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Incharge Secys nominated to monitor development works in districts

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JAMMU: The government on Friday nominated Administrative Secretaries as in-charge Secretaries for 20 districts for monitoring developmental works and other related matters of the districts.

The nomination of Administrative Secretaries has been made in supersedes

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Narrow escape for Dr Darakhshan after her car met with accident in New Delhi; shifted to AIIMS

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JAMMU: Chairperson Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board and BJP leader, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday had a narrow escape when her vehicle met with an accident in New Delhi. She has been admitted to AIIMS New Delhi.

Reports said that Darakhshan Andrabi's vehicle was hit by another car at New Delhi on Friday due to which she received minor injuries.

It was informed that the accident took place when she was on way back after attending a party's high-level meeting in New Delhi.

Two non-local labourers shot at by terrorists in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Terrorists on Friday shot at and injured two non-local labourers in the Nowgam area on the outskirts of the city, police said.

The injured persons, identified as Najamul-Islam and Anikul-Islam, both residents of West Bengal at Suthsoo Kalan area of Nowgam, were shifted to a hospital, a police official said.

The area has been cordoned off and a hunt launched to nab the attackers, he said.

Meanwhile in Budgam, Police reliably learnt that a 17 year old boy namely Shabir Ali Mir son of Ali Mohd Mir resident of Gund Hasibhat, has drowned in Sukuag Nalla at Kawoosa. The dead body was fished out from the stream by the locals and was taken to his native place for last rites. Police Budgam is enquiring into the circumstances which lead to the drowning of the individual.

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 34.6°C Min: 18.1°C

Humidity

Max : 39 Min : 22

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 17.7°C Min: 8.6°C

Humidity

Max : 86 Min: 64

Sunset : 19:06 Hours

Sunrise : 05:55 Hours

2 Jaish suicide bombers killed, CISF officer martyred in Sunjwan encounter

Could be conspiracy to sabotage PM's visit: DGP



Martyr CISF ASI, S.P. Patel

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JAMMU: An attempt by banned terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) to carry out a suicide attack ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit was foiled after two suspected Pakistani terrorists were killed here in an encounter on Friday in which a CISF officer was also martyred, officials said.

Nine security personnel were also injured in the pre-dawn gunfight near an Army camp in Sunjwan area on the outskirts of Jammu.

Director General of Police



Security forces at the encounter site near Army camp in Sunjwan area.

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(DGP) Dilbag Singh, who visited the encounter site, said the two terrorists were part of a suicide squad of Pakistan-based JeM and their infiltration could be a "big conspiracy" to sabotage the Prime Minister's visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

According to initial investigation, the two terrorists entered the outskirts of

Jammu city on Thursday after infiltrating from the International Border in R S Pura sector and were staying in a locality close to the Sunjwan Army camp.

"Last night, police and other forces were involved in an operation which culminated... As per reports, the two terrorists were part of JeM's suicide squad, launched from

Pakistan and tasked with targeting a camp of the security forces or engaging... to inflict a lot of casualties," the DGP told reporters near the scene of the encounter.

The terrorists, wearing suicide vests, were also equipped with a huge quantity of arms and ammunition, indicating that they had come to inflict heavy casualties on security

forces.

"The encounter took place two days ahead of the prime minister's visit. It is part of a big conspiracy to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu and it could be a big conspiracy to sabotage the visit," Singh said, adding "it is good that we got timely inputs and the operation was concluded successfully."

Modi Govt found permanent solution to terrorism in J&K: Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHOPAL: The Narendra Modi government at the Centre has succeeded in finding permanent solution to problems such as the terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, left-wing extremism and drugs menace and armed groups in the North East, Union Home Minister Amit Shah claimed here on Friday.

Speaking at the inauguration of the 48th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC) organised by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), he also stressed that police should remain two steps



ahead of criminals by becoming tech-savvy. In the last eight years, the Narendra Modi government almost settled the Kashmir issue, and also solved Naxalism as well as the problem of armed groups and drugs in the

North East, the Union minister said. "Many armed groups have surrendered to join the mainstream. After Article 370 was abrogated, a new era of enthusiasm and development has begun in Kashmir," Shah said.

"After the abrogation of Article 370, large-scale development is happening in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

This change was possible because the government worked on a strategy after intense discussions and analysing the problems, he added.

In his speech, Shah also

underlined the need to modernise the police force to strengthen internal security.

"Police need to be tech-savvy to remain two steps ahead of criminals," he said. The two-day event is being held at the Central Academy of Police Training (CAPT) here.

Every state has to adapt to the technologies used by other states and focus on modernizing the police force and training methods, Shah further said.

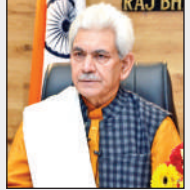
Police in the entire country should work in tandem and with coordination with

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Gallant deeds of CISF ASI will never be forgotten: LG

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said the gallant deeds of CISF's Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) S P Patel, who was killed during an encounter with terrorists in Jammu, will never be forgotten.

"I salute India's brave son and an ASI of the CISF, S P Patel, who made the supreme sacrifice while fighting terrorists at Sunjwan, Jammu," Sinha said. He said Patel's gallant deeds will never be forgotten and prayed for a speedy recovery of those injured in the gunbattle, he said.



The operation began around 4.25 am on Friday when the two terrorists, who were apparently moving towards the Army camp, were spotted by the guards who were changing duties, the officials said.

Around the same time, a CISF bus carrying 15 personnel was proceeding towards the Jammu airport, which is being guarded by the paramilitary force. Apparently, in a knee-jerk reaction, the two terrorists

lobbed a grenade towards the bus and sprayed it with bullets before escaping back into the nearby locality, prompting the security forces to lay a cordon around the area.

A senior Central Industrial Security Force officer said the terrorists fired at the bus and lobbed grenades, martyring Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) S P Patel and injuring two other occupants. The force retaliated effectively. Later in a

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SFs bid farewell to CISF officer martyred in Jammu encounter



DGP Dilbag Singh along with other top officers of police, CISF Army and CRPF carrying coffin of Martyr ASI CISF, S.P. Patel.

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JAMMU: Security forces on Friday bid farewell to CISF officer S P Patel who was martyred in a pre-dawn gunfight with terrorists in

Jammu city. Patel, a CISF assistant sub inspector, lost his life while nine security personnel were injured in the encounter

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Security arrangements for Amarnath Yatra 2022 reviewed

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SRINAGAR: Security arrangements for this year's

Amarnath Yatra were reviewed at a high-level meeting of security officials in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday.

"A joint security review meeting was held at Manasbal in which threadbare discussions were made regarding overall security arrangements to be adopted for the upcoming Shri

Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) 2022," a police spokesman said.



He said the meeting was attended by DIG (central Kashmir) Sujit Kumar, Commander 3 sector

Brigadier Atul Rajput and DIG CRPF Randeep K Rana.

Several other senior officers of police, Army and CRPF were also present in the meeting.

"A detailed security review of all locations enroute, including transit camps and base camps at Baltal and Domail, were taken. Senior officers also reviewed traffic management for smooth passage of yatra convoys and availability of parking

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9 new COVID cases in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday reported nine new Covid cases, taking the infection tally to 4,53,975, officials said. The fresh cases were reported from Jammu division with Jammu district accounting for eight cases and Rajouri district one, they said.

There are 55 active Covid cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,49,169, they said. The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,751 as no fatality was reported in the last 24 hours. The officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus).

Multi-tier security activated ahead of PM's visit in Samba



Security forces carrying out checking of commuters on NH at Samba on Friday.

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JAMMU: A multi-tier security setup has been put in place for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Samba on

Sunday, officials said, hours after two suspected Pakistani terrorists were killed during an encounter in Jammu.

An alert has also been

sounded along the border and a high degree of vigilance is being maintained at vital installations in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the visit, they said.

Their remarks came after an attempt by banned terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) to carry out a suicide attack ahead of the PM's visit was foiled as two suspected Pakistani terrorists were killed in the encounter in Jammu. A CISF officer also died during the gunfight.

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India has no option but to make itself stronger amid changing world order: Rajnath

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NEW DELHI: India has no option but to make itself stronger to ensure its defence, peace and stability as the world order is changing rapidly, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday in the context of the Ukraine-Russia war.

A lot of things are happening in the world that are affecting India, Singh said at the inauguration of DefConnect 2.0.

DefConnect 2.0 is a one-day event to bring together start-ups, big companies and armed forces personnel to boost indigenous innovation in the defence sector.

"When we met at Aero India 2021 (February 21), from then to now, the world has changed so much that it

cannot be accounted for or measured. Every new danger is looking more complex and challenging than the previous one," Singh told the gathering.

"We did not even recover fully from the Covid-induced crisis but the world is now facing the issue of the Ukrainian conflict," he said.

"The way the world order is changing with time, we do not have any other option but to make ourselves stronger," he said.

Even before this, the minister said, the world has seen instability in the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"Apart from this, there are a lot of things happening in the world that are

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Technology exhibition at Modi's event in Jammu to motivate start-ups

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NEW DELHI: A technology exhibition will be held at an event to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jammu on Panchayati Raj Diwas' to motivate start-ups and help create awareness about the enormous new avenues of livelihood being availed across the country, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Friday.

In a statement, the Ministry of Science and Technology said Singh held a thorough review of more than a dozen stalls put up by the ministry for the exhibition in Jammu.

The Union minister said the stalls put up by various departments and wings of the ministry will display latest technologies and innovations beneficial for rural areas and farming.

He had already inspected the 500 KV Solar Plant and other exhibition themes on Tuesday at the Palli



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh reviewing preparation of Technology Stalls being put up in the exhibition at the venue of PM's rally at Palli, Samba.

Panchayat of Samba District, which was completed in record time," according to a statement by the Science and Technology ministry.

The Minister of State (MoS) said the carbon-free solar plant has been installed on a total area of 6,408 square metres and was completed in

a record time of 18 days and will provide clean electricity and light to 340 houses in the panchayat.

It was built by the Central Electronics Limited (PSE) under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Union Ministry of Science and Technology, he added.