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Army Chief carries out aerial reconnaissance of forward areas in Jammu

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JAMMU: Army Chief General M M Naravane carried out an aerial reconnaissance of forward areas on Wednesday and was briefed about the prevailing security situation along the Line of Control (LOC) in the Jammu region, officials said.

This is his second visit to Jammu division in the past over two weeks amid an ongoing operation against terrorists in a forest belt in twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri, which is the longest in the recent past that has entered 24th day on Wednesday.

Gen Naravane arrived in Jammu on a two-day visit to review the security situation and operational preparedness, and immediately flew to Rajouri district, the officials said.

"General MM Naravane #COAS (Chief of Army Staff) is on a visit to Jammu region wherein he will be given an update on security



COAS, General MM Naravane carrying out aerial reconnaissance of forward areas in Jammu Region.

situation & operational preparedness. #COAS will visit forward areas & interact with troops and commanders on ground," the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army tweeted.

The ADGPI said the chief of Army staff carried out an aerial reconnaissance of forward areas in the Jammu region and was also briefed by the commanders on ground on the prevailing security situation along the LoC.

Earlier, the Army chief conducted a two-day tour of the Jammu region on October 18 and 19, and reviewed the ground situation and the ongoing counter-infiltration operations.

He had also visited the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch, where a massive operation to track down terrorists hiding in the forest areas of Mendhar, Surankote and Thanamandi has been going on since October 11.

The operation started in Surankote forest on October

11, following the martyrdom of five soldiers, including a junior commissioned officer (JCO), and was subsequently extended to Mendhar to neutralise the fleeing terrorists where another encounter took place on October 14, leaving four soldiers, including another JCO, martyred.

Pakistani terrorist Zia Mustafa, who was shifted from Kot Bhalwal Central Jail Jammu to Mendhar on police remand for questioning in connection with the operation, was killed when the security forces accompanying him to identify a hide-out came under fire from hiding terrorists on October 24. Police have arrested a terrorist associate allegedly having links with Mustafa and the terrorist handlers across the border, while over a dozen others are also being questioned in connection with providing logistic support to the terrorists in the forest belt. Rajouri and

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Modi to celebrate Diwali with armymen at Rajouri

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JAMMU: The forward area of Nowshera sector in Rajouri is gearing up for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Diwali visit on Thursday, November 4. Prime Minister Modi is expected to visit the border outposts to celebrate Diwali with the troops.

Ever since he became the Prime Minister in 2014, Modi has been a regular visitor to the border outposts on Diwali. Modi had celebrated Diwali with the troops in Rajouri in 2019 as well.

Two Judicial Officers appointed as Judges of J&K High Court

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JAMMU: The Centre on Wednesday appointed two judicial officers as judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

According to a notification issued by Union Ministry of Law and Justice, the President has appointed Mohd Akram Chowdhary and Mohan Lal as judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

"In exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Mohan Lal and Mohd Akram Chowdhary, to be judges of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, in that order of senior-



Mohd. Akram Chowdhary

Mohan Lal Manhas

ity, with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices," read the notification.

In December

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Take stern action against elements found involved in anti-peace activities: DGP tells officers

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SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police J&K Dilbag Singh on Wednesday directed police officers for taking stern action against the elements found involved in anti-peace activities.

Addressing the officers meeting during visited to Anantnag, the DGP stressed for alertness and said that no space should be given to any anti-peace element to create any disturbance.

He emphasized on stepping up operations to check the movement of criminals and terrorists and other suspicious elements.



DGP chaired a joint meeting of officers to review the security scenario of South Kashmir.

He directed that besides monitoring the law and order situation strict surveillance be maintained on the mis-

chief mongers and over ground workers.

The DGP said that JKP along with other security forces has maintained peace and order effectively in the face of difficult situations during the last over three decades to provide and provided a peaceful environment for the people.

He stressed for strengthening relations with the people adding that cooperation of the people with the forces has helped in maintaining peace and these relations should be strengthened at all levels to further consolidate the

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Efforts to check dengue spread scaled up across Jammu Division

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JAMMU: With dengue cases in Jammu and Kashmir nearing the 1,000 mark, the authorities in Jammu region have scaled up efforts to check its spread, officials said on Wednesday.

A total of 993 cases of dengue have been reported in the Union Territory with Jammu (639 cases), Kathua (172) and Samba (87) districts in Jammu Division accounting for majority of the cases till Tuesday, the officials said.

"The office of the State Malariologist in Jammu has scaled up preventive

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IAF approves Group Captain rank for Abhinandan Varthaman

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NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force has approved the rank of Group Captain for Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman who had downed an enemy jet during an aerial combat with Pakistan in February 2019 and was held captive for three days,

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IIIM-Jammu develops herb capsule for pain management in arthritis patients

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) here on Wednesday said it has developed a capsule formulation from medicinal herb *Bergenia ciliata* for management of pain in people suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and transferred the technology to a Mumbai-based pharma company. IIIM functions under

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Govt cuts excise duty on petrol by Rs 5, diesel Rs 10

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NEW DELHI: Buckling under pressure, the government on Wednesday cut the excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 5 and Rs 10 respectively to bring down retail rates from record highs.

The announcement comes on the eve of Diwali which will help bring down the skyrocketing prices of fuel and provide some relief to the common man battling inflation. "Government of

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The offices of STATE TIMES GROUP OF PUBLICATIONS in Jammu and New Delhi shall remain closed on Thursday, the November 4, 2021, on account of Diwali celebrations. So, there will be no issue of your paper on Friday, the November 5, 2021.

