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were operating in small groups and had moved to Akhnour for a planned offensive.

The encounter broke out on Monday morning when three local teenage boys visiting the Shiv Mandir Assan in Battal encountered the armed terrorists dressed in combat gear.

On being asked by the boys if they were military personnel, the terrorists reacted aggressively, threatening the boys with serious consequences if they talked about their presence to anyone. The terrorists followed the boys until they reached a main road. As they saw two Army vehicles -- a Maruti Gypsy and an ambulance -- on the road, the terrorists opened fire targeting the Army convoy and retreated towards the temple.

In response, special forces and National Security Guard (NSG) commandos swiftly launched an operation, resulting in the elimination of all three terrorists.

In an unprecedented move, the Army deployed four BMP-II infantry combat vehicles to enhance surveillance and fortify the cordon around the attack site near the Assan temple in Jogwan village, situated along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Khour area.

The BMP-II, a Soviet-era infantry combat vehicle, is equipped with a 30-mm fully-stabilised automatic cannon, a 7.62-mm machine gun and a range of advanced features, including night vision and smoke-grenade launchers.

Helicopters were also deployed to assist in locating the hiding terrorists in the dense forests of the region.

## Govt approves advertisement...

youth. "Within fifteen days of our government formation, we have taken decision to address the long pending demands of educated youth", she stated, adding that the recruitment process for these posts will begin shortly and recruiting agency has been tasked to complete the process within time bound manner.

The Minister further said that other departments have also been asked to consolidate the number of vacant posts, both gazetted and non-gazetted, so that they can be sent to recruiting agencies for filling at the earliest.

She added that other issues like timely promotion of Principals, in-charge Lecturers, Teachers, Masters and other staff is also being looked into. Directions have been given for timely conduct of DPCs for career progression of the employees, she added.

## Indian, Chinese troops...

in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades.

The ties between the two Asian giants had nosedived following the clash.

The Indian and Chinese troops have completed disengagement at the two friction points and patrolling will commence soon at these points, an Army source said.

The verification process post-disengagement is in progress and patrolling modalities are to be decided between ground commanders, they said.

"Talks will continue at the local commander level," the Army source added.

## India wants peace...

the government is doing everything possible to maintain the peace, he said.

"This is not a small development, it's a big development. We achieved this because of you. This mutual dialogue took place because everyone is aware of your courage and valour," he added.

Singh said the Northeast is very important from a security point of view.

"The region is beautiful from a natural point of view and equally challenging from a geographical point of view," he said.

The defence minister said India and China had been in talks for a long time to solve the issues.

"It is a big border-related development at LAC. After our efforts, we have reached a consensus at LAC on the ground situation," he said.

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.

## Three candidates joined...

fraudulently and by applying deceiving ways got signed different motions from other officers in the department, for verification of the academic and other documents.

"The reports from different field agencies were received on different dates on Central Receipt Unit (CRU) which was got processed in the file for processing their salaries and managing their postings," states the FIR, adding, "The matter was also taken up with the J&K Services Selection Board and it came to fore that no such recommendation has been furnished by the JKSSB in respect of these candidate."

After verification of records it was found from the relevant Government Orders register maintained in the Department that Government Order bearing No. 14581-LD(Ac) of 2023 dated November 11, 2023 was issued under endorsement LAW-AK/575/2023-10 and it was the genuine order regarding a motion for filling of revision before the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at Srinagar. The commissions and omissions on the part of accused persons namely Mohammad Yaseen Bhat, Rakesh Thakur, son of Jagir Singh, resident of Village Marta Tehsil Ramnagar, District Udhampur and Mohamad Yaseen Dar, son of Mohamad Ramzan Dar, resident of Malikpora District Bandipora, prima-facie constitute offences punishable under sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 IPC and as such a formal case is registered in Crime Branch Jammu.

Sources informed that Crime Branch Jammu has received numerous similar complaints from various departments and these are being verified to ascertain the facts.

## DM for safeguarding...

strict checks on the movement of workers and visitors and the arrangement of dedicated security teams for enhanced vigilance.

SSP Joginder Singh also briefed the meeting, which included SDMs, Executive Engineers, representatives from construction companies and senior officers from NHAI, NHID-CL and ACR Jammu Dr. Rajesh Kumar, about safety measures in place and safety practices which are to be adopted.

## IAF Chief visits...

importance of remaining vigilant and prepared at all times to safeguard national security concerns.

He complimented the air warriors for their dedication and selfless duty at these forward locations.

The visit by the Chief of Air Staff during the festival season was a great reflection of the commitment towards welfare and motivation of the troops deployed on the frontiers, the spokesperson said.

## CM vows to...

the need for democratic governance, he said that for the last six years, we had no democratic setup here; there was a gap, and it was bound to create disconnect.

"This is why people value democratic governments, as they

bridge the relationship between the government and the people. Officers cannot replace the work of MLAs, sarpanches, or ministers," he reiterated and said "Now that a democratic setup is in place, I reiterate that this government belongs to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. We are here to serve you, not for our luxuries."

The Chief Minister expressed optimism about restoring Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, saying, "The current arrangement is temporary and I am confident we will regain our statehood. The challenges we face can and will be addressed."

He further emphasized the need for genuine peace achieved through a cooperative atmosphere, acknowledging that everyone desires a peaceful, conducive environment in Kashmir.

"But I believe true peace requires partnership. It shouldn't be an enforced calm, but one born out of the will of the people so that they can live their lives peacefully."

The Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of strengthening democratic institutions and preserving freedom of speech and said that our institutions need to be strengthened. Without freedom of speech, there is no real democracy.

"I know my colleagues and I might often be the first targets of this freedom, but that is the essence of democracy. Press, judiciary, bar associations, labour unions, and other organizations must be strengthened, creating an environment of peace and mutual respect," the Chief Minister stated.

Referring to his recent meetings with the Prime Minister and central ministers, Omar Abdullah maintained that he has received assurances from the Prime Minister and other ministers that the central government will support whatever is beneficial for Jammu and Kashmir's progress.

"While we must strive to stand on our own, we need support and guidance during this transitional phase, and together, we will reach our goal," Omar said.

The Chief Minister called for collective efforts to tackle drug addiction: "Drug addiction is a grave issue that threatens to hollow us from within. The government will play its part, but civil society, religious institutions, and leaders must also step up. I earnestly seek your cooperation in saving our youth from this menace. We must strengthen drug rehabilitation efforts and work together to prevent this blight from taking root."

Omar assured that in future civil society meetings, an action report on the issues raised today will be presented, marking the beginning of a structured dialogue with periodic engagements to assess progress and identify areas for improvement.

"These discussions will ensure that we work together towards a responsive, transparent, and accountable government," the Chief Minister affirmed, expressing his gratitude for the constructive input from civil society representatives.

## Police registers case...

was attacked by a mob in Gujran area of Tulail in the north Kashmir district Tuesday evening, the officials said.

They said several vehicles were also damaged in the clashes. The officials said the police have registered an FIR and an investigation is underway.

Meanwhile, Gurezi is on a tour of his constituency to thank the voters for electing him in the recently concluded JK assembly elections. On his return to Gujran, which is his opponent BJP leader Faqir Mohammad Khan's village, he was stopped by the police.

He was told that some people who had gathered there were not letting the vehicles move.

"Then I was taken in a police vehicle which was attacked with stones. They tried to murder me but I escaped.

"My personal vehicle and other vehicles were attacked with stones. Four to five cars were damaged. Many of our people were injured," he said.

The MLA alleged that it was complete hooliganism and he is glad that police have registered a case.

"I hope the administration and police will act soon and the culprits will be booked. They were the relatives of my opponent only and not the common villagers," Khan added.

BJP leader Faqir Mohammad Khan's son Ajiaz Ahmad said whatever happened is condemnable.

"But, it was the NC workers who provoked the clash. They provoked the BJP supporters in front of their houses and shops and used inflammatory language.

"They also pelted stones on our houses and abused women folk. Then clashes took place and I hold Nazir Khan and his party or hooligans responsible for it," he said.

Ahmad, who is also a District Development Council (DDC) member, appealed to the BJP high command to intervene.

"I urge the LG (Lt Governor) administration to put a stop to it and provide security to the people in Gurezi-Tulail as they feel insecure," he said.

## Four killed in...

the driver and a female passenger on the spot, the officials said. They said four other passengers - Neha (35), Aman (36), Manisha (40) and Megna (35), all residents of Maharashtra - were critically injured in the accident and were evacuated by rescuers comprising of police and local volunteers.

The group was apparently visiting Kashmir on a holiday, they said. In another accident, the officials said two non-local labourers were killed when a dumper fell into a gorge at Gulabpura in the Chassana area of Reasi district around 4:30 am. The dumper was coming from Bakori towards Sungri and both of its occupants, Surinder Singh (42) of Punjab and Munna Kumar (26) of Bihar, died on the spot, they said. The bodies of the deceased were retrieved and shifted to a hospital for postmortem.

## J&K Police Martyrs Memorial Volleyball Tournament concludes, Arnia team emerges victorious



SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh along with winner players.

Joginder Singh was Chief Guest on the occasion. SP Hqrs Jammu Irshad H Rather and IC DySP DAR Virender Gupta also witnessed the final match besides good number of police officers/officials as well as civilian team supporters. Team Arnia, the champions, received a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 10,000, while the runner-up, team Pargwal, was awarded a trophy and Rs 5,000. Each member of the winning and runner-

## Chairman AJKTWA seeks blessings of Mahant Manjit Singh, vows to uphold his father's legacy

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Karan Singh Wazir, the newly elected Chairman of the All J&K Transport Welfare Association (AJKTWA), made a significant gesture by paying respects at the Gurudwara Sant Mela Singh Digiana Ashram in Jammu. There, he sought blessings from Mahant Manjit Singh of Dera Nangali Sahib, reaffirming his commitment to addressing the long-standing challenges faced by the transport sector in the region.



Karan Singh Wazir, Chairman AJKTWA paying respect at Gurudwara Sant Mela Singh Digiana Ashram in Jammu.

Wazir expressed his determination to bring transformative change for transport operators in Jammu and Kashmir. He shared insights from discussions with political figures, including Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Transport Minister Satish Sharma,

focusing on the urgent needs of truckers, bus operators, minibus drivers, tipper owners, mator operators, and the vital Auto and E-rickshaw communities.

During their meeting, Wazir voiced frustration over two years of unfulfilled promises made to the transport sector, stating, "The welfare of our transporters has been ignored." He emphasized

the need for real solutions instead of superficial commitments, vowing to change this narrative.

Receiving blessings from Mahant Manjit Singh, Wazir was reminded to carry forward the legacy of his father, Tarlochan Singh Wazir, a respected figure in the transport community. Mahant Singh praised the Wazir family's dedication and the strong bond between the Sikh

community and the transport trade.

Wazir, supported by a team of prominent transport leaders, highlighted the backing of the Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the Bar Association of J&K. He announced plans to establish a core committee within AJKTWA to address issues professionally and efficiently.

Reflecting on his father's legacy, Wazir vowed to nurture the "bouquet" of welfare his father cultivated, ensuring that every transporter feels represented and empowered. With the blessings of Mahant Manjit Singh and strong community support, Wazir's leadership signals a hopeful future for the transport fraternity in Jammu and Kashmir.

## JKP organizes District-Level debate competition



SSP Jammu Joginder Singh along with winners and others.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In honour of J&K Police Martyrs, a District-level debate competition was held at the Conference Hall, District Police Lines (DPL), Jammu on Tuesday, organized by Jammu Police.

In all, 19 students from various schools and colleges across Jammu District, participated in the debate & expressed their views on "The Role of Police in Nation Building."

The competition was graced by the presence of SSP Jammu Joginder Singh; SP Hqrs Jammu Irshad H. Rather; SP PC Jammu Kameshwar Puri, I/C DySP DAR Jammu Virender Gupta and Headmistress of JK Police Public School, Miran Sahib,

Anju Sharma.

The event also witnessed good presence of police personnel as well as civil society especially academicians /teachers.

Participants highlighted the multifaceted role of police in nation-building, discussing topics like Crime Control including detection and prevention, community policing, youth protection from drug addiction, traffic management and the pivotal role of police during natural calamities and in ensuring peace & public order.

Students eloquently presented their views on the police's efforts in combating terrorism, maintaining social harmony, building citizen trust and addressing crimes against weaker sections of

society as well as women & children.

After impressive debate competition, Manya Pandoh of MAM College emerged as the winner and received cash prize of Rs 5000. Ranveer Sharma of JK Police Public School Miran Sahib secured second and was given cash prize of Rs 3000, while as Bhavna Sharma from GDC Khour placed third and was given cash prize of Rs 2000.

The remaining participants were also recognized with certificates and Rs 1000 as a token of appreciation from SSP Jammu.

In his address, SSP Jammu inspired the students, emphasizing that policing is challenging yet noble service dedicated to crime prevention and public safety. He highlighted the significance of the rule of law in India's diverse society and motivated the youth to contribute to nation-building with integrity, hard work and respect for their elders.

Sub-Inspector Mandeep Kour of Jammu Police anchored the debate competition.

## Police Band performance, police march held in Gandhi Nagar South Zone on eve of Deepawali

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In an effort to ensure a peaceful and secure Diwali celebration, the Jammu Police conducted a comprehensive area domination drive across Gandhi Nagar on the eve of the festival. The operation aimed to deter criminal activities, maintain law and order, and instill a sense of security among the residents. Police personnel were deployed in large numbers to conduct extensive patrolling in residential areas, commercial hubs, and public spaces and multiple checkpoints were established to screen vehicles and individuals for suspicious activities.

Police officers were seen on foot patrols to engage with the



SP South, Ajay Sharma briefing media.

community and address any concerns. To further enhance the festive spirit and community bonding, the Jammu Police Band presented a captivating performance. Later SP South, Ajay Sharma, on behalf of SSP Jammu, conveyed the Deepawali good wishes to the citizens of Jammu south.

Police remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all citizens, SP South said adding that the successful execution of the area domination drive and the vibrant police band performance exemplify the dedication of the force to community service.

## Cultural programme organized by Jammu police in honour of police martyrs

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As part of the ongoing observance of programmes to honour Police Martyrs, District Police Jammu on Wednesday organised a Cultural Programme at the District Police Lines (DPL) Jammu.

The event was a heartfelt tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, while also celebrating the unity and cultural diversity of the region through a series of captivating performances.

The cultural programme featured powerful skits, which paid homage to the bravery and dedication of the police personnel who laid down their lives for the security of the nation. These emotional performances evoked a deep sense of respect for the fallen heroes.



Artists performing during the programme.

The event also included stirring patriotic songs and

vibrant local folk songs, highlighting the rich cultural heritage and promoting a strong sense of community.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by police personnel and reiterated the district police's commitment to maintaining peace and security.

At the conclusion of the Cultural Programme,

mementos, cash prizes, and certificates were distributed among the participating cultural troupes from various schools, in recognition of their contribution to the event.

Irshad H. Rather, SP Headquarters Jammu, Kameshwar Puri, SP PC Jammu, Virender Gupta, I/C DySP DAR Jammu and other officers and officials of Jammu Police were also present at the event.