

Pakistan epicentre of terrorism, cycle of violence in J&K being orchestrated from it: Army Chief

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NEW DELHI: Pakistan is the "epicentre" of terrorism and the cycle of violence in Jammu and Kashmir is being "orchestrated" from that country, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi said on Monday even as he described the overall situation in the Union Territory as "firmly" under control.

Gen Dwivedi, addressing a press conference ahead of the Army Day, also said that the "theme" of terrorism to tourism is gradually taking shape in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Army has also been



given go ahead for emergency procurement for counter-terror operations, he said.

The Chief of Army Staff said that the 2021 "ceasefire" with the Pakistan military is holding up along the Line of Control (LoC) but infiltra-

tion attempts from the Pakistani side are continuing.

In a significant move aimed at reducing tensions, the Indian and Pakistani armies on February 25, 2021 announced that they would cease firing across the LoC while recommitting themselves to a 2003 ceasefire agreement. The violence level in Jammu and Kashmir is being "orchestrated" by the "epicentre of terrorism that is Pakistan", Gen Dwivedi said.

Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a series of terror attacks in the last few months.

"Last year, 60 per cent of the terrorists eliminated were of Pakistan origin. As of today, whatever is a remnant in the (Kashmir) Valley and Jammu area, we feel that around 80 per cent or more are of Pakistan origin," the Army chief said.

Gen Dwivedi asserted that the situation in the Union Territory is "firmly under control". He said the terror infrastructure on the Pakistani side remains "intact".

"In recent months, increased terrorist activities were seen in North Kashmir

and Doda-Kishtwar belt," he said, adding the "overall violence parameters" are under control.

"The parliamentary elections and the state assembly elections both had nearly 60 per cent voting. It means that the local population is going with peace," he said.

On LAC, the Army Chief said there is still a "degree" of standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh and both sides need to sit down and firm up a broader understanding on how to calm down the situation.

Makar Sankranti



To remain extra vigilant, proactive in ensuring peaceful R-Day celebrations: ADGP



ADGP Jammu, Anand Jain interacting with police officials.

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JAMMU: In view of the VVIP visit, border management system, present security scenario and upcoming Republic Day 2025, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain conducted a comprehensive late night checking review of the present security and Border Management arrangements, in Samba and Kathua districts in the intervening night of January 12/13, 2025 alongwith Shiv Kumar DIG JSK Range, Shobit Saxena SSP Kathua, Virender Manhas SSP Samba and other officers.

During the checking, Anand Jain, emphasized the importance of maintaining peace and security throughout the area.

He directed all officers to remain extra vigilant and proactive in ensuring that the Republic day celebrations are conducted in a free, fair, and peaceful manner.

The ADGP highlighted the need for robust coordination between different security agencies to address any potential challenges that may arise during the VVIP visit and Republic Day 2025.

Anand Jain reviewed the deployment plans and directed that additional forces be mobilized in sensitive and vulnerable areas to prevent any untoward incidents. He also stressed the significance of intelligence gathering and timely sharing of information to prompt any security threats. He also reviewed the performance of the on

ground duties of the Jawans and boosted up their morale.

The ADGP took a review of the overall law and order situation and reviewed the readiness of the police force in terms of manpower, logistics, and resources.

He instructed the officers to maintain high visibility in their respective jurisdictions and ensure that security checks and patrols are intensified.

He also checked the joint Naka of BSF and Border Police Posts and advised the officers to enhance them. During his review he checked Sherpur Nala, Babbar Nala, Mawa, Nandpur etc.

Jain also underscored the importance of community engagement and building trust between the police and the public.

DIG JSK Range Shiv Kumar urged officers to engage with communities and ensure their cooperation in maintaining law and order if and when any critical situation may arise.

The checking focused on the security arrangements put in place for the smooth conduct of the forthcoming Republic Day/VVIP visit.

The ADGP sought inputs from the officers and planned to ensure safe and secure Republic Day 2025 celebrations.

DIG JSK Range Shiv Kumar briefed the ADGP Jammu Zone about the present security scenario and measures taken for maintaining peace and law and order in JSK Range.

Two more children succumb to mysterious disease in Rajouri

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RAJOURI/JAMMU: Two more children died on Monday after six kids from a family were admitted to hospital due to a mysterious illness at Badlaal village in Rajouri district, officials said.

Six children of Mohammad Aslam were taken to the community health centre for a medical check-up on Saturday evening. The children were initially referred to the Government Medical College (GMC) Associated Hospital in Rajouri and later they were shifted to the SMGS Hospital in Jammu where 5-year-old Nabeena breathed her last on Sunday, they said.

On Monday, Zahoor (14) and Maroof (8) died during treatment at the hospital.

The village under the Kotranka sub-division has been grappling with a mysterious disease that claimed the lives of nine people from two different families since December last year. The latest deaths have taken the toll to 12, officials said.

"Six children were admitted to the hospital here. One girl died yesterday, while two more children passed away today. Nothing is known about the exact cause of the deaths yet. The health department has failed to identify the disease," Aijaz Ahmed, a close relative of the deceased children, told reporters here. The situation in the village is grim, with fear of the unknown disease gripping its residents, he added Dr Ashutosh Gupta, principal of GMC Hospital, had said last month that preliminary investigations pointed to a viral infection as the cause of the mysterious deaths. However, he also said that more studies were needed to reach a definitive conclusion.

Teams of experts from Pune's National Institute of Virology, PGI Chandigarh, AIIMS Delhi, and the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi, have visited the village to assist in the investigations.

Rajouri Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, Rajouri-Poonch range Deputy Inspector General Tejinder Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Gaurav Sikarwar have visited the village to assess the situation.

Health teams have also been deputed to ensure necessary medical check-ups, officials said.

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