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Some people do question why terrorism-affected areas outside Kashmir Valley not taken that seriously?

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Rajouri terror attacks probe given to NIA, security action plan finalised for Jammu region: Amit Shah

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JAMMU: The probe into the recent terror attacks in Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday, as he assured the people of Jammu region of a secure atmosphere with a new action plan having 360-degree security

He said strengthening Village Defence Guards has nothing to do with the twin attacks in Dhangri on January 1 and 2 that left seven people dead and several others injured as the decision to empower these volunteers was taken in August last year.

While five persons were killed in the terrorist firing on January 1, two children lost their lives in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion the next day.



Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by LG Manoj Sinha chairing a high-level security review meeting in Jammu on Friday.

"The government of India has handed over the case related to two incidents in as many days (in Dhangri) to NIA yesterday. The NIA and Jammu police will together investigate this case along with all other terror incidents in Jammu region which had taken place in the past oneand-a-half years," Shah told a press conference after

Jai' does not lead to patriot-

ism. One will get the moral

chairing a high-level security review meeting at Raj Bhavan here.

The meeting was also attended by Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Financial Kashmir. Commissioner (ACS) Home, DGP, Jammu and Kashmir,

Northern Commander, Army and Command, Intelligence, and other senior officers of BSF and CRPF among others. He was scheduled to visit

 ${\bf Dhangri\ village\ but\ could\ not}$ due to inclement weather. "I have come here to meet

the victims of the terror attack in Rajouri and share their grief. The visit cannot weather but I have talked to the members of all the seven victim families on phone, Shah, who was flanked by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, said.

"Their courage is an example for the country and all of them were of the view that this is our region and we will not leave (under terror threat). Some of them had come from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and they are upbeat in their mood to fight terrorists despite such a major incident," he said.

Shah said he will definitely come again and meet them."

He assured the people that the terrorists involved in the attack would be identified and brought before the court within the shortest possible

Amit Shah said that with full empathy, the affected families would be given benefits through various schemes



Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by LG Manoj Sinha addressing a press conference in Jammu.

Shah talks to families of Rajouri terror attack victims on phone, lauds their courage

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday talked to the families of the victims of the Rajouri terror attacks on phone and lauded their resilience in the face of a "grave

Though Shah intended to meet the families in person in Dhangri village, the inclement weather forced him to changes his plans and he talked to them on the phone.

The home minister arrived here on Friday and reviewed the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir at a high-level meeting. "I have come here to meet the victims of the terror attack in Rajouri and share their grief. The visit cannot happen due to inclement weather ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

with this all possible help will be provided by the LG with relief measures under his authority.

On the security review meeting, the Home Minister said they have a detailed discussion in which all security agencies took part and conveyed that police, BSF, CRPF, SIA and Army are 100 per cent prepared to deal with any situation and stop such incidents in future.

Amit Shah said that compared to the time when menace of terrorism started in Jammu and Kashmir, there have been the least number of incidents and deaths in recent times.

"The meeting also discussed in detail the issue of over ground workers, support system of terror groups and their informers. We can say a 360-degree security net has been drawn (to root out terrorism) and all the

Chanting 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' not enough: Hosabale

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SULTANPUR (UP): Merely chanting "Bharat Mata ki Jai" does not lead to patriotism, which requires selfless service. RSS General Dattatreva Hosabale said on Friday.

Citing an example, he said it was not the name of Lord Rama but his work that uplift the people.

Addressing a Sankranti' programme here, Hosabale said, "The greatness of Shri Krishna, the superiority of Shri Rama do not have a place in one's life if it is not imbibed in their conduct, behaviour, surroundings, homes, premises and surroundings.

J&K Bank revises commitment charges

gesture of great relief

towards its borrowers, J&K

Bank on Friday revised the

commitment charges applicable in case of working cap-

ital facilities of its borrowers.

In response to the feedback

received from its various

stake holders, the revised

charges are applicable from

1st July, 2022 and will

Train derails in Kashmir,

no casualty

SRINAGAR: A bogev of a

train, which was going from

Baramulla to Banihal,

derailed in Budgam district on Friday, officials said here.

No was injured in the accident but train services on the

route have been suspended for

the time being. Officials said

the last bogev, which was empty, skidded off the track at

Mazahama in the district.

Further details are awaited.

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Min: 90

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Max: 2.3°C

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remain in force up to

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"Chanting 'Bharat

Top LeT operative among 6 charge-sheeted in drone arms dropping case in Kathua

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right to say this only when one works hard and makes serious efforts towards it intelligently.' The RSS functionary insisted on understanding the dreams of India's forefathers had about India and making efforts to realise "The rosary of legends of our country is no less than the civilisation of any other country to create enthusiasm

and awaken consciousness among our people," he said. Hosabale, upon his arrival here on Thursday, said RSS volunteers served the victims whenever there had been a crisis in the country.

JAMMU: The National

Investigation Agency has filed a charge sheet against a top Lashkar-e-Taiba operative and five others in a case of recovery of magnetic bombs and other explosive materials from a drone intercepted along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district last year, an official said

Lashkar-e-Taiba operative Sheikh Sajjad Gul, a resident of Srinagar, is absconding and has been recently designated as a terrorist under the Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) by through a gazette notifica-

An NIA spokesperson said the chargesheet against Gul and five others was filed in a special court here on Thursday in the case pertaining to the interception and recovery of a drone along with several rounds of Under Barrel Grenade Launcher and magnetic bombs from Dhalli near the International Border in Rajbagh area of Kathua district last year.

The case was initially registered on May 29 at Rajbagh Police Station and re-registered by the NIA on July 30.

"Investigations revealed that on directions of Gul, the Pakistani handler the

accused used to collect. receive and transport the weapons, dropped over drones, to the militants active in the Kashmir Valley for the commission of terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir, as part of the conspiracy to wage war against the Government of India," the spokesperson said.

Besides Gul, the others chargesheeted in the case are Faisal Muneer of Jammu and Habib, Mian Sohail, Muni Mohd (deceased) and Rashid -- all residents of Kathua, the spokesperson said. They were chargesheeted under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, UAPA, Arms Act and the Evologive Substances Act

VDG opens fire after noticing suspicious movement in Rajouri village ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A village defence guard (VDG) opened fire after allegedly noticing a suspicious movement in a village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district Thursday night, sources said. Village defence guards (VDGs) have been activated and given weapons in the Jammu region, especially in border district of Rajouri, after twin terror attacks in Dhangri village that left seven people dead. A VDG, Yashpal, fired a few rounds in the air from his gun after two suspicious persons came to his house in Androla village at around 8.30 pm, the sources said. They suspects escaped

taking the advantage of dark-

they added.

LG, former CMs condole Sharad Yadav's demise

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR/JAMMU:

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and other leaders of the Union Territory on Friday paid tributes to late socialist leader Sharad Yadav, saying he did not compromise with his values of secularism and diversity and always stood with the

The 75-year-old Yadav died on Thursday at a private hospital in Gurugram. He is survived by his wife, daughter and son.

The veteran socialist leader had been suffering from kidney-related issues for a long time and regularly underwent dialysis

The LG said he was deeply saddened at the demise of Yaday. "His long public career is

an inspiring example of selfless service to the people. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti", Sinha tweeted. Former Congress leader

Ghulam Nabi Azad, who has floated the Democratic Azad Party, said Yadav will be missed by all. "Heartfelt condolences on

the passing away of former Union Minister Sharad Yadav Ji. Sharad Ji was a towering leader who always stood with the poorest & the weakest. My tribute to the last of the great

Hate speeches complete menace; we want free, balanced press in India: SC

the Ministry of Home Affairs

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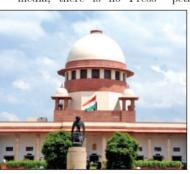
NEW DELHI: Hate speeches are a "complete menace". Supreme observed on Friday and rued the lack of regulatory control on TV news content, saying it wants "free

and balanced press in

India".

The top court said nowadays everything is driven by TRP (television rating point) and channels are competing with each other and creating a division in society. It wondered why can't a TV news anchor, if they become a part of the problem of propagating hate speech, be taken off air.

It said unlike for print media, there is no Press



Council of India for news channels, and observed "We want free speech, but at what cost"

A bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna,

which was hearing a batch of petitions seeking a curb on

> hate speech incidents across the country and action against the culprits, said, "Hate speech has become a complete menace. It has to stop."

> Expressing concern over media trial, the bench pointed to the recent incident of a man allegedly urinating on an Air India flight, saying, "He was called names

Media people should understand he is still under trial and he should not be denigrated. Everyone has dignity." Justice Joseph said

VARANASI: Strong connectivity is essential for building a developed India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday while flagging off the world's longest river cruise 'MV Ganga Vilas' which will travel 3,200 km in 51 days to reach Dibrugarh via Bangladesh, sailing across 27 river systems.

Modi via video conferencing also inaugurated a Tent City at Varanasi, developed on the banks of the Ganga opposite the famed ghats of the holy city, to tap the tourism potential of the region.

Besides, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for several other inland waterways projects worth more than Rs 1,000 crore in West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Assam during the event.

In his address, Modi pointed out that the world's longest river cruise from **■ CONTD ON PAGE 9**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagging-off World's Longest River Cruise - MV Ganga Vilas in Varanasi via video conferencing on Friday.

Snowfall drapes Kashmir in white; highway shut, flights suspended Jammu plains lashed by rain

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SRINAGAR: Moderate to snowfall covered Kashmir on Friday, with streets and buildings cloaked in white and the Valley remaining cut-off from the rest of the country.

While landslides and shooting stones in Ramban district resulted in the closure of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway for vehicular traffic, flight operations were suspended at the airport here due to poor visibility, officials

Authorities issued avalanche warnings in 10 districts of Jammu and

Kashmir. The higher reaches of the

Union Territory moderate to heavy snowfall, while many areas in the plains, including Srinagar, received light to moderate snowfall, the officials said.

The fresh snowfall started early in the morning and continued at several places till the last reports came in, they

officials said the The ski-resort famous ofGulmarg recorded about eight inches of snowfall, following by 14 inches in Pahalgam and about 2.5-3 feet in Sonamarg (in the last 24 hours).

Many other areas in the higher reaches experienced very heavy snowfall, they



added

The plains in Jammu were lashed by rain.

The inclement weather resulted in the closure of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway -- the only all-weather road connecting the Valley with the rest of the country, the officials said.

The highway was closed for traffic due to landslides in the Mehar area of Ramban district and slippery conditions of the road for most

part of the day, they said. The officials said road clearance was completed in the evening, but only stranded vehicles were allowed to

Avalanche warning issued for 10 districts in J&K

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday issued an avalanche warning for 10 districts which have witnessed moderate to heavy snowfall over the past 48 hours.

The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) issued a 'high danger' avalanche warning for Bandipora and Kupwara districts of north Kashmir and a 'medium danger' warning for Baramulla and Ganderbal districts.

'Avalanche with high danger level is likely to occur above 2,000 metres of Bandipora and Kupwara districts in the next 24 hours. "Avalanche with medium danger level is likely to occur above 2,000 metres of Baramulla and Ganderbal districts in the next 24 hours," SDMA officials said.

They said avalanches with low danger level are likely to occur in areas 2,000 metres above sea level in Anantnag, Doda, Kishtwar, Kulgam, Poonch and Ramban. People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid avalanche-prone areas, the officials said. Two labourers from Kishtwar died on Thursday when an avalanche hit the work site of a construction company in Ganderbal district's Sonmarg. The higher reaches of Kashmir have been receiving moderate to heavy snowfall for the past 48 hours. Snowfall started in the plains of the Valley on Friday morning.

However, slippery conditions prevail with intermittent shooting stones and mudslides along the route, the officials said, advising

caution. The weather conditions also affected air traffic at the Srinagar airport.

commuters to travel with

Air traffic to and from the valley was suspended and most flights cancelled due to snowfall and low visibility, the officials said.

The flight operations had taken place in the morning, but had to be suspended due to continuous snowfall and low visibility, they said.

All flights for Friday were cancelled due to

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