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Not fair for Priyanka to promise increasing 'honorarium' for AWWs to Rs 15,000 in election rally

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President Murmu confers eight Kirti Chakras, 29 Shaurya Chakras

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## **Body Building Trials on May 13**

# **G20** meeting: Home Secy, IB Chief visit Kashmir; review security

The recent two major ter-

ror attacks in Rajouri and

Poonch have given clear sig-

nals that those elements

which are inimical to the

nation may try to disrupt the

coming G20 meeting, the

NSG commandos are likely

to protect the places where

the international delegates

will visit, while Indian Navy's

Marcos commandos are

expected to be deployed in

Dal Lake and other water

bodies in the valley, they said.

The loss of five jawans in

Rajouri last week was the

second major incident within

a month. It took place at a

time when the forces were

engaged in a massive comb-

ing operation for the past 15

days following an ambush on

an Army truck in Bhata

Dhurian in Poonch.

sources said.



STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Union Home

Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Director of Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka are visiting Kashmir on Tuesday to review the security preparation for a meeting of the G20 later this month, sources said

The high-level delegation took stock of the security preparation for the G20 meeting for which international delegates will be in the Valley from May 22 to 24.

Security of the G20 meeting is a top priority for the government for which all possible steps are being taken, the sources said.

Bhalla and Deka met top functionaries of the Jammu and Kashmir administration, police, Army and other security agencies and reviewed the security arrangements,

The G20 delegates are expected to visit Gulmarg and a few other tourist places besides Srinagar as part of

Five soldiers were martyred and another was injured on April 20 when the

### Dal Lake cleaning on in double



SRINAGAR: Authorities in Srinagar have pulled out all stops to clean up the city and the famous Dal Lake ahead of the G20 working group meeting later this month with 500 labourers working under "mission mode" to beautify the urban water

The tourism group meeting of the G20 is scheduled to be held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake here from May 22 to 24. In the run-up to the event, the cleaning drive at the lake is

Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) which is responsible to keep the water bodies, including the Dal Lake, clean has deployed men and machinery for the cleaning process. The authority is using both mechanical and manual means to clean the lake and make it beautiful for the guests. "The main function is happening ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Experts call for change in strategy in Rajouri-Poonch

to tackle increasing terror attacks

# NIA searches across J&K in terror conspiracy case

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday carried out searches at 16 locations across Jammu and Kashmir in a Pakistan-backed terror conspiracy case, an official

The searches in the houses of suspects at four locations in Anantnag, three in Shopian, two each in Budgam, Srinagar and Poonch and one each in Baramulla, Kishtwar and Rajouri were underway, the official said.

Earlier on May 2, the federal agency conducted raids at 12 locations across Jammu and Kashmir and seized incriminating material and digital devices in the terror conspiracy case, which was registered by it suo motu on June 21 last year.

The official said the case relates to the hatching of a conspiracy, both physical and in cyberspace, and plans by



search by officials of NIA at Srigufwara village in Anantnag district on Tuesday.

proscribed terrorist organisations to execute violent terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir with sticky bombs, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and small arms.

The plans are part of a larger conspiracy by the terrorist groups to commit terror acts in association with local youths and overground workers in order to create communal disharmony in Jammu and Kashmir, the

The official said the terrorist outfits involved in the conspiracy were Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Al-Badr and Al-Qaeda, besides their offshoots such as The Resistance Front, United Liberation Front Jammu and Kashmir, Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind, Jammu and Kashmir Freedom Fighters, Kashmir Tigers, and People's

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### 2 LeT terror associates arrested in Shopian, IED recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Tuesday arrested two militant associates of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit in Shopian district and recovered arms and ammunition, including an IED, from them, police said.

During the course of an investigation into a case, security forces arrested two terrorist associates linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT, a police spokesperson

The spokesperson identified them as Shahid Ahmad Lone, a resident of Chotipora Shopian, and Waseem Ahmad Ganie, a resident of

#### Authorities ask raft operates in Chenab River to follow safety protocols STATE TIMEŠ NEWS

JAMMU: Authorities have asked rafters to follow safety protocols while operating rafts for tourists in Chenab River in Reasi district.

A raft carrying 13 people turned turtle in the river on Monday after hitting a pillar of a bridge. All of

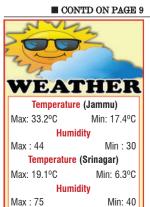
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### G-20 Summit: JDI Kashmir appointed NO & ŚPOC

#### STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR:

Government of UT of J&K Tuesday appointed Mohammad Aslam, Joint Information Director Kashmir as Nodal Officer (NO) and Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the forthcoming G-20 Summit in the UT of J&K.

Director The Joint Information Kashmir has been assigned the role of ensuring proper implementation of the comprehensive Media plan, covering all activities for information



Sunset: 19:18 Hours

Sunrise: 05:39 Hours

Borihalan Shopian, in south Kashmir.

Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including a pistol, a pistol magazine, four pistol rounds, a silencer, an IED, a remote control, two batteries, and an empty magazine of AK 47 rifle, were recovered on their disclosure, the spokesperson said. He said one terror associate has already been arrested in the case.

On May 2, security forces going on in the case.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

Shah on Tuesday said

India

Bangladesh share deep

ties, with a history of

intertwined culture and

language, and as such. no

one can undermine the

good bilateral relations

between the two nations.

Shah was on a visit to the

India-Bangladesh border

at Petrapole in West

Parganas district to inaugu-

rate and lay the foundation

stone of several projects of

the Land Ports Authority of

Bengal's North

PETRAPOLE (WB): Union

Minister Amit

stering of intelligence and deployment, in the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir to combat terrorism, citing high casualty figures of the soldiers in the last 18 months in the region.

arrested a terrorist associate of LeT, identified as Tanveer Ahmad Wani, a resident of Daramdora Shopian. He said further investigation is

Want strong infrastructure & better

connectivity in border areas: Amit Shah

Security Force (BSF).

STATE TIMES NEWS effort by Pakistan to revive JAMMU: Security experts have called for a change in terrorism in the Jammu strategy, including the bol-

"Since October 2021, if you see the events, there is a con-A total of 26 Army person-

India and the Border twined for thousands of

nel, including three officers and five paratroopers, and seven civilians have been killed in eight terror attacks since October 11, 2021 in the twin districts.

Defence and security

experts say that there is an

certed effort from across (the border) to disturb and and revive terrorism in the Jammu region, which has been free of terrorism largely from 17 to 18 years," former J-K director general of police (DGP) S P Vaid told PTI.

He said since the abrogation of Article 370, the entire terror ecosystem is being uprooted with most cadres and leadership of terrorists

years. No one can ever break

our ties with Bangladesh.

India has played a key role

in Bangladesh's history.

The BSF has played a

major role in the

Liberation War of 1971,"

he said at the programme.

Lauding the role of the

Land Ports Authority of

India in strengthening

relations with neighbours,

Shah said that trade of Rs

18,000 crore, through the

Authority, in the financial

year 2016-17 has now

crossed Rs 30,000 crore.

"The Land Ports Authority

Several strategies of the terrorists, including the targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits, have been foiled by the security agencies, he

The former police chief said terrorists are now targeting the Rajouri-Poonch belt in the Pir Panjal region"after suffering setbacks Kashmir' On October 11, 2021, ter-

rorists carried out a major attack in Surankote in Poonch district, killing five soldiers, including a JCO. Two jawans were were killed in the Dera ki Gali belt on October 13 in another

# Man injured in firing

#### at Rajouri STATE TIMÉS NEWS

by security forces

RAJOURI: A mentally challenged man was injured in a firing by security forces after they detected suspicious movement along the  $\overline{\text{LoC}}$  in Rajouri district on Tuesday, official sources said.

The incident took place near a key security establishment on the LoC in Kalal belt of Nowshera tehsil here, they said.

The injured, Anil Kumar, was loitering near the security establishment and paid no heed to the repeated warnings by the security personnel, they said. On being chased by the forces,

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attack. Two weeks later, two soldiers, including an officer, died in an IED blast in Kalal, Rajouri.

Other prominent terror incidents in the region include a fidayeen attack on a military camp in Rajouri on August 11, 2022, killing five soldiers. An attack in Bhatta Dhurian killed another five soldiers. The latest attack occurred on May 5 when five paratroopers of special forces were killed.

Defence expert Brig (retd) Vijay Sagar Dheman said the attacks in the two border districts are serious

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### Woman killed, NEET aspirants injured as car falls into gorge

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: A woman was killed and four persons were injured after the car they were travelling in skidded off a road and fell into a gorge in Doda district on Tuesday afternoon, police

While confirming the incident, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom said that a celerio car (JK06-1453) was on its way from Jammu to Doda, when reached at Satwas near Paryote area of Doda, met with an accident. The deceased has been

identified as Payal Devi, wife of Sandeep Singh, resident of Satwas Doda.

The injured have been identified as Sandeep Singh, son of Rattan Singh, resident of Satwas; Santosha Devi, wife of Vicky, resident of Jammu, Arundeep Rakwal, son of Rajinder Singh, resi-Satwas and Prayanshi Devi, daughter of Sandeep Singh, resident of Satwas.

"All the injured persons were shifted to GMC Doda, where doctors declared one woman as brought dead," SSP added.

DC Doda Vishesh Pal Mahajan said that we have sent requisition to airlift seriously injured persons

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### Azad demands airlifting of essential commodities for stranded nomads, compensation for farmers

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU Chairman, Progressive Azad Party, former Chief Minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday urged the Jammu Kashmir administration to airlift the essential commodities for the stranded Gujjar and Bakerwal community members due to unexpected snowfall and rain on upper reaches of Margantop Wardwan valley, Dakshum Sinthantop, Pahalgam Chandanwardi, Peer ki Gali, Banihal upper reaches. Warwan, Sonamarg, Patnitop, Paddar, Mardwa,



Mahu Mangit.

Azad said that it was unfortunate that our people from the Gujjar and Bakerwal community are left stranded at upper reaches due to untimely snowfall.

"They are running short of

essential commodities and I appeal the Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene on humanitarian grounds and order the airlifting of essential commodities," he said.

He said the people who suffered crop loss due to hailstorm in various parts of Kashmir shall also be compensated.

Azad said in various parts of Kashmir valley, the hailstorm have damaged the crop of mustard oil and government shall compensate it so that farmers won't be in distress. He said, the

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# Imran Khan arrested; supporters storm Army GHQ

ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: Former prime minister Imran Khan was arrested and bundled into a prison van by paramilitary Rangers on Tuesday from the Islamabad High Court, sparking massive protests across Pakistan by his supporters who stormed the army headquarters in Rawalpindi and the Corps Commander's residence in Lahore.

The arrest of the 70-yearold former cricketer-turnedpolitician comes a day after the powerful army accused Khan of levelling baseless allegations against a senior officer of the spy agency ISI. The chairman of the

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), who travelled from Lahore to the federal capital Islamabad, was undergoing a

biometric process at the court when the Rangers broke open the glass window and arrested him after beating lawyers and Khan's security staff, according to senior party leader Shireen Mazari.

"India shares deep ties with

Bangladesh. Our culture,

religion, customs and

lifestyle have been inter-

TV footage showed the Rangers grabbing Khan from the collar and bundling him into a prison van. The Rangers, which operate under the Interior Ministry, are usually commanded by officers on secondment from

"Khan has been arrested in a land transfer case to property tycoon Malik Riaz and is being handed over to Accountability Bureau (NAB)", a NAB official confirmed to PTI.

He said that Khan has been arrested in the Al-Qadir Trust case which is about the setting up of Al-Qadir



University for Sufism in 2019 Sohawa area of Jhelum district of Punjab.

Khan's arrest warrant, issued on May 1, said that he was accused of corruption and corrupt practice.

As the news of Khan's arrest spread, massive protests broke out in several

cities across Protesters at several places turned violent and burned police vehicles and damaged public property.

For the first time, Khan's supporters smashed the main gate of the army's sprawling headquarters in Rawalpindi, where troops exercised

chanted slogans against the establishment.

In Lahore, a large number of PTI workers stormed into the Corps Commander residence and Lahore smashed the gate and window-panes. The army personnel present on duty there, however, did not try to stop the enraged protesters who surrounded them and chanted slogans against the handlers' of the PML-N led government in the military establishment.

The protesters held a demonstration in Cantonment area.

Lahore was virtually cut off from the rest of the province because of the protest on main roads including the entry and exit points. The caretaker Punjab

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### Stage set for high-stakes Karnataka Assembly elections today

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BENGALURU: The BJP looks to script history to retain its southern citadel while a combative Congress eyes a comeback as Karnataka goes to polls on Wednesday at the end of a high octane campaign that was marked by a plummeting level of public discourse and grew increasingly shrill over the Bajrang Dal issue.

As state leaders and candidates from different political parties thronged temples on Tuesday to seek blessings of god and good fortune on the eve of voting for the 224 Assembly constituencies, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a video message to the people of Karnataka on Twitter seeking their blessings in the mission to make

the state the number one in

the country.

The Congress petitioned the Election Commission seeking immediate action against the prime minister for his appeals to Karnataka voters "in violation" of the model code, and said it was "a litmus test" for the poll body's capacity and willingness to enforce laws.

In his message, Modi said the affection he has received in the state over the last few days has been unparalleled. and it has strengthened the resolve to make it number one across all sectors.

"Dream of every citizen of Karnataka is my dream. Your resolve is my resolve. When we come together and set our minds to a goal, no force in the world can stop

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