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the jungles of the area.

The officials said the terrorists, believed to be three in number who infiltrated into India from across the border the night before, opened fire on the Army convoy around 6:30 am, targeting an ambulance. Both of its occupants, including the driver, were unharmed.

As the troops retaliated, the attackers fled towards the forest area nearby and were later located inside a basement, the officials said, adding there was an exchange of fire until 11 am when the guns fell silent.

The situation intensified around 2:45 pm again, leading to explosive sounds and heavy gunfire as the Army's special forces and National Security Guards (NSG) commandos engaged the terrorists.

"The body of one terrorist along with weapon has been recovered. Operations are under progress," the Army's Jammu-based White knight Corps said in an update Monday evening.

As the troops were closing in on the trapped terrorists, an Army dog was fatally hit by a bullet during the encounter. "We salute the supreme sacrifice of our true hero -- a valiant Indian Army dog, Phantom," it said.

The operation was suspended as the darkness fell and the Army illuminated the area. Officials said the operation will resume with the first light of the day on Tuesday.

Four BMP-II infantry combat vehicles crossed the Tawi River and were strategically positioned near the site of the gunfight. Additional forces were sent to the area.

Officials said that besides an AK assault rifle, several improvised explosive devices (IEDs) were recovered from the killed terrorist, whose identity and group affiliation was not immediately known.

Jammu Zone Additional Director General of Police Anand Jain and senior army and paramilitary officers are at the scene to oversee the operation.

Earlier, the Nagrota-based XVI corps of the Army or the White Knight Corps, said that the terrorists fired upon the convoy but could not harm any soldier.

"Swift retaliation by own troops ensured foiling of the attempt and no injuries. The area has been cordoned off, and a search operation to neutralise the terrorists is ongoing," it said in a post on X.

A police spokesperson indicated that the terrorists were observed near Assan Mandir in the Akhnoor district and had fired multiple rounds at the army ambulance, which was hit by nearly a dozen bullets.

The latest encounter in the Jammu region comes amid a surge in terrorist activities in Kashmir where seven attacks have occurred in the past two weeks, resulting in 13 fatalities, including two soldiers.

BJP leader Gaurav Gupta, former Secretary General of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack on an Army ambulance in Akhnoor, Jammu. Expressing deep concern over the rising frequency of such incidents, he called for heightened vigilance and unity among the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Gupta stated, "The heinous attack underscores the vile mentality behind these despicable acts. Such attacks on our security forces are deplorable and a grave concern." He urged citizens to report suspicious activities, emphasizing that cooperation with security forces is crucial for maintaining peace. Gupta reaffirmed the BJP's unwavering support for the armed forces and called for strict action from authorities to enhance security. He also appealed to the Lieutenant Governor's administration to strengthen intelligence efforts against anti-national elements, asserting, "The safety of our citizens and the security of our nation are paramount."

The Shiv Sena Dogra Front on Monday burnt Pakistani flags here in protest against the terror attack on an Army convoy in the Akhnoor border area of Jammu district.

The organisation said that there have been nine incidents in the past few days since the formation of the new government in Jammu and Kashmir, raising serious concerns on the security front.

Led by President Ashok Gupta, scores of Shiv Sena Dogra Front functionaries staged a protest against Pakistan in response to Monday's terror attack in Akhnoor.

Raising anti-Pakistan and anti-terrorist slogans, they burned the Pakistani flags. The protesters expressed frustration with the newly elected government, questioning its handling of security amid a surge in terrorist activities since its formation.

Gupta and the demonstrators raised concerns about over-ground workers who allegedly support militants in executing such attacks, calling for stronger action to ensure the safety of the region.

"There have been nine incidents in the past 12 days in Jammu and Kashmir since the formation of the government. This raises serious concerns on the security front," Gupta said.

He emphasized that the Centre and the J-K government, along with the lieutenant governor, should stand united in the fight against terrorism.

"The security agencies should ruthlessly deal with terrorists and their ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

LG directs pre...

Kashmir Division.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; DGP, Nalin Prabhat; Principal Secretary, Home, Chandrak Bharti; ADGP (Law & Order) Vijay Kumar; ADGP, CID, Nitish Kumar; Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Mandeep Bhandari; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Bidhuri; IG, Kashmir, Vidhi Kumar Birdi; DIGs, DCs and SSPs of all the districts of Kashmir Division attended the meeting.

The Lieutenant Governor also stressed that stringent action must be taken against those spreading anti-national propaganda, threatening the public safety and law and order. He called for zero-tolerance approach and greater vigilance and coordination between the security agencies to crush terror ecosystem. The Lieutenant Governor said Narco-Terrorism issue should be dealt with immediately and dismantling of the entire narco-terror network should receive highest priority.

Stressing the need for accelerated development, the Lieutenant Government directed the Deputy Commissioners to monitor the functioning of schemes for welfare of farmers, rural and urban development, self-employment and saturation of key initiatives under central sector schemes. He also directed the officials to focus on enhanced road and telecom connectivity in far-flung areas.

The Lieutenant Governor commended the J&K Police and administrative apparatus for peaceful conduct of elections and Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

Inquiry ordered into...

Department and other enforcement agencies, he said.

The District Magistrate (DM) has expressed his deep condolences to families of the victims, he added.

The DM urged all drivers and pillion riders to adhere strictly to traffic and road safety rules, the spokesperson said.

CM pushes for...

crore during 2022-23 and 2021-22 respectively.

The Chief Minister emphasized that increased harnessing of CSS should be the top priority given the favourable sharing

pattern.

"This should be ensured by close monitoring by the Administrative Secretaries/ HoDs, stepping up execution speed, and timely release of the Central and UT shares," he maintained.

He also stressed the need for Administrative Departments to follow up issues pertaining to CSS with the respective Central Ministries.

The Chief Minister noted the measures to constrain non-priority expenditure, increase tax revenue to create space for higher capital expenditure.

He stressed the need to expedite capital expenditure by all the Departments.

The Chief Minister noted that the Departments need to achieve revenue realization against the targets.

He advised the Finance Department to release UT share on priority. Although GST collections have improved, he observed that there is scope for further improvement to achieve the targets fixed.

The Chief Minister commended that the Government is on the right path of development and focusing on maintaining prudence in financial management.

He stressed that the Government should develop a coordinated system to ensure that the minimum prescribed procurement from local SHGs/ MSMEs on GEM Portal.

He noted that all autonomous bodies and universities should develop robust monitoring system to ensure judicious utilization of grants in aid, improve internal resources and avail external grants from different central agencies.

The Chief Minister stressed that all the Administrative Secretaries should review working of their Departments so that better amenities are provided to people.

He urged the Finance Department to make steadfast progress on the fiscal reforms and pursue additional funding with the Central Government. He asked the Department to focus on improving revenue generation and restraining revenue expenditure.

Modi to launch...

centre and a 500-seat auditorium among others.

He will also inaugurate three medical colleges at Mandsaur, Neemuch and Seoni in Madhya Pradesh.

Further, the prime minister will inaugurate facility and service extensions at various AIIMS -- Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, Kalyani in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar, Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Guwahati in Assam and in New Delhi -- which will also include a Jan Aushadhi Kendra.

He will also lay the foundation stones of five nursing colleges in Shivpuri, Ratlam, Khandwa, Rajgarh and Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh, 21 critical care blocks at Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan under Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), and several facilities and service extensions at AIIMS in New Delhi and in Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

Among other projects, he will inaugurate an ESIC hospital at Indore in Madhya Pradesh and lay the foundation stone for ESIC hospitals at Faridabad in Haryana, Bommasandra and Narasapur in Karnataka, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, and Aitchutapuram in Andhra Pradesh. These projects will bring healthcare benefits to around 55 lakh ESI beneficiaries.

CB presents chargesheet...

account of accused, Gurpreet Singh which is clear from the statements of Bank Accounts and the transactions made.

On receipt of this complaint, a preliminary verification was initiated by Crime Branch Jammu and during the course of enquiry the allegations levelled were prima-facie substantiated against the accused leading to the registration of a formal case against the accused under the relevant sections of law," he added.

After a thorough investigation by the I.O Dy:SP Anita Katel, the case was finally proved against the accused person. A team of Special Crime Wing of Crime Branch, produced the accused before the court and produced charge sheet against the accused before the Court of Municipal Magistrate Jammu for judicial determination.

In another fraud case under FIR No. 21/2023 u/s 420 RPC, Special Crime Wing, Crime Branch Jammu also produced a Charge sheet against Gulzar Ahmed Wani on account of cheating the complainant by fraudulent means on the pretext of providing JDA land/Govt. Job.

In yet another case of cheating and impersonation under FIR No.11/2022 u/s 419,420-IPC, the sleuth of Special Crime wing Jammu led by Inspr. Ashok Bazaz, acting on a specific information succeeded in arresting the accused namely Mohd Imran Khan, son of Azad Khan, resident of Nar Tehsil Mendhar District Poonch who was absconding and was not cooperating in the case. The accused has cheated the Inderjit Singh Raju, son of Shakti Singh Raju, resident of H.No. 66 Ward No. 01 Tehsil & District Ramban by impersonating himself as JEE in ERA J&K and duped Rs. 5.00 lacs on pretext of providing job in ERA. Further investigation of the case is going on.

Through the medium of this press release, SSP SCW Crime Branch Jammu appealed all the citizens to remain extra cautious while making any land deal and cross check the revenue documents from the concerned authorities and also not to pay any heed to the allurements of the fraudster for providing Govt jobs in lieu of money.

CJ visits J&K...

the commendable work being carried out by the Authority, the Chief Justice acknowledged that the present infrastructure for housing the office of Member Secretary, J&K LSA was in-sufficient and poses challenges for optimum output. He emphasized that the building from which the current office of J&K LSA is operating is of Jammu Development Authority (JDA), which is inadequate and lacks basic infrastructure, limiting the scope for efficient functioning.

The Chief Justice directed the Member Secretary, J&K LSA to identify a suitable state land near the proposed site for new High Court Complex Jammu. This will help raise and upgrade the infrastructure of the Legal Services Authority to facilitate a more conducive working environment for the staff besides enhancing the overall effectiveness of Authority.

Justice Tashi Rabstan reiterated the vision of expanding the reach of legal services to the most vulnerable sections of the society. He stressed that the J&K LSA must intensify its efforts to ensure that no individual is left without access to justice, even in the remotest and far-flung areas. He highlighted that the J&K Legal Services Authority should aim to reach out to every nook and corner of the Union Territory to cater to the expectations of the last man waiting in the queue for legal assistance.

The visit reflects the vision of Justice Tashi Rabstan in strengthening legal services and improving the accessibility of justice for all. The J&K LSA reaffirmed its dedication to furthering its outreach programs and expanding its initiatives in accordance with the vision and guidance of the Chief Justice.

The inspection concluded with a renewed focus on infrastructural improvements and the need for effective measures to address challenges in the delivery of legal aid services.

Conspiracies being hatched...

security forces will do their jobs in dealing with the situation, the people of Jammu and Kashmir also have to play their role in maintaining peace and stability.

CM Omar Abdullah administers Integrity Pledge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: At the commencement of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday administered the Integrity Pledge reinforcing the commitment of the Jammu and Kashmir government to integrity and transparency in public service.

The pledge ceremony took place at 11:00 AM in the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar which was attended by Administrative Secretaries along with all departmental officers.

The officers stationed at Jammu joined through video conference from the Civil Secretariat, Jammu while Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments, and hundreds of schools participated from their district headquarters, ensuring widespread engagement across the region.

The departments also organized similar pledge-taking ceremonies for their employees, further demonstrating their commitment to uphold integrity at all levels of public service.

In his address, Chief Minister Abdullah remarked, "As we mark Vigilance Awareness Week from October 28 to November 3, I take great pride in reaffirming our unwavering commitment to a corruption-free



CM Omar Abdullah administering Integrity Pledge.

Jammu and Kashmir. Eradicating corruption is more than a priority; it is a mission that drives us to introduce bold reforms, strengthen oversight, and empower citizens. Our goal is to build a governance model where every resource is utilized for the public good."

He emphasized the relevance of this year's theme, "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity," stating, "Integrity is the cornerstone of any successful nation, and its impact on growth, welfare and progress is undeniable.

Upon stepping into office, our newly elected government has made a firm pledge to create a governance system rooted in integrity, fairness, and honesty. Our mission is simple yet profound: to serve with honor and ensure

that every decision benefits the people we represent." Chief Minister Abdullah further urged all participants to engage actively in the initiatives organized during this week. "I encourage everyone to make integrity the guiding principle of both personal and public life. Together, we can work toward a future of justice, equity, and shared prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir. This event serves as a vital reminder that integrity is not merely a principle to be discussed but a practice to be lived," he affirmed.

The Chief Minister advised all Ministers, Administrative Secretaries, departmental heads and officers to promote these values actively within their spheres of influence to foster a culture of transparency and accountability.

Corruption major obstacle to sustainable development: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An 'Integrity Pledge' was given to the officers on the occasion of the Vigilance Awareness Week at Raj Bhavan on Monday.

The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha read out the Integrity Pledge and administered the oath to officers.

Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from 28th of October to 3rd of November 2024 with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity".

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "Corruption is a major obstacle to sustainable



LG Manoj Sinha administering oath to officers on the occasion of the Vigilance Awareness Week.

development, as it diverts resources away from essential services and economic growth. Vigilance plays a critical role in ensuring the smooth, ethical and transparent functioning of organizations, institutions and societies as a whole. Leveraging technology is

Transporters body congratulates Dr. Farooq Abdullah



Traders meeting NC President Dr Farooq Abdullah at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The members of All Jammu & Kashmir Transporters Welfare Association (AJKTWA) extended congratulations to Dr. Farooq Abdullah, President of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), on his party's impressive victory in the Jammu & Kashmir General Assembly elections.

A delegation of transporters, led by Karan Singh Wazir, Chairman of AJKTWA, met with Dr. Abdullah to personally congratulate him on receiving a strong mandate from the people.

The delegation commended

Dr. Abdullah's leadership and vision, which have paved the way for a stable government in the region.

Dr. Abdullah gave assurance that the burning issues of the transporters will be addressed by the government.

The delegation included key association members including Karan Singh Wazir (Chairman), Vijay Singh Chib, Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Balbir Singh, Niranjan Singh, Ranjit Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Kuldeep Singh, K D Singh, Labh Singh, Kali Das Verma, Vijay Dogra, Tejinder Singh and Nadeem Akhtar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A crucial meeting of the International World Chairman of IHRO and supported by Vishwanath Rao, IHRO Director, marks a significant step forward for the organization in the region.

The newly constituted Core Body comprises of President: Altaf Bhat, Vice President: Sheikh Abdul Rehman, General Secretary: Tasleema Ashraf, Secretary: M. Ashfaq Ahmed, Head Tourism Wing and Media Incharge: Yaqoob Dunoo, Treasurer: Saima Zarger, HR Head: Anjali Ada and Asif as event management head. Furthermore, the meeting saw the appointment of district-level leadership: District President, Bandipora: Imtiyaz Ahmad and District President, Baramulla: Muneer Ahmed.



Human Rights Organisation (IHRO) Kashmir team took place on Monday under the leadership of Altaf Bhat.

During the meeting, a Core Body for the IHRO Kashmir Chapter was formally established, receiving approval from Dr. Nem Singh Premi,

Jan Aushadhi Kendra inaugurated at AIIMS Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is set to enhance the accessibility of affordable healthcare by inaugurating a new Jan Aushadhi Kendra at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi on Monday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate this Kendra in the presence of Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare.

The main objective of this Kendra will be providing affordable and quality medicines to the patients visiting AIIMS for treatment of various ailments.

The new Kendra, spanning an area of 1,724 square feet, aims to provide over 2,047 quality generic medicines and 300 surgical devices at prices significantly lower than their branded counterparts.

The available medicines will cover a wide array of thera-

peutic groups, including cardiovascular health, anti-cancer treatments, anti-diabetics, anti-infectives, anti-allergic medications, gastrointestinal solutions, and nutraceuticals.

This initiative will revolutionize healthcare access for thousands of patients each day who flock to AIIMS, New Delhi Each day in search of affordable, high-quality medical solutions. The establishment of this Jan Aushadhi Kendra represents a monumental leap forward in government's commitment to ensuring that essential medicines are not just a privilege for the few, but a right for all. In a bustling medical hub like AIIMS, renowned for its cutting-edge treatments and expert care, this Kendra will serve as a beacon of hope and illuminate the path toward equitable healthcare for all citizens, regardless of their economic background. Presently, more than 14,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras are operating across India, delivering health benefits to

approximately one million people every single day. These Kendras extend their life-saving services into the farthest corners of the nation, reaching the most remote and underserved areas, across 780 districts. The Government of India is not resting on its laurels; ambitious plans are underway to expand this formidable network to 25,000 Kendras over the next two years. This visionary expansion will not only enhance the availability of affordable healthcare but will also empower millions of citizens to access the medicines they need, fostering a healthier, more resilient India for generations to come.

The inauguration of Jan Aushadhi Kendra at AIIMS marks a historic milestone in the relentless efforts of the PMBJP to reshape the healthcare landscape of India. This Kendra is not merely an addition to the existing facilities; it stands as a beacon of hope for countless patients seeking afford-

able treatment options in New Delhi. By providing a vast array of high-quality generic medicines at prices that are a fraction of branded counterparts, this initiative will serve as indispensable lifeline for those who have long struggled with the prohibitive costs of healthcare. It symbolizes a transformative shift towards a more inclusive healthcare system, where quality treatment is accessible to all, regardless of socioeconomic status.

NOTICE

I, Som Dutt, S/O Sh. Chattru Ram, R/o Muthi Kalan, Tehsil Ghagwal, Distt Samba do hereby solemnly affirm and declare vide affidavit no. on dated :- before Tehsildar Ghagwal that my son namely Kanhaiya Sharma was born by my wife on 01-01-2009 at home (Village) Muthi Kalan, Tehsil Ghagwal, Distt Samba). But due to some unavoidable reasons, my son's birth couldn't registered with concerned registration authority. Now, I am applying for the registration/issuance of my son's date of birth at Block Development Office Ghagwal objections if any may be conveyed to the concerned authorities within 7 days of publication of this notice.