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Two terrorists killed as Army foils infiltration bid along LoC in Poonch

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two heavily armed terrorists were killed as the Army foiled a second major infiltration attempt along the Line of Control in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir in over a week, an official spokesperson said on

The infiltration bid was scuttled in Balakote sector late on Saturday evening and a massive search operation was underway when the last reports were received, the Army spokesperson said.

Earlier on December 29, the Army had foiled an infiltration bid in Krishna Ghati sector.

"At around 7 pm (on Saturday), the alert troops observed suspicious movement of two infiltrators who were trying to sneak across the LoC in Balakote sector. The troops along the LoC and fence were alerted and kept observing the area," the spokesperson said.



Brigadiers P Acharya (Commander 13 Sector RR) and R Krishnan during a joint press conference.

Timely recovery of IED averts major tragedy in Rajouri

RAJOURI/JAMMU: A major tragedy was averted with the timely detection of a powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in the Rajouri district on Sunday evening, an official said. The ready-to-use IED was detected during a search operation in Dandote village in the Budhal area, the official said. A massive search operation is underway in Rajouri following the recent terror strike in Dangri village that left seven civilians dead and 14 injured.

Rajouri Senior Superintendent of Police Mohammad Aslam confirmed the recovery of the IED during the cordon and search operation and said it was later destroyed in a controlled explosion by the experts of the bomb disposal squad.

A landmine exploded after it was triggered by the infiltrating terrorists at around 7:45 pm, he said.

"Own (Army) troops saw the movement near the fence and engaged the terrorists by bringing aimed fire onto them. Once the firing had ceased, our troops on the fence and troops on the LoC readjusted the cordon to prevent their escape," he added.

A night-enabled quadcopter and other surveillance devices were employed to maintain strict vigil in the cordoned area.

"Troops commenced the search operation at 2 am on Sunday. The search was very deliberate as the area is not only undulating with dense undergrowth but is also heavily mined.

"In the search so far, two bodies have been recovered with weapons, magazines, ammunition and other warlike stores," the

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Dangri terror attack toll climbs to 7; villagers demand NIA probe

Victim cremated after intervention, assurance by administration

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/JAMMU: The death toll in the terrorist attacks in Dangri village of Rajouri has risen to seven with one more civilian succumbing to injuries at a hospital in Jammu on Sunday, officials said.

Prince Sharma, who was in his early 20s, died at the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital Jammu, where he was shifted for specialised treatment along with several others after getting critically injured in the firing by terrorists in Dangri on January 1, they said.

The attacks in the village had left six people, including Sharma's elder brother Deepak Kumar dead. While four persons were killed and six others injured in the terrorist firing on January 1, two cousins were killed and nine other persons injured in powerful Improvised



Prince Sharma, the seventh victim of Dangri terror attack being cremated on Sunday.

Explosive Device (IED) blast in the village the next morning. The IED was planted by terrorists before fleeing.

A massive search operation is on to neutralise the terrorists behind the attack, officials said.

A pall of gloom descended on the terror-hit village as the body of the deceased reached his home in the afternoon with villagers led

Sarpanch Sharma demanding handing over the investigation of the case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Hundreds of people gathered at the residence of the deceased to share the grief of Suraj Devi, who lost her both sons to the terror attack. Her husband Rajinder Kumar had died about four years ago due to illness.

She was inconsolable on seeing the body of her younger son.

'We appeal to Home Minister (Amit Shah) to hand over this case to the NIA immediately We will not cremate the boy till our demand for NIA probe is met," sarpanch Sharma told

reporters at Dangri. He said over a week has passed but the security agencies have failed to make any breakthrough and bring the culprits to book.

"The terrorists involved in the attack are still at large and roaming around. We are feeling insecure in our homes. The Lt Governor assured us that we will be provided weapons for selfdefence within a week but it has not happened so far," he said.

The sarpanch said they have demanded a

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BSF deploys drone-mounted radars to check under-ground tunnels along border with Pakistan

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/JAMMU: Drone-mounted ground penetration radars have been deployed for the first time by the Border Security Force (BSF) to check for the presence of under-ground tunnels $\,$ used by terrorists to infiltrate the India-Pakistan International Border in Jammu region, officials said.

The indigenously-made technical gadget has been pressed into action at this front recently as part of the below-the-earth tunnel detection exercise carried out by the force to ensure no terrorist is able to sneak into Indian territory and conduct strikes in Jammu and Kashmir or any other loca-

tion of the country. These structures have also been used to smuggle narcotics, arms and ammunition.

The BSF has unearthed at least five under-ground tunnels in the about 192 km of the Jammu front (of the India-Pakistan IB) in the last three years.

According to official data, two such cross-border tunnels were detected in 2020 and 2021 each, while one was found last year and all of them were detected in the Indreshwar Nagar sector of Jammu.

"The force has procured a smart technical tool to counter the menace of underground tunnels that

J&K man stages accident to evade debt, found with family in Haryana

STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: A couple and their six-year-old daughter from Doda were found alive in Haryana, 20 days after they were presumed dead after their car was found plunged into river Chenab in the hilly district last month.

In a statement issued by Doda Police, it was told that it has unearthed a mystery of fake road accident and brought back the couple alongwith daughter from Paunchkola Haryana who were said to have been drowned in River Chenab after their Car was plunged into River Chenab near Gadsoo Doda on NHW-244.



While giving details Police said that December 20, 2022, one ALTO Car bear-No JK 06A- 6311 ing Regd

River near Gadsoo Doda on

NHW-244. On the receipt of

this information Case FIR

Police Station Bhaderwah. Immediately after the receipt of information of accident, SSP Doda, DC

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A IPC was registered in

Doda, ASP Bhaderwah and other senior officers and rescue teams were made to rush to the site of accident and pressed men and machinery to launch rescue operation. During the inspection of the spot police team found, one broken number plate of accidental vehicle two ID cards, D/L and eShraman card of namely Manjeet Singh son of Pritam Singh resident of village Sengoi, Bhaderwah and one

Srinagar likely to host G20 event: Official go a long way in boosting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration is making "advance arrangements" as Srinagar city is likely to host one of the G20 events in May this year, a senior official said here.

"As part of India holding the presidency of the G20, several events are going to be held in mid-May but dates have not been fixed yet," divisional commissioner Kashmir Pandurang Kundbarao Pole told PTI.

"Srinagar is likely to host one of the G20 events for which we are preparing in advance," he said.

Pole said the administration was sprucing up the city

Charge-sheet filed against juvenile declared

tourism in Kashmir, while at the same time clearing the misgivings about the situation in the valley. "All major roads and areas

are being repaired. We are currently going through winter months, there are some difficulties but we will be ready by the time the event is held," he said. Development works are

going on in full swing in Srinagar city with a focus on completing the drainage and road projects.

Normally, no development works are undertaken during the winter months in Kashmir due to freezing temperatures but the

Snowfall in higher reaches of J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Some areas in

higher reaches of Kashmir received light snowfall as the minimum temperature settled close to the freezing point at most places in the Valley, providing a slight relief to the people from the intense cold, officials said on Sunday.

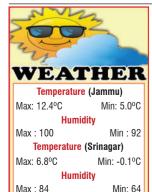
The meteorological department has forecast moderate snowfall at many places in the higher reaches and light snowfall in the plains from Sunday evening.

There was light snowfall in some areas in the higher reaches like Gulmarg, and Sonamarg-Zojila axis, the officials said Srinagar recorded a low of

minus 0.1 degrees Celsius Saturday night -- up from minus 1.4 degrees the night before, they said. Qazigund, the gateway to

the Valley, registered a minimum of minus 1.3 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir

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Sunset: 17:42 Hours

Sunrise: 07:34 Hours

Search operations intensified across Jammu ahead of Republic Day

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JAMMU: In view of the recent terror-related incidents, the police and security forces have intensified search operations across the Jammu region ahead of Republic Day celebrations, officials said on Sunday.

A massive combing operation is on in parts of Rajouri district to track down the terrorists who opened fire on several houses of a particular community at Dhangri village on January 1 and also planted an improvised explosive device (IED) before flee-



Security personnel during a Naka at Rajouri.

ing, they said. Seven people were killed and 14 injured in the firing

The security agencies including the Army have launched a search and

SC to hear pleas challenging validity of 1991 law on religious places ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DELHI: The Supreme Court is likely to hear on Monday a batch of PILs challenging the validity of certain provisions of a 1991 law which prohibit filing of a lawsuit to reclaim a place of worship or seek a change in its character from what prevailed on August

15, 1947. A bench of Chief Justice Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha has listed as many as six petitions, including those filed by former Rajya Sabha

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adult by SC in Kathua gangrape-murder case STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/NEW DELHI:

Shubam Sangra, declared an adult by the Supreme Court, is formally chargesheeted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police's crime branch in a case related to the sensational gangrape and murder case of an eight-year-old in Kathua in 2018.

Though the trial is expected to start in neighbouring Punjab's Pathankot, as ordered by the Supreme Court in 2018, the crime branch submitted its charge sheet under various sections

including those related to murder, rape, kidnapping and wrongful confinement before chief judicial magistrate in Kathua.

The charge sheet was committed to sessions court in Kathua which has fixed January 24 as the next date of hearing in the case. According to the Supreme

Court order of 2018, the sessions court of Pathankot will be hearing the case and the appellate court would be the Punjab and Haryana High

Sangra was also shifted

from a Juvenile Home to the regular Kathua Jail after the crime branch served the Supreme court order of November 22 in which he was declared an adult.

The Crime Branch charge sheet detailed Sangra's alleged involvement in the horrific crime. It said Sangra was responsible for an overdose of sedatives forcibly administered to the eightyear-old, rendering her "incapacitated" to resist sexual assault on her as well as her murder. "She was

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Why Prince was not airlifted to AIIMS Delhi despite struggling for survival?

Administrative lapse takes toll of yet another terror victim

JAMMU: As if security lapse was not enough post-Rajouri terror attack, the administrative apathy led to death of 23-year-old Prince Sharma on Sunday morning.

The astonishing, shameful and callous attitude of the administration and medical fraternity added to the toll from six to seven after eight lays of the brutal carnage.

Despite family's desperate pleading, in the wake of having lost their elder son Deepak Sharma in the massacre, no heed was given to airlift Prince Sharma to AIIMS Delhi from Rajouri on January 1, the fateful

night of the attack. Two injured Rohit Sharma, son of Gopal Dass and

Satish Kumar were airlifted to Jammu the same night. However, Prince was supposed to be airlifted in morning but the clueless and panic ridden administration after IED explosion wherein two children killed ignored the pleas of Prince's family.

Meanwhile, on Jan 2, Shubam's family, realising the poor management in GMC Jammu, took him to Chandigarh the same day at their own expenses for treat-

On January 3, Prince was put in ambulance (108) without any doctor for shifting him to Jammu. However, the lone technician in the ambulance refused to take Prince to Jammu after traveling 5 meters deteriorated. The ambulance returned Rajouri and he was again kept in the Rajouri hospital at God's mercy.

On January 4, Prince was airlifted to Jammu after his relatives again raised hue and cry on his deteriorating

condition at Rajouri. As per

the frantic requests by the

family, he was not airlifted to

Delhi but to Jammu GMC,

where the post operative care

is not possible as stated by a

doctor of GMC Rajouri, who



on the condition of anonymi-

Delhi for specialised treat-

which is not possible in Jammu.

We lack best nursing care; we have no trained staff, neither at GMC Rajouri nor at Jammu GMC", said the Rajouri based doctor, who was perturbed after his

On Jan 1, terror strike at Dangri; on Jan 3, Prince was being shifted to Jammu by road and returned after traveling 5 kilometers as only Technician in ambulance said that his condition is deteriorating; on Jan 4, he was airlifted to Jammu despite the family's demand of his shifting to AIIMS Delhi

> ty spoke to STATE TIMES been saved if on the day-1, this afternoon, saying, "On Prince had been shifted to day one, I suggested the AIIMS Delhi. administration to airlift "The father of Prince and Prince Sharma to AIIMS

added, "This life could have

Deepak has already expired. Their 62 year old mother is

the only survivor in the family. How the government can help her is a question mark," lamented Prince's cousin Abhishekh Sharma, who for the past three days was crying at the GMC Jammu for the poor management, due to which his condition started fast decorticating.

On his family's protest through media, Principal GMC Jammu and a team of doctors visited hospital to inquire about his condition.

"Next day, LG Manoj Sinha visited the GMC but it was already very late", said Abhishekh, adding "an FIR be registered against the GMC Jammu management and also those who failed in deciding to shift him to AIIMS Delhi in time. Delay cious time was lost in taking decision only. "We were repeatedly requesting the administration in Rajouri and GMC management in Jammu but no one listened to us and ultimately we went to media to expose the callousness of the GMC management" he added.

"A major lapse has led to loss of this precious life which could have been saved," rued deceased Prince's relatives at cremation ground at Dangr on Sunday afternoon.

'We request LG Manoj Sinha to constitute a committee to find out the lapses at Rajouri as well as at Jammu GMC and to book all those at helm of affairs," Abhishekh demanded.