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Two non-locals...

of Pulwama district, a senior police officer said.

Khandey was allegedly involved in the killing of two policemen here earlier this year. "LeT #terrorist Umar Mustaq Khandey who martyred our 2 colleagues SgCt Mohammad Yousf and Ct Suhail Ah in Bagh Srinagar while they were having tea, #neutralised in Drangbal, #Pampore. Amongst various other crimes of the terrorists, this stands out as most unforgivable," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said in a tweet.

"We are committed to #hunt down these #terrorists who try to create fear among masses and spread mischief & tumult in the valley. Such elements and their name should be excised from society," he said.

Another unidentified terrorist was also killed in the Pampore encounter; a police official said, adding that arms and ammunition were recovered from the spot.

Khandey's name figured in the list of top 10 terrorists who the security forces were targeting since the hit list was released by the police in August this year.

As per police records, both the killed terrorists were collaborators in recent killings in City Srinagar and involved in several other terror crimes. Besides, Umer Mushtaq was also involved in the killing of SgCt Mohammad Yousf and Ct Suhail Ahmad in Bagh area of Srinagar and figured among the list of top 10 most wanted terrorists. He was also responsible for creating terror among the locals and had been coercing innocent citizens to sympathise with anti-national elements.

Incriminating materials including arms and ammunition were also recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation. Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law and started investigation in to the matter. People are requested to cooperate with police till the area is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any.

IGP Kashmir congratulated the joint teams working with great synergy and coordination on the ground for carrying out successful anti-terrorist operations in professional manner without any collateral damage.

IGP Kashmir said that, post recent civilian killings in City Srinagar terrorists Shahid Khurshid along with Shahid Bashir shifted to district Pulwama while as their other associate Mukhtar Shah shifted to district Shopian and all the three terrorists stand eliminated. He also said that, Police is committed to hunt down all the terrorists who try to create fear among masses and spread mischief & tumult in the valley and such elements & their names should be excised from society. He also said that, post recent civilian killings, so far 13 terrorists have been eliminated in 9 different anti-terrorist operations including 3 out of 5 terrorists of Srinagar City who were killed within less than 24hrs. He also said that, as of now only two terrorists of Srinagar City namely Mehran and Wasim are active and all efforts are on to nab them.

Srinagar killings: IGP..

targets, we had not provided security to them (civilians). It is not possible to provide security to all soft targets," Kumar said.

He said security forces acted swiftly and identified all five terrorists involved in the killings.

"Two of them have been neutralised and the other three will also be tracked down soon," he added.

Dismissing criticism of the security apparatus by politicians, Kumar said the police are dealing with the situation professionally.

"It is the job of politicians to make all kinds of statements. I am a professional and I know how to deal with it (situation). We are dealing with it professionally," he said.

The IGP said that 11 terrorists have been killed in nine encounters since October 8. Many political leaders had criticised the Centre and the security forces over the civilian killings in Kashmir. Some had also demanded that accountability be fixed for the "repeated security lapses" and security be provided to members of minority communities living in the Valley.

Rahul posted as...

Forest Officer, Forest Division, Jammu of the additional charge of the post.

It is further ordered that during the deputation of Rahul Singh, he shall be governed under the standard terms and conditions of deputation as contained in Schedule XVIII of J&K Civil Services Regulation (Vol. II), 1956 read with SRO-192 dated May 28, 2007. "Rahul shall retain lien and promotion prospects in his parent service," it added.

JCO, Jawan martyred...

Singh Negi and Yogambar Singh, both from Uttarakhand, were confirmed martyred earlier.

A defence spokesman identified the JCO as Ajay Singh and another soldier as Naik Harendra Singh and said they were part of search operations launched by the security forces to flush out terrorists hiding in the densely forested area on Thursday.

After a fierce firefight with terrorists, the communication with the two soldiers was disrupted. Relentless operations continued to neutralise the terrorists and to reestablish communication with them, the spokesman said.

Earlier on October 11, five Army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), were killed when terrorists attacked a search party in Poonch's Surankote forest.

There was another exchange of fire between the Army's search parties and the fleeing terrorists in the adjoining Thanamandi forest in Rajouri the same day but the ultras managed their escape.

The presence of terrorists in the forest area connecting Poonch and Rajouri was observed two and a half months ago and accordingly tactical operations were launched to track them down, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri-Poonch range, Vivek Gupta told reporters.

He said the area is mountainous and the forest is dense, which makes the operation difficult and dangerous.

The joint security grid was tracking different groups of terrorists but operations take time, depending on the topography of the area. The contact with the terrorists was established on three occasions this week, based on the intelligence inputs, the officer said.

Gupta said the forest area is being sanitised and once the operation is complete, a clear picture will emerge.

The terrorists are holed up and the joint forces are on the job to take the operation to the logical conclusion as per the Standard Operating Procedure, he said.

However, he did not disclose the number of terrorists hiding in the forest area. We have the number and have formed our strategy accordingly.

The officials said gunshots were heard intermittently throughout the day as the joint search parties of the Army and the police resumed the operation in Poonch's Mendhar area.

They said the entire forest area from Mendhar to Thanamandi remains under a strict cordon and a massive search operation is on to neutralise the terrorists who are moving from one place to another in an attempt to escape the dragnet.

The Army has already deployed para-commandos and a helicopter was also seen hovering over the forest area to keep surveillance, the officials said.

They said the traffic between Mendhar and Thanamandi along the Jammu-Rajouri highway remained suspended for the second day in the wake of the ongoing operation.

Rajouri and Poonch in the Jammu region have witnessed a rise in infiltration attempts since June this year, resulting in the killing of nine terrorists in separate encounters.

Earlier in the day, a defence spokesperson said the mortal remains of riflemen Negi and Singh were flown to Uttarakhand in a service aircraft Saturday morning after a wreath-laying ceremony.

A police spokesperson said the nation will always remain indebted to these bravehearts for their supreme sacrifice for the nation.

Subedar Ajay Singh is resident of Village - Rampur, Post- Jajal, Tehsil- Narendra Nagar, District - Tehri, Uttarakhand.

Naik Harendra Singh is resident of Village - Pipalsari, Post- Rikhnikhel, Tehsil- Lansdowne, District - Pauri, Uttarakhand.

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level of 2014 equipped with submersible pumps and other electro-mechanic equipment, and creation of underground drainage network at Indra Nagar will provide solutions to the problem of water stagnation and flooding of streets in the area.

The project will reduce the damages caused to the roads due to water logging during monsoons and rainfalls.

Informing about the features and advantages of the Highway Park, Green Space, and Fountain at Bemina, the officials said that the development of the park and fountain will provide recreation space for residents, benefiting about 1,00,000 population.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor Srinagar; Parvaiz Ahmad Qadri, Deputy Mayor SMC; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary to the Government, H&UDD; Pandurang K. Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Mohammad Ajaz, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Athar Aamir Khan, Commissioner, SMC and CEO SSCL; Sandeep Choudhary, SSP Srinagar, besides Senior officers of the UT administration were present on the occasion.

Ready to sacrifice...

National Conference on October 10, told reporters at his residence after he was accorded a grand welcome on his return from Delhi.

Rana, younger brother of Union minister Jitendra Singh, had taken over the post of Provincial president of National Conference in 2011 after relinquishing his office as political advisor to the then chief minister Omar Abdullah. He along with senior party colleague and former minister S S Slathia joined BJP in the Delhi on Monday.

"The Jammu declaration is my political agenda. Some people ask what the Jammu declaration is and for them, I want to say it is a concept which is developing and whose base has been set up. Like the Gupkar declaration (an amalgam of various mainstream parties including NC and PDP who came together to seek restoration of Article 370) which is also a concept and the contours of which will be completed with consultations of the people," he said.

"Jammu Declaration, a concept of Jammu, for Jammu and by Jammu, is a narrative from here for inclusive Jammu and Kashmir to achieve the objective of socio-economic, political and developmental parity between all the regions and sub-regions with no region and no section, irrespective of caste, creed and religion, nurturing feeling of deprivation or discrimination, domination or subjugation", Rana said, adding that the unprecedented affection and enthusiasm demonstrated by the people is actually endorsement of the Jammu Declaration.

Rana, flanked by Surjeet Singh Slathia, said they will stand for the Jammu cause, come what may. For this purpose a concept has emerged, which seeks fair play in governance,

search, 50 bottles of illicit liquor (180 ml each) were recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 148/2021 under section 48(A) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Kanna Chak. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 8 bovines rescued, 2 vehicles seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In continuation to thwart the conspiracies of bovine smugglers within the district, Kathua Police under overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal on Saturday foiled bovine smuggling attempt in Rajbagh area by rescuing 8 bovines and seized 2 vehicles involved in crime.

As per details, it was reliably learnt that two Mahindra vehicles (JK14D-9058 and JK02BN-2231), are moving from Kathua towards Jammu via link road Bhagwal Channi, in which few bovines were tied in illegal manner. Acting on information, a police team led by Insp Amit Sangra, SHO Rajbagh under supervision of SDPO Border Sachit Mahajan laid a Naka/checking duty at Bhagwal road. On seeing Naka party, drivers of vehicles parked their vehicle far behind Naka point and fled away.

During checking of aforesaid vehicles, 8 bovines were found laden in them illegally which were rescued and both the vehicles were seized. FIR No. 206/2021 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA has been registered at Police Station Rajbagh and further investigation is going on.

Drug peddler arrested, huge quantity of contraband recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, police on Saturday arrested a drug peddler and recovered huge quantity of contraband substances from his possession.

As per details, Police Station Bijbehara received a specific information that one Mudasir Ahmad Ganie, son of Abdul Ahad Ganie, resident of Kandipora Bijbehara is indulged in drug peddling and has hoarded a huge quantity of narcotic substance in his house. On receipt of this information, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Bijbehara along with Executive Magistrate raided the specific location. During search, officers were able to recover 1.1 Kg Charas and 52 Kg Cannabis leaves from the house. The accused was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody.

Accordingly, FIR No. 268/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Bijbehara and further investigation started.

4 arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Police on Saturday arrested 4 persons and seized 4 vehicles involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in Ganderbal.

As per details, officers from Police Station Kheer Bhawani under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal and DySp DAR Ganderbal seized four vehicles involved in extraction and transportation of sand illegally extracted in District Ganderbal. Four drivers were also arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. They were identified as Nazir Ahmad Dar, resident of Kondbal, Muzaffar Ahmad Dar, resident of Gangerhama, Fayaz Ahmad Shah, resident of Chek Yangora and Ishfaq Ahmad Mir, resident of Gulabagh.

Accordingly, FIR No. 61/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Kheer Bhawani and further investigation has been initiated.

Police seeks people's help in identifying suspects

STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police has sought help of general public in identifying suspected thieves, involved in theft case of Police Station Chadoora. During investigation under FIR No. 175/2021 at Police Station Chadoora, the police team collected CCTV footages and obtained photographs of two suspects involved in theft case. Police has

funds distribution, jobs and other resources with a tag to equitable opportunities to all and appeasement to none. He vowed to pursue this agenda religiously as the ownership of the concerned goes to the people of Jammu, he added.

"I have been, am and will serve the people as their servant and those knowing me can vouch for it on the basis of my service to the people", emotionally overtaken Rana said amid chants of 'Jammu, Jammu, Jammu, Jammu', adding that the land of warriors has to retrieve its pristine glory. This can't be achieved by an individual but a collective and united effort by people of all shades and walks of life would be needed. He said by Jammu he always means Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur, Ramban and all other areas. Jammu's assimilative ethos encompasses the entire Jammu and Kashmir its people, its ethos and its glory, he maintained.

Addressing the rally, Surjeet Singh Slathia expressed his gratitude to the people for bestowing them a lot of affection, saying this speaks of their yearning to see Jammu flourishing economically, socially and politically.

Slathia said the support of the people will encourage them to work for them single mindedly with a mission to make Jammu and Kashmir a better place to live in.

The BJP leader said his character will prove his credentials. "I do not need to answer anyone or seek a certificate from anyone. My people know me very well and I know them as well."

Rana said he is ready to make any sacrifice for the people of Jammu region.

"The challenges and opportunities in J&K are enormous. We will try to deal with the challenges and make full use of opportunities for the welfare of the entire Jammu and Kashmir and Jammu region in particular," he said.

Earlier, addressing his supporters who turned up in thousands and accorded him a rousing reception at the Jammu airport before accompanying him in a procession to his Gandhi Nagar residence, Rana said now the voice of J&K will come from Jammu which should get its rightful place.

On January 30, Rana proposed the 'Jammu declaration', a charter to forge unity and reinforce trust between diverse communities and divergent regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

The rally, comprising young and old, lined up outside the Jammu Airport, chanting slogans in favour of Devender Rana and Slathia, extending their unequivocal support. The horse, car and bike rally with riders in traditional costumes escorted the two leaders to Rana Residence in Green Belt Park. The leaders, atop a tastefully decorated van, kept waving at the crowds' entourage. They were profusely garlanded and the supporters kept showering flower petals on them. The cultural ambassadors of various areas of the Jammu region kept dancing on drum beats as the enthusiasm ran high among the supporters.

Traffic on the main road was suspended for over an hour around noon as the supporters of the two leaders waited with garlands.

Among the supporters, many said that they were National Conference activists and supported the decision of Rana and Slathia.

"He (Rana) has never distinguished people based on religion and we are with him whether he is in NC or BJP" Sarpanch Makhan from Udhampur said.

Choudhary Ali Mohammad, belonging to the Gujjar community, echoed Makhan and said they know Rana as a leader who doesn't believe in the politics of religion and caste.

"He is the most popular leader of Jammu province and a person capable of the post of the chief minister. We hope BJP will accommodate him as per his stature and project him as a chief ministerial candidate of the party in the upcoming polls, he said.

Narinder Kumar Sharma backed the decision of the two leaders to join BJP and said the grand welcome accorded to Rana and Slathia should open the eyes of those who said their parting ways with the National Conference would have no impact on the party in the Jammu region.

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Rs 2,000, an ATM card, and her identity card and sped away, a senior officer said.

In a scuffle that ensued over the bag, the woman received minor injuries, he said.

A case under sections 392 (punishment for robbery) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC has been registered against the unidentified robbers, and further investigation is underway, the police said.

Govt announces operational...

the eligible exporters who are registered with the Handicrafts & Handloom Department. The Export subsidy shall be applicable for GI products that will be certified by the quality control wing/ testing lab of the Handicrafts Department and shall not be entitled on machine made stuff.

Terming the development as positive, Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir Mahmood Ahmad Shah asserted that this step will help in restoring the quantum of exports of the Handicraft items that we used to export from this place and was a long pending demand from the Kashmir based exporters.

The subsidy shall be availed on the Handicraft exports whose origin is from J&K. In case the origin of exports is outside J&K, it shall have to be accompanied by e-way bill.

This all comes under the recently announced major developments where under various schemes such as Kharadar scheme, financial assistance to the Handicrafts & Handloom Cooperative societies and enhancing the limit under the Artisan Credit Card scheme were announced by the Government.

It is believed that all these steps will strengthen the Handicraft & Handloom eco system of the UT and will give a boost to the ground level artisan.

appealed to general public to help in identifying suspects. In case of any information/clue regarding identity of suspects, people are requested to inform Police Station Chadoora on 9419007052, 7006220441 or Police Control Room on 112.