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Action against Pak terror to be taken across border: Rajnath



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing the National Conference on Delivering Democracy: Reviewing two decades of PM Narendra Modi as head of Government in New Delhi on Friday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has clearly told Pakistan that action against terrorism will be taken not only on this side of the border but also on their side if needed, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday.

"People used to say that if Article 370 is abolished, then the entire Kashmir will burn...All in all, Jammu and Kashmir is peaceful except for a few incidents," he said at an event here.

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

The Centre had on August 5, 2019 abolished Article 370 of the Constitution that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh said, "It is true that our enemy forces are fidgety. I can say with surety that terrorists' confidence has been broken in Kashmir Valley."

Since October 11, the Indian Army is conducting a massive search operation to track down hiding terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri.

Pakistan was not able to gather any support on the topic of Kashmir even after trying a lot, the minister said.

"Modiji has redesigned and redefined India's attitude against terrorism. Remember, what a soft attitude was maintained against terrorists during earlier governments," Singh told the gathering.

If there were terrorist incidents, there was talk of giving "safe passage" to them, there used to be talk of playing or not playing matches against Pakistan, he said.

"Now the situation has changed. Our government has said clearly that terrorism and talks cannot go hand in hand. For the last few years, we have stopped having any talks with Pakistan," the minister mentioned.

"Now we don't talk about playing or not playing (cricket) matches. Instead, we have stated it clearly that action against terrorism will be taken -- on this side of the border as well as on the other side of the border if needed," he added.

SC bans fire crackers containing Barium salts

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Supreme Court on Friday said that firecrackers and those fireworks which contain Barium salts are prohibited across the country.

A bench of Justice M R Shah and Justice A S Bopanna said that no authority can be permitted to violate the directions issued by it and allow banned firecrackers in the guise of celebration.

The apex court asserted that celebration cannot be at the cost of the other's health.

"Under the guise of celebration, nobody can be

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90 new COVID cases in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 90 fresh COVID-19 cases on Friday, taking the infection count to 3,32,053 while no fatality due to the virus was reported from the union territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, seven were from the Jammu division and 83 from the Kashmir division, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 48 new cases, followed by

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Army sets up civil defense force along LoC in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Indian Army has set up a voluntary civil defence force along the Line of Control in Jammu district, officials said on Friday.

The force, comprising ex-servicemen and volunteer youth of border villages of the Akhnoor region, was raised in the Jourian border belt of the district, they said.

"It aims to strengthen rear area security during war," Defence spokesperson Lt Col Devender Anand said.

Named as 'Manawar', the force comprises 10 platoons based on the names of the villages, and sections based on the names of martyrs of the area on the concept of "sons of the soil", he said.

In order to prepare the force for its envisaged task and to keep them ready for employment in rear areas along with the army, it was trained under the guidance of the army in September and October this year, Lt Col Anand said.

He said the force was trained for the envisaged role by carrying out detailed briefing, firing and practice of manning of vulnerable areas and domination of routes.

The event highlighted high-

Anti-terror search ops in Poonch enter 19th day

JAMMU: The combing and search operation by the multi-grid security forces to clean up forests in Poonch district of terrorists entered the 19th day on Friday, with officials claiming it to be probably the longest exercise in many years.



A few days but efforts were on to track them down and clean up the belt of their presence.

The last contact with terrorists followed an encounter between terrorists and a joint search party on October 24.

A Pakistani terrorist, who was shifted from the Kot Bhalwal Central Jail in Jammu to Mendhar on police remand for questioning in connection with the ongoing operation, was killed when security force personnel accompanying him to identify a hideout came under fire from militants.

"The anti-terror operation to clean up forests in the belt is on. It is probably the longest-drawn operation in many years," the Army officer told PTI.

Armed with sophisticated weapons, a large number of Army personnel and policemen are battling the threat of ambushes and IEDs to carry out cleaning up operations in dense forests, valleys and cave hideouts. The operation at Bhatti Durian in Mendhar, along

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NIA raids 8 locations across Srinagar, Baramulla in terror funding case

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a massive crackdown on terror in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), on Friday, conducted raids in eight locations across Baramulla and Srinagar districts after examination of nine terror operatives in the valley earlier. Several suspected terror operatives have been detained and arrests are expected soon. The crackdown is being carried out in relation to the Jammu and Kashmir terrorism conspiracy case, which is an umbrella FIR under which all recent

cases, including targeted civilian killings in J&K, are being probed, according to a national television channel.

On ground visuals accessed by Republic Media Network showed the presence of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and J&K Police along with the NIA that was carrying out searches since 5 am.

Quoting sources from outside NIA's raid the news channel mentioned that Fayaz Ahmed was arrested yesterday and his residence was searched today (October 29). The original case of the current NIA raids is regis-

tered in New Delhi and searches are being conducted on all terror outfits including Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), and TRF. Moreover, On Ground Workers' (OGW) documents like laptops and other electronics have also been recovered.

On Wednesday, the NIA had informed that the premises of seven districts in Jammu and Kashmir were searched in relation to the Jamaat-e-Islami terror funding case.

NIA arrested eight people in connection with a

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Rijiju inaugurates Legal Services, Awareness camp at Dhara

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Union Minister for Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju on Friday inaugurated a Legal Services and Awareness Camp at Astanmarg (Dhara). The camp was organized by District Legal Services Authority Srinagar under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority in collaboration with District Administration Srinagar.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Executive Chairman J&K Legal Services Authority and Member, National Legal services Authority were present

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Suspension of scheduled international flights extended till Nov 30

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The suspension of scheduled international passenger flights due to the coronavirus pandemic has been extended till November 30, aviation regulator DGCA said on Friday.

"However, international scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes by the competent authority

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Trucks with relief material for J&K flagged off from Delhi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Friday flagged off three Indian Red Cross trucks carrying flood and cold relief supplies and medicines for the people of Jammu, Srinagar, Ladakh and Uttarakhand.

"This will support vulnerable populations in the northern-most UTs for the

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Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 29.0°C Min: 13.0°C

Humidity

Max: 73 Min: 57

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 19.0°C Min: 2.6°C

Humidity

Max: 94 Min: 65

Sunset: 17:46 Hours

Sunrise: 06:47 Hours

LG inaugurates Regional Literary Festival at Patnitop



LG Manoj Sinha speaking during Regional Literary Festival at Patnitop.

STATE TIMES NEWS

PATNITOP: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated the Regional Literary Festival at Patnitop as part of the ongoing Iconic Week Celebrations in Jammu Kashmir.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor remembered the great Dogri and Hindi poetess Padma Sachdev and paid tributes to her.

The Lt Governor also felicitated the Padma Shri Awardees Narsingh Dev

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MHA likely to approve Ph-II comprehensive flood management plan of river Jehlum within 2 months

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Ministry of Home Affairs on (MHA) on Friday reviewed the PMDP and Iconic projects of Jal Shakti department in a high level meeting with the officials of J&K and Punjab Governments.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary J&K, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta along with Commissioner Secretary, Jal Shakti department and Secretary, PM/DD. Mr Piyush Goyal, Additional Secretary, MHA, besides representatives of Ministry of expenditure, and Jal Shakti participated in the meeting.

It was informed that ShahpurKandi project has an irrigation potential of

53927 hectares and will provide irrigation facilities to the two predominantly kandi Districts namely Samba and Kathua, thereby, enhancing agricultural potential of these areas.

Commissioner Secretary Jal Shakti, J&K informed that land acquisition proceedings have been initiated by J&K Government for balance portion of Ravi Canal and as when the compensation payable to the land owners is worked out, the same shall be conveyed to the Punjab Government officials.

He further informed that out of a total of 192kanals to be acquired for the project, only around 5 %

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Lt Gen Manjinder Singh takes over as GOC of White Knight Corps

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Lt Gen Manjinder Singh on Friday took over as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Jammu-based White Knight Corps of the Army.

He succeeds Lt Gen Suchindra Kumar. After assuming command, Singh paid tributes to the bravehearts and exhorted "all ranks to continue working with soldierly zeal and enthusiasm", the Indian Army said on Twitter. Also, in Bathinda, Lt Gen J B Chaudhari took over as the GOC of the prestigious Chetak Corps from Lt Gen M K Mago on Friday, it mentioned.

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