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Longest surviving HM ‘Commander’ among 3 terrorists killed near Amarnath Yatra route in Anantnag

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists, including a self-styled commander of the outfit, were killed in an encounter with security forces near the route of the annual Amarnath Yatra in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, police said.

Based on specific inputs about the presence of terrorists in the Srichand Top forest area in Pahalgam, Anantnag, security forces launched a cordon and search operation there, a police official said.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter after the hiding terrorists fired at the security forces.

In retaliation, three terrorists were killed, the official said.

The ultras belonged to the Hizbul Mujahideen outfit, he added.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar identified one of the



Hybrid terrorist, associate arrested in Baramulla

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Friday arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) hybrid terrorist and his associate in Baramulla district and recovered arms and ammunition from their possession, police said.

On specific information regarding movement of terrorists, a checkpoint was established by security forces near Hilltop Cheradari in Baramulla, a police spokesman said.

During checking, two suspicious persons tried to flee the spot on noticing the joint party of the forces. However, they were apprehended, he said.

The arrested duo has been identified as Ashiq Hossain Lone, a resident of Hyder Mohalla Ushkara Baramulla, and Uzair Amin Ganie, a resident of Kanthbagh Baramulla.

During their search, incriminating material, arms and ammunition, including a pistol, a

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slain ultras as Ashraf Molvi - one of the oldest surviving terrorists of the outfit.

Ashraf Molvi hailing from Tenggawa Kokernag had joined Hizb-ul-Mujahideen in 2013 and soon became one of the most wanted terrorists in the valley.

Mohd Ashraf Khan alias Ashraf Molvi (one of oldest surviving terrorist of HM #terror outfit) along with two other terrorists killed, he said on Twitter.

Kumar said the operation on the Amarnath Yatra route was a major success for the security forces.

According to police spokesperson, the other two slain terrorists have been identified as Mohd Rafiq Drangay and Roshan Zameer Tantray @Aqib.

As per police records, all the three categorized killed terrorists were part of groups involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on Police/SF and

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Significant steps taken to eliminate impediments for implementation of J&K projects: LG

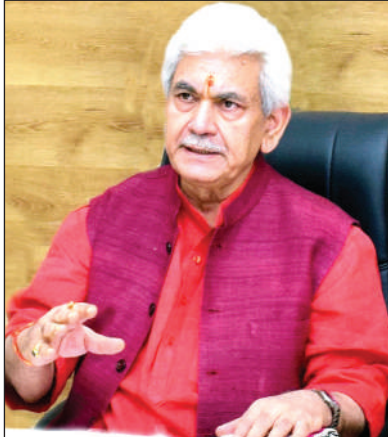
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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said significant steps have been taken in the past three years to eliminate the impediments and expedite approvals for timely implementation of projects in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said lack of adequate infrastructure in the past was a major hurdle in the growth of the J and K's economy.

"We have achieved the historical milestone of 50,726 projects within a year which is five times higher than 2018 figure of 9,229 projects. Speedy economic reforms and focused attention on infrastructure development have infused new energy right across the economy which has directly resulted in reviving investment activity and investor sentiment," Sinha said as he enlisted various initiatives of the administration for furthering the economic growth and holistic development of J&K.

The Lt Governor said that the revival of different sectors of economy like handicraft, industrial investment, tourism and unprecedented pace in building infrastructure has given the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir enviable strength and self-confidence.



"Artificial boundaries were created within the system, which have been removed to ensure growth with equity so that every citizen of J&K benefits from fast economic development, rapid social change and J&K's prosperity. In the connectivity sector, earlier only 6.54 KM roads were being built every day, which has now been substantially increased to 20.68 KMs road per day. Approximately, Rs. One Lakh Crore is being spent on road and tunnel infrastructure, which are opening up new vistas for the people living in far-flung areas," Lt Governor said.

It is pertinent to mention that in 2018-19, only 9,229 projects costing Rs.67,000 Crore were completed. Subsequently, in 2020-21, 21,943 projects with an expenditure of Rs.63,000 Crore were completed. The FY 2021-22 set a new record by completing 50,726 projects. The present infrastructure is expected to expand at a much more accelerated rate in the coming days.

"Enhanced connectivity is significant not only for the overall growth of the economy but also to meet the objectives of strengthening of institutions for providing basic necessities to all, agriculture, promotion of inclusive growth and generation of employment opportunities. Inclusive growth is the ultimate goal of the government," Lt Governor further observed.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the measures to improve agriculture and horticulture productivity such as diversification of high-density crops, availability of high-quality seeds, improvement in water management and promotion of technology. He said that the all-round improvement in this important sector would contribute significantly toward economic growth of Union Territory of J&K and employment creation.

Land-grabber turned JeI associate booked; incriminating documents, mobile phones, tabs seized



JeI associate Mohd Sharif Sartaj

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JAMMU: Continuing investigations into the major Hawala racket operating from Pakistan for mushrooming terrorism in Jammu

Five I/c Jr Asstts regularised, promoted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Friday ordered regularization/promotion of In-charge Junior Assistants of the J&K Secretariat (Subordinate) Service as Junior Assistants.

"As recommended by the Departmental Promotion Committee in its meeting dated February 18, 2022, sanction is accorded to the regularization of In-charge Junior Assistants of the J&K Secretariat (Subordinate) Service as Junior Assistants in Pay Level-4 (Rs 25500-81100)," read an order issued by Manoj Kumar

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Incriminating material, sensitive papers seized from the house of JeI associate Mohd Sharif Sartaj during raids. (More pics on page-9)

and Kashmir, the joint Police teams on Friday raided the house and office of a silent Jamat-e-Islami (JeI) associate Mohd Sharif Sartaj, son of Shams-ul-Din, resident of

EP-62, Dalpatian Mohalla, and Rayees Ahmed Malik, resident of Talab Khatikan falling under the jurisdiction of Peer Mitha Police Station. Mohd Sharif Sartaj, want-

ed in a number of cases related to fraud, land-grabbing was also running a newspaper Rahemanjil to befool the security agencies. Neighbours informed

Ex-Addl CS, others acquitted in Jute Mat Scam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: After 23 years of investigation and trials, Special Judge Anti-corruption Ritesh Kumar Dubey has acquitted Ajit Kumar IAS, the then Additional Chief Secretary, Janak Singh Financial Advisor/Chief Accounts Officer; Ghulam Rasool Vakil alias Lassa Vakil in a much publicised Jute Mat Scam.

As per details, the case was registered on basis of a preliminary enquiry wherein it was established prima facie that SLPC members of Education Department headed by Ajit Kumar, the then Additional Chief Secretary (hereinafter

referred as A-1) had placed a supply order for 3 lakh meters of Jute Mats with M/s Commercial Corporation Limited Srinagar on exorbitant rates in 1997-98 and caused huge loss to state exchequer by abuse of his official positions, in connivance with supplier firm. SLPC was constituted, which comprised Additional Chief Secretary as Chairman, Directors School Education Kashmir/Jammu and Director Industries or his representatives (not below the rank of Joint Director) as members, and FA/CAO Education department as member secretary. By virtue of an addendum to

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Mohd Sartaj's house, office in Dalpatian Mohalla raided

STATE TIMES that Sartaj's son is working with tourism department.

Police team during the investigations of Hawala racket connecting ex-minister Babu Singh, ascertained the illegal and anti-national activities of Sartaj. Accordingly after gathering all data, a raid was conducted at his house and office.

Huge number of incriminating documents, mobile phones, Tabs and SIM cards were seized. All these substantiate Sartaj's links with

Pak sponsored terror groups, said an officer accompanying raiding team.

SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli said that the raids were conducted at the premises of Rayees Ahmed Malik and Mohd Sharif Sartaj in Dalpatian Mohalla and police recovered incriminating documents and material.

Both these accused were also wanted in a case of sedition and rioting registered in 2007 in Jammu when objectionable and sensitive

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In a first, Jammu City gets 17 Smart Anganwadis

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JAMMU: In a first, seventeen 'Smart Anganwadis' with the state-of-art facilities were inaugurated on Friday by Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Deputy Mayor, Advocate Purnima Sharma in different parts of the City.

JMC, Deputy Mayor Purnima Sharma was accompanied by Municipal Councillor of ward no-29, Surinder Sharma.

CEO, Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), Avny Lavasa, Additional CEO, JSCL, Hitesh Gupta, CDPO Akanksha Kalsotra

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CBI conducts raid at RTO office in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The anti-corruption branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Srinagar on Friday carried out raid in the office of Regional Transport Office-Srinagar.

As per sources, raid was conducted following complaints of wrongdoings by the officials of RTO Kashmir in registration of fresh and re-registration of different types of vehicles from outside state. Incriminating documents and

other related documents were seized by the CBI teams.

Sources further confirmed the nexus between touts and officials involved in this large scale fraud going on from last many years, they said, adding that many arrests are expected in the coming days.

RTO Kashmir said the raid was conducted by the CBI Srinagar in the early hours and some documents were seized by the sleuths. He further added that RTO officials are also assisted the teams.

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All 11 J&K universities to be on-boarded Samarth e-Gov portal

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JAMMU: All 11 universities of Jammu and Kashmir will be on-boarded on the Samarth e-Gov portal.

This was decided at a virtual meeting chaired on Friday by the Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Rohit Kansal for review of the implementation of Samarth e-Gov in Universities of the Union Territory. Principal Investigator of the

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200 terrorists ready to be launched into J&K from across border: Northern Army Commander

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Northern army commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday said that infiltration is drastically down, yet currently there are 200 terrorists staged across border ready to be launched into Jammu and Kashmir.

The ceasefire along Indo-Pak border is working 'well' since February 2021 agreement, he asserted.

He said that the number of trained terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir is dwindling with each passing as 21 foreign terrorists have been eliminated this year so far in absence of local shelter and support.

"The number of terrorists staged across the Indo-Pak

‘No more body pushing, situation stable in Ladakh’

UDHAMPUR : Northern Army commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday said the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh is stable but in a



state of heightened alert and asserted that there would be no security lapse on fronts of "operational preparedness and readiness" along the Sino-India border. Noting that India is now negotiating from a position of strength with the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), the General Officer Commanding in Chief (GoC-In-C) of the Udhampur-based Northern Command said communication channels have been put in place to stop the practice of body pushes that used to be there earlier and no physical contact of troops is ensured. "As far as operation preparedness and operation readiness is concerned, there will be no (security) lapses (along the LAC in eastern Ladakh), that I assure you," Lt Gen Dwivedi told reporters here on the sidelines of North Tech Symposium 2022 being organised by the Army. He said the situation along the borderline with China in Ladakh is stable. "Situation along LoC is stable. But it is in the state of heightened alert," he said,

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border are approximately 200. They are waiting across (LoC) to be launched to this

side, Dwivedi said in reply to a question about the security situation along the Line of

Control (LoC) and across the J-K border.

He said that counter infil-

tration grid is very fool-proof.

We have made sure that all reserve troops were put in the second tier of defence so that no infiltration takes place, he said.

In the last twelve months, to say so, the number of ceasefire violations has been very limited -- only one to three CFVs took place, he said.

He maintained that terror infrastructure, however, seems to be intact across the border. "There are six major terrorist camps and 29 minor camps. There are temporary launching pads located close to various military establishments, he said.

He blamed Pakistan army for sustaining the

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