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Six terrorists killed...

others had joined last year or this year. According to the security officials, both the PAFF and TRF are shadow outfits of the LeT. Briefing the media about the Kulgam operation, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, South Kashmir Range, Rayees Bhat said it was based on specific information regarding the presence of terrorists in Samno village.

"On the receipt of specific inputs regarding the movement of terrorists and based on synergised efforts of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Army, a joint operation was launched at Samno on Thursday by units of police, 34 Rashtriya Rifles, 9 Para and 18th Battalion of the CRPF. Contact was established with the LeT terrorists who were hiding in a house. In the ensuing encounter, five terrorists were neutralised," he said.

The officer said according to police records, the slain ultras were categorised as terrorists and were involved in several terror crimes, including attacks on security forces and atrocities on civilians.

"They were involved in the attack on Kashmiri Pandit Sonu Bhat in Shopian last year, the attack on a minority picket at Heerpora Batgund in Shopian, the attack on a cordon party at Wattu Keegan and the attack on non-local labourers earlier this year at Gagran in Shopian," he added.

Bhat said the operation was a result of synergised efforts among the security forces operating in the area.

"It is a big success because these terrorists were involved in a number of attacks on minorities.... The neutralisation of the terrorists has dealt a serious blow to the outfits operating here and we believe that more successes are on the way," he added.

The DIG said incriminating materials, arms and ammunition, including four AK-series rifles, four grenades and two pistols, were seized from the encounter site.

Meanwhile, another terrorist was killed in an encounter with a joint team of security forces in Rajouri district of the Jammu region, the officials said.

Based on specific information, an operation was launched in the morning by a joint team of police, Army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in the Behrote area within the Budhal police station limits, a police spokesperson said.

The cordon-and-search operation was launched based on inputs of suspicious movement in the area, the officials added.

The terrorist, who was hiding in a house, opened fire on the security personnel while they were moving towards the target, the police spokesperson said.

"The exchange of fire continued for some time and one terrorist was killed," she added.

One AK-47 rifle, three magazines, three grenades and a pouch were seized from the encounter site, the spokesperson said.

The area has been cordoned off and the search operation is on, she said, adding that the identity of the terrorist is yet to be ascertained.

J&K Govt committed...

skill development programmes have started showing results in overall development, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also appreciated the artists for promoting the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Anand Jain, IGP Jammu; Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; senior officers and members of Tribal communities in large numbers were present.

2 killed, 5...

Rajouri; Shakeel Ahmed, son of Faqir Mohd, resident of Paruri Kotranka and Kala Khan, son of Noor Mohd, resident of Maradpur Rajouri.

Azad visits Bhaderwah...

establishments and have lost everything in the devastating fire.

"I share your concern since you are left homeless due to this fire incident. You have to face the tough times in view of coming winters. So, I will speak to the district authorities to ensure you are provided adequate relief to overcome this winter without facing any tough challenges," he told the fire victims at Bhaderwah.

Azad said that in addition of that the fire victims, who lost their shops and other businesses should also be provided soft loans by the government since they can't afford to rebuild their lives in absence of proper support.

"They have meager resources and may not be able to revive their businesses. I request the government to provide them soft loans so that their families may not suffer," he said.

Azad later travelled to GMC Doda and met those who were injured in a deadly accident.

He also inquired about their health from the hospital authorities and urged them to provide all the possible treatment and support so that they resume their day-to-day activities fast.

He said most of the injured in this accident have families to feed and may not afford treatment outside in private hospitals.

"So, they must be provided every possible treatment and medicine by the hospital authorities," he said.

DPAP chairman also met the families of injured and said that he stands by these families during these tough times.

The former Chief Minister later visited the accident site where he also inquired about the reasons for this deadly accident that consumed precious 39 human lives.

He said despite proper road infrastructure in place, the traffic violations is the main reason for these deadly accidents.

He urged government to ensure rules are being followed by the drivers who ply on this road for the safety of common people.

Azad was accompanied by Vice Chairman G.M.Saroori, General Secretary Ab Majeed Wani, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Zonal President P.R.Manhas, Distt President Doda Asif Gattu, Block President Arif Najar, Javid Azad, Sheikh Zaffarullah, Wasim Ganai and others.

ACB lodges FIR...

First Information report.

In 2019 she was designated as Incharge Executive Director Water Sports Centre by Secretary Sports.

"It further surfaced during the course of verification that officers of Sports Council, after entering into criminal conspiracy with each other, bestowed undue benefit to beneficiary thereby causing corresponding loss to government exchequer", reads FIR.

It was further revealed that other PETs, appointed along with her, fulfilled all conditions but are still working as incharge PEMs.

The acts on the part of officers of Sports Council Srinagar and beneficiary constitute commission of offence punishable under sections 5(1)(d)/w 5(2)J&K Prevention of corruption Act Svt 2006 and section 120-B RPC.

Case against the officer was entrusted to DySP Pervaiz Ahmed Khan in Police Station ACB Srinagar under FIR No 23/2023.

Won't hesitate to...

achieve extraordinary feats.

Fadnavis noted the evolving challenges faced by society, which had moved from food, clothing and shelter just post Independence to contemporary issues encompassing education, income and health care.

PM Modi says...

to stop now, he said, adding that about 130 countries attended a Global South summit hosted by India which he addressed before attending the 'Diwali Milan' programme.

A time comes in the life of a nation which can launch it to a higher trajectory and this is what is happening to India, he asserted, urging the media to give strength to the programme for making the country developed by highlighting the country's strengths without resorting to any untruth.

Ideas related to developed India and economy are going to be at the centre of discourse for the next 25 years, and people are accepting the way the country has been progressing, he said.

This era is leading to India becoming a grander country, he said.

With people, especially those from Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh, celebrating 'Chhath' in different parts of the country, he said it is good that it is now being observed in different parts of the country. The rise of electronic media has seen festivals like Durga Puja and Navratri going global, he said.

With the BJP hosting the 'Diwali Milan' for the first time in the last several years, the prime minister said a "total disappearance of COVID-19" was visible in the festive joy of people this time.

In his remarks, Modi recalled his recent visit to a tribal region in Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh where he interacted with women self-help groups and youngsters and said he was left much impressed with their successes and rising confidence and aspirations.

It is there, the prime minister said, he seized on the idea of "Lakshpati Didi" to help more than two crore women involved in self-help groups.

This confidence of the masses will lead to the country becoming developed by 2047, he said. He urged the media to take up 10 cities to hold programmes as to how they can grow and become Rs 1 trillion economy or how the size of their economy can be doubled and these cities grow to become driving engine of regional economy.

Rising aspirations is a reason behind the growing market during the festival season, he said, adding that more than 13.5 crore people lifted out of poverty have joined the aspirational class seeking better things in life. He also praised the media's support to the cleanliness programmes and said it has also led to growing expectations.

Noting that relatively young journalists have fallen to not only the coronavirus but other diseases as well, he emphasised on having regular health check-ups for them saying they also lead a tense and busy life like politicians.

298 vehicles fined...

against the drivers for overloading, police said, adding that the offenders were arrested and the vehicles were impounded.

The police launched a district-wide drive in Rajouri and fined 166 violators besides impounding seven vehicles whereas one case has been registered at the Manjakote police station for dangerous driving, they said.

Police said an appeal was made to all people to follow the traffic rules in letter and spirit, and to ensure a proper coordination with the law enforcement agency for prevention of road accidents.

CB charge-sheets Prop K.K Motors, others for Rs 23.50 lakh fraud

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JAMMU: Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Jammu on Friday produced charge sheet against accused Prop. K. K. Motors - Kulbir Singh, son of Sansar Singh, resident of Bhaur R.S.Pura Jammu; Narotam Singh, son of Ram Saran, resident of Marjali Kangril Jammu and Kulranjan Sharma, son of Om Parkash Sharma, resident of H.No.401-A Rani Talab Digiana Jammu for their involvement in hatching criminal conspiracy and cheating him by duping an amount of Rs 23.5 Lakh after inducing the complainant to facilitate him in the purchase of JCB after getting his loan sanctioned from the bank.

The 1043 page charge-sheet was presented in the Court of law in case FIR No. 39/2022 under sections 420,465,468,471,120-B/RPC P/S Crime Branch Jammu .

The case stems from a written complaint lodged by Baldeep Kour, wife of Karamjeet Singh, resident of village Sunder Pura Teh. R.S.Pura, Jammu and others, alleging therein that she had to buy a JCB in 2017 for which she required Rs 23 Lakh after confirming it from the dealer. Accordingly she applied for loan of Rs. 15 Lakh in J&K Bank, Branch Kullian, R.S.Pura, Jammu, as she was required to pay the margin money of Rs. 8,50,000/- to the dealer and the remaining loan amount was to be transferred by J&K Bank in the account of the JCB dealership and thereafter the dealership had to deliver the said JCB to the complainant. The complainant paid margin money of an amount of Rs. 8.5 Lakh to Proprietor of K.K.Motors, R.S.Pura, Kulbir Singh, son of Sansar Singh, resident of Khour Bhaur, R.S.Pura, Jammu. The complainant was informed that the said Bank will transfer the amount in the account of the firm and the complainant will get the delivery of the said JCB. But after approaching the dealer a number of times for the delivery of JCB, in June, 2019, the dealer Kulbir Singh refused to give the delivery of the JCB and told her that the said J&K Bank has not sanctioned the loan and has not transferred any amount in the account of the firm for said JCB, whereas EMI instalments had already started getting deducted from the account of her husband, thereby defrauding the complainant. On receipt of the complaint a preliminary verification was initiated and during probe the allegations were prima facie substantiated, leading to the registration of instant case under the relevant sections of law for indepth investigation. During the course of investigation relevant record was seized, statement of witnesses recorded, Scientific, Circumstantial and other Material evidence was gathered and offences U/S 420, 465, 468, 471, 120-B/RPC were established against the accused. Charge sheet was produced in the Court of law for judicial determination.

FICCI Ladies Organization's JKL Chapter delegation calls on LG



Delegation of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter of FICCI FLO calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Friday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A delegation of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Chapter of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) led by its Chairperson Varuna Anand, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Friday.

The members of the delegation apprised the Lt Governor on the various initiatives of their organisation. They also presented a painting from the Art Camp organised by FLO at Octroi Post Suchetgarh Border.

The Lt Governor commended the efforts of the FLO and extended his best wishes for their future endeavours.

Meanwhile, a delegation of J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The Lt Governor lauded the cadets and officials for promoting the values of self-discipline, service and patriotism among youth and contributing to the national development.

The delegation also submitted a memorandum to the Lt Governor on the promotion of Scouts & Guides activities in Universities and enhancing Admission quota of Scouts and Guides.

Later, a delegation of Coordination Committee of Presidents of Urban Local Bodies of Kashmir headed

by its Chairman, Mohammad Iqbal Ahangar called on Lieutenant Governor and apprised him of various developmental issues in their respective areas.

DSEJ declares two day Divisional Level Kala Utsav 2023-24 open

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JAMMU: Director School Education Jammu Ashok Sharma on Friday declared the two day Divisional Level Kala Utsav 2023-24 open for the competitions. Around 200 students, who are the winners of the district level competition will participate in this divisional level contest in 10 different art forms - Vocal Music (Classical), Vocal Music (folk), Instrumental Music (Percussion), Instrumental music (Melody), Dance (classical), Dance (Traditional), Visual Art (2D), Visual art (3d), Traditional Toys and Games and in Solo Acting category. The winners of the Divisional Level Competitions will further participate in the UT level competitions for a place in the National Level Competitions. Speaking at the inaugural event, Ashok Sharma, DSEJ, said that, "Today's students are tomorrow's artists, entrepreneurs and world leaders" and for the all round development of the students the Directorate organises various competitions and Kala Utsav is one such event where students are provided with a platform to display their art and skills. Other dignitaries who graced the occasion included Subah Mehta, Joint Director, DSEJ, Suraj Singh Rathore, CEO Jammu and Dy CEO Jammu.

BJP committed to ensure empowerment of last person in society, says Slathia

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SAMBA: Highlighting the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that encapsulates the very essence of inclusive progress, Pradesh BJP Vice President and former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia on Friday reiterated the commitment of reaching out to last person in the society for their empowerment and betterment across Jammu and Kashmir, irrespective of region and religion.

"BJP is committed to uplift every individual, especially those who have been left behind by successive governments over the decades", Slathia said while addressing the booth level Karykarts and the people of Wards 10,11,12,13 and 14 in the Samba Town under the



Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing gathering at Samba.

party's 'Booth Jan Samvad' programme.

Slathia said the BJP understands its responsibility to extend helping hand to the last person in the society as per the Prime Minister's cherished agenda of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwaas Sabka Prayas. For us the last person isn't a matter of statics but the people

with urges and expectations to be part of the country's growth story as empowered citizens, politically and economically, he said, adding that the success in this regard can be measured on ground as the marginalised segments are enjoying the fruits of development and economic upliftment post August 5, 2019 landmark

political developments. He said these sections have not been forgotten but brought under focused attention.

Referring to the path breaking initiatives taken in the recent years on economic, developmental and infrastructural fronts, Slathia said that youth empowerment is priority for the BJP. Apart from opening vistas of opportunities through employment and employability, policies are being devised to provide entrepreneurship and skill development openings, enabling them to contribute meaningfully to the economy besides looking after their families. He said the BJP believes that Inclusive economic growth is not just a lofty ideal; it is a practical necessity for a sustainable and harmonious

growth of the society.

"By reaching out to the last person, the BJP is strengthening and empowering the various segments of the society so that no one is left behind" Slathia said and exhorted the activists to reach out to the people and make them aware about various programs and schemes tailored for their upliftment. He hoped the people would continue to strengthen the hands of the Prime Minister by supporting the BJP in a big way. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Vice President BJP Samba Vijay Singh, Mohan Lal Sharma Mandal President Samba, Ankush Mahajan Chairman MNC Samba, Pawan Kohli, Vikas Kumar, Narinder Singh and others.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCIL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Basholi, Bani, Bhond, Martha-Nagrota, Duggan and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 10 am to 2:30 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Keerian Local and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Shazadpur, GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo, Karloop, Dataryal and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 7 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Akhmoor Town, Raja Bazar, JioPotta Chandiyar, Exchange Industrial Estate, PHE City, Dummi, Sua No. 1, Malpur, Pargwal area and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Thanamandi, Fatehpur, Behrote, Plangarh, Bawali, Shadra Sharief and adjoining areas will remain affected on

November 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to City, Choudharynar, Gambhir, PWD and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Vijaypur Industrial Area, PHE and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Vijaypur, Town, Kolpur, Bandral and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 8 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Rajinder Nagar Keran, LaxmiPuran, Swarn Vihar, Bharat Nagar, Ganga Nagar, Bantalab, Radio Station, BSNL, CRPF, Ayush Hospital and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 7 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Panthal, Sundrani, Sugul, Ghati, Sarly, Dharmari, Arnas, SarhBagha, Mahore, GulabGarh, Chassana and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 19 from 8 am to 12 noon.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises awareness rally on Nasha Mukh Bharat



Principal Prof. Hans Raj flagging off rally at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: NSS Unit, "Sewak", Government Degree College Neeli Nallah, Udhampur, organized an awareness rally on "Nasha Mukh Bharat" on 17th Nov. 2023 under the banner of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The programme was organized under the able guidance of worthy Principal of the College, Prof. Hans Raj. In his address he emphasized that the purpose of the rally was

to raise awareness among the students and general masses about the serious issues and hazardous impacts caused due to drug abuse. The rally was flagged off from the college premises by the Principal of the College. Further the students proceeded with slogans in the nearby village Neeli Nallah. A large number of students participated in the rally. During the rally, students raised slogans spreading the mes-

sage of coming together to fight against the substance abuse and they also interacted with general masses around to aware them regarding the health issues related to drug misuse and their rehabilitation. The faculty members- Dr. Swati Dutt, Dr. Radha Rani, Dr. Akhter Hussaain, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Dr. Mahima Bhagat, Pradeep Kumar and Dr. Muntazir (PTI) also accompanied the rally.