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SRINAGAR: A Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist, involved in the assassination of an inspector and BJP workers among others, was killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district on Friday, police said.

A police spokesman said a cordon and search operation was launched in Mumanhal Aarwani area of Bijbehara in the south Kashmir district based on inputs about the presence of terrorists there.

"During the search operation, as the presence of the trapped terrorist got ascertained, he was given ample opportunities to surrender. However, he denied the surrender opportunities and instead fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said.

In the ensuing encounter, the terrorist identified as Shahzad Ahmad Seh son of Bashir Ahmad Seh resident of Selpora Kulgam, was



Two terrorist associates arrested in Budgam

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Friday arrested two militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba in Budgam district and recovered ammunition from their possession, police said.

The duo has been identified as Imran Majeed Magray and Aqib Amin, both residents of Magray Mohalla Mochwa.

"Two terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) from Chadoora area of Budgam have been arrested," a police spokesman said.

Incriminating material of LeT, two hand grenades, two AK-47 magazines and 30 live AK-47 rounds were recovered from their possession, he said.

During preliminary investigation, it surfaced that the two had been in touch with LeT commanders and were involved in providing logistics support to terrorists, including providing shelter and transportation of

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Hizb terrorist involved in assassination of Police Insp, 4 BJP workers including Sarpanch, his wife eliminated

killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the shootout, the spokesman said.

"As per police records, the man was a categorised terrorist linked with proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen and was part of groups involved in several terror cases," he said.

Seh was involved in the assassination of Police Inspector Mohammad Ashraf Bhat of Chandpora Kanelwan Anantnag at his residence on October 19, 2020, he added.

"He was involved in the killing of three BJP workers at YK-Pora Kulgam on October 29, 2020. He was also involved in the killing of a BJP sarpanch and his wife at Lal-Chovk Anantnag on August 9 this year," the spokesman said.

He said the slain terrorist was also involved in the attack on DDC candidate Anees ul Islam Ganie

IAF's MiG-21 crashes in Jaisalmer, pilot martyred

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JAIPUR/NEW DELHI: A MiG-21 plane of the Indian Air Force crashed in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer Friday night during a training sortie and the pilot was martyred.

The pilot martyred in action was Wing Commander Harshit Sinha, the Indian Air Force (IAF) said. The plane crashed in the Desert National

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Chief Secy led 5-member panel formed to select Director SKIMS

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JAMMU: The government on Friday constituted Selection Committee for the post of Director, SKIMS.

As per GAD order, the Selection Committee will be headed by Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS, Chief Secretary, J&K as its Chairman while Vivek Bhardwaj, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary, Health &

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Jammu's Garrison Church illuminated on Christmas celebrations. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)

Three SSPs shifted to ACB; two repatriated to Home dept

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JAMMU: The government on Friday posted three Senior Superintendents of Police (SSP) in the Anti Corruption Bureau and repatriated two SSPs from ACB to the Home Department.

According to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi,

Commissioner/ Secretary, General Administration Department, Senior Superintendents of Police/ Superintendents of Police namely Mohd. Rashid, JKPS, (2001), CO, IR-2nd Bn, Rakesh Kumar, JKPS (2001), SO to IGP Traffic and Kulwant Singh Jasrotia, Dy.CO, IR-7th Bn

have been transferred and posted in the Anti Corruption Bureau with immediate effect.

"Senior Superintendents of Police in Anti Corruption Bureau Virender Singh and Mohd Afraz Mir have been repatriated to the Home Department for further posting," the order added.

141 new COVID cases, 1 death reported in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 141 fresh cases of coronavirus, taking the infected number of persons to 3,40,434 while one fresh death due to the virus was reported from the Union Territory in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 23 were from Jammu division and 118 from Kashmir division of the Union Territory, the officials said.

They said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 58 cases followed by 14 cases in Jammu district.

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H&ME Deptt identifies posts for NHM Contractual COVID Nurses

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JAMMU: Acting on the instructions of Lieutenant Governor, the Health and Medical Education Department has identified about 96 vacancies of nurses for the NHM contractual Covid nurses in various hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a communication in this regard, these posts include 36 in Government Medical

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Terror ecosystem destroyed in J&K, stone-pelting a thing of past: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing during Uthman Foundation Trust Conference at Ghazipur.

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GHAZIPUR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday said the government has succeeded in destroying the ecosystem of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and stone pelting has become a thing of past.

Addressing the Uthman Foundation Trust's conference at Ghazipur, the Lt Governor dwelt upon strides taken in recent years to

usher Jammu and Kashmir in a new era of equitable development and growth in various sectors..

He said the poor and weaker sections of society were neglected for many years in J&K but on the historic day of 5 August 2019, Article 370 and Article 31A were abolished and the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir were given all the Constitutional rights.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor emphasized that after 2014 country ushered in a growth process that is inclusive, caring, and equitable to all sections of society.

"The development march in the last seven and half years is not confined to a few but of all. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the country is witnessing a growth process that is inclusive, equitable. Unprecedented steps have been taken to develop infrastructure, revive manufacturing and agriculture, and every step has a single objective- accelerated and equitable growth," Lt Governor said.

"Prime Minister has economically and socially empowered marginalised sections that were neglected for decades. Policies of 'Make in India', 'Aatm

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Azad visits Jammu's famous Raghunath Bazaar People suffering, overall situation deplorable in J&K: Azad



Former J&K CM Ghulam Nabi Azad interacting with people at a shop in Raghunath Bazaar on Friday.

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JAMMU: To take stock of ongoing development in old Jammu city, former Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad on

late Friday evening walked through main Raghunath bazaar and interacted with people and traders.

Treading through busy areas of

Raghunath Bazaar on foot, Azad said that extent of despair and anguish among people in Jammu is same as Kashmir Valley. "Whether it is a small or medium businessman or a Karyana trader, everyone has reached a situation of starvation," he said.

"From the last one and half month I visited various rural areas of Kashmir and Jammu regions, was not for election process but to enquire about problems being faced by the people of both the regions after abrogation of Article 370 and COVID pandemic," said Azad, adding that people are depressed due to unemployment, sky-touching prices of essential commodities, high inflation etc. All the development works in rural areas have stopped, he added. He said that after visiting

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Srinagar Jamia Mosque closed for Friday prayers for 20th week

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SRINAGAR: Authorities on Friday stopped congregational Friday prayers at historic Jamia Masjid in Srinagar for the 20th consecutive week.

Jamia Masjid, the 14th century building, is the only major place of worship in the valley closed for congregational prayers by the authorities. The officials did not give any reason for the continuous closure of

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NC will approach SC against Delimitation Commission recommendations: Farooq

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NEW DELHI: National Conference president and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah said on Friday that his party is preparing to approach the Supreme Court against the Delimitation Commission's recommendations as it believes that the very basis of the exercise is "illegal".

The veteran politician, who has been chief minister of the



erstwhile state three times as well as union minister, also

said the time has come for the opposition parties to come together and fight the forces who are bent on destroying the secular fabric of the country.

Giving a detailed account of his interactions during the Delimitation Commission meeting earlier this week, Abdullah told PTI that the very first point raised "by us at the meeting was that the commission was illegal"

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