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Army vehicle skids off

road; 1 dead, 13 injured

KULGAM: An army soldier was killed and 13 peo-

ple, including nine army

personnel, were injured when their Army vehicle

skidded off the road and overturned in Kulgam dis-

trict, officials said on

included four civilians,

were taken to a hospital

where their condition is

stated to be stable, they

The accident in Kulgam's

D H Pora area happened

during an operational

move on Friday night, said

the Army's Srinagar-based

15 Corps, also known as

"Tragically, one sepoy

lost his life, while few sol-

diers sustained injuries

who were promptly evacu-

ated for medical care. All soldiers are stable," the

Chinar Corps.

injured, which

Saturday.

said.

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# LG emphasises on 'Whole of Govt Approach' to wipe out terrorism, terror ecosystem

# Significant progress made in choking terror finance

BUDGAM: Reiterating the resolve of the administration, police and security forces to ensure peace, stability and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday emphasised on 'Whole of Government Approach' to wipe out terrorism and terror ecosystem.

"We are determined for effective, continuous, coordinated and sustained action against terrorists and support structures in J&K UT. The counter-terror grid has been strengthened with coordination between the security agencies. A multi-pronged strategy has been put in place to prevent infiltration, the Lt Governor said in his address at the Passing

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LG Manoj Sinha attending Passing out Parade of Recruit Constables of Border Security Force at Humhama on Saturday.

- >> LG attends Passing out Parade of Recruit Constables of BSP at Humhama Pays homage to gallant heroes of BSF
- BSF as 'first line of defence' playing sterling role in guarding our border, tackling various other security challenges
- >> We are determined for effective, continuous, coordinated and sustained action against terrorists and support structures in J&K UT
- Counter-terror grid strengthened with coordination between security agencies
- Multi-pronged strategy put in place to prevent infiltration
- Massive crackdown launched against narco-terror networks
- >> Exemplary action against those aiding and abetting terrorism

# LAC patrolling agreement with China doesn't mean everything is resolved: Jaishankar

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** infiltration bid is thwarted,"

Anti-infiltration grid very

strong along LoC: BSF

SRINAGAR: A senior BSF officer on Saturday said the anti-infiltration grid along the Line of Control

(LoC) is very strong and the security forces will thwart any infiltration attempts which tend increase ahead of the winter season.

increase attempts before the winter, but the LoC grid is very strong with the coordination of the army and we will ensure that any

Ashok Yadav, Inspector General in the Border Security Force (BSF),



Frontier, reporters. Describing the recent terror incidents

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

PUNE: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday said the breakthrough agreement with China on patrolling along the LAC does not mean that issues between the two countries have been resolved, however, the disengagement allows us to look at the next

He credited the military, which worked in "very very unimaginable" conditions, and deft diplomacy for the breakthrough agreement



"The latest step (of disengagement) was the October

patrolling will take place in Depsang and Demchok. This will allow us now to look at the next step. It is not like understanding that

#### is the first phase we have managed to reach that level," Jaishankar said at an event in Pune. Responding to a question

during a separate interaction with students, Jaishankar said it is still a bit early for normalisation of relations which will naturally take time to rebuild a degree of trust and willingness to work together. He said when PM Narendra Modi met

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# **Gulmarg terror attack: 3-4 terrorists** involved as search op enters Day-2

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Three to four terrorists are believed to have carried out the deadly attack on an Army convoy in the Gulmarg sector of Jammu and Kashmir that left four people, including two soldiers, dead, a senior police official said on Saturday.

The search operation, which entered the second day, was halted at the last light on Friday and was resumed on Saturday morning, the official said.

"According to the evidence we got from there, 3-4 militants were involved in the attack," Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Baramulla. Mohammad Zaid Malik told reporters in the north Kashmir district.

The police, Army and para-

everything has been resolved

but the disengagement which



military forces are carrying out the search operation, which has been extended to Baba Reshi and forest areas in Gulmarg as well as the built-up area before it, the SSP said.

The SSP said security forces had been carrying out many input-based search operations on the militants in Baramulla district in the days ahead of the attack.

Two soldiers and two Army porters were martyred in the attack on Thursday, while another porter and a soldier were injured. Terrorists opened fire on an Army vehi-

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# Joint training of army commandos, police personnel concludes

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A month-long joint training of the Army's special forces and police personnel concluded here on Saturday with a senior police officer expressing confidence that the exercise will significantly contribute to the overall security in Jammu and Kashmir.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain attended the closing ceremony of the one-month-long joint training of the Army's Para Special Forces and 13

Govt committed to provide future-ready

personnel from Special Operation Group (SOG) of local police at the Sunjuwan military base, a police spokesperson said.

The official said the joint training was aimed at enhancing the operational capabilities of the forces and fostering greater synergy between them.

During the visit, the ADGP interacted with the comman dos and commended them for their dedication and profes sionalism. Jain emphasised the importance of

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### Police, SFs devise roadmap to thwart terror activities

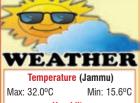
#### STATE TIMES NEWS RAJOURI: Police and other security agencies Saturday chalked out a roadmap to check terror activities in the border district of Rajouri, officials

The discussions were held during the Subsidiary Multi Agency Centre (SMAC) meeting chaired by Rajouri Senior Superintendent of Police Randeep Kumar, a

police spokesperson said. The joint meeting was attended by representatives of Army, central paramilitary forces and intelligence agencies, he said.

Addressing the meeting, SSP Kumar stressed upon the participants to maintain a close coordination to thwart the operations of anti-national elements. "A proper roadmap was

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# RSS bats for Hindu unity, endorses 'spirit' of 'Batengey Toh Katengey' remark on the basis of language,

# **STATE TIMES NEWS**

MATHURA (UP): Hindu unity is essential for everyone's good and there is a need to be vigilant against forces that seek to divide in the name of religion, caste and ideology, RSS General Dattatreva Secretary Hosabale said on Saturday virtually endorsing the "batengey toh katengey (divided we fall)" remark by Pradesh Chief Uttar Minister Yogi Adityanath. "If we discriminate/divide

state, upper and backward castes, then we will be decimated (Hum jaati, bhasha, prant agla-pitchda bhed se hum karengey toh hum katengey)," the leader of the BJP's ideological fountainhead told reporters on the second and concluding day of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's national meet here.

He was asked about the 'batengev toh katengev' slogan given by Adityanath and subsequently flagged by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his rally in Thane, Maharashtra on October 5.

Hosabale stressed that while the statement itself is not the focus, the spirit behind it is significant.

"The issue is of Hindu unity. In fact, we often say that those who forget the Hindu thought invite disaster, lose their family, land and places of worship. The spirit is the same. The

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## Terror hideout busted

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS** MENDHAR/JAMMU:

Security forces on Saturday busted a suspected terror hideout in a forward village in Poonch district and seized a few grenades and mines, security officials said.

The hideout was unearthed during a search operation in the Balnoi sector of Mendhar subdivision, they said.

Two hand grenades and three mines were seized from the hideout. No arrests were made during the operation. Meanwhile, the officials

said Army troops

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## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Minister Narendra Modi has assured that the government is committed to providing futureready, globally relevant skills training, with India's policies centred on empowering youth, a release said on Saturday. In a written message to the Skill Convocation 'Kaushal Ceremony

Samaroh'.

expressed optimism that

India's young professionals

largest economy. India is increasingly



the global workforce and play a critical role in its journey to

skills training: Modi becoming the world's third-

> recognized globally as a powerhouse of skilled talent due to the expertise and scale of its young workforce, Modi "The Prime Minister

assured that with India's policies centred on empowering youth, the Ministry of Skill Development

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### It's a watershed moment for Jammu



recent Assembly elections has thrown many questions at the people of Jammu, which they cannot help but find answers with its future in mind. Jammu has to look at the political mandate that it has given, and recognize the overall mandate that has come

about, giving National Conference the majority to form the government.

There are some of the fundamental issues, which need focus with all the objectivity. The reality of the day is that everything that Jammu wants cannot be delivered overnight by the new government. The Omar Abdullah government is just in its second week in office and to expect that all what the people of this region want can be done 100 percent is a misplaced expectation. In this context, there is a need to understand the areas of discrimination handed over to Jammu over the decades. and the responsibility needs to be fixed of those who are at fault

A historical grouse has existed that Jammu has been denied its due share in the political decision making.

government services and opportunities to progress Added to this is the primary question of the quality of leadership. There are genuine issues which should have been addressed. Jammu took to streets and few commissions were also constituted, but at the end of the day these did not change anything worthwhile for the region and its people.

In today's context, Jammu should introspect where it stands and why it is not getting what it aspires for. This introspection should lead the

people to look at their own

drawbacks and also suggest pathways for the future. This is a watershed moment in the history of Jammu, and after learning its lessons from past experiences, it should look at the future ahead as a place which can contribute to the nation-building and at the same time attain a takeoff position for itself.

The most important point that needs to be understood is, the leadership in Kashmir Valley generates their own issues and lead the narratives on those lines. They may be distinguished by their flags but their manifestoes speak the same thing. They haven't taken eyes off from the day-to-day issues and the larger ones which they have been consistently agitating for. Their geographical

and ethnic make-up is different. They have relied all along on their regional parties - big or small. National Conference is a premier party; PDP its competitor born 25 years ago, and then there is People's Conference which appeared on the political scene more than four decades ago. Their timing of the birth, and the forces that cradled them, may be different, but they are part of the same chorus. They do change their slogans and narratives as per their political convenience but there lies something different beneath.

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Some reckon that as their political acumen. But, look it through another angle, it is also a blind pursuit of delu-

In contrast, Jammu has always lived in reality. It has stuck to its patriotic roots and never allowed any compromise on its commitment, dedication and devotion to the nation. It suffered a lot because of its patriotism as it brought into direct confrontation with the anti-national forces, which operated in other parts of the erstwhile state that is now split into two union territories -Ladakh, and J&K. It paid price for its nationalistic commitment - its young men in armed forces and in other fields made supreme sacrifices; it had to share the

image of disturbed area, and its business suffered no end. Each and every incident in the Valley impacted Jammu. It did not give up its values- tens of thousands of Kashmiri Pandits were welcomed and accommodated

- now it is for over 35 years- without any whimper. Jammu as of today should not see itself in competition with the other region in the UT. It should carve out its own niche and place in the Indian union with a clear understanding that the leadership in the Valley would always oblige its voters and people at large. This is natural - the voters who voted for a particular party and gave it a majority to form the government would be genuine in asking for the fulfilment of their demands and easing of difficulties first. The government has to oblige

These occasions for a serious thought on the larger issues involved. Jammu cannot depend on the doles or the wishes of the leadership elsewhere. It must ask questions of leaders whom they elected. It doesn't have to be all about the traditional 'Sadak, Pani, Bijli' issues, but as to how should the region look at its future with all the challenges and opportunities lying ahead. Sitting and waiting for others to grant them what all they want is just shirking own responsibility.