

03 Civilian killings in Kashmir sign of frustration in terrorists: BJP



NIA carries out searches in Kashmir, arrests 3 ISIS operatives

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SRINAGAR: National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday carried out raids at several places in Kashmir valley and arrested three 'operatives' of proscribed terrorist organization Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and The Resistance Front (TRF), considered a shadow outfit of the banned Lashker-e-Taiba terror group, which has claimed responsibility for a spate of targeted civilian killings.

An NIA spokesperson said that the searches were carried with the assistance of CRPF and Jammu and Kashmir Police at eight locations in Kashmir.

A case was initially registered at Bahu Fort police station relating to the recovery of an IED from a Lashker-e-Taiba terrorist

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09 3 killed, 13 injured in road mishaps



Kashmir target killings: NIA summons 40 teachers

SRINAGAR: In connection with civilian target killings, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has summoned 40 teachers on Sunday as the agency has formally taken over the investigations from the local police.

Top officials are camping in Srinagar under the directions of the Union Home Minister, who has taken a serious note of the civilian killings by the terrorists.

The J&K Police have already detained over 400 people in connection with the FIRs lodged in different police stations pertaining to the civilian killings in the Valley.

Top sources said the detained people have known links with the proscribed Jamaat-e-Islami,

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Police bust TRF module, arrest 4 terror associates

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SRINAGAR: Police on Sunday said a module of The Resistance Front (TRF) was busted and four terror associates involved in the conspiracy behind the killing of Mohammad Shafi Lone last week were arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipore district.

A special team of Bandipore Police was entrusted with the investigation of the case and after thorough human and technical corroboration, the module was busted by arresting four terrorists associated of the TRF," a police spokesman said.

The arrested terrorist associates have been

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AC reduces tax on aviation turbine fuel to 1 pc in J&K

Approves rehabilitation package for affected families at Ramban

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SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC), which met here on Sunday under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, decided to reduce the Sales Tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel to one per cent. Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

This decision is part of slew

of measures taken by the Government recently to promote air traffic to Jammu and Kashmir. Recently, the air strip at Jammu Airport was extended and consequently, airlines were allowed to operate flights to full capacity. Additionally, late evening flights were allowed both at Jammu and Srinagar Airports. These measures are expected to ensure affordable airfares for flights operating to Jammu and Srinagar Airports.

With the reduced airfare on account of reduction in Sales Tax on ATF, the air-traffic is

expected to increase which will boost both tourism and economic activities in the region.

Earlier the Administrative Council had approved little over 974 kanals of land for the new terminal complex of the Jammu Airport. The land to the Airport Authority of India has been provided free of cost.

In another decision, the Administrative Council approved the proposal of the Revenue Department for rehabilitation of six families whose structures are

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Ladakh row: India, China hold 13th round of military talks

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NEW DELHI: India on Sunday pressed for an early disengagement of troops in the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh at the 13th round of military talks with China that lasted for around eight-and-half hours, sources in the security establishment said.

It is learnt that a major focus of the Corps Commander-level talks was to complete the stalled disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 (PP-15).

There was no official comment on the negotiations that took place on the Chinese side of the Chushul-Moldo border point in eastern Ladakh.

The talks, which started at 10:30 AM and ended at 7 PM, took place over two months after the last round of negotiations that resulted in the disengagement of troops from Gogra (Patrol

Point-17A).

India has been insisting that the resolution of outstanding issues in all friction points including in Dopsang is essential for an overall improvement in ties between the two countries.

The Indian delegation is understood to have conveyed this view firmly at the 13th round of talks while pressing for bringing down tensions at Dopsang.

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J&K Accession files: Disclosure of Bucher papers in 'national interest', CIC observes

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NEW DELHI: The disclosure of files provided by India's second army chief General Sir Roy Bucher to Nehru Memorial Museum and Library about Jammu and Kashmir related to the period of 1947-49, which may throw light on Accession, is in "national interest", the Central Information Commission has observed in an order.

The Commission stopped short of ordering disclosure of these crucial documents, withheld from the public on orders of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Information Commissioner

Uday Mahurkar has instead asked the NMML's Central Public Information Officer "to take up the matter with higher officials" and "secure the necessary permission" before sharing the information with RTI activist Venkatesh Nayak.

The highest adjudicating authority on RTI matters, the CIC, did not specify if the information can be disclosed if there is an objection from "higher officials".

RTI activist Venkatesh Nayak had sought the documents from NMML under the transparency law but it was denied to him without citing any exemption clauses

in the RTI Act.

"Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, the Commission observes that the objective of the Appellant (is) in National interest. Therefore the Commission directs the CPIO to take up the matter with higher officials of the Respondent Authority and cite this order of the Commission and secure the necessary permission from them before sharing the information with the Appellant," Mahurkar said in the order. Nayak while researching accession

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Terror suspect arrested from Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: A terror suspect resident of Uttar Pradesh has been arrested from Gandhi Nagar area on late Sunday night. The terror handler's movement was spotted when he was taking pictures of some vital installations, sources said.

Gandhi Nagar police has detained him for sustained interrogation to ascertain his links with Pak sponsored terror outfits. Some incriminating material recovered from his possession reveals his links with terror groups, sources said. After the incidents of serial target killings in Kashmir, the security and intelligence agencies in Jammu are also on high alert.

NC suffers major jolt in Jammu; 2 prominent leaders Devender Rana, Slathia resign

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JAMMU: The National Conference suffered a major setback in Jammu as two prominent leaders Devender Rana and Surjit Singh Slathia resigned from the party on Sunday.

They are likely to join the BJP in Delhi on Monday.

"Dr Farooq Abdullah has received & accepted the resignations of Mr Salathia & Mr Rana. No further action or comment is deemed necessary," a National Conference spokesman tweeted.

Rana, who was NC's provincial president of the Jammu region, also

announced the decision to quit the National Conference during a brief interaction with media persons outside his house here, ending over week-long speculation about



him leaving his party and joining the BJP.

"I along with (senior party colleague and former minister) S S Slathia resigned from the basic membership of the National Conference," he told reporters.

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Modi Govt giving special impetus to Agricultural Start-Ups: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing gathering at SKUAST Jammu.

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JAMMU: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday said the Modi Govt is giving special impetus to Agriculture Start-

Ups.

He said, this is the golden period of Agriculture happening in India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and technological interventions, research and innovation in agriculture under his leadership will double the farmers income by 2022.

The Minister said this while attending the concluding ceremony of 5-day long

Northern India Regional Agriculture Fair 2021 as chief guest at SKUAST Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that PM Narendra Modi is serious towards agriculture development in India that can be judged from the fact that two new Ministries, Jal Shakti and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship have been created only to promote agriculture and doubling the farmers income by 2022. He further mentioned that one of its important links is the recently launched 'Heli-Borne Survey Technology for groundwater management & to map groundwater resources in arid regions for drinking and agricultural purposes.

Dr Jitendra said that the agriculture and farm production has been revolutionised in India under the current government which is evident from the various initiatives taken by the government for the welfare of farmers like the Soil Health Card,

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Shri Manoj Sinha
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor

Congratulations

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