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LG Sinha vows to go after terrorist sympathisers, OGWs

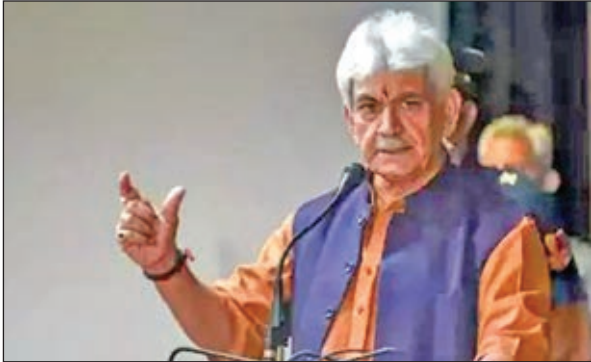
Terminates 2 Govt employees having terror links

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday terminated two government employees from the service in the interest of security of the state.

According to top sources in the Law Enforcement Agencies of J&K Union Territory, the Lieutenant Governor invoked 311 (2) (c) of the Constitution of India to axe Ab. Rehman Naika and Zahir Abbas after painstaking investigation by law enforcement and intelligence agencies clearly established their terror links.

Ab. Rehman Naika, Pharmacist in Health Department, a resident of Devsar, Kulgam was appointed as a Medical Assistant in 1992. His links with Hizbul Mujahideen was unearthed when police officials started investigating killing of political person,



namely Ghulam Hassan Lone of Devsar. Ghulam Hassan Lone was a staunch nationalist and all his three sons are serving in security forces. He was killed by terrorists in August 2021. Investigation had revealed that Ab. Rehman Naika was one of the plotters of killing of Ghulam Lone to create terror and a situation of insecurity among the patriotic people.

"Investigation further

revealed that Ab. Rehman Naika played a pivotal role in nourishing, strengthening and proliferating conducive ecosystem for secessionism and terrorism, not only in his local area of Kulgam but also in the neighbouring district of Shopian and Anantnag." Sources in law enforcement agencies said.

After Ghulam Hassan Lone's killing, the police investigation tracked the footprints of OGWs who were

providing logistical supports to terrorists. Ab. Rehman Naika and associated were finally nabbed with hand grenade and AK 47 ammunition. During the interrogation Ab. Rehman Naika confessed he had received direction from his handlers in Pakistan to carry out a terrorist attack in Kulgam by lobbing grenades on security forces and political persons. He also admitted that as a overground worker his job was to conduct reconnaissance of targets. In the killing of Ghulam Hassan Lone, Ab. Rehman Naika and his associates had kept a watch on his movements and on the day of killing he mounted the surveillance of the area so that terrorists get a safe passage without getting identified or intercepted. Sources said during further investigation, we

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Suspicious box packed with firecrackers found in Poonch, destroyed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

MENDHAR/JAMMU: The security forces detected and destroyed a suspicious box packed with firecrackers in Poonch district on Friday, officials said.

During a search operation, the police and security forces recovered the suspicious box in Chajja area of Mendhar tehsil, they said. The road was closed for traffic in

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India tells Bangladesh to protect all minorities

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: India on Friday said the interim government in Bangladesh must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities as it expressed serious concern over the "surge" of extremist rhetoric and increasing incidents of violence against Hindus as well as attacks on temples in the neighbouring country. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told Parliament that India

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Security agencies should focus on emerging security challenges: Shah

Expresses satisfaction over improvement in security situation in J&K



Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the annual DGPs/IGPs conference in Bhubaneswar.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHUBANESWAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said security agencies should focus on emerging security challenges along the eastern border, immigration and trends in urban policing.

Inaugurating the annual DGPs/IGPs conference, which will discuss a host of emerging national security challenges, including counter-terrorism and left-wing extremism, Shah also congratulated the police leader-

ship for the smooth conduct of the 2024 general elections and the seamless rollout of the three new criminal laws.

The focus should be on emerging security challenges along the eastern border, immigration and trends in urban policing; Shah was quoted as saying in an official release.

The home minister's statement bears significance as India's eastern neighbour Bangladesh has seen unrest following the ouster of its then prime minister Sheikh

Hasina and an interim administration taking charge in August.

There have been reports of attacks on Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh, an issue New Delhi has raised strongly with Dhaka.

Shah expressed satisfaction at the significant achievements leading to improvement in the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir; the northeast and states affected by left-wing extremism. The home minister said the

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Police arrests 3 in digital arrest fraud

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Three people were arrested in the case of digital arrest by posing as officials from TRAI and CBI to coerce victims into transferring funds here, police said on Friday.

'Digital arrest' is a new cyber fraud, where the accused pose as law enforcement officials, like CBI or customs officials, and threatens people of arrest by making video calls in the name of fake international parcels of banned drugs, they said.

Addressing a press conference, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar,

Imtiyaz Hussain, said that the accused used psychological manipulation to defraud of senior citizen of Rs 21 lakh.

They accused the victim of being involved in a money laundering scam of Rs 6.8 crores and issued fabricated arrest warrants and penalties to intimidate him, the SSP said.

He said that the accused declared their conversations with the victim a "national secret" and instructed him to lock his house, avoid communication with others and falsely assured him of a refund within hours. Under pressure, the victim

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NSG deployed in Jammu to assist security forces: ADGP

Warns of severe consequences for those harbouring terrorists

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain on Friday said the deployment of National Security Guard (NSG) has been done in Jammu to assist the security forces.

The ADGP said massive search operations are underway in the Jammu region to dismantle the terror ecosystem and networks.

"We are receiving support from specialised forces. The deployment of the NSG has taken place.

"We are ready to face any eventuality," Jain said while responding to a question



ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain briefing media on Friday.

about the deployment of the NSG in Jammu in light of the threat perception.

A special unit of the NSG, the country's premier counter-terrorism force, has been stationed in Jammu follow-

ing a recent spike in terror attacks in the region.

The counter-terrorism unit has been deployed in the city under instructions from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Porter injured in landmine blast

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: A porter working with the Army was injured in a landmine blast in a forward area along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Friday, officials said.

The porter was engaged in some work in the forward area when a landmine exploded, resulting in injuries, they said.

He was immediately shifted to an Army hospital. According to doctors, his left foot was damaged, but he is out of danger, the officials said.

The porter has been identified as Mohd Qasim, a resident of Noonabandi.

Pehalgam records minus 3.4 deg C

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Pahalgam, one of the base camps for the annual Anarnath yatra, was the coldest place in Kashmir recording a minimum temperature of minus 3.4 degrees Celsius, official said on Friday.

The Meteorological Department said feeble Western disturbances would impact the union territory from Friday and likely bring rains in the plains and light snowfall in the higher reaches of the valley.

The night temperatures improved across the Kashmir valley, but the minimum settled below

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BJP beacon of democracy, development: Chugh

'Mehbooba's remarks reflect ideological bankruptcy'



BJP National General Secretary and In-Charge for J&K and Ladakh, Tarun Chugh and others during party meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party National General Secretary and In-Charge for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Tarun Chugh on Friday attended a review

meeting at the BJP state office in Jammu as part of the ongoing 'Sangathan Parv'. The meeting, chaired by State President Sat Sharma, focused on

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'Membership drive to connect people with BJP'

JAMMU: Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, BJP & Prabhari, J&K BJP, accompanied by Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Dr. Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CMs, Shamsher Singh Manhas, former MP, Sunil Sharma, General Secretary & Leader of Opposition, Dr. Narinder Singh, National Secretary & MLA, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary & MLA, Adv Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, Priya

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Terrorists, terror ecosystem will be wiped out from J&K: Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha addressing at the 'Ati Vishnu Mahayagya' at Pouni on Friday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

REASI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday vowed to wipe out terror ecosystem and called upon every section of the society to discharge their responsibilities and join the fight against terrorism to secure our future.

"Terror ecosystem will be completely neutralized and terrorists will be wiped out

from Jammu Kashmir," he said after attending 'Ati Vishnu Mahayagya' at Pouni, Reasi and paying homage to the martyr soldiers and police personnel.

He expressed gratitude to Pujya Sant Shri Bal Yogeshwar Ji Maharaj, for organising 'Ati Vishnu Mahayagya' for the last many years to recall with pride the great sacrifice of

Jawans.

"The nation will forever remain indebted to brave soldiers, who have sacrificed their lives for the cause of unity, integrity, peace and progress. We have worked with sincerity and honesty to build a progressive and modern J&K of their dreams," the Lieutenant Governor said. He also spoke on

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- ▶ Under guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, J&K's journey towards growth, prosperity in last 50 months, has been exceptional
- ▶ We had envisioned peaceful, prosperous J&K UT; in last 4 years, we have taken many steps to speed up infrastructure development, build environment more conducive to industries, increase investment in various other sectors of economy
- ▶ Our people-centric policies, progressive reforms across sectors and dedicated focus on empowerment of youth, women, farmers and marginalised sections have paved way for rapid and inclusive development of J&K

Over 5.5 lakh applicants to compete for 4000 vacancies of Constables

CS calls for making foolproof arrangements for exam

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday chaired a meeting of Civil administration and Police Department to take stock of the preparations made by Deputy Commissioners to conduct the exams for selection of Constables in Police through J&K Services Selection Recruitment Board (SSRB).

Besides the Chairperson, JKSSRB those who attended the meeting includes Divisional Commissioner Kashmir/Jammu; ADGP, Jammu; IGP, Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners; SSPs and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to impress upon the officers to make adequate



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting in Jammu.

arrangements in terms of deployment of staff including observers, supervisors, invigilators and other personnel.

He urged the Deputy Commissioners to visit as many exam centres as possible besides creating teams under senior officers in district administration to examine all the exam centres established in their districts.

He sensitized them to ensure that no untoward incident of copying or malpractice occurs anywhere and orders deployment of enough security personnel at each centre in the district.

He enquired from them about the arrangements made for delivery of both sensitive and

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