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Got vital leads in Rajouri terror attack case: DGP

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces have got several concrete leads in the Rajouri terror attack case in which seven civilians were killed, Director General of Police Dilbag Singh said on Tuesday.

Singh said several people who were in contact with the terrorists have been questioned and the police will "achieve success very soon".

He said the security forces have launched operations in the area four times, but so far, there has not been any success.

"We have got many solid proofs during the investigation. We have the details of many people who came in their contact, some of them have been questioned as well. Arrests will be made as per the requirement. This process is on and I am hopeful that we will achieve success very soon," the J-K

Reviews security situation in valley



DGP Dilbag Singh chairing security review meeting at Srinagar.

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbag Singh reviewed the security situation in the valley on Tuesday and emphasized on taking stringent action against terror support systems and narco-terror modules, an official spokesperson said.

Singh chaired the meeting of officers of the Kashmir zone at the Police Control Room here this evening. "DGP J&K Sh Dilbag Singh chairs crime/security review meeting at PCR #Kashmir. Stresses on stringent actions against terror support system, Narcotics & Narco terror modules," the official tweeted.

He said the DGP also reviewed the security arrangements for the forthcoming Republic Day celebrations in the Valley.

director general of police told reporters here.

Seven people belonging to a particular community were killed and 14 others injured in a twin strike by terrorists at Dhangri village of Rajouri on January 1 and 2.

Asked about deputy chief of Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba, Abdul Rehman Makki, being designated as global terrorist by UN Security Council, Singh said the move will help tighten the noose around the perpetrators of terror in J-K and across the country.

"Those prominent characters perpetrating terror in J-K and other parts of India from across the border for a long time now have become infamous at the national and the international levels. People across the world know their mischiefs," he said. The J-K police chief said

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VDC member resorts to aerial firing in Rajouri village

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A Village Defence Committee (VDC) member fired in air on Tuesday evening after he mistook hue and cry over a fire incident in Draman village of Rajouri district as suspicious movement.

An official told that fire broke out in a house at Draman village and family members raised hue and cry, seeking help from the people. On hearing their cry,

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SEC extends 2 days for filling of claims, objections for updation of Panchayat Electoral Roll

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The State Election Commission (SEC) has extended the period of filling of claims and objections for Addition/Deletion/Correction/Transposition by two days upto 20th January, 2023;

The extension in the dates from January 18th to January 20th has been done to facilitate all the

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Two LeT terrorists eliminated in Budgam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists were killed in a brief encounter with security personnel near the court complex in Budgam district on Tuesday, police said.

"On a specific input about the movement of terrorists through Budgam, a joint area domination party of the Army and Police tried to stop one suspected vehicle near the court complex. Terrorists fired upon and in retaliation two terrorists were killed," a police spokesperson said.

Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the slain terrorists were affiliated to proscribed outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba and have been identified as Arbaaz Mir and Shahid Sheikh, both from Pulwama district.

Kumar said both the terrorists had escaped from a cordon and search operation



last week in the nearby Magam area.

An AK rifle and a pistol were recovered from them, he said.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event, DGP Dilbag Singh said the militants were probably looking for a new hideout after they fled from the previous one last week.

"There was an operation in Redbugh area two days ago in which there was some firefight, but terrorists managed to escape. We were

looking for them and checkpoints had been put up for that.

"We had inputs about their movement in a vehicle. When this vehicle was signalled to stop, terrorists came down and started firing. In the retaliatory fire, two terrorists were killed," Singh said.

"It is a matter of investigation whether they were headed to Srinagar. Perhaps they were moving in search of a new hideout after leaving the old one," he added.

LG hands-over appointment letter to martyr P K Bhat's wife



LG Manoj Sinha handing over appointment letter to Sweetie Bhat, wife of martyr Puran Krishan Bhat.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday handed over appointment letter to.

Sweetie Bhat, wife of martyr Puran Krishan Bhat, who was martyred by terrorists in Shopian.

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Misappropriation of cement & steel: Court directs ACB to complete investigation in three months

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Anti-corruption Kathua Kamlesh Pandit has directed Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu for carrying out further investigation and completing the same in 3 months, in FIR 20/2012 of ACB Jammu registered under section 5(1)(c)(d) read with section 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and 467, 468, 471, 120-B and 201 of RPC, wherein ACB booked the then BDO and Store Keeper for misappropriation for cement and steel.

During arguments on point of charge/discharge, it was submitted that on the verifi-

cation conducted into allegations of misappropriation of cement/steel in BDO Block Barnoti, during 2002 to 2007 by the storekeeper Mohinder Singh (accused-2) and others, ACB Jammu revealed that misappropriation to the tune of Rs 9,21,735 has taken place in the stock of cement and steel stores of Block Barnoti by making false/duplicate entries of cement/steel in Stock issuance register and by fudging actual stock position. It further transpired that accused-2 (storekeeper) by abusing his official position and in breach of trust reposed in him as storekeeper, by making false and dupli-

cate entries in the stock issuance record and by fudging of actual stock position misappropriated 4364 bags of cement and 12.97 quintals steel amounting to Rs 9,21,735 during 2002-2007. The said quantity was shown issued for undertaking different works under various departmental schemes, whereas it was not actually issued. The verification further revealed that on the basis of departmental assessment made by then ACD Kathua, a recovery of Rs 3,27,918 was made in the month of March 2006 from accused-2 (Storekeeper Mohinder Singh), amounting to criminal misconduct under

J&K Prevention of Corruption Act 2006 Svt. and committed the offence punishable under section 5(1) (c)(d) read with Section 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt 2006 and 120-B, 409, 467, 468 & 471 RPC. Consequently, FIR was registered in Police Station VOJ, now ACB Jammu on 06-11-2012 and investigation started.

Additional Sessions Judge Kathua Kamlesh Pandit after hearing both the sides, observed that allegations against the main accused namely Mohinder Singh hereinafter referred as accused-2 are that he

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Two heroin suppliers arrested from Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two suspected heroin suppliers were arrested and contraband worth Rs 1.10 lakh seized from them in Samba district on Tuesday, a senior police officer said.

Mushtaq Ali alias "Kaka" of Bari Brahmana and Md Arif alias "Billa" of Ramkot-Kathua were arrested during checking along the Jammu-Pathankot Highway, Senior Superintendent of Police (Samba) Benam Tosh said.

Calling the duo's arrest a "big catch", the officer said the police had been looking for them. Billa and Kaka were the top smugglers-cum-suppliers of heroin, he

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Modi says India's best era coming; asks party workers to connect with all sections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked BJP members to reach out to every section of society, including minorities such as Bohras, Pasmandas and Sikhs, and work for them without electoral considerations, party sources said here.

In his address at the BJP national executive, which concluded with his remarks, Modi noted that nearly 400 days are left for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and asked party members to serve every section with full dedication in a speech described by several participants as his big vision



to expand the saffron organisation and lead the country in every aspect.

Various party members who were part of the audience said the prime minister spoke highly of 'sufism' and also asked them to meet pro-

fessionals from different walks of life and visit places like universities and churches to connect with them.

The prime minister said India's best era is coming and the party should

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Kashmir problem will not die unless we talk to our neighbour: Farooq

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Tuesday said the Kashmir problem will not die "unless we talk to our neighbour" and find a real solution to the issue that has been festering for decades. He also said India will not

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Police to verify identity of inhabitants living in close proximity of IB in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ahead of the Republic Day celebrations, the Jammu and Kashmir Police will carry out verification of inhabitants living in close proximity of the International Border in Samba district and ensure that no outsider movement goes unchecked, officials said on Tuesday. A direction to this effect was conveyed

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Focus on sanitation & employment generation in your areas: CS to DCs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday took a detailed review of the government initiatives of rural sanitation and employment generation for youth across the districts of J&K.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Commissioner Secretary, Revenue; Secretary Law; Deputy Commissioners and Directors of Rural Development and Rural Sanitation.

Some of the officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta enquired from the officers about the status of cleanliness across the villages of the UT. He maintained that the funds for sanitation is never an issue and the only requirement is commitment on part of the district administration. He made out that the machinery and logistics for the same should be procured at an earliest.

He enjoined upon all the DCs to personally monitor this service in all of the villages. He asked them to report about the status of door to door collection of waste, construction of segregation sheds, provision of

Composit pits and grey water treatment in each of the villages for their total cleanliness and hygienic environment. He told them to give attention to the disposal of legacy waste also so that the objective of 'Swachh Gram' turns into reality before the commencement of Republic Day this year. The Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers to make the water bodies developed under 'Mission Amrit Sarovar' as vibrant, cultural centres where all village level activities are held. He impressed upon them to continue identifying

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J&K Admn grants permission for Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar: Cong

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has granted permission for a mega rally to mark the culmination of the Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' at Srinagar's Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium on January 30, a senior Congress leader said on Tuesday.

AICC J-K In-charge Rajni Patil said leaders of 23 political parties from across the country and people from abroad were expected to take part in the rally.

"We have received permission from the Jammu and Kashmir administration for the January 30 rally at Sher-



AICC J&K In-charge Rajni Patil, former Dy CM Tara Chand briefing media in Jammu on Tuesday.

e-Kashmir in Srinagar. The yatra's Jammu and Kashmir leg will be the most successful with massive participation of people," Patil told reporters.

She said the yatra had generated tremendous response from the first day.

The march, which started from Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu on September 7, will conclude with Gandhi

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Two ex-DAP leaders join Congress in Jammu

JAMMU: In another setback to the Ghulam Nabi Azad led Democratic Azad Party (DAP), two of its former leaders on Tuesday joined the Congress along with 58 other political activists here.

Former Member of Legislative Council (MLC) Nizamuddin Khatana, his son and former vice chairman of Gujjar and Bakervial Welfare Board Gulzar Ahmad Khatana and others were welcomed into the party fold by AICC J-K in-charge Rajni Patil and J-K Congress president

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Kashmir experiences sub-zero night temperature

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The minimum temperature settled below the freezing point in Kashmir as the weather stayed dry, even as the Meteorological Department has forecast rains and snow from the mid-week, officials said on Tuesday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.7 degrees Celsius on Monday night -- down from minus 1.9 degrees Celsius the night before, they said. The minimum temperature was 0.6 degree below the normal.

Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, registered a minimum of minus 5.4 degrees Celsius 2.1 degrees below the normal. Kokernag in

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 16.8°C Min: 3.1°C

Humidity
Max: 96 Min: 63

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 8.2°C Min: -2.7°C

Humidity
Max: 94 Min: 49

Sunset: 17:50 Hours
Sunrise: 07:33 Hours