

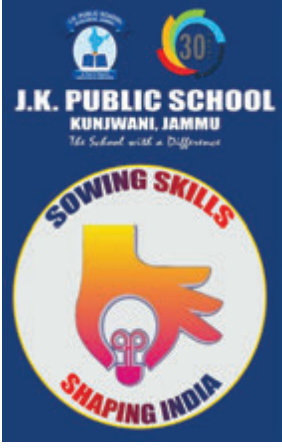


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Major breakthrough: AGuH terror module busted in Kashmir

Congress Govt had tied hands of armed forces in acting against terrorism: Modi

Arms recovered in Awantipora

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a major break-through against terrorists infrastructure in Kashmir, security forces busted a module of Ansar Ghazwatul Hind (AGuH) by arresting four persons including one handler of the outfit, police said on Monday.

Incriminating materials, huge cache of arms and ammunition have also been recovered from their possession, a police spokesman said.

"Police and security forces busted a module of AGuH by arresting its handler for north Kashmir and four OGWs cum terrorist associates in Sopore," he said.

"Upon an information by sister agency regarding movement of main terrorist handler, Sopore Police along with 22RR established an MVCB grid in Sopore. During checks, two individuals identified as Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat (main handler)



Arrested terror associates along with arms and ammunition seized by police.

of Chanapora, Srinagar and Ishfaq Ahmed Shah resident of Budgam were arrested. One Pistol, one magazine, 10 rounds and three grenades were recovered from their possession," he said.

On further interrogation, two more terror associates identified as Abdul Majeed Kumar resident of Bernate, Boniyar and Abdul Rashid Kumar resident of Pattan

were arrested.

One pistol, one magazine, 10 rounds and 11 grenades were also recovered from their possession, the spokesman said.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the busted terrorist module of AGuH was being handled by Ahsaan Dar and another individual named Chaudhary from across the border (PoK), he

said.

"The module was instructed to ensure continuous supply of arms & ammunition in Kashmir Valley for conducting attacks on outsiders, civilians and security forces to instil fear in the minds of general public," the spokesman added. In another operation, security forces, comprising police,

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMNAGAR/ANJAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday alleged the erstwhile Congress government had stopped armed forces from taking action against terrorism due to the party's vote bank politics.

Addressing a rally in Jamnagar town in the Saurashtra region of poll-bound Gujarat, the prime minister appealed to the people to not allow "urban Naxals" to enter the state.

Polling for 182 Assembly seats in the state will be held in two phases on December 1 and 5. The counting of votes will be taken up on December 8.

"Anarchy, terrorism, nepotism and vote bank politics were rampant during the Congress rule. Congress leaders used to remain mum against those who were involved in spreading anarchy and terrorism. People were feeling insecure. Bomb blasts used to kill people in



different parts of the country," he said.

The PM said due to the vote bank-oriented politics, Congress had even "tied the hands of our armed forces".

"Congress created hurdles in their work. You cannot fight terrorism with such an approach. You have to take a tough stand against terrorism and give them a befitting reply," he said.

The prime minister said his government has taken a tough stand against such activities.

"Armed forces now kill ene-

mies after entering their territories. The BJP government has a zero-tolerance policy for Naxalites and terrorists," he added.

Modi also spoke about "urban Naxals" who he said will try to disturb Gujarat's peace if they get a chance.

"Nowadays, urban Naxals are planning to enter Gujarat. If they get a chance, they will destroy Gujarat's peace. Please make sure they do not get the chance," he said.

Modi alleged the 2G scam under the UPA-2 regime led

to higher Internet charges for the people.

He said India has become the second largest manufacturer of mobile phones and crores of 'Made in India' phones are exported every year to other countries.

"Due to the low cost (of mobile phones), poor people of India can now afford them. Mobile phones have become a tool to empower the poor," he added.

"And what happened under Congress rule in the mobile phone sector? 2G (spectrum allocation) scam. Because of that scam, the Internet has become costly. Had Congress been in power today, your monthly mobile bill would have been around Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000 instead of Rs 300- Rs 400. Today, you can make calls for free," the prime minister added.

Before Jamnagar, the PM addressed a rally in Anjar town in Kutch district ahead of the first phase of

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Over 1,000 youth, 25 companies participate in mega job fair at Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 1,000 youths and 25 private companies took part in a mega job fair in the border district of Rajouri on Monday, an official spokesperson said.

Rajouri Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal inaugurated the one-day fair, organised by the district administration Rajouri and district employment and counselling centre with the aim to provide local youth employment avenues.

The spokesman said the hiring procedure involved 25 reputable companies and saw 262 chosen students given offer letters on the spot,

while 541 others were short-listed for the next round.

In addition to graduates, undergraduates, matriculates, and eighth graders, the employment fair attracted 446 students from polytechnic, ITI, and diploma programs, he said.

"The job fair was intended to give the youth of the Rajouri employment possibilities with various organisations. A number of self-employment generation programmes have been introduced by the government for the benefit of young and unemployed youth and we advise them to avail the

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SC seeks SG's assistance on PIL over non-functional statutory panels in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday sought assistance of the solicitor general on a PIL which alleged statutory panels including the Jammu and Kashmir Human Rights Commission are not functional in the union territory (UT) after the abrogation of Article 370.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha took note of the submissions of Pune-based lawyer Asim Suhas Sarode that various statutory panels like the State Information



Commission, the human rights body and the consumer panel in the UT are not working.

The bench requested Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was present in the court, to go into the peti-

tion and apprise it of the present status. The law officer sought two weeks to revert.

"We will list after two weeks," the bench said and asked Sarode to provide a copy of his petition to the law officer.

Sarode has made the DoPT (Department of Personnel and Training), National Human Rights Commission and the Law Commission of India parties to the PIL.

In August 2019, the Centre bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories and abrogated

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Four of family die as vehicle plunges into gorge in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A prayer leader of a mosque and three members of his family were killed when their car skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Monday, officials said.

The accident took place near Prem Mandir in the Chenani area of Udhampur district around 8.30 am when the family was on its way to Jammu from their Gool-Sangaldan village in Ramban district, the officials said.

Their car skidded off the road and plunged into a

700-feet gorge along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Monday, they said.

Inam (prayer leader) of Jamia Masjid Sangaldan, Mufti Abdul Hamid (32) and his father Mufti Jamal Din (65) were killed on the spot, while his mother Hajra Begum (60) and nephew Adil Gulzar (16) were rescued, and taken to a hospital in Udhampur district.

However, both the injured succumbed to their injuries, the officials said, adding the bodies of all four deceased were shifted to the hospital's mortuary room for post-mortem.

Villagers launch hunger strike against mining in Kathua

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/JAMMU: Residents of Sahar panchayat in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district launched a hunger strike on Monday against mining in a local stream.

They said they have been holding protests for the last one week, but their demand to stop mining had been ignored and this prompted them to launch the hunger strike on the banks of Sahar Khud stream.

The villagers, led by sarpanch Bholi Singh and parish Harnam Singh, met near the recently opened mining block and raised slogans against the government.

"It is unfortunate that the geology and mining department allotted the mining block without taking local residents and the panchayat into confidence," Singh said.

He said the villagers protested against the

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Azad begins 3-day visit to Kishtwar-Doda belt



Leaders from other parties after joining DAP at Batote during Azad's tour of Chenab region.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Democratic Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad Monday began a

three-day outreach visit to Doda and Kishtwar districts and said his party is getting strong with new

people joining it.

The former Congress leader met multiple people in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district and enquired about their problems.

"A lot of people are leaving other parties and joining us. It is a good thing for us. It strengthens our party," Azad told reporters.

Thanking the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "Whenever I visit any place, people join us."

Asked about the rise in the number of voters in the Union Territory, Azad said, "For a long period, the voter's lists were not revised."

Religious freedom does not include right to convert others: Centre tells SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Centre told the Supreme Court on Monday that religious freedom does not include a fundamental right to convert other people to a particular religion and that it certainly does not embrace the right to convert an individual through fraud, deception, coercion or allurements.

The central government said it is "cognizant of the menace" and laws that seek to control such practices are necessary to protect the cherished rights of vulnerable sections of the society including women and economically and socially backward classes.

The Centre's stand came on a short affidavit in response to a plea by advocate Ashwini

Kumar Upadhyay seeking direction to take stringent steps to control fraudulent religious conversion by "intimidation" and through "gifts and monetary benefits".

The affidavit, filed through Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs, asserted that the reliefs sought in the present petition would be taken up "in all seriousness" by the Union of India" and that it is "cognizant of the gravity and the seriousness of the issue raised in the present writ petition".

A bench of Justices MR Shah and C T Ravimur, while hearing the matter, observed it was not against religious conversions

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P T Usha elected as President Indian Olympic Association

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: P T Usha, the legendary former athlete has been elected as the president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Monday. P T Usha was the lone contender and was elected after no other nominations were filed till the deadline day, November 27. The elections were due to be held in the month of December.

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju, who was previously the Union Sports Minister congratulated the former athlete on her election.

Usha is now the first woman to occupy the top job at IOA in its 95-year history

Delhi Court awards life imprisonment to five JeM operatives

‘Accused also involved in enticing locals of J&K to join terrorism

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Monday awarded life imprisonment to five terrorists of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) for recruiting and training youths for terror activities across the country.

Special Judge Shailender Malik awarded the jail term to Sajad Ahmad Khan alias Sajjad Ahmad Khan alias Sajjad Ahmad Khan alias Sajjad, son of Ghulam Nabi Khan, resident of Village - Handoora, Distt- Pulwama, J&K convicted for life imprisonment, RI and fine under section 121 A, 120B IPC, 18, 18B, 38, 39 UA (P)

Act and 120B IPC r/w sections 4, 5 of Explosives Substances Act; Bilal Ahmad Mir alias Bilal Mir alias Billa, son of Farooq Ahmad Mir, resident of Village Gadpora, District-Pulwama, J&K convicted for life imprisonment, RI and fine under section 121 A, 120 B IPC, 18, 38, 39 UA (P) Act and 120B IPC r/w sections 4, 5 of Explosives Substances Act; Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat alias Muzaffar Bhat, son of Abdul Ganie Bhat, resident of Village Monghama, Tehsil- Tral, District- Pulwama, J & K convicted for life imprisonment, RI and fine under sections 121 A,

122, 120 B IPC, 18, 23, 38, 39 UA (P) Act and section 4 of Explosives Substances Act; Ishfaq Ahmad Bhat alias Ishfaq Bhatt alias Ishfaq, son of Abdul Mazid Bhat, resident of Khalpura, Marhama, Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir convicted for life imprisonment, RI and fine u/s 121 A, 120 B IPC, 18, 19, 38, 39 UA (P) Act and Mehraj-Ud-din Chopan alias Mehraj, son of Late Ghulam Rasool Chopan, resident of Vill. Handoora, Pulwama convicted for life imprisonment, RI and fine under section 121 A, 120 B IPC, 18, 38, 39 UA (P) Act and sections 4, 5 of

Explosives Substances Act after they pleaded guilty in the case.

The judge also awarded a five-year jail term to Tanveer Ahmed Ganie alias Tanveer Ahmad alias Tanveer, son of Ghulam Mohiuddin Ganie, resident of Village-Mandoora, District - Pulwama, J & K convicted with RI for 5 years and fine under sections 120B IPC, 18, 38 UA (P) Act.

The judge noted that all the convicts were in conspiracy with each other to wage war against India.

It said the convicts were "not only members of

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Hackers demand Rs 200 Cr from AIIMS-Delhi as server remains down for 6th day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Hackers have allegedly demanded an estimated Rs 200 crore in cryptocurrency from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi as its server remained out of order for the sixth consecutive day, official sources said on Monday.

It is feared that data of around 3-4 crore patients could have been compromised due to the breach detected Wednesday morning.

Patient care services in emergency, outpatient, inpatient and laboratory wings are being managed manually as the server remained down, the sources said.

The Delhi Police, however, issued a statement, saying


"no ransom demand as being quoted by certain sections of the media has been brought to notice by AIIMS authorities."

The India Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN), Delhi Police and representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs are investigating the ransomware attack.

A case of extortion and cyber terrorism was registered by the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Delhi Police on November 25.

Official sources said internet services are blocked on computers at the hospital on the recommendations of the investigating agencies.

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 25.6°C Min: 9.8°C

Humidity

Max : 83 Min : 77

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 13.7°C Min: -1.8°C

Humidity

Max : 97 Min: 74

Sunset : 17:27 Hours

Sunrise : 07:13 Hours