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Eight soldiers injured in encounter with terrorists in Kishtwar



JAMMU: Eight soldiers of the Army were injured in a gunfight with terrorists in a remote forested area in the upper reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Sunday, officials said.

The intense exchange of fire between the two sides lasted several hours before the guns fell silent. Reinforcements have been deployed to strengthen the cordon and neutralise the terrorists, the officials said.

The operation, which the Army's Jammu-based White Knight Corps has named 'Operation Trashi-I', began around noon.

In a post on X, the White Knight Corps said the security forces came in contact with the terrorists in the general area Sonnar, northeast

of Chatroo, during a search operation conducted as part of ongoing joint counter-terror exercises along with Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Operations remain underway with additional forces inducted to reinforce the cordon, supported by close coordination with civil adminis-

tration and security agencies," the Army said, commending the troops for their exceptional professionalism and resolve while responding to hostile fire under challenging terrain and conditions.

According to the officials, one of the search teams came across a group of two to three

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foreign terrorists allegedly belonging to Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), who fired indiscriminately and also lobbed a few grenades in an attempt to break the cordon.

The troops retaliated and reinforcements from Army, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and police were rushed to further tighten the cordon. There was intermittent firing between the two sides till 5.40 pm, the officials said.

Eight soldiers were injured and evacuated to the hospital. Most of them suffered splinter injuries in the grenade blast, the officials said, adding that a massive search operation is on to track and neutralise the terrorists.

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CB registers FIR against seven for Fraudulent Government Job Scam

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SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Crime Branch Kashmir, has registered a criminal case against seven individuals for allegedly duping unsuspecting people, particularly unemployed youth, by promising government jobs in exchange for money.

According to officials, the case originated from a written complaint alleging that the accused were inducing job aspirants by offering employment in various government departments, including Banks, the Agriculture Department, and Defence services. The

complainant claimed that the accused collected around Rs 39 lakh from multiple victims under the pretext of facilitating appointments in government services. Instead of providing genuine employment, the accused allegedly supplied victims with fake and forged appointment letters.

A senior official from the Economic Offences Wing said, "Upon receiving the complaint, we immediately initiated a preliminary verification. Our investigation confirmed that the allegations were *prima facie* correct. The accused had used SIM cards registered in other

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people's names to carry out their fraudulent activities. Verification of the appointment orders revealed that all the documents provided to the victims were fake and forged."

The official further added, "The acts of the accused *prima facie* disclose the commission of offences punishable under Sections 420, 468, 472, and 120-B of the RPC. Accordingly, cognizance has been taken, and a case has been formally registered at Police Station Economic Offences Wing, Crime Branch Kashmir. Further investigation

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'Crypto Hawala' may be used to revive separatist elements in J&K

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SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: Security agencies have flagged a sophisticated "crypto hawala" network bypassing the country's financial safeguards to funnel untraceable foreign funds into Jammu and Kashmir, sparking grave concerns that the money is being used to support terror activities, officials said on Sunday.

This has put the security establishment on high alert, with officials warning that these shadow funds are intended to give a fresh lease of life to separatist elements and reignite the anti-national rhetoric within the Union Territory that had otherwise been virtually neutralised by a crackdown by police and central agencies, they said.

Mirroring the traditional hawala system, where

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Over 92,000 units established under HADP in J&K

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JAMMU: For decades, agricultural interventions across the country largely followed a familiar pattern of rolling out schemes, extending subsidies and measuring success through beneficiary counts. While this approach ensured visibility, it often failed to deliver durable outcomes, particularly in regions marked by fragile ecologies, scattered landholdings and complex terrain. Jammu & Kashmir, despite its rich agro-climatic diversity and inherent strengths, remained constrained by weak value chains, low productivity and persistent dependence on

external supplies. It is against this backdrop that the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), dedicated to the people of Jammu & Kashmir by the Prime Minister in 2024, represents a decisive shift in approach. Conceived not as a collection of schemes but as a comprehensive systems reform, HADP seeks to fundamentally re-engineer the agricultural economy of the Union Territory.

With a total outlay of Rs 5,013 crore and 29 inter-linked projects spanning agriculture, horticulture and livestock sectors, HADP is designed with a clear objective to transition J&K's agriculture from subsistence-driven practices to sustainable, resilient and income-generating livelihoods.

Agriculture and allied sectors are the backbone of Jammu & Kashmir's rural economy, supporting over 13 lakh families and contributing nearly one-fifth of the region's Gross State Value Added. However, structural bottlenecks—fragmented landholdings, low capital formation, limited mechanisation, inadequate access to quality inputs and underdeveloped post-harvest infrastructure—have historically suppressed productivity and

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farmer incomes. These constraints reinforced a cycle of low investment and low returns. Even well-intentioned interventions often delivered limited impact as they addressed isolated components—boosting production without assured markets, providing assets without skills, or extending subsidies without enterprise orientation.

HADP was conceptualised precisely to break this cycle by redesigning the agricultural ecosystem as an integrated whole. Unlike conventional programmes organised around departmental

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War now complex due to new dimensions: Rajnath

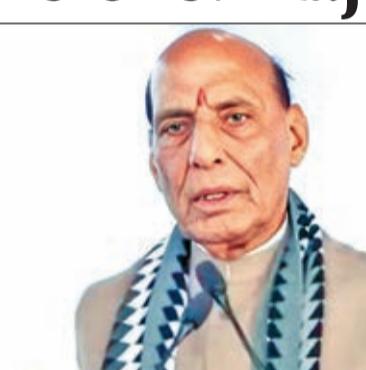
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NAGPUR: Wars have become very complex and are not limited to borders but even energy, trade, tariff, supply chains, technology and information are now part of its new dimensions, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Sunday.

Addressing a gathering at the inaugural ceremony of a medium calibre ammunition facility at Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited here, he said there was a time when defence production was limited to the public sector and nobody ever thought of private sector participation.

On the occasion, Singh flagged off the first tranche of guided Pinaka rockets manufactured by Solar group to Armenia.

The private sector had the



capacity and potential but its participation was not at the scale it should have been, he said.

There were challenges and doubts regarding private sector defence production while the country took steps towards 'atmanirbharbharti', but the present government opened up the sector by introducing changes in poli-

cies and simplifying the processes as it had full faith in their potential, Singh said.

"It is also resulting in good quality, better timelines as well as improvement in productivity and delivery. Our defence ecosystem has improved a lot. The way scientific temperament and technology driven

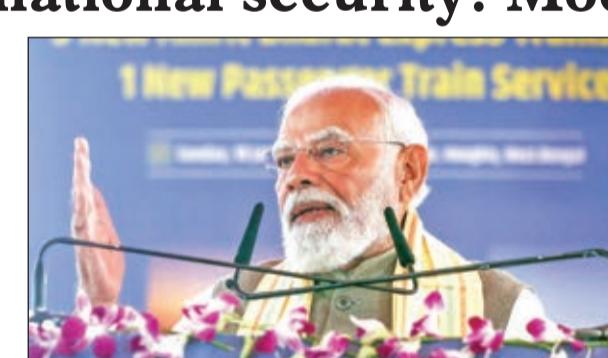
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TMC protecting infiltrators, endangering national security: Modi

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SINGUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday mounted a sharp, election-season attack on the TMC government in West Bengal, accusing it of "playing with national security" by protecting infiltrators for vote-bank politics and asserting that ending the ruling party's "maha jungle raj" was vital to restore law and order, development and investor confidence in the state.

With the 294-member West Bengal Assembly polls due in about three months, Modi framed the electoral contest as a direct battle between what he described as "the



who is on the second leg of his weekend engagements in Bengal, launched development projects worth over Rs 830 crore in the state and flagged off three Amrit Bharat trains connecting

Kolkata with other parts of the country.

Addressing a rally at Singur in Hooghly district, a site etched in Bengal's political memory following the 2008 agitation against land acquisition that forced Tata Motors to pull out its Nano car project, the prime minister urged voters to back the BJP's "double-engine government" model, arguing that industry and investment would return to Bengal only when law and order improved, something he said was possible only under BJP rule. "The TMC is playing with the security of

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Advocates cannot seek information under RTI Act for clients' cases: CIC

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NEW DELHI: The Central Information Commission (CIC) has ruled that advocates cannot use the Right to Information (RTI) Act to seek details regarding cases they are handling for clients, observing that using the transparency law in this manner fails to advance its core objectives.

Dismissing a second appeal filed by an advocate in a dispute related to the termination of a fruits-and-vegetables supply contract at a Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Haryana,

lined that "a practising advocate cannot seek information relating to the cases instituted by him on behalf of his client".

The high court had cautioned that otherwise, "every practising advocate would invoke the provisions of the RTI Act for getting information on behalf of his client", which "does not advance the objects of the scheme of the RTI Act".

The commission further quoted the ruling to stress that the "laudable objectives of the RTI Act cannot

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 20.7°C Min: 5.5°C

Humidity
Max : 76 Min : 63

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 13.3°C Min: -4.7°C

Humidity
Max : 89 Min : 76

Sunset : 17:49 Hours
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