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Ahead of Shah's visit, 3 JeM terrorists killed in Kishtwar, Udhampur

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JAMMU: Three Pakistani terrorists affiliated with the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) were killed in two separate encounters in Kishtwar and Udhampur districts, marking a major success for security forces who had been hunting them for the past three weeks, officials said.

While one terrorist was killed in a gunfight in the snow-bound Chatroo belt of Kishtwar on Wednesday evening, two others -- both self-styled JeM commanders -- were neutralised this morning after they were trapped inside a natural cave in Udhampur district, the officials said. The success of security forces came ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's three-day visit to the Union Territory beginning Thursday.

"In the continuing search and elimination of terrorists in the Kishtwar region, where the hunt has already



CM's jibe at BJP over its 2019 claims on ending terrorism

JAMMU: Encounters are taking place even in 2026, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Wednesday in a veiled jibe at the BJP over its claim that terrorism would end following the abrogation of Article 370 that happened in 2019.

"It just keeps going on. They (terrorists) were killed, fine, but where did they come from? How did they reach Udhampur? Since when were they there? And how long will this continue?"

"We were told that after 2019, this cycle would end. But now, even in 2026, it has started

led to several contacts in the dense forests and challenging terrain, a contact was re-

established with the terrorists on the run in the ongoing joint operation (Trashi-I) by

Searches carried out in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Wednesday carried out a surprise cordon and search operation in the Ab Guzar area of Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The operation comes just three days ahead of the scheduled visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the valley. Security forces sealed all entry and exit points leading to the Abi Guzar locality, which houses several residential and commercial establishments, including shops, the officials said. They said searches

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the troops of Counter-Insurgency Force Delta, White Knight Corps, J&K Police and CRPF at around 5.45 pm today in the general area of Diehhar, Kishtwar. "One terrorist has been

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CM introduces Jan Vishwas, Anti-Discrimination Bills

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JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday tabled Jan Vishwas and Anti-Discrimination Bills in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly.

The Chief Minister introduced "The Jammu and Kashmir Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026" (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 2026).

The Bill seeks to amend certain enactments of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by decriminalising and rationalising offences, with the objective of further strengthening

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Uproar in Assembly over LoP's Pir Panjal remarks

LoP objects to referring Rajouri, Poonch as region; says it was earlier called Chandrabhaga

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Leader of Opposition and BJP MLA Sunil Sharma on Tuesday objected to referring Rajouri and Poonch districts as part of the Pir Panjal region, asserting that no such region exists in Jammu and Kashmir, which he described as a single, undivided unit.

Sharma is in the eye of a storm in the Assembly, where members from Rajouri and Poonch held protests after Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather adjourned the House



BJP and NC MLAs raising slogans during a protest in LA.

following chaos, with the BJP and the ruling alliance members trading charges and engaging in verbal duels.

"There is no such region in Jammu and Kashmir. Attempts are being made

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J&K Govt committed to best facilities for cancer patients: Omar

Inaugurates maternity block at SMGS Hospital

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday addressed a World Cancer Day event at Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, reaffirming the Government's proactive role in ensuring the best possible facilities for cancer patients as well as healthcare professionals.

The programme was organised by GMC Jammu under the theme 'J&K Fights Cancer' to mark World Cancer Day. The event was attended by



CM Omar Abdullah inaugurating maternity block at SMGS Hospital in Jammu on Wednesday.

Minister for Health & Medical Education Sakina Itoo, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani,

MLA Jammu West Arvind Gupta, MLA Uri Dr. Sajjad Shafi, Secretary Health & Medical Education Department Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed, Principal GMC Jammu Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, renowned oncologist Dr. Sameer Kaul, senior professors, doctors, faculty members and students.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister expressed hope for a future when the world would truly be able to celebrate World Cancer Day as the day cancer is

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Diagnostic Breakdown in premier tertiary care institution

Patients pay the price as both MRI machines lying dead at GMC Jammu

■ VIVEK SHARMA

JAMMU: Patients and their attendants at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu are facing severe hardship as both MRI machines at the premier tertiary care institution have remained out of order for the past one month, leaving hundreds of patients without timely diagnostic support.

According to hospital sources, one MRI machine has completed its operational life and has effectively "expired", while the second



machine developed a major fault after an alleged improper modification in its earthing system. Sources

said a slab was reportedly placed on the earthing system, leading to technical damage. Following this, the

company concerned has declined to carry out repairs, citing violation of technical norms.

As a result, MRI services at GMC Jammu have come to a complete halt. On average, over 25 MRI tests were conducted daily at GMC, catering not only to patients from GMC Hospital but also from associated hospitals including Super Speciality Hospital (SSH), SMGS Hospital, and Bone & Joint Hospital. With the

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No enquiry ordered in 4th Tawi Bridge construction: Dy CM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Wednesday said that as per the reports of the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Chief Engineer Public (R&B) Department Zone, Jammu and Managing Director, JKPCC Limited, no enquiry has been ordered against the Executing Agency responsible for construction of 4th Tawi Bridge.

This information was given by the Deputy Chief Minister in the Legislative Assembly while replying to a question raised by Sham Lal Sharma.

He stated that the recent floods in Jammu damaged the bridge's approaches but the bridge itself remained intact.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that as per the

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BJP MLAs stage dharna outside LA alleging bias proceedings in allotting time

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP legislators on Wednesday staged a dharna outside the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly after staging a walkout from the House, alleging that Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather was "muzzling the voice of the opposition" and showing bias while allotting speaking time to members of the ruling party.

All BJP members walked out of the Assembly after protesting inside the House over the issue. The legislators, led by Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, later sat on a dharna outside the Assembly complex and raised slogans against the Speaker and the government.

"We are sitting on a dharna after protesting against the biased manner in which the Speaker is granting time to



BJP MLAs sitting on dharna outside Legislative Assembly.

opposition members to speak. The Speaker is shielding the government from giving replies. This is muzzling

the voice of the opposition," Sharma told reporters.

He alleged that the

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