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Three JeM terrorists killed, 4 Jawans injured in Srinagar encounter

3 hideouts busted in Kishtwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Three Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists were killed and four security forces personnel injured during an encounter in the Pantha Chowk area of the city here on Friday, police said.

One of the slain terrorists was involved in the December 13 attack on a police bus in the nearby Zewan area.

The three ultras were killed in the encounter at Pantha Chowk on the outskirts of Srinagar city, a police official said.

In the exchange of fire, three police personnel and a CRPF personnel were also injured, the official said, adding that they were rushed to a hospital for treatment.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar identified one of the slain terrorists as Suhail Ahmad Rather of proscribed terror outfit



One held for radicalising youngsters to join terror ranks in J&K: NIA

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested one Arsalan Feroz, an operative of The Resistance Front (TRF) terror group, for allegedly being involved in radicalising and recruiting youngsters to join terror ranks, officials said on Friday.

A spokesperson of the agency said searches were conducted in Kashmir on Thursday during which Feroz, a resident of downtown Srinagar, was arrested.

The case relates to a conspiracy hatched for radicalising, motivating and recruiting youngsters of Jammu and Kashmir to effect violent activities in the Union Territory and in other parts of the country by Sajjad Gul, Salim Rehmani alias Abu Saad and Saifullah Sajid Jutt. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

JeM. "As revealed during yesterday's PC, terrorist Suhail was also involved in #ZewanTerrorAttack. All terrorists involved in Zewan attack have been #neutralised," the IGP said in a tweet.

Two terrorists involved in the Zewan attack were killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag on Thursday.

In a related development, joint Cordon and search operation (CASO) of security forces concluded in Kalnoo area of Dachhan of District Kishtwar in which three hideouts were busted, police said.

On a specific information, a Joint CASO was launched in the area by security forces including JKP and Army.

According to SSP Kishtwar Shafiq Hussain Bhat, "One Chinese

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LG greets people on New Year

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has greeted the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the joyous occasion of New Year.

In a message, the Lt Governor said that as we welcome the dawn of a New Year, we should build upon the achievements of the past year in striving for the realization of our dreams.

"On the eve of the New Year, I want to assure all

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Parvaiz Ahmad Koul appointed Director SKIMS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday appointed Dr Parvaiz Ahmad Koul as the director of the Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) here.

Koul's appointment will take effect from January 1, according to an order.

"As approved by the Chairman, Governing Body, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar (Hon'ble Lieutenant

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44 top terrorists among 182 ultras killed in J&K in 2021: DGP



DGP Dilbag Singh briefing media in Jammu on Friday.

'Political leaders' comments unlawful, law will take its own course'

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbag Singh on Friday asserted that Hyderpora encounter was transparent and that political leaders who have been questioning the clean chit given to the forces should submit evidence to the investigation panels.

We have made it clear Hyderpora operation was transparent. If they have evidence, they should present it to the investigation panels, he said at a press conference on asked about the political leaders' comments against the probe by the local police.

We feel hurt about the utterances, Singh added. The top cop also said the political leaders' comments are unlawful and the law will take its own course in the matter.

trating into the country.

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Jammu Admn retrieves over 525 Kanals Govt land in 5 Tehsils

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: District Administration Jammu has retrieved 525 Kanal and 19 Marla government land in different parts of the district.

Intensifying its drive against illegal encroachers, different teams of Revenue officers/officials headed by respective Tehsildars and assisted by the local Police, launched anti-encroachment drive at different locations in Tehsils of Maira Mandrian, Jammu North, Tehsil Jammu South, Tehsil Marh, and Tehsil Bhalwal and retrieved the state land from the encroachers.

A team of Revenue offi-

cers/officials headed by Tehsildar Maira Mandrian, Mamta Sudarshan launched an anti encroachment drive at village Kandi and retrieved 77 kanal and 4 marla of state land from the encroachment.

Similarly, a joint team of revenue officers/officials and Police headed by Tehsildar Jammu North, Jai Singh, retrieved 10 kanal prime land at Village Mishriwala falling under Khasra Number 522, 544 and 512.

Another team of Revenue officers/officials headed by Tehsildar Marh, Ram Paul Sharma also launched

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Some mainstream Valley politicians trying to 'instigate' people: IGP



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Police chief Vijay Kumar on Friday hit out at the mainstream

politicians in the valley for trying to "instigate" the people, even as he said the political leaders or media do not

have a right to term the police investigation as wrong and only court can decide that.

Addressing a press conference here to list out the achievements of Kashmir Zone Police, the Inspector

General of Police, Kashmir, asked the politicians to desist from instigating the public and destroying the youth.

Kumar said the situation in the valley had improved in 2021, contrary to what some of the mainstream politicians

or some media persons suggest.

Some political party leaders, some section of media, keep on saying that the situation has not improved. Some have gone to the extent of saying that the situation was like 1990s. The factual data on the ground shows that whatever they are saying is wrong. There has been much improvement in the situation, the IGP told reporters at a press conference where only selected media persons were invited.

Giving details, he said, last year, 238 terror

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CS e-inaugurates 44 Aspirational Blocks

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday e-inaugurated 44 Aspirational Blocks under Aspirational Block Development Programme in presence of Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Sushma Chauhan, Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department, and other

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123 fresh COVID cases, 2 more deaths in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 123 fresh COVID-19 cases that took its tally to 3,41,290, while two more fatalities pushed the death toll to 4,528, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 58 were reported from the Jammu division and 65 from the Kashmir division of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 18.6°C Min: 5.1°C

Humidity

Max: 82 Min: 62

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 11.0°C Min: -3.0°C

Humidity

Max: 84 Min: 64

Sunset : 17:36 Hours

Sunrise : 07:33 Hours

DGP's Commendation Medals announced; DGP congratulates awardees

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP) J&K Dilbag Singh has awarded DGP's Commendation Medal and Certificate, in favour of 524 Police personnel/SPOs, 11 army personnel, 80 BSF/CRPF/ITBP/CISF/SS B personnel, two civilians and 13 civil government employees for meritorious and exemplary performance rendered by them during 2021.

The DGP J&K in his message has congratulated these awardees and hoped that they will continue to work with the same zeal & zest in future as well.

The Police officers & offi-



DySP Aakash Kohli Insp Rameshwar Insp Mohd A Wani Insp Sunil Kumar Insp Neena Chib Insp Anil Padha Insp Vinod Sharma ASI (M) Ajay Raina

cials who have been awarded with the DGPs commendations Medal and certificate include SSP Ashish Kumar Mishra IPS, SSP Sheema Nabi Qasba IPS, DySP (M) Nisar Ahmad Masoodi, DySP Parvez Ahmed, DySP Jagdev Singh, DySP Nisar Hussain Shah, DySP Ajay

Kumar Dubey, DySP Harvinder Singh, DySP Maroof Ahmad, DySP Abid Hussain Rafiqi, DySP Mohd Amin, DySP Mohd Abdullah, DySP Abdul Hamid, DySP Riyaz Ahmad, DySP Virender Singh, DySP Mohd Aslam, DySP Syed Sajad Hussain, DySP Rashid

Younis, DySP Zaheer Abbas, DySP Peer Zahoor Ahmad, DySP Sachin Gupta, DySP Lov Karan, DySP Shaid Nahiemi, DySP Raies Ahmad Mir, DySP Nikhil Gogna, DySP Mohsina Sebtain, DySP Parul Bhardwaj, DySP Afrat Hussain, DySP Preeti Verma, DySP Saqib

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Jamwal, Insp: Bahar Ahmad, Insp: Lalit Kumar, Insp:(S) Purnan Kumar, Insp:(Tel) Abid Hussain, Insp: Samson Bhatti, Insp: Vinod Kumar, Insp: Arshad Hussain, Insp: Rajpal Singh, Insp: Gurmeet Singh, Insp: Shrikant Parihar, Insp: Arshad

Ahmad, Insp:(S) Soni Kaul, Insp: Ghan Sham Singh, Insp: Vikram Singh, Insp: Rakesh Kumar, Insp: Suhail Ahmad, Insp: Rameshwar Singh, Insp: Mushtaq Ahmed, Insp: Sumesh Padha, W/Insp: Neena Chib, Insp: Sunil Kumar, ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Tarun Chugh discusses organisational, political matters with Devender Rana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary Arun Chugh on Friday discussed organisational matters besides political and developmental issues related to Jammu and Kashmir with senior leader Devender Rana and hoped that his amazing political perspective and vision will inspire the workers across the Union Territory.

Devender Rana, a former legislator and ex-Provincial President quit National Conference along with former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia and scores of senior leaders, close to him, and joined the BJP on October 11 this year.

The meeting between Devender Rana and the



National General Secretary, who is also the BJP incharge of Jammu and Kashmir, assumes significance as Jammu and Kashmir will be gearing up for the likely elections to the Legislative Assembly next year post the Delimitation Commission report, recommendations of which would be finalised after getting the observations of all the stakeholders by December 31, 2021.

In his Tweet in Hindi, Tarun Chugh observed (loose English translation), "Had a meeting with senior BJP leader Devender Singh Ranaji. Discussed organisational, political and development issues pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir. The amazing and vast political

perspective, futuristic thinking, firm will and enviable leadership qualities of Devender Singh Ranaji are source of inspiration for the BJP Karyakartas (workers).

Established as a most vocal face of the National Conference for about three decades, Rana developed differences with his erstwhile leadership for espousing the cause of Jammu and advocated equal rights in development, jobs and economic activities besides equitable role of the region in governance. He has been advocating Jammu Declaration for over a year, which was seen as a challenge to the Kashmir based leadership. The flashpoint

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