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Terrorists will keep dying until they stop infiltrating: Farooq



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Encounters will keep taking place as long as terrorists keep infiltrating the country, National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah asserted here on Wednesday.

"Encounters will keep taking place. Terrorists will keep coming, and we will keep eliminating them," Abdullah told reporters here.

The politician was responding to a question about the killing of three terrorists in a recent encounter in Akhnoor.

Terrorists killed in Akhnoor encounter were affiliated with JeM

JAMMU: Three terrorists killed in an encounter with security forces in the Akhnoor sector of the Jammu region were members of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) group and had recently infiltrated into the area from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), officials said on Wednesday.

They said the terrorists were planning a major strike, utilising the Akhnoor route traditionally used by operatives of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror group.

According to intelligence reports, the terrorists entered the Akhnoor region through the Battal area, and a wireless set seized from them confirmed their association with the JeM.

Unlike the typical strategies of infiltrating terrorists, who often adopt "conservation and consolidation" tactics, these ultras were reportedly aiming for a substantial attack, the officials said.

Notwithstanding the assertions made by Major General Sameer Srivastava, General Officer Commanding of the Army's 10 Infantry division, that the area had not seen infiltration for an extended period, the officials noted that there were prior reports of terrorist movements in December and April of the previous year. Maj. Gen. Srivastava had indicated that terrorists in the region

Diwali well. It is a very big festival. May God and Goddess Lakshmi bless the people here with prosperity, as wealth is scarce in this area. Today, most of the shops are empty here," he said.

Govt approves advertisement of 575 vacant posts of direct quota 10+2 Lecturers

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In line with the commitment of Omar Abdullah led government to provide jobs to unemployed educated youth of Jammu and Kashmir, Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Masood approved proposal of an advertisement of 575 vacant posts of 10+2 Lecturers under direct quota in 24 streams of School Education department for recruitment.

These posts, vacant from several years, have been reserved to Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) for recruitment under fast track basis to address the pressing need of qualified teaching staff for higher secondary institutions.

Speaking on this remarkable development, Sakeena Masood maintained that our government is committed to the promises made to public, especially educated

Indian, Chinese troops complete disengagement, exchange of sweets on Diwali

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Indian and Chinese troops have completed disengagement at two friction points at Demchok and Depsang Plains in eastern Ladakh and patrolling is set to commence soon at these points, Army sources said on Wednesday.

Exchange of sweets between the two sides will take place on Diwali, they said.

Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihong, who attended an event in Kolkata, in response to a question on the troops disengagement said, "I hope that under the guidance of this consensus, relations will be moving forward smoothly in the future and not be restricted and interrupted by specific disagreements between the two sides."

"The most important thing is how to handle the differences," he said.

The process follows the

India wants peace with China through consensus: Rajnath

GUWAHATI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said India wants to continue the peace process with China through consensus as per the ideals of former PM Atal Behari Vajpayee.

Speaking to the personnel of the Indian Army at the headquarters of Gajraj Corps in Tezpur on the occasion of 'Bada Khana', Singh lauded the efforts of the soldiers in the peace process.

"We want to continue this peace process through consensus. Our former PM Atal Behari Vajpayee had said we can change friends, but not neighbours. We want to maintain good relations with our neighbours and that's a clear policy of India," he said. However, sometimes such situations arise that need struggle to protect the country's borders while

The move marks a significant development in the pursuit of reduced tension along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh since the fierce clash

LG greets people on eve of Deepawali

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Deepawali.

In his message, the Lieutenant Governor has said: "On the joyous occasion of Deepawali, I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to all.

The festival of Deepawali signifies the triumph of righteousness and celebrates the victory of light over darkness, goodness over evil and knowledge over ignorance. On this occasion, let us dedicate ourselves towards illuminating the lives of all with joy and prosperity and spread the light of love, affection and brotherhood.

May the festival of lights this year usher in peace, prosperity and happiness for all".

CB registers FIR, seizes 4 computers in Law Dept Three candidates joined Govt service on fake entries

VIVEK SHARMA
JAMMU: In the backdrop of major recruitment scams including paper leaks of J&K Police Sub Inspector exam, Financial Accounts Assistants (FAAs) exam conducted by Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (SSB), another scam has surfaced in Law Department of the Union Territory wherein three candidates joined regular service on manipulating the actual selection list. Interestingly, their CID verification was also done in due course of time with the other actual selected candidates.

The Crime Branch wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police has registered an FIR 46/2024 to unearth the scandal that how these candidates managed their entries into the regular government service without the knowledge of the senior most government officers and officials in this information technology era

The sleuths from Crime Branch on Wednesday conducted raids and seized four computers and some files from the Law Department at Civil Secretariat Jammu. The data of these computers will be scrutinized to ascertain the fake entries made to illegally appoint the regular employees in law department. "We are sending hard disks to experts to retrieve all data," said a Crime Branch

(CB)official.

According to the FIR, copy available with the STATE TIMES, a communication number Law-Estt/40/2024 dated March 2, 2024 from Secretary to Government, Department of Law, Justice and PA addressed to Special Director General Crime Branch J&K Jammu and further endorsed to this office vide letter No. CHQ/CLT/J-600/2024/E7504353 dated June 21, 2024, wherein it is alleged that on February 20, 2024, during the course of regular verification of Government Orders, it was found

that one Government Order No. 14581-JK(LD) of 2023 dated November 01, 2023 under endorsement No. LAW-Estt/119/2023-10 dated November 01, 2023 for appointment of Rakesh Thakur, son of Jagir Singh, resident of Village Marta Tehsil Ramnagar, District Udhampur as Junior Assistant could not be verified from the entries in the relevant Government Order register.

The FIR states that during the enquiry two candidates namely Rakesh Thakur and Mohammad Yaseen Dar in connivance and assistance with Mohammad Yaseen Bhat Legal Assistant by using login ID and password had managed to first apply on EV's portal for verifying

their credentials stating in the details therein that they were already serving Government employees from year 2016 to 2023 and CID was requested to re-verify their employment details reports. The CID reports so received remained in the account of Mohd. Yaseen Bhat, Legal Assistant for more than four months (Mohammad Yaseen Dar from June 16, 2023 to November 24, 2023 and Rakesh Thakur from June 28, 2023 to January 11, 2024), as evidenced from the file/receipt movement in the E-office, which raised grave suspicion of his involvement in making of these false/forged orders. Mohammad Yaseen Bhat, Legal Assistant

Four killed in two road accidents

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL/JAMMU: Four people were killed and as many were injured in two separate road accidents in Ramban and Reasi districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said.

A cab bearing a Punjab registration number plunged into a deep gorge near Magarkoot along Jammu-Srinagar in Ramban district around 7 am, killing

Indian youth among best in innovation, technology: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Wednesday that the Indian youth is among the best in innovation and technology after GitHub's CEO Thomas Dohmke said India's rise as a global tech titan is inexorable.

Dohmke, whose firm is a leading developer platform, said on X, "Of course, I have to show some love to India. Now the fastest growing developer population on the planet, India has the second-highest number of contributors to public generative AI projects. This makes it evermore likely the next great AI multinational is borne on the continent," he added.

Responding to this, Modi said, "When it comes to innovation and technology, Indian youth are among the best!"

Dohmke noted that Indians are the second biggest contributors following the US to the generative AI projects on his platform.

DM for safeguarding vital projects in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To fortify the security of critical projects, District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaisya convened a crucial meeting at district headquarters on Wednesday. The meeting focused on devising effective measures to ensure the safety and security of both the structures and the workforce.

Recognising the significance of protecting vital assets, the District Magistrate put forth a series of measures to bolster security. These included the installation of CCTV cameras at strategic locations, the implementation of

AAP Govt playing politics on paddy procurement to put farmers in trouble: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday strongly condemned the AAP government in Punjab for politicizing the issue of paddy procurement in the state.

He said that the poor paddy procurement process has starkly exposed the administrative inefficiency of the Bhagwant Mann government in supporting the farmers. Shifting the blame to the Centre is yet another tactic the state government is using to mislead the people of Punjab, he said in a statement.

Chugh highlighted that the Centre has allocated over Rs 41,000 crores to the Bhagwant Mann government for paddy procurement. However, the state's administrative machinery has collapsed, creating an artificial crisis that has left farmers in a difficult situation, he added



"The Modi government has consistently supported farmers by not only increasing the MSP but also ensuring doorstep access to essential supplies like fertilizers. But the AAP government in Punjab has mishandled the entire situation, putting the farming community in crisis in a state that serves as the country's food bowl," Chugh added.

Police registers case over clash between NC, BJP supporters in Gurez

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Police have registered a case after several people were injured allegedly in clashes between the supporters of the National Conference (NC) and the BJP in Gurez area of Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district, officials said on Wednesday.

Several people were injured after the rally of Gurez MLA Nazir Ahmad Khan, who is also known as Gurezi,

CM vows to uphold dignity, rights of J&K people



STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday reinforced his commitment to dignity, democratic values, and sustainable development for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a significant interaction with members of civil society at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Center (SKICC) to discuss key issues, the Chief Minister said: "In our home, on our own land, don't we have the right to live with dignity? Should we accept a life of humiliation and harassment wherever we go? We may secure everything that's been flagged here, whether it is roads, electricity, or water, but if we can't live with dignity and our identity lacks value and honour, then all of this holds no real meaning. I want to assure you that we will fight for all that matters, but my first priority is to restore our dignity. We should have the first right to our lands, our employment, and our resources. Only then can we truly say that this country respects our honour and dignity."

Attendees included representatives from various sectors such as Trade, Tourism, Education, Industry, Health, and Transport, as well as Houseboat and Shikara Owners, Judiciary Members and former Civil Services Officers. Ministers and senior government officers, including Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Ministers Sakeena Itoo, Javid Ahmad Dar, Javed Rana, MP Srinagar, Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi, Advisor to Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo

IAF Chief visits Jammu on Diwali eve, interacts with air warriors

and other top administrative and police officials were also present.

Civil Society representatives presented a wide range of concerns and suggestions to the Chief Minister, who engaged attentively in dialogue, emphasizing his government's commitment to transparency and public welfare.

He underscored the importance of regular engagement with civil society, stating that we usually turn to civil society meetings in difficult times, but this time, we initiated the interaction right from the start.

"Establishing a regular contact is essential, and if we can meet at least twice a year, it would be of great significance," the Chief Minister maintained. Discussing

The visit of the Chief of the Air Staff comes on the eve of Diwali festival. He took a detailed overview of the operational readiness at these locations and interacted with the air warriors and Agniveers posted there, the spokesperson said.

During the interaction, the Air Chief Marshal emphasised on the

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief Air Marshal A P Singh on Wednesday visited Jammu and some of the forward locations where the air warriors of the force are deployed, an official spokesperson said.

The visit of the Chief of the Air Staff comes on the eve of

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 30.4°C Min: 19.5°C

Humidity
Max: 74 Min: 64

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 21.2°C Min: 9.2°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 66

Sunset: 17:41 Hours
Sunrise: 06:46 Hours