement of Palestine. As part of the major objective of the Palestine Resistance Movement (PRM), several organizations and factions of Palestine launched resistance movements. As a result of the movements, certain major changes had taken place in 1994. Though the PRM had lit the fire of liberation movement of the Palestine Arab people whose state had been snatched away, the uniting platform of all the movements was provided by the Palestine National Council (PNC). Within the united assembly, the popular Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), as the only representative organization, led the movement and succeeded.

"On January 1 of 1965, the PLO launched a successful military operation against Israel that made the key objective of the Palestine people's liberation movement known to the world. Thus the PRM as the torchbearer of all that

connected with the liberation movement led the people to the right direction of success. Thus while the broad vision of the revolution of our Kangleipak people and the singular objective of the revolutionaries needs to be viewed together, brave patriots and vanguard should have the commitment to understand and analyze the elements of our lost sovereignty and sit together to discuss how to go together as one. This compelling need lies in front of all people of the hills and valley. Not a single factor can be found why all the armed revolutionary organizations of the WESEA region couldn't come together and unite as one since every organization belongs to the group of peoples who are not that different from each other in looks, life-style and settled together in the same region. Thus it is fervently hoped and believed that we all shall one day unite and launch a more intense offensive against the GoI.

"The GoI is nurturing a dream that once a settlement is arrived at between the GoI and the NSCN (IM), the rest of the armed insurgent groups of the NE could be suppressed and that the NSCN (IM) is dreaming that it would build a Naga unity. Both would be right to realize that these are impossible and impractical theories. Assuming that the NSCN (IM) has no further major contradiction, it is still hard to find grounds to believe that there won't be any inter-tribal contradictions again. Even if there is no major contradiction, Naga may face a wave of factional crisis creating a frighteningly uncontrollable situation in Nagaland wherein the Tangkhuls originating from Kangleipak could be seen as the colonizers and within Nagaland itself, in the midst of war of supremacy among Angami, Aao, Sema, etc smaller tribes such as Chakhesang and Konyak may look at the four others as international colonizers which may create a more horrifying situation than the tribal wars happening in Africa. In fact when they are about to reach the goal, many small tribes may disappear from the surface of the earth forever. The NSCN (IM) and the colonial master India should never try to rupture the boundary of Kangleipak that existed in 1947, to keep away from the hill-valley people's governance and to disintegrate the emotional bond of the people.

clan or tribe, but based on the united territory of Kangleipak. This view is the same idea that inspired the National Liberation Movement of 1949 in which people of all communities of hills and valley took part. Now also it would be right on part of all Kangleipak people to lead the movement based on the tradition of the people of Kangleipak bearing the responsibility together during the course of history. While it is time for the State Government to think deeply, it acts as per orders of the Centre and remains nonchalant even though the state is sold off. Since the rulers have remained occupied with the thought of saving their own seats, today all kinds of artificial positions have created a chaotic situation in Kangleipak. This indicates the right characteristic of a puppet government.

"As for PREPAK, right since the conception of the party, we have been keeping faith in a united liberation movement. Thus since the early stage, the Party has not only been working together with other revolutionary organizations of Kangleipak but also been trying relentlessly to keep good relationship with other fraternal revolutionary organizations of the neighbouring WESEA region so that a united liberation movement could be carried through. Keeping in mind the principles of a united National Liberation Movement to translate the objective of achieving Independent Kangleipak into reality, first Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP), People's Revolutionary Front (PRF) joined hands and formed the Revolutionary Joint Committee (RJC). Then PREPAK, RPF and UNLF joined hands to form Manipur People's Liberation Front (MPLF). Then KCP, KYKL, PREPAK, PREPAK (Pro), RPF, UNLF and UPPK got together and formed the Co-ordination Committee (CORCOM). Even now the Party firmly believes in "unity is strength" and that only a united National Liberation Movement will be able to restore our independence. On the other hand, even though an armed group of the hills that earlier demanded independence has gone into peace talks with the colonial master India without knowing where its goal would be, a large number of people of the hills have no trust in that talks and still stand firmly for an independent Kangleipak. Launching of a liberation movement against India by the hill brethren is a big step ahead toward restoring independence of Kangleipak. Thus considering the new emerging direction in the National Liberation Movement, PREPAK humbly appeals to all fellow revolutionary organizations to stand together on a united platform and jointly defend India to have Kangleipak's lost independence and sovereignty restored", the statement said.

The proscribed group also offered revolutionary salute to all brave martyrs who had sacrificed their lives for our motherland during the course of the liberation movement and those who are languishing in the jail as the enemy's prisoners of war, and conveys warm greetings to all hill and valley brethren, and wishing for a happy, peaceful and progressive society free of all ills and sufferings.

Successful local body polls in Jammu and Kashmir will act as a bulwark against Pakistan machinations

New Delhi, Oct. 8

One foggy evening in January this year, SP Vaid, then DGP of Jammu and Kashmir Police played an audio clip on his mobile phone for Home Minister Rajnath Singh. It was an intercepted call from Pakistan in which the handler was directing to carry out targeted killings during the local body polls that the Centre was planning to hold towards the end of that month. Vaid told the home minister that Pakistan would try every trick in its terror book to thwart these elections in the state. As

expected the polls were deferred by the PDP-BJP ruling coalition citing glocal security situation. But, that triggered a debate within the central government on overall administrative issues related to the state while strongly backing an early urban local body and panchayat polls. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also informed that Pakistan was planning to disrupt the democratic process, as panchayat polls, last held in 2011, would accomplish extraordinary dividends for grass root electoral politics in the state.

Months later, the BJP pulled out of the alliance with the Mehbooba Mufti government claiming her party did not live up to its promises though refrained from giving out the main reasons responsible for the break-up. Subsequent events surrounding the legal challenge to Article 35A and the boycott of the panchayat and urban local body polls by National Conference and PDP appeared as another set of roadblock. Though the undeterred Centre is moving ahead with polls with Governor Satya Pal Malik in the driving seat, the polls under shadow of fear and killings of political workers would be the real test for NDA's political nerves.

A senior officer is of the opinion that the successful conduct of the panchayat elections in the state will not only revive popular interest in democracy, but will also act as a bulwark against Pakistan's machinations. He said that since the 14th Finance Commission had doubled the grants to the local bodies to help in achieving equal opportunity and overall development, the move would fill the empty phrase of development.

There is no doubt that local body representatives are needed in good governance because they can give the best to the people, however, in the context of Jammu and Kashmir, the situation is little complex. The real development has eluded the state. In fact, Modi had recently enquired from officers as to why benefits of the comprehensive package announced by him in 2015 were not visible on the ground. Although, an officer indicated that civil administration needed to be proactive, some were of the view that governance deficit and general administration lethargy during the PDP-BJP rule in the state were primarily responsible for it, and it was imperative to deliver results

on the development front so that the people of the state may start reaping the benefits. In 2015, Modi had announced a Rs 80,000 crore development package for the state including highway projects, power, health, human resources, urban development, agriculture and developing infrastructure in towns. Sadly, that too doesn't have any action plan report related to gram panchayats. Now, security agencies are of the view that the overall situation in the state is generally in control with considerable success in neutralising top militant commanders to cultivate the gains. This also provides opportunity for the administration to fill the governance vacuum.

Miracle doesn't happen in emptiness. The NDA government is quietly working on several fronts. Besides increasing remuneration of special police officers last month, the government is also strengthening the counter-infiltration grid in the state. Since a sustained operation against separatist elements to disrupt funding from Pakistan is showing the result, the government is working on another proposal to check foreign channels telecasting anti-national content in the Valley.

A proposal is also being mullied to shift the Central Jail from downtown Srinagar to a location outside the city limits after an internal report suggested that it had become a hub of planning for all terrorist activities. Beyond party politics, for a vibrant democracy, there is no easier path than integrating people with the mainstream, and the local body elections are being seen as the transformation that will not only defeat Pakistan's nefarious design, but also offer a new hope to the people, with maturity and responsibility.

Mobile phones, ganja, cash seized from Bihar jails

Agency Patna, Oct 8

Mobile phones, SIM cards, ganja and other banned items were seized during raids conducted at different jails of Bihar, a senior police officer said. The raids were carried out on Sunday in central, divisional and sub-divisional jails in all the districts of the state on the directive of Home Department Principal Secretary Amir Subhani.

A total of 32 mobile phones, nine SIM cards, 50.5 gm ganja, 10 knives and Rs 48,690 in cash, besides other banned items, were seized during the operation, IG (Prisons)

Mithilesh Mishra said in a release. Among the jails from where these were recovered are divisional jails of Sitamarhi, Munger, Jehanabad, Aurangabad Sasaram and Central Jail, Motihari, the release said.

The raids were carried out just before the upcoming festival season in order to check incidents of crime, police said. Disciplinary action will be taken against guilty jail officials for their lapses that led to entry of the items, the release said, adding, FIRs have been lodged against the prisoners from whose possession the articles were seized.

Detained in China, Interpol chief resigns

Lyon, Oct. 8

The international police organisation Interpol announced Sunday that it has received the resignation of its Chinese chief Meng Hongwei, who has been missing since September 25 and is suspected by Beijing of "violating the law".

Meng has resigned "with immediate effect" and Senior Vice President Kim Jong Yang of South Korea has become acting president, Interpol said in a statement.

Meng, the first Chinese president of Interpol, was last heard from on September 25 as he left Lyon, where the police agency is based, for China.