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2 policemen martyred, 12 injured in terror attack in Srinagar outskirts

Modi seeks details on ambush; LG says, 'Committed to punish perpetrators'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two policemen were martyred and 12 others suffered injuries as terrorists carried out a deadly attack on a bus carrying Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police personnel on the outskirts of Srinagar on Monday -- the 20th anniversary of the Parliament Attack -- officials said.

The bus came under fire from terrorists in Zewan in Pantha Chowk area this evening, police officials said.

They said at least 14 policemen sustained injuries in the attack. The injured were evacuated to various hospitals where two of them died.

Quoting officials, a Srinagar based news agency KNO identified the martyrs as ASI Ghulam Hassan ARP-861250 and Selection Grade Constable Shafiq Ali, Belt Number 782/AP9th ARP091317. The injured were identified as Bishember Das, Sajad Ahmed, Rameez Ahmed, Sanjay Kumar, Vikas Sharma, Abdul Majeed, Muasdhir Ahmed, Ravi Kant, Showkat Ali, Arshid Muhammad, Liyaqat Ali and



Police bus which was attacked by terrorists at Srinagar outskirts.

Narender Singh, the bus driver.

The official said that the vehicle was coming from an armed police complex in Zewan towards Pantha Chowk. The bus ferrying policemen suffered immense damage while blood stains were visible on the seats

and bullet marks from all sides, especially the front portion as suggested by the pictures viral on social media.

An eye-witness said that locals helped policemen evacuate the injured to the hospital.

Quoting a police source, the agency

reported that at least three injured policemen are critical who are being treated at army base hospital at Badamibagh, Srinagar while others are stable. Witnesses said that the traffic remained disrupted for almost an hour on the Zewan-Panthachowk-Khonmoh road and was later restored after the police bus that was attacked was removed from the scene. Police sources said that the Zewan attack is this year's deadliest attack by terrorists.

The area has been cordoned off and a search operation launched to track down the assailants, the officials said, adding that further details are awaited.

On December 13 in 2001, terrorists attacked the Parliament complex and opened fire, killing nine people. All five terrorists were shot dead.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sought details on the terror attack while conveying condolences to the families of the martyrs.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said, "PM Narendra Modi has sought

Pak intruder shot dead along IB

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A Pakistani woman intruder was shot dead by the BSF along the international border here, an official said on Monday.

Deputy Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF) S P S Sandhu said alert troops neutralized the intruder in R S Pura sector on Sunday night.

"The BSF troops noticed suspicious movement and warned the intruder many times not to cross the IB

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BJP worker's PSO goes missing with weapons in Kupwara

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A Personal Security Officer (PSO) of a BJP worker went missing on Monday along with two rifles from Kupwara district, officials here said.

Saqib Tantray, a resident of Bohipora in Kupwara, was posted as a PSO to BJP worker Abdul Rashid Zargar, who is staying at Old MLA hostel in Kupwara, they

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Two LeT terrorists killed in Rangreth encounter



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, including a foreign ultra, were killed in a brief "chance" encounter in Rangreth area of the city on Monday, police said.

Giving details, a police spokesperson said that based on a specific input regarding the movement of terrorists in the general area of Rangreth, surprise 'naka' checking points were established tactically by police in the area.

"During checking at one such naka manned by a small team of Srinagar Police, two suspected people, on noticing

the police party, fired indiscriminately upon them. However, the fire was effectively retaliated, leading to a brief encounter in which two terrorists were neutralised on (the) spot," he said.

The spokesperson identified one of the ultras as Aadil Ahmad Wani, a resident of Daramdoora Shopian who was "a Pakistan-trained 'A' category terrorist".

"Another killed terrorist as per credible sources is a foreign terrorist yet the same is being further ascertained. Both the slain terrorists

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119 new coronavirus cases in J&K, 3 more deaths

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 119 fresh coronavirus cases that took its infection tally to 3,38,990, while three more fatalities pushed the death toll to 4,498, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 26 were from the Jammu division and 93 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 48, followed by 20 in Jammu district.

There are 1,442 active coronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far,

3,33,050 people have recovered from the infection, the officials said.

The number of mucormycosis (black fungus) cases in the union territory stands at 50, with one fresh case reported since last evening, they said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh recorded a fresh fatality due to COVID-19 and 18 new cases, taking the virus tally to 21,822 in the union territory, officials said.

The COVID-19 death toll in Ladakh has climbed to 216 with 158 deaths in Leh and 58 in Kargil since the outbreak of the

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Court frames corruption charges against then ADC, others in corruption case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Udhampur S C Katal framed corruption charges against Nasir Iqbal Pararay, the then Collector Land Acquisition, Addl Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur; Mohd Saleem Bandy, the then Patwari Halqa Mand Udhampur and some beneficiaries while charged Pritam Singh Singh, Shamsher Singh, Balvinder Singh, Subash Singh, Sansar Singh, Satpal Singh, Dharam Singh and Kuldeep Singh from charges leveled against them.

According to ACB, case was registered on basis of a verification conducted by ACB into allegations of fabrication of revenue records and release of compensation money disproportionately amongst beneficiaries in village Mand, District Udhampur by Nasir Iqbal Pararay, the then Addl Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur and Mohd Saleem Bandy, the then Patwari Halqa Mand, Udhampur, in league with beneficiaries thereby wrongfully and dishonestly facilitating the release of compensation amount for acquisition of land for

National Highway. During the investigation, it was found that a total amount of Rs.29,07,857 was illegally and fraudulently disbursed by the accused revenue officers/ officials as compensation among beneficiaries by depriving genuine land-holders of benefits thereby causing a loss of Rs.29,07,857 to the state exchequer.

While framing charges, Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Udhampur after hearing Special P P Himanshu Parkash for ACB, observed that keeping in view of the above discussion this court of considered view that

Pahalgam BDC chairman joins BJP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pahalgam Block Development Council (BDC) chairman Bashir Ahmad Khan on Monday joined the BJP here, the party said.

Social activist Mohammad Israr Choudhary from Dachanpora Sri Gufara in Pahalgam, along with his supporters, also joined the saffron party.

The two were welcomed into the party fold by state BJP general secretary (organisation) Ashok Koul, vice president Yudhvir Sethi and former minister Abdul Ghani Kohli at the BJP office here. On the occasion, Koul said prominent

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Where is much touted change in J&K after abrogation of Art 370: Omar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah on Monday said the change in Jammu and Kashmir as touted by the government after the revocation of the erstwhile state's special status in August 2019 was not visible and the entire region remained on the edge.

Addressing a workers convention at TRC ground in the north Kashmir's Kupwara district, the former chief minister also said people in J&K were in trouble and desperate for good governance.



"The touted change is not visible on ground in J&K. The entire region continues to remain on edge. Ever increasing gap between administration and people is the only discernible change on ground," he said.

Bureaucracy, on the other

hand, is busy changing stripes amongst themselves leaving people to fend for themselves, he further said.

The development was only visible on social media hashtags and sponsored news, Abdullah said.

"Our state was split, our constitution discarded, our legislative council was abolished. The J&K cadre of all-India services' officers was disbanded and merged with the AGMUT cadre. All this was done citing that Article 370 is the root cause of all evils plaguing the state. The constitutional

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J&K moving towards becoming strong pillar of Atmanirbhar Bharat: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LUCKNOW: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday said that Jammu Kashmir is now moving towards becoming a strong pillar of Atmanirbhar Bharat. "All the rights enshrined in the constitution are being extended to the citizens", the Lt Governor said while addressing a commemoration event for the upcoming Birth Anniversary of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, organised by Mahamana Malaviya Mission, Lucknow.

The Lt Governor dwelt on the obtaining situation and development scenario of Jammu and Kashmir and said that after August 2019, all the constitutional rights



LG Manoj Sinha addressing commemoration event of upcoming Birth Anniversary of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

have been extended to 1.25 crore people of J&K in its truest sense. He said that a new era of development has been ushered in the UT by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said that for decades the

Valmiki community, Tribals, Gorkhas, Daughters of J&K, West Pakistani refugees and backward classes were treated as second-class citizens. Such rules were made that a sweeper's son and daughter

can only become a sweeper. The talents of the poor were stifled with manufactured restrictions, he added.

Referring to various discriminatory laws and provisions being run in the erstwhile state, the Lt Governor said that now all those laws of discrimination have been abolished. Tribal population has been provided due rights under the Forest Rights Act; three-tier Panchayati Raj system has been implemented for the first time in J&K and elections were conducted in the most fair and transparent manner.

Sinha said that with decisions taken in the last

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Tyrants like Aurangzeb tried to destroy Kashi: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VARANASI: Lauding the resilience of India's civilisational heritage here, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said tyrants like Aurangzeb tried to destroy Kashi but were consigned to the "black pages" of history while the ancient city is now writing a new chapter of its glory.

In a speech after inaugurating the Kashi Vishwanath Dham, which has renovated and expanded the temple's premises, Modi said India is now stepping out of the "inferiority" complex brought on it by centuries of slavery.

He asserted that the new Kashi corridor will give a decisive direction to the country and lead it to a bright future.

Arriving in the holy city,



PM Narendra Modi at the inauguration of renovated Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Varanasi on Monday.

also his parliamentary

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 20.5°C Min: 8.5°C

Humidity

Max: 74 Min: 70

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 9.5°C Min: -3.5°C

Humidity

Max: 96 Min: 69

Sunset : 17:28 Hours

Sunrise : 07:25 Hours

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ATTENTION PENSIONERS/FAMILY PENSIONERS
DRAWING PENSION FROM J&K BANK

- In order to facilitate the pensioners to furnish their mandatory life certificates, Finance Department, Government of J&K in view of the difficulties faced in the wake of Covid-19 Pandemic has extended the date for submission of life certificates by pensioners up to 31st January-2022.
- Regarding Central and UT Ladakh Pensioners, Under Secretary to the Govt. Of India, Department of Pension and Pensioners welfare vide office memorandum dated 01st December 2021 has extended the date of submission of life certificates by pensioners upto 31st December 2021.
- All the pensioners drawing pension from J&K Bank are requested to deposit their life certificates attested by Gazetted Officers or officers of J&K Bank at any business unit of the Bank by or before the cut off dates for uninterrupted disbursement of pension. For pensioners who visit in person for drawing the monthly pension, the concerned officer at the Business Unit shall record their Life Certificate. However, the Pensioners/Family Pensioners having a valid aadhaar can also submit their life certificates digitally through Jeevan Praman Portal.

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