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Two non-locals shot dead by terrorists in Kashmir

LeT commander among 2 terrorists killed in Pulwama encounter

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two non-locals were shot dead by terrorists in Srinagar and Pulwama districts on Saturday, police said.

Arvind Kumar Sah (30), a resident of the Banka area in Bihar, was shot at by the ultras outside a park at Eidgah in Srinagar in the evening, a police official said.

He said Kumar died on the spot.

In another incident, terrorists fired at and critically injured Saghir Ahmad, a carpenter hailing from Uttar Pradesh, in Pulwama district, the official said. Ahmad succumbed to injuries in a hospital, he added.

The killings come on a day when police claimed to have gunned down three terrorists in a span of 24 hours who were involved in last week's killings of members of minority communities. The BJP has condemned Saturday's killings.

Party spokesman Altaf Thakur said the killings of



Srinagar killings: IGP denies security lapse

SRINAGAR: A senior Jammu and Kashmir Police officer on Saturday ruled out any security lapse behind the recent civilian killings in the Valley and said that it is not possible to provide security to all those who may be soft targets for terrorists.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function here, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said that none of the civilians killed last week had been provided security by the police.

Seven civilians, including four from minority communities, were killed by terrorists in Kashmir last week, triggering fear among the people in the Valley and criticism of the security apparatus by political parties. "There was no lapse in security... They (terrorists) chose soft

two non-locals is highly condemnable and shocking. He urged the police to nab the killers and punish them

sternly.

Former chief minister and national Conference leader Omar Abdullah also condemned the killings.

"Strongly condemn the killing of street vendor Arvind Kumar in a terror attack in Srinagar today. This is yet another case of a civilian being targeted like this. All Arvind Kumar did was come to Srinagar in search of earning opportunities & it's reprehensible that he was murdered," Omar tweeted.

People's Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone termed the attacks as cowardly.

"This is pure terror. Yet again a non-local vendor shot and killed in Idgah. What a shame. How cowardly can it get," Lone tweeted.

Meanwhile, two terrorists, including Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Umar Mushtaq Khandey, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Pampore area

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Rahul posted as Addl CEO SASB

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Saturday transferred of an IFS officer.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department, Rahul Singh, IFS (AGMUT:2013), Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Kathua, has been transferred and posted as Additional Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), on deputation basis, relieving Anup Kumar Soni, IFS, Divisional

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JCO, Jawan martyred; massive search ops continue in Poonch-Rajouri forests

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two more soldiers, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), were martyred as the massive search operation to track down terrorists continued for the sixth day in the forest areas of twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri on Saturday, officials said.

With this, a total of nine Army personnel, including two JCOs, have laid down their lives in the ongoing counter-insurgency operation that began in Surankote



Martyrs Subedar Ajay Singh & Naik Harendra Singh

forests of Poonch on Monday and later spread to nearby Thanamandi in Rajouri and Mendhar in Poonch.

The officials said bodies of the JCO and the soldier were recovered near the scene of

Thursday's gunfight with terrorists in the Nar Khas forest in Mendhar, taking the number of Army personnel martyred in the operation to four: Riflemen Vikram

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Govt committed to urban renewal that mirrors J&K aspirations: Sinha

Inaugurates key urban transformation projects of Srinagar



LG Manoj Sinha dedicating key urban transformation projects of Srinagar to the public.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday reaffirmed that the government is committed to urban renewal that mirrors the aspirations of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dedicating key urban transformation projects worth Rs 40.34 crore, executed by Srinagar Municipal Corporation and Srinagar Smart City Limited to the people, the Lt Governor said that multiple projects inaugurated under AMRUT and Srinagar Smart City will encourage socio-economic growth, and bring employment and utilities closer to the residents.

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The projects which were inaugurated include multi-level car parking at old SMG Lal Chowk; Dewatering station and Drainage Scheme at Indra Nagar; Highway Park-Green Space and Fountain at Benina, built at the cost of Rs 26.91 crore, Rs 9.83 crore, and Rs 3.60 crore respectively.

During the inauguration of new multi-level Car Parking at old SMG Lal Chowk, the officials informed that the multi-level Car Parking is having Ground plus three floors for 500 cars and 150 two-wheelers.

The new dewatering station and Drainage Scheme built above the highest flood

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Devender Singh Rana & Surjeet Singh Slathia being accorded warm reception in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nearly a week after joining the BJP, former

legislator Devender Singh Rana Saturday said the 'Jammu declaration', which

Govt announces operational guidelines to avail export subsidy

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a decision that is likely to arrest the decline of the exports of Handicraft and Handloom goods from Kashmir, the Government on Saturday announced the operational guidelines to avail the Export subsidy after the same was cleared by the Administrative council recently.

The main objective of the Export subsidy is to provide promotional measures to boost the Handicrafts & Handloom exports from the UT.

Under the scheme, an incentive of 10% of the total volume of Handicraft/Handloom products exported to any country with maximum reimbursement of 5crore (whichever is lesser) will be provided to

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
 Max: 34.5°C Min: 19.5°C

Humidity
 Max: 56 Min: 53

Temperature (Srinagar)
 Max: 25.1°C Min: 8.2°C

Humidity
 Max: 84 Min: 54

Sunset : 17:58 Hours
 Sunrise : 06:38 Hours

Govt dismisses services of Geelani's grandson, teacher for aiding terrorist activities in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The grandson of pro-Pakistan separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani and a brother of a terrorist were dismissed from government service on Saturday for allegedly aiding terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The government ordered dismissal of service of Anees-ul-Islam, Research Officer in Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India.

"The Lieutenant Governor dismisses Anees-ul-Islam, Research Officer in Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre, son of Altaf Ahmad Shah, resident of 119-MIG Green Park, Benina, Srinagar at present Baehpora, Srinagar from service, with immediate effect," reads an order issued by General Administration Department.

Meanwhile, in a separate order, the government dismisses Farooq Ahmad Butt, teacher (RReT) in GMS Kathawa, Doda. "The Lieutenant

Governor is satisfied under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of Farooq Ahmad Butt, Teacher (RReT) in GMS Kathawa, Doda, son of Dawood Butt, resident of Kathwa Tehsil Pahgsoo District Doda. Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor dismisses Farooq Ahmad Butt, Teacher (RReT) in GMS Kathawa from service, with immediate effect," the order stated.

Senior J&K Admn official robbed in South Delhi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A Deputy Labour Commissioner in the Jammu and Kashmir administration was allegedly robbed by members of a 'Thak Thak' gang in south Delhi's Khanpur area, police said on Saturday.

The 47-year-old official is a resident of Vasant Kunj, they said. According to the police, two to three days ago, when the victim was going to Faridabad in a car, two men on a scooter signalled her to stop at the Khanpur T-point and told her that the vehicle was leaking fuel.

As soon as she stopped the car to check it, one of the miscreants snatched her sling bag containing

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Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers of Handicrafts and Handlooms Sector

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