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Four LeT terrorists gunned down; 3 hybrid ultras arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Four terrorists were killed in two encounters with security forces in Pulwama and Anantnag districts of the Kashmir Valley on Tuesday, police said.

While three terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama's Khandipora, one was gunned down in Anantnag's Semthan, they said.

Also, three alleged "hybrid" terrorists of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were arrested during an anti-terror operation in Srinagar and Budgam districts, the police said.

Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar termed the killings in the Pulwama encounter a "big success" for the security forces.

In a tweet, he said, "03 terrorists killed in Awantipora encounter."

He said the identities of the slain terrorists are being ascertained.

"As per our source, 1 is FT



(foreign terrorist) & 1 local terrorist of LeT namely Mukhtiyar Bhat, involved in several terror crimes including killing of 01 ASI of CRPF & 2 RPF personnel. A big success for us," the DGP said.

Kumar said two AK rifles and a pistol were among the recoveries made from the scene of the encounter.

Earlier, the officer said, security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Semthan area of Bijbehara in Anantnag fol-

lowing information about the presence of terrorists there.

The search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists opened fire at the security forces, who retaliated, he said.

"One terrorist has been killed while the operation is still in progress," he added.

In a separate operation, the police set up a checkpoint in the Harnambal area in Srinagar after information was received about the movement of terrorists there, a police spokesperson said.

"Two hybrid terrorists -- Aamir Mushtaq Dar and Kabil Rashid -- were arrested at the Naka. Two grenades were recovered from their possession," he said.

He said the duo disclosed the identity of their third associate, Aqib Jamal Bhat, who was arrested from Sozaith in Budgam.

"Hybrid" terrorists are not listed as ultras but are radicalised enough to carry out a terror strike and then slip back into routine life.

During questioning, the arrested terrorists revealed the location of an IED in the Rangreth area of the city, the spokesperson said.

"The IED, weighing around 10 kg, was recovered and destroyed," he said. A case has been registered under the relevant sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Explosives Act and Arms Act at Chanapora police station, he said, adding that all three terrorists are affiliated with LeT.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said the State Investigation Agency (SIA) has probed 450 cases of special nature with an overall disposal rate of 65 percent during its first year in the Union territory.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the SIA's first raising day in Miran Sahib on the outskirts of Jammu city.

Lauding the agency for its record, Singh said the SIA had emerged as a strong investigation arm of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and it was successful in creating a sense of fear among anti-national elements.

"The SIA has brought a lot of value addition to the CID wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police," he said.

The DGP also said new units called Special Investigation Units have been created at the district level to complement and sup-



DGP Dilbag Singh at SIA's first Raising Day celebration programme in Miran Sahib.

plement the investigation process in cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Dilbag Singh, who was the Chief Guest, congratulated Spl DGP CID and all the officers and Jawans of SIA on completion of an eventful first year. Normally somebody celebrating its first birthday would be walking with difficulties but this wing is rather running that shows the energy and enthusiasm of the officers and the leader of the SIA, he said, adding that

a year ago we were having NIA as National Investigation agency to supplement the investigation process in terror related cases in Jammu and Kashmir but today it is a pleasure to say that we have SIA and added that it is itself an achievement that this wing has been able to earn name in very short period of time.

In his address, the Spl DG CID R.R Swain thanked the DGP J&K for gracing the event. He complemented the

enthusiasm and energy of the SIA teams who he said are doing excellent job with extreme dedication and professionalism. He said that the proposal of highlighting and underlining the good work of SIA is an initiative to remind ourselves about our responsibilities and reach to the wider family of J&K Police to boost the morale and energy of the organization. He said that the spirit behind the entire exercise was to underline that the extreme hardwork, valour, courage and the raw energy which J&K Police displayed over the last 30 years where the military ability of enemy has been degraded.

He said that this time we have a record low militancy in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that some people are more dangerous than the man holding the gun as they are providing logistic, financial, ideological support to terrorism as an

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Gram Panchayat Development Plan: Field functionaries of various departments directed to meet on monthly basis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In order to ensure provision of public services at grass-root level and timely resolution various issues and grievances faced by people, the Government has directed field functionaries of various departments to meet on monthly basis for discussing preparations, implementation, execution and review of Gram Panchayat Development Plan of a Panchayat.

As per an order issued by Dr Piyush Singla, Secretary to the Government states,

"In furtherance of instructions issued in terms of Circular No. 36-JK(GAD) of 2022 dated 13.10.2022, it is hereby ordered that frontline workers viz; Patwaris, Panchayat Secretaries, ICDS Workers, ASHA workers, Forest Guards, REZs, and other grass root functionaries of various Departments viz; Power Development, Jal Shakti, Irrigation & Flood Control, PW(R&B), Health & Family Welfare, Agriculture, Horticulture,

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Five JKAS officers transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred five JKAS officers. As per the order issued by GAD, Kusum Badyal, JKAS, Secretary in the Industries & Commerce Department has been transferred and posted as Secretary in ARI & Trainings Department; Nitu Gupta, JKAS, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Administration and Enforcement), Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Secretary in the Finance Department; Namrita Dogra, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Recovery), Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Administration and Enforcement), Jammu; Kewal Krishan, JKAS, Addl Secy to Government, Industries & Commerce Department has been transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC, Doda and Mamta Devi, JKAS, Personnel Officer, Associated Hospitals Jammu has been transferred and posted as Addl Secy to Government, Industries & Commerce Dept.

JKP SI recruitment scam: CJM grants 15-day judicial remand of CMO BSF

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: CJM Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh granted 10 days police remand of Dr Karnail Singh, Chief Medical Officer, BSF who was arrested by the CBI in much publicized paper leakage scam. The accused has been produced in custody by Investigating Officer, DySP Prashant Sharma of CBI, ACB, Jammu and party in connection with aforesaid FIR for offences under section 120-B read with Section 420 of IPC along with Case Diary with

a prayer for grant of fifteen (15) days of judicial remand in respect of accused.

CJM after perusal of CD file observed that been arrested on 18.10.2022 in FIR in question. He was remanded to five days of police custody on 28.10.2022 till Tuesday. Further, principal offence involved in the case in hand is non-bailable in nature. Accused has not been

admitted to bail by any competent court of law till date.

On facts therefore, a case for grant of judicial remand for a period of fifteen (15) days from Tuesday till 15.11.2022 as prayed for is therefore made out by investigating agency.

Accordingly, accused was remanded to judicial custody for fifteen (15) days at District Jail Amphalla Jammu and on expiry of aforesaid remanded period, accused be produced before competent forum for further orders.

4 arrested, 4 vehicles seized for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Acting tough against persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police on Tuesday arrested 4 persons & seized 4 vehicles in Budgam.

As per details, Police received information about illegal extraction of soil from Government land at Kanir Chadoora. Acting swiftly, a Police party of Police Station Chadoora raided specific location and seized 3 tippers and a JCB besides arresting 4 persons identified as Farooq Ahmad, son of Atta Mohammad, resident

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FOLLOW-UP

Dynasty driven Congress can't understand BJP's work culture: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SHIMLA: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that dynasty driven Congress can't understand BJP work culture.

Addressing a press conference here ahead of State Assembly polls, Dr Jitendra Singh was responding to the Congress statement that BJP was not confident in Himachal Pradesh and that is why all its national leaders were coming to the State for election campaign.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, those who say so are possibly not aware of BJP's working



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing press conference ahead of Himachal Pradesh Assembly polls at Shimla.

and its tradition which has been there right from the beginning. He said, BJP is a cadre based party, not controlled by any dynasty and here every Karyakarta is equal, which is why, whenever there is an election at any level, whether it is Panchayat or Legislative Assembly or Lok Sabha and whichever be the State, all the members of

the party from top to bottom collectively join the campaign. We have followed the same practice in other States in the past and it is the same practice being followed here as well, he added.

Emphasising the importance of having a BJP government in Himachal Pradesh which could work in tandem with the Modi Govt

at the Centre, Dr Jitendra Singh said, unexplored resources of Himalayan States like Himachal Pradesh are vital to enrich India's future economy over the next 25 years. He said, huge Himalayan geo-resources are yet to be fully explored, which will contribute to the socio-economic development of the Himalayan region as well as the country as a whole.

The Minister said, while in the last 75 years, the Western and Southern States have mostly contributed in terms of India's industrial and economic development, time has come to tap the vast Himalayan resources including its bio-resources, glaciers, snowfields, etc. In order to ensure that Himachal Pradesh gets

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Srinagar-Leh highway closed after rainfall, snow in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir experienced rainfall and light snowfall prompting the closure of Srinagar-Leh highway, officials said on Tuesday. Owing to the feeble western disturbance on Monday night, the Kashmir valley witnessed rains and light snowfall, the meteorological department (MeT) said. "We witnessed rains in plains and light snowfall in upper reaches particularly in north western parts. The weather is cloudy and snowfall is going on at a few places particularly in

Zojila and Sonamarg higher reaches," said deputy director MeT, Mukhtar Ahmad. Officials said in view of the snowfall at Zojila pass, the Srinagar-Leh highway has been closed for traffic. Traffic department in a tweet said that Srinagar-Jammu highway and Mughal Road were open. "Traffic plying on Jammu-Srinagar NHW, Mughal road through. However SSG(Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri) Road closed for vehicular movement in view of fresh snowfall in ZojiLa axis," it said.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 29.4°C Min: 18.3°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 70

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.6°C Min: 7.6°C

Humidity
Max: 87 Min: 64

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