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attacks innocent police personnel, civilians or journalists or anyone, be it a Pakistani or a local terrorist, he will be neutralised, he said.

The valley's police chief said the Srinagar operation is one of the best examples of how investigation of a terror crime case leads to an anti-terrorist operation.

This surely is a big success for Srinagar Police, the IGP Kashmir said.

Asked about seizing of properties of those who harbour terrorists, the IGP said the process will continue and the house in which Sunday's encounter took place will also be seized.

Kumar said there is a decline in the number of terrorists in the Kashmir Valley and the police, Army and CRPF will work on reducing the number further.

He said security force personnel were a soft target for terrorists, but the forces were giving a befitting response to them.

Our jawans who are deployed in lanes or localities are a soft target. Terrorists come with their pistols concealed and it is easy for them to attack. But, we are giving them a befitting reply, the IGP added.

Special prayer for...

Kashmir Dharmarth Trust in collaboration with Sanatan Dharam Sabha and Dharmik Youvak Mandal, the procession commenced from the historic Raghunath Temple amid tight security arrangements.

Jammu Divisional Commissioner Raghav Langer flagged off the Yatra along with former Minister Ajatshatru Singh, the grandson of the last Dogra ruler Maharaja Hari Singh in the presence of several prominent personalities, including Advocate Ajay Gondota, President J&K Dharmarth Trust, Dr Gopal Parthasarthy Sharma, Secretary and Varinder Jamwal, Additional Secretary.

The Shobha Yatra started from the Shri Raghunathji Temple and after passing through various markets including Residency Road, Rajinder Bazaar, Kanak Mandi, City Chowk, Purani Mandi, Link Road, Jain Bazaar, Chowk Chabutra, Pacca Danga, Moti Bazaar, Raj Tilak Road, Raghunath Bazaar returned to the Raghunath Temple.

Earlier, M.K. Ajatshatru Singh along with Dr Raghav Langer and Trust officials presided over the Murti Poojan at Shri Raghunath Temple. Thereafter, Rath Poojan and Dhwajaroohan ceremonies were performed.

Thousands of devotees comprising prominent citizens, politicians and heads of social and religious organizations participated in the Shobha Yatra. Members of Muslim brethren under the patronage of Abdul Majid also accorded a rousing reception to the Yatra enroute.

Ajatshatru Singh, in his message, felicitated people on Ram Navami and prayed that this auspicious occasion would be the harbinger of peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the celebration of festivals, which are an important part of our glorious heritage, strengthens communal harmony and brotherhood and reinvigorates the secular ethos. He prayed for peace and the well-being of the people of the Union Territory. Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust president Ajay Gondota said the yatra could not be held in the past two years due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

"This year we decided to organise the yatra in a big way," he said.

Tight security arrangements were ensured by the UT administration across the city for the smooth conduct of Ram Navami celebrations. During the Shobha Yatra various senior police officers also marked their presence to make arrangements robust and incident-free.

Heavy rush of devotees was witnessed at the historical Raghunath Ji temple where people made long queues to participate in "Pooja" and other holy rituals.

Trust's President expressed gratitude to the DIG of BSF, Surjeet Singh Sekhon for arranging BSF Band on this auspicious occasion in the temple premises. He also expressed gratitude to Mamnoon Bhardwaj, Retd senior BSF officer who came from Delhi for participation in the Murti Poojan and Sobha Yatra.

Purnima Sharma, Dy Mayor, Parshotam Dadechhi from Sanatan Dharm Sabha; Anil Sharma, President Dharmik Youvak Mandal; Pt Shiv Raina, Chairman and Members of Dharmarth Trust Advisory Committee and several other prominent persons participated in the Sobha Yatra.

Biden, Modi virtual...

democracy, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, she said.

The two leaders will advance ongoing conversations about the development of an Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and delivering high-quality infrastructure, Psaki said. Biden will continue our close consultations on the consequences of Russia's brutal war against Ukraine and mitigating its destabilising impact on global food supply and commodity markets, she said.

Biden last spoke to Prime Minister Modi with other Quad Leaders in March.

This meeting will precede the US-India 2+2 Ministerial between Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, and External Affairs Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh of India, said the White House Press Secretary.

Ladakh bridge collapse...

was launched with operational support mobilised from the local 102 Brigade of the Army, project Vijayak of Border Roads Organization as well as the Air Force Station Leh.

Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh, Saugat Biswas coordinated with all the agencies involved in the operation, the spokesman said.

efforts, arrested the absconder from Satwari. The accused will now be produced before the court for further legal proceedings.

4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

Srinagar: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, police on Sunday arrested 4 drug peddlers in Bandipora & Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, acting on specific information regarding movement of drug peddlers in Subbal, a party from police Station Sumbal led by SHO Sumbal under the supervision of SDPO Sumbal Surender Mohan laid a special checkpoint at Arampora Sumbal and arrested 2 notorious drug peddlers, identified as Shabir Ahmad Reshi, son of Gh Qadir Reshi, resident of Bhat Mohalla and Manzoor Ahmad Paray, son of Ab Jabar Paray, resident of Bazar Mohalla Sumbal. During checking, 15 bottles of codeine phosphate were recovered from their possession. It is pertinent to mention that the duo was supplying drugs to youth of the area.

In Awantipora, a party from Police Post Reshipora at a checkpoint established at Datpora Reshipora intercepted 2 suspects identified as Bilal Ahmad Fafoo, son of Gh Rasool Fafoo and Umer Manzoor Sheikh, son of Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh, both residents of Habba Kadal, Srinagar. During checking, 6 gm heroin like substance was recovered from their possession. They were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective police stations and investigation started.

Two killed, 8 injured in separate mishaps**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

Jammu: Two persons were killed while eight others got injured in separate mishaps on Sunday.

As per details, a biker got hit by a truck in Narwal Yard-2 due to which he got injured and was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. The deceased was identified as 50-year old Samalidin, son of Noor Mohd, resident of Nowabad, Sunjwan.

Meanwhile, another biker was hit by a speeding bus near Prem Nagar on Jammu-R S Pura, due to which he died on the spot. The deceased, identified as Harsimran Jeet Singh, son of Balwant Singh, resident of Miran Sahib, was a private security guard.

He said the Indian Air Force has been roped in for mobilising air evacuation of the rescued to Leh.

Mathur has said that all assistance will be extended to the affected persons in the accident, especially the labourers working on the bridge construction.

BSF IG reviews...

difference and will serve the purpose. He said such farmer centric programs for the people of border areas will continue in the coming days.

Expressing his views, Director Agriculture Kashmir Mohammad Iqbal highlighted various initiatives by the Department for the benefit of the farming community of border areas. He marked the role of organic cultivation of Kala Zeera (Black Cumin), Potato and other such crops for the economy of the region.

Deputy Director Planning Mohammad Younis Chowdhary, Deputy Director Agriculture (Central) Kashmir, Wahegur-Rehman, Chief Agriculture Officer Bandipora Mohammad Mujtaba Yehya and other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

Pak to have...

The marathon proceedings of the National Assembly, Parliament's lower house, were adjourned in the early hours of Sunday to meet again on Monday at 2 pm to elect the new prime minister.

Khan, 69, the country's 22nd prime minister, was unceremoniously removed from the office through the no-confidence vote, becoming the first premier in Pakistan's history to be ousted through a no-trust motion.

He was sworn as the prime minister of Pakistan on August 18, 2018 and the no-confidence motion against him was passed on April 10, 2022 after which his term as the premier came to a sudden end.

His 1,332-day tenure as prime minister which began on Saturday, August 18, 2018 ended on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

The cricketer-turned-politician served as the prime minister of Pakistan for three years seven months and 23 days, which in terms of months is around 43 months and 23 days, Geo News reported.

The term of the current House is up to August, 2023.

Ayaz Sadiq of the PML-N, who was chairing the crucial session, said the nomination papers for the new prime minister may be submitted by 2 PM on Sunday and the scrutiny would be done by 3 PM.

He summoned the session on Monday at 11 AM and said the new premier would be elected then. However, the National Assembly of Pakistan later informed on its official Twitter account that the House will meet at 2 PM.

"The Sitting of the National Assembly will meet again on Monday, the 11th April, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 a.m.," it tweeted.

Earlier, Sadiq was nominated by Speaker Asad Qaiser to chair the session after the leader of Imran Khan's party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), announced to step down as it was not possible for him to continue.

Sadiq immediately started the voting process.

The joint Opposition - a rainbow of socialist, liberal and radically religious parties - secured the support of 174 members in the 342-member National Assembly, more than the needed strength of 172 to oust the prime minister on a day full of drama and multiple adjournments of the lower house.

No Pakistani prime minister has ever completed a full five-year term in office.

Khan was not present in the lower house at the time of voting. His party lawmakers staged a walkout during the voting. However, PTI's dissident members were present in the house and sat on the government benches.

The removal of Khan has set in motion the process to elect the new leader of the house.

Khan, who came to power in 2018 with promises to create a Naya Pakistan', was dogged by claims of economic mismanagement as his government battled depleting foreign exchange reserves and double-digit inflation.

He apparently also lost support of the powerful Army after he refused to endorse the appointment of the ISI spy agency chief last year. Finally he agreed but it soured his ties with the powerful Army, which has ruled the coup-prone country for more than half of its 75 years of existence and has hitherto wielded considerable power in the matters of security and foreign policy.

Khan wanted to keep Lt Gen Faiz Hameed as the spy chief but the army high command transferred him by appointing Corps Commander in Peshawar.

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Precaution dose of...

workers and citizens aged 60 years and above, shall continue to receive precaution dose vaccination at any vaccination centres, including free of charge vaccination at Government Vaccination Centers, Bhusan had underlined.

The countrywide vaccination drive was rolled out on January 16 last year with healthcare workers getting inoculated in the first phase. Vaccination of frontline workers started from February 2 last year.

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In another incident, an auto and an army vehicle collided near Beli Charana area due to which 8 persons got injured, who were shifted to hospital for treatment. The injured were identified as Roshni, Ajay, Hukeya, Raju, Sayi, Mukesh, Kanji Lal and Rekha.

Theft case solved; three arrested, stolen gold ornaments, cash recovered**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: District Police Poonch under guidance of SSP Rohit Baskotra worked out a theft case and recovered stolen items with arrest of accused persons.

As per details, on April 4, 2022, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Poonch by one Devinder Lal Sharma,



exceeded 185.70 crore, according to official data till 7 am.

Northern Command Chief...

operations. Lt Gen Dwivedi appreciated the efforts being taken to break the cycle of violence for sustainable peace and stability in Kashmir.

The Army commander was also appreciative of the soldier-citizen connect activities, which have resulted in overall reduction in the terrorist recruitments. During the day, he also visited 92 Base Hospital at BB Cantt here and asked about wellbeing of patients admitted there.

Lt Gen Dwivedi also interacted with the jawans of CRPF, who have been admitted to the hospital owing to various operational injuries.

The Army commander will be visiting forward areas on Monday and will interact with the troops deployed on the LoC, the PRO said.

To become terrorist...

terrorist ranks in 2021. "As many as 171 terrorists -- 151 locals and 20 Pakistanis -- were killed in 2021, while 45 terrorists, including 10 Pakistanis, have been eliminated till now this year. As many as 87 terrorists were apprehended or surrendered in 2021 and 27 terrorists this year," he said.

"The killing of terrorists off late has been possible because of human intelligence...people are fed up with terrorism," he said.

Lt Gen Pandey referred to the killing of SPO Ishfaq Ahmad and his brother Umer Jan by terrorists at Chattabugh village in central Kashmir's Budgam district on March 27 and said "a sea of people participated in their funeral procession".

The brothers were shot by terrorists near their home.

The Army commander, who is set to relinquish the post in June this year, had visited the bereaved family to express his condolences and assured the family that the security forces would soon arrest those involved in the dastardly attack.

"The massive participation of people at the funeral of the SPO and his brother is the change. It is increasing by the day and people have also been asking 'akhir kabtak' (how long). The voices may be few today but I am sure that it will snowball into a big movement against terrorism," the Army officer said.

Lt Gen Pandey surprised many by visiting north Kashmir's Sopore town - once a hotbed of terrorism -- on Monday and wished citizens on Ramzan.

While interacting with people, Lt Gen Pandey mentioned that Kashmir is on the cusp of a positive change. The situation is peaceful with a marked improvement in all key security parameters -- local terrorist recruitment, law and order situation and strike calls.

He prodded the youth to follow the right path leading to an upright life and inspire others to join the path of peace and progress.

Lt Gen Pandey also said that while those in the 20-25 age group have understood that "violence leads to nowhere", "white collar terrorists" are now trying hard to lure into their ranks teenagers aged 16 to 19 years who may not yet have the maturity and clarity to judge right from wrong.

He said "white collar terrorists" are common people who do their daily business as usual but clandestinely work for terror groups and brainwash young minds.

During his visit to Sopore, the Chinari Corps commander also met with former terrorists and appealed to them to visit homes of active terrorists, speak to their parents and urge them to get their children back to the mainstream and onto the right path.

"The time is not far when terrorists will be shamed by the society in Kashmir," Lt Gen Pandey said.

He, however, said it is time for the society in Kashmir to think how long they will maintain silence while terrorism consumes their teenaged children. "Security forces have stopped live encounters at times to ensure that these young men are brought back to the national mainstream," he said.

He said there is no place for laxity on the part of security agencies in maintaining pressure on terrorists and their supporters.

"One needs to continue maintaining pressure on over ground workers (OGWs), especially from the banned Jamaat-e-Islami group, who have been instrumental in brainwashing the youth," the officer said.

COVID: 30 new...