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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visits Rajouri, reviews security situation

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RAJOURI/JAMMU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday reviewed the security situation along the borders in Jammu and Kashmir as he visited the district of Rajouri, a day after five elite para commandos of the army were martyred during an anti-terrorist operation in the forested Kandi area of the district.

Singh condoled the deaths of the personnel and commended the security forces for their valour and zeal while operating in challenging situations.

LeT terrorist killed in encounter at Baramulla

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: A Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, police said.

After receiving information about the presence of terrorists in the Karhama Kunzer area of Baramulla, a cordon and search operation was launched, a police official said.

It turned into an encounter after terrorists fired upon the forces who retaliated.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacting with troops during visit to Rajouri on Saturday.

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The minister's visit also assumes significance as terrorists have martyred 35

people, including 26 soldiers, in eight attacks in the twin border districts of

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Suspected Dangri terror attacker killed

RAJOURI: A terrorist said to be part of the group that attacked civilians at Dhangri village earlier this year was killed during an operation on Saturday in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited an army base and took stock of the overall security situation, officials said. Another terrorist was believed to be injured in the early morning encounter

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Modi slams Congress' guarantee of 'Garibi Hatao' as its biggest fraud

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BENGALURU/BADAMI/H AVERI: Cautioning people of Karnataka against Congress' guarantees ahead of Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday called the promise of 'Garibi Hatao' announced by the party 50 years ago as its "biggest fraud in the history", which is still going on.

He also said people across different communities in Karnataka are angry about Congress' "abuses and lies" during the poll campaign, and would respond to it during voting on May 10.

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LG lays wreaths, pays tributes to martyrs



LG Manoj Sinha paying tributes to brave army personnel at wreath laying ceremony in Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha laid wreath and paid tributes to the brave army personnel who

made supreme sacrifice in the ongoing operations against terrorists in Kandi forest, Rajouri.

"The entire nation stands

shoulder to shoulder with the families of the brave martyrs. Grateful nation will always be indebted to their unparalleled valour," the Lt Governor said.

'Please come back, papa', pleads 10-year-old daughter of soldier martyred in Rajouri blast

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AKHNOOR: "Why are you not getting up? I don't want anything, papa. Please come back," 10-year-old Pawana Chib cried as she stretched out her hand to touch the face of her father, paratrooper Neelam Singh, who lay in a coffin before her on Saturday.

Standing next to her, Chib's mother Vandana is staring in disbelief at her husband's lifeless face held between her hands before she breaks down.



10-year-old Pawana Chib crying as her father martyr paratrooper Neelam Singh's body reaches home at Dalpat.

The paratrooper's seven-year-old son Ankit is also

inconsolable. Singh was among the five

soldiers who died in an explosion triggered by terrorists on Friday in the thickly forested Kandi area in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district where an operation is underway to flush out terrorists.

As Singh's mortal remains reached his Dalpat-Chak Kripalpur village here in a Tricolour-wrapped coffin, some wept and others tried to make their way through a crowd of hundreds who had gathered to catch one

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Jammu's secularism its real strength: Azad

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chairman and former Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad has said Jammu's secularism is actually its strength and he salutes the people for maintaining the secular traditions.

"No one can ignore the secular values of Jammu and how it embraced all the people from various regions and



religions and offered equal opportunities," Azad said

while welcoming Working President National Panther's party P.K. Ganju, Surinder Kumar Wahi renowned Businessman, Joginder Paul Kholi Rtd Asst GM FCI, Shweta Dogra, Darhana Devi, Rita Devi, Rekha along with hundreds of workers into the party fold, here on Saturday.

He said their joining would further strengthen the

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