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### Two LeT terrorists...

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 Dharnik Youvak Mandal, the procession commenced from the historic Raghunath Temple amid tight security arrangements.

Jammu Divisional Commissioner Raghav Langar 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 Gandotra, President J&K Dharmarth Trust, Dr Gopal Parthasarthi 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 Dhawajaroan 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 Gandotra 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 Ramnavmi 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 Manmohan 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, proetal 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.

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 Chowdhary 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, Waheed-ur-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.

### 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, Bhushan 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.

The next phase of COVID-19 vaccination commenced on March 1 last year for people over 60 years of age and those aged 45 and above with specified co-morbid conditions.

India launched vaccination for all people aged more than 45 years from April 1 last year. The government then decided to expand its vaccination drive by allowing everyone above 18 years of age to be inoculated against the viral disease from May 1 last year.

The next phase of vaccination commenced from January 3 for adolescents in the age group of 15-18 years. India began administering precaution doses of vaccines to healthcare and frontline workers and those aged 60 and above with comorbidities from January 10.

The country began inoculating children aged 12-14 from March 16.

The cumulative COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has

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 Chinar 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...

Srinagar district recorded 29 cases, while one infection was recorded in Baramulla, officials said.

Eighteen of the total 22 districts in the Union territory did not report any new case. There are 92 active cases while the overall recoveries have reached 4,49,047, officials said. Meanwhile, with no fresh case reported in a 24-hour period, Ladakh's COVID-19 tally remained unchanged at 28,232, officials said. Over 2,700 tests were conducted to detect the viral disease in the twin districts of Leh and Kargil on Saturday and all the results returned negative, they added. The Union Territory currently has nine active cases of the infection -- six in Leh and three in Kargil -- the officials said.

Ladakh has recorded a total of 228 COVID-19 deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic.

A total of 27,995 patients have recovered from the disease in the Union Territory, the officials said.

### 9 Ic/PPs among...

from Police Station Nowabad as Incharge PP Canal; Ishfaq Ahmed Kasana from PP Canal as IO Police Station Jhajar Kotli; Amit Singh from Police Station City as Incharge PP Chinore; Amar Roshan from PP Chinore as IO Police Station Bishnah; Lekh Raj from BPP Kirpalpur has been posted at DPO Jammu RW Section; Romesh Kumar from BPP Treva to DPL Jammu; Puran Chand from BPP Kullian as IO Police Station Gandhi Nagar; Ranjeet Singh from DSB Jammu as Incharge BPP Kullian.



## Nine gamblers arrested with Rs 35,000 stake-money

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Sunday nabbed nine gamblers and recovered stake money of Rs 35,000 from the spot.

As per details, a team from Police Station Bahu Fort led by SHO Insp Nayat Ali assisted by Incharge Police Post Narwal SI Achal Rana, while on patrolling duty received information regarding some persons playing lottery 'Matka' near Transport Nagar, Jammu in jurisdiction of Police Station Bahu Fort. On this, police teams raided the spot and caught nine gamblers red-handed along with Rs 35,000 stake money and lottery registers. All were arrested and case under section 13 of Gambling Act was registered against them at Police Station Bahu Fort.

The accused were identified as Pappu Kumar, son of Babu Ram; Param, son of Santoshi; Abay, son of Kala Ram, all residents of Rajeev Nagar; Kala, son of Lachhi Ram & Rahul, son of Mohan, both residents of Chhani Rama Jammu; Ashwani Kumar, son of Romesh Lal, resident of Rehari; Sunny Kumar, son of Vijay Kumar & Bittu Ram, son of Khalati, both residents of Bagh-e-Bahu Jammu and Netar Pal, son of Ram Naresh, resident of UP at present Chhani Rama Jammu. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari.

## Absconder evading arrest for 17 years arrested

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Sunday detained an absconder who was evading his arrest for 17 years.

As per details, an information was received at Police Station Bahu Fort regarding an absconder namely Gagandeep Singh alias Gugu, son of Late Janak Singh, resident of Jeevan Nagar at present Ajeet Nagar, Satwari who was evading arrest since 17 years i.e., 2005 in FIR No. 117/2005 registered under sections 382/341 of RPC at Police Station Bahu fort.

On this, a team of Police Station Bahu Fort under supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Bahu Fort Insp Nayat Ali, after putting in hectic

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 & Avantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, acting on a specific information regarding movement of drug peddlers in Submal, 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 Avantipora, 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 Samalmdin, 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.

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, Saiya, 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,



son of Devi Dayal, resident of Ward-15, Suthra Babli stating therein that some unknown thieves has stolen gold and cash from his house.

Acting over complaint, FIR No. 61/2022 under sections 454/380 of IPC was registered at Police Station Poonch and investigation started, during which a team of Police Station Poonch led by SHO Inspr Sureshwar Dev Singh obtained vital clues and with help of technical assistance, nabbed a suspect namely Zrete Hussain, son of Manawar Hussain, resident of Potha from Surankote. During sustained questioning, the suspect confessed his crime and disclosed identity of his two associates in crime as Abbas Khan, son of Ayoub Khan, resident of Potha Surankote and Fareem Iqbal, son of Mohd Azam, resident of Potha Surankote, who were also arrested.

On their disclosure, the stolen items were recovered which include 4 gold bangles; 3 gold rings; 3 pairs gold ear-rings; 2 gold chains; a gold locket; a gold Tikka; a gold Nath and cash amounting to Rs 25,000. Further investigation is going on to ascertain involvement of accused in other cases.

## Parents, locals protest against Health Department by keeping body on road

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Locals of Bishnah area and parents of a youth, who died of drug overdose on Sunday, staged a protest against Health Department by placing his body on road alleging that postmortem was not conducted properly by doctors. As per details, parents of a youth namely Gulshan Kumar shifted him to Bishnah hospital where he succumbed. It was learnt that youth died of drug overdose.

After the postmortem, the parents and locals, who were taking body to home, saw blood coming out of body after which they observed that body was not completely stitched by doctors who carried out autopsy.

Irked over it, they placed body on Bishnah-Kunjwani road and staged protest against health department.

On receiving the information, BMO Bishnah Dr Rakesh Mangotra and SHO Bishnah Vinod Kundal rushed to the spot and pacified the protesters which were demanding suspension of doctor, who carried out autopsy. After written assurance by BMO, protesters lifted body for performing last rites.

Shil Kumar, brother of deceased alleged that his brother Gulshan Kumar went out with his friend Sunil Kumar, who had given him some sedatives due to which he died.