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JAMMU: In a move aimed at ensuring women's safety as well as keeping tabs on women drug peddlers, female constables have been deployed at various vital checkpoints in Jammu city during night hours, officials said.

This is for the first time that women constables have been deployed during night hours, they said.

"We are deployed at various checkpoints in the city to ensure safety and protection of women at night," a female head constable said. Anita, a constable, said that women cops have been deployed

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Infiltration bid foiled, two terrorists killed in Kupwara

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SRINAGAR: Two terrorists were killed in an encounter as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district on Wednesday, officials said.

Srinagar-based defence spokesperson Col Emron Musavi said that based on a specific intelligence input provided by Senior Superintendent of Police, Kupwara about likely infiltration from one of the terrorist launch pads across the LoC towards Machil sector, troops were put on high alert on Monday.

"A well-coordinated counter-infiltration grid was put in place in this rugged and extremely difficult area. A number of additional ambushes, including those of the Indian Army and SOG (Special Operations Group), Kupwara, were placed along the likely routes of infiltration," he said.

The troops in ambushes braved incessant rainfall, poor visibility and a significant drop in temperature for two consecutive nights, Col Musavi said.

Early on Wednesday morning, the terrorists, who had infiltrated to India's side of the LoC, were spotted by the troops. An intense firefight ensued, resulting in the elimination of the two terrorists, he said.

Col Musavi said the bodies of the two terrorists have been recovered along with two AK series rifles, six AK-47 magazines, 159 AK-47 rounds, two hand grenades, eatables and cigarettes with Pakistani marking, and Pakistani currency amounting to Rs 660.

Their identities and group affiliation are being ascertained, he said, adding that an extensive search in

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■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday blamed the PDP President Mehbooba Mufti for misleading the people of Jammu and Kashmir by undermining the development works undertaken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and giving a new vision to the youth of the Union Territory.

In a statement Chugh, who is also party incharge for J&K, said that the PDP has been always dancing to the tunes of Pakistan and ISI and is now feeling uncomfortable since people of the Union Territory have turned their backs on



Muftis and Abdullahs and taken to the path of progress and development.

Chugh said it is time Muftis and Abdullahs stopped forthwith their nefarious game plan of playing in the hands for Pakistan and China and let the

people go on the path of progress and development.

"The plundering of the J&K resources and the central aid that has been happening for the comfort and pleasure of Muftis and Abdullahs would always remain a black chapter in the recent history", he added.

He said now the youth of the Union Territory want computers, not stones in their hands as the entire culture of J&K have transformed from terrorism to tourism and trade.

Chugh also took strong exception to Farooq Abdullah's statement questioning the Modi government for organizing G20 meeting in Srinagar.

"Srinagar is as much a part of the nation as Shimla is. It is time Abdullahs stopped parroting what ISI tells them to do", Chugh added.

It would be a glorious moment for Srinagar when representatives of 20 nations assemble there and take a comprehensive view of India's progress and development, he added.

Chugh said it is a matter of shame that instead of assisting the Modi government in making the G20 event a big success, Abdullah was speaking what Pakistan and China would like him to do.

‘Transparency, accountability brought in finance system’

CS reiterates zero tolerance against irregularities in recruitment

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday reiterated zero tolerance against any kind of irregularity in any recruitment process undertaken by any recruiting agency of the J&K Government.

"Confidence of our youth in these institutions is paramount for the administration and it would be safeguarded at any cost to ensure that the government jobs are

acquired by deserving candidates on merit only", the Chief Secretary said while speaking a day-long workshop on "Transformation and Reforms in Financial Management", organised by the Finance Department at SKICC here.

The workshop was attended by Director General (s) of Finance and Planning Departments, Director(s) Finance in Administrative Departments, FA& CAOs in Administrative Departments, FAs/ CAOs/Accounts officers posted with HODs/DDCs, Treasury officers and other senior officers of the Department.

The focus of the workshop was to apprise the participants about the priorities of the government and implementation of its schemes through digital platforms for better outcomes at the field level. Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, who was Chief Guest on the

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If DPAP comes to power, we will bring revolution of development across J&K: Azad

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday visited Aru Pahalgam Valley in South Kashmir and met various delegations of Ponywallas, travel agents, hotel associations; tourist guides and also party workers who apprised him of their grievances.

The delegations of ponywallas sought his intervention to urge the government



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad meeting a delegation at Aru Pahalgam Valley on Wednesday.

to allow them to set up tents during the Amarnath yatra




pilgrimage alongside the route.


They said their livelihood is solely depending on Shri Amarnath Yatra and they deserve to be properly accommodated to earn for their families.

Azad assured them that their grievances would be addressed and DPAP will ensure that no one is forced to run pillar to post to seek their issues addressed.

He said that DPAP is imbibing the culture where its party leaders would

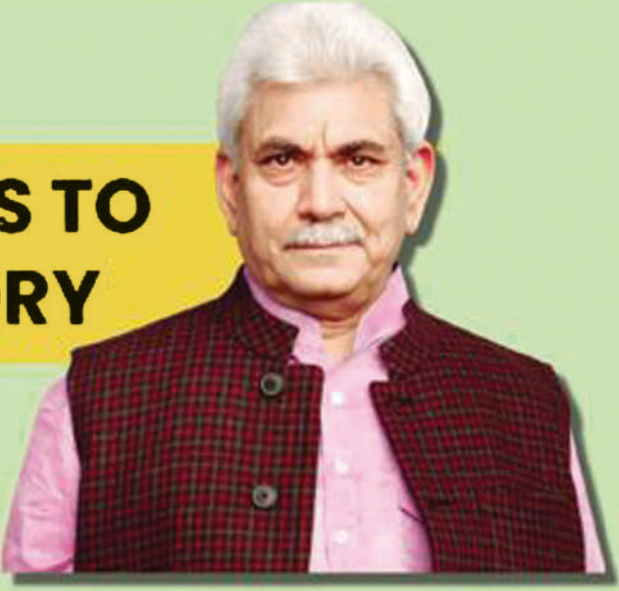
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