

03 Rajouri terror attack: Jammu Bar to suspend work today

India fully capable to thwart challenges along border: Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BOLENG (ARUNACHAL PRADESH): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday asserted that India has every capability to thwart challenges along the border to protect the country's territory.

Singh also said India never encourages war, and always wants to maintain cordial relations with its neighbours. However, "the Indian Army has the capability to face any challenge along the border", and is ready to deal with any situation, he said during the inauguration of a Border Roads Organisation (BRO) bridge here.

"India is a country which never encourages war and always wants to maintain cordial relations with its neighbours.. This is our philosophy inherited from Lord Rama and from the teachings of Lord Buddha. The country has every capability to face any kind of situation



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing after dedicating 28 infrastructure projects to nation.

Inaugurates 2 infra projects to improve road connectivity in J&K, Ladakh

SRINAGAR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday inaugurated two infrastructure projects to improve road connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Union territories, officials said.

Singh, who inaugurated 28 projects in virtual mode while on a visit to Arunachal Pradesh, dedicated to people the Maitra Bridge in Ramban district and the double-lane Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri road, they said.

The Maitra Bridge (Jhula Bridge) at Ramban, a 240-feet Bailey suspension bridge, was thrown open to vehicular traffic in just 31 days after work began on the project, two months ahead of its scheduled

03 PoJK DPs had shown high resistance in 1947, shall continue to do so: MJR-47

Ex-gratia provided to NoK of Dhangri martyrs

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RAJOURI: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Tuesday visited the residences of families of those who lost their lives in the Terrorist Attack at Dhangri, and handed over ex-gratia relief sanctioned by the Lieutenant Governor.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs 10 lakh for each family, who lost their members in the

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Major canals of Jammu province being closed for annual desilting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: All the Major Canals of Jammu province i.e. Ranbir Canal, New Partap Canal and Kathua Canal including their network shall be closed from Jan 7, 2023 for annual desilting and repair works.

The date of opening of the Canal shall be notified separately. As decided in consultation with

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Tearful adieu to 6 martyred in twin terror incidents in Rajouri

NIA team reaches Dangri village

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RAJOURI/JAMMU: The mortal remains of six people including two minor cousins who were martyred in twin terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district were given a tearful and emotional farewell as they were cremated at their native place on Tuesday.

Hundreds of sobbing mourners - relatives, friends and neighbours - queued up with flowers and wreaths to pay their last respects to the mortal remains at the government higher second school, where the bodies were kept for the night.

Amid slogans by people who took out processions, the bodies of the six victims of the terror attacks at Dhangri village, were brought to the cremation ground for last rites.

The bodies of four-year-old Vihan Sharma, 16-year-old Samiksha Sharma, Satish



People gather to attend last rites of six civilians who were martyred in Dangri terror attack at Rajouri on Tuesday.

Kumar (45), Deepak Kumar (23), Pritam Lal (57) and Shishu Pal (32) were cremated

Rajouri city and adjoining areas, officials said. Cordon and search opera-

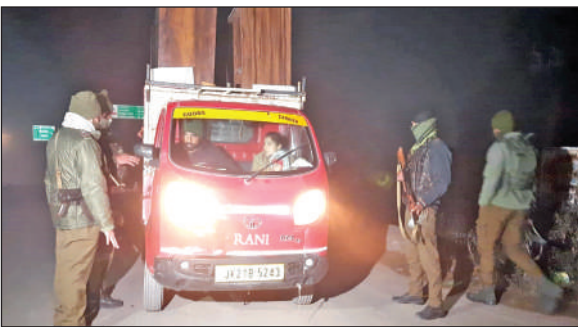
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ed in six pyres lined up at Dhangri cremation ground. The cremation took place amid tight security arrangements. Security has been beefed up in and around

tions are on to track down terrorists involved in the killings, they said. Police has announced Rs 10 lakh award to anyone

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Night curfew imposed along International Border in Samba



Security forces checking vehicle as night curfew begins in Samba district.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Authorities on Tuesday imposed night curfew on a kilometre-long stretch along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district to ensure bet-

ter area domination by BSF troops, according to an official order.

The step was taken in view of the threat of cross-border infiltration and smuggling of weapons through

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Former J&K terrorist gets 8 years imprisonment in rape case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A former terrorist was on Monday sentenced to eight years of imprisonment in connection with a rape case in Kishtwar district seven years ago.

District and Sessions Judge, Kishtwar, Y P Kotwal held Raju alias Bilal of Sigdi village of

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Slight respite in cold wave in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Even with the mercury staying several degrees below freezing point across the valley, Kashmir got a slight respite from intense cold wave conditions, officials said on Tuesday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius Monday night compared to minus 5.4 degrees Celsius a night earlier. Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which also serves

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J&K has become tourist hotspot, no longer terrorist hotspot: MHA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir, which used to be a "terrorist hotspot", has become a "tourist hotspot" as 22 lakh tourists visited the Union Territory in 2022, nearly four time more than the previous highest, the Union Home Ministry said on Tuesday.

According to the 'Year End Review 2022' of the Home Ministry, released on Tuesday, the number of terror incidents in J and K decreased from 417 in 2018 to 229 in 2021, while the number of security forces personnel martyred has reduced from 91 in 2018 to

42 in 2021.

"Earlier, it was a terrorist hotspot and today it has become a tourist hotspot in Kashmir Valley. Earlier, maximum six lakh tourists used to visit every year, whereas this year till now, 22 lakh tourists have visited. This has given employment to thousands of youth," the year end review said.

The ministry said there are no incidents of stone pelting in Jammu and Kashmir now as the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is moving ahead on the path of development with firmness in the UT.

ity of the Bench-II at J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu as the Presiding Judicial Member of the Bench had been elevated as the Additional Judge of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Justice Rajesh Sekhri) and today the case was adjourned for want of the Arguing Counsel of the Appellant Mamta Singh W/o Dr. Nirmal Singh (Ex-Dy. CM, J&K).

The matter was being heard by the Bench-II of the J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu headed by new incumbent Presiding Officer Rajiv Gupta, Member (J). Advocate Rahul Sadotra appearing for the Appellant

Mamta Singh sought adjournment and time to advance final arguments in the matter stating that the Arguing Counsel Senior Advocate R. K. Gupta was not available today, whereas Advocate Adarsh Sharma appeared for JDA in the matter.

It may be recalled that Dr. Nirmal Singh and his wife Mamta Singh were issued a Notice under section 7(3) of the Control of Building Operations Act, 1988 for raising construction of a Palatial House at village Ban, Nagrota without seeking prior permission from Jammu

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Court rejects bail application of habitual narco smuggler

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Udhampur Dinesh Gupta rejected the bail application of Rakesh Singh who is habitual narco smuggler who is involved in case FIR NO.524/2022 s/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act and is presently lodged in Judicial custody at Distt. Jail Udhampur. The contraband Heroine (Chitta) weighing 5.51 gms (excluding poly-bag) intermediate quantity was recovered from the personal search of accused. It is worthwhile to mention here that accused Rakesh Singh is habitual offender and also involved in other cases

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Impressive Nagar Kirtan taken out in Jammu ahead of Gurgurab



Panj Pyare leading the Nagar Kirtan in Jammu on Tuesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An impressive Nagar-Kirtan was on Tuesday taken out in Jammu city by the members of Sikh community

in connection with the ensuing birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj. Hundreds of people from various parts of Jammu participated in

"Nagar Kirtan."

The procession began from Gurdwara yadgaar Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Chand Nagar. After passing through major areas of Jammu, it culminated at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu.

Thousands of Sikh devotees took part in the Nagar Kirtan. A 'palki sahib' was leading the procession in which Sri Guru Granth Sahib (the holy scripture of Sikhs) was carried on a beautifully decorated vehicle along with 'Nishaan Sahibs' (religious flags).

The 'Panj Pyaras' (five beloved ones) in their traditional attire were the cynosure of attraction all along the procession.

The other major attraction of the procession was the display of Gatka, a Sikh martial art, and other breathtaking sword exercises all

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 12.8°C Min: 3.6°C

Humidity
Max: 95 Min: 94

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Max: 9.5°C Min: -4.4°C

Humidity
Max: 89 Min: 60

Sunset: 17:28 Hours
Sunrise: 07:25 Hours