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VDCs reactivated, 15 CRPF companies deployed in Rajouri, Poonch for minority areas

Cordon-search ops continue in Rajouri villages

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Fifteen companies of CRPF comprising 1,500 personnel have been deployed in Jammu and Kashmir's twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch to secure minority areas in the region, while the authorities re-activated the village defence committee (VDCs) by providing members with new ammunition of .303 rifles to strengthen the self-defence set up in the border district.

The development comes in the aftermath of twin terror attacks in Rajouri's Dangri village on Sunday evening and Monday in which six people of a minority community including two children were killed and 11 others were injured.

The incidents, occurring barely 14 hours apart, triggered protests across the district. One company of

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Searches continue to track 3 men jumping Naka

RAJOURI: Search operation to track down three suspected persons, who jumped a police checkpoint and escaped to a forest area in Rajouri district, continued.

"We are searching the three persons who escaped into forest belt after jumping the checkpoint of police," Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Mukesh Singh said.

However, he clarified that there were no weapons or bags with them.

"Terror angle is unlikely in this case," he added.

Security forces are on high alert in Rajouri after six people were killed in two terrorist attacks in Dhangri village of the district. "A motorcycle with three riders broke a police naka at Thalka near Nowshera. However,

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Dangri massacre: Woman, others being grilled for giving shelter to terrorists

RAJOURI: The Investigating agencies probing attack in Rajouri's Dangri village have detained a woman for questioning as it has been learnt that the terrorists had stayed at her house for two days.

Now the police is inquiring that whether she had kept the terrorists at her home or they were staying on gunpoint. Apart from police, other agencies have also questioned the woman, who has disclosed that the terrorists had also taken food and drinks at her place. Apart from this, police has also detained a Naib Sarpanch besides a dozen others for questioning.

'Micheal' saved 3 families during Dangri terror strike

DANGRI: A pet dog's frantic barks alerting its guardians minutes before a terror attack on their home in the Dangri hamlet of Rajouri district saved at least three families in the neighbourhood from being wiped out.

Four minority community members were killed and six injured in indiscriminate firing by terrorists on four houses in the Upper Dangri village on Sunday, officials said.

The family of Nirmal Devi, however, can thank their pet -- Micheal -- for saving their lives. The dog's yelps and high-pitched barks alerted Nirmal Devi and her granddaughter, who went outside to find out if anything was wrong. They soon heard the rattle of AK-rifles as the

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SABROOM (TRIPURA): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday announced the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will be ready by January 1, 2024, the year the Lok Sabha elections will be held.

This is being seen as an indication that Ram Mandir, a plank raked up by the saffron camp since 1990 when BJP leader L K Advani started out on a Rath Yatra to focus on the issue, may again be one of the cornerstones of BJP's campaign in the next general election.

"Rahul baba, listen from Sabroom that a mammoth Ram Mandir will be ready on January 1, 2024," he said attacking Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who is in the midst of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, a 3500 kilometres long march from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.

Secretary of Ram Mandir Trust Champat Rai and chief



priest of Ram Jannabhooni temple Acharya Satyendra Das had come out with separate statements appreciating Gandhi for the Bharat Jodo Yatra earlier this week.

Advani's Rath Yatra was believed a major factor in the rise of the BJP in the 1990s which had been politically hit by both the advent of Rajiv Gandhi in 1984 and the Mandal Commission award in the late 1980s which saw regional parties espousing the cause of OBCs gaining strength.

The Rath Yatra also saw the spawning of a movement

calling for the destruction of the 16th-century Mosque in Ayodhya, which some believed was the site of a palace where Lord Ram was born. It culminated in the public destruction of the mosque by saffron brigade volunteers in December 1992.

Addressing a public rally at Sabroom in Tripura, where assembly polls are due early this year, Shah said that the Congress and Communists had put the Ram Mandir issue in the jurisdiction of the court for long,

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Peace, tranquillity along border essential for development ties with China: India

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday asserted that peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) are essential for overall development of bilateral relationship with China.

The comments by External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi came at a media briefing when asked about new Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang's remarks that both sides are willing to ease the situation in context of the border standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"You are aware of India's long-standing position - that ensuring peace and tranquillity in the border areas is essential for the development of our relationship," Bagchi said.

"So too is the observance of bilateral agreements and refraining from unilateral attempts to change the status quo of the boundary," he added.

In an op-ed article in a US-based magazine days before he became the foreign minister, Qin wrote: "As to the border issues between China and India, the status quo is that both sides are willing to ease the situation and jointly protect peace along their borders." India and China are locked in a lingering border standoff in eastern

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Mayor appeals Jammuites to remove encroachments at their own

Takes on DC Jammu over encroachment drive

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Reacting to the schedule of anti-encroachment drive issued by the office of the District Magistrate Jammu to carry out anti-encroachment drives on public roads, pathways, streets, lane etc. without the knowledge of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma on Thursday said that District Administration should have taken the JMC into confidence before removing the encroachments as everyone should be given chance to be heard first.

In a press briefing, the Mayor appealed to all Jammuites to remove



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma briefing media on Thursday.

DC Jammu should have taken JMC into confidence before conducting anti-encroachment drive, says Mayor Jammu
Rajinder Sharma urges shopkeepers & vendors not to encroach upon main roads, footpaths & pavements

encroachments, if any, at their own in compliance to the High Court orders.

The Mayor said that he himself along with chairpersons of the Standing

Committees and councilors toured the city areas and made an appeal to the Jammuites to remove encroachments at their own to avoid unnecessary harassment.

The press conference was also attended by Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Councillors.

The Mayor briefed the media fraternity that High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh passed a judgement in the case titled Jammu Municipal Corporation Vs Mohd. Nadeem and Anr. in OWP No. 298/2011 (O&M) and issued directions that the Government of

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SIU conducts raids at multiple locations in Kupwara



SIU team carrying out search in a house at Kupwara district.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: The State Investigation Unit (SIU) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday conducted raids at multiple locations in Kupwara district in connection with a case regarding terrorist activities in the

area.

The raids were carried out in an under investigation case of Police Station Kupwara registered vide FIR number 276/2022 under sections 120-B, 121, 121-A, 122, 123 IPC

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Bail plea of two rejected in SI recruitment scam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: CJM Jammu Anjum Ara rejected bail applications of Surinder Kumar and Bajinder Singh who were challaned by the CBI in SI paper leakage scam. While rejecting the bail applications, CJM Jammu Anjum Ara observed that accused Surinder Kumar entered into criminal conspiracy with

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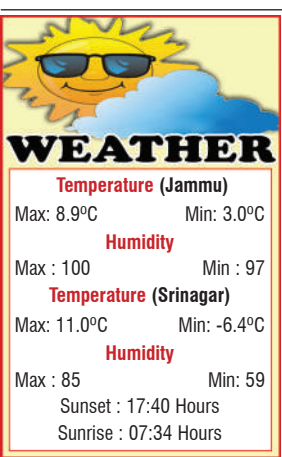
Srinagar, other places experience coldest night

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Srinagar and few other weather stations in Jammu and Kashmir experienced the coldest night of the season so far as the minimum temperature plunged several degrees below the freezing point at most places in the valley, officials said on Thursday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 6.4 degrees Celsius last night against minus

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 8.9°C Min: 3.0°C

Humidity
Max: 100 Min: 97

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 11.0°C Min: -6.4°C

Humidity
Max: 85 Min: 59

Sunset : 17:40 Hours
Sunrise : 07:34 Hours

Security agencies committed to safety of every citizen of country: Chugh

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Thursday said that the security agencies of the country are alert and committed to the safety of every citizen of the country.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Government is committed to provide security to every citizen", Chugh said adding that those who have killed our people by lapse in security will not be spared at any cost.

The incidents of terrorism inside the country and especially in J&K have been

almost eliminated, he said. "In 2018, there were 417 incidents of terrorism which have come down to 42 today.



We have brought down 54 percent in the incidents of terrorism and 84 percent in the martyrdom of security personnel", Chugh said, adding "We have been able to

stop the incidents of terrorism. The government is keeping an eye on the recruitment of terrorists and there has been a reduction of 22 percent in this recruitment as well.

Commenting on former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti terming the BJP as failing to stop terrorism, Chugh said terrorism and their sleeper cells have ended.

"Now your agenda of poison, making brother-brother fight, is not going to work in Jammu and Kashmir", he added.

Gurpurab celebrated with full religious fervour

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JAMMU: Gurpurab was celebrated on Thursday with full religious fervor and enthusiasm across the city.

The devotees, including women and children, visited various Gurudwaras across the city and paid their obeisance seeking blessings from Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

The Gurudwaras were decorated for Gurpurab celebrations where devotees started visiting right from early morning to pay their obeisance. The main function was held at Yadgar Sri Guru Nanak Dev Gurudwara, Gumat, where heavy rush of devotees was witnessed. The administration had also made elaborate security arrangements for peaceful celebrations.

The religious preachers, including Ragis, who came from different parts of the UT and outside, delivered religious sermons and teachings of Guru



Gurpurab celebrations: Devotees paying obeisance at Gurudwara Guru Nanak Dev Ji Chand Nagar Jammu on Thursday.

Gobind Singh Ji and urged the people to follow the path as shown by Guru Gobind Singh Ji. They also highlighted the sacrifice of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Guru ka Langar was also served among the devotees.

The stage of Samagam was conducted by the General Secretary of District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee Jammu. Vote of thanks was presented by the President of the District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee Jammu S. Ranjit Singh

Dangri attack victims' families expose GMC Jammu's poor management

ST IMPACT: Expert team of medicos led by AIIMS doctors visits GMC Jammu

► Principal GMC Jammu, other doctors also visited after STATE TIMES' report

► BJP Chief Ravinder Raina assures best medical care to injured

■ MALU SHARMA

JAMMU: Reacting to the STATE TIMES exclusive report, a joint team of eight doctors from AIIMS Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Katra, ASCOMS Jammu and Military Hospital Jammu on late Thursday evening visited Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu to review condition and treatment procedure adopted for Dangri terror attack victims admitted in GMC Jammu.

Pertinent to mention that earlier in morning, the atten-



Experts' team examining treatment procedure at GMC Jammu on late Thursday evening.

dants assembled and lodged complaint about poor management in hospital and

sought LG Manoj Sinha's intervention.

Before the joint team's

arrival, Principal GMC Jammu along with a team of doctors visited Dangri attack victims admitted in GMC Hospital, Jammu and their attendants on watching their protest on STATE TIMES portal. Moreover, J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina also rushed to GMC hospital to resolve the issues faced by patients and their attendants.

As per details, one Ritik Sharma, an attendant of a critically injured namely Prince Sharma, who is presently in GMC's

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Training for first batch of Agniveers begins in Jammu



GOC-in-C Northern Command Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi during visit to state of the Art Agniveer training facility at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The training for the first batch of Agniveers begins amid the visit of Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Manoj Dwivedi to review preparedness at the Agniveer training

facility (ATF) at the Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI) regimental centre in the outskirts of Jammu city. The youth of Jammu and Kashmir has shown a considerable amount

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