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Pakistan trying to 'bleed India with thousand cuts': Rajnath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said Pakistan is continuously trying to disturb peace in Jammu and Kashmir through its approach of bleed India with a thousand cuts, but warned that a befitting reply will be given if attempt is made to hurt the unity and integrity of the nation.

Our neighbour has always resorted to anti-India activities. The state also witnessed terror activities in the past. Pakistan continuously tries to disturb peace in the country through its approach of bleed India with a thousand cuts, Singh said while addressing security forces in Baramulla district.

Singh, however, assured the nation that if an attempt is ever made to hurt the unity and integrity of the country, the armed forces will give a befitting reply.

He arrived here on a two-day visit to review the security situation in the Union territory.

The Defence Minister undertook a first-hand assessment of the situation in the formations looking after Line of Control (LoC) and forward areas in North Kashmir. He was accompanied by



LG Manoj Sinha welcoming Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Raj Bhawan, Srinagar on Thursday.

nied by Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande; General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C), Northern Command Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi; GoC, 15 Corps Lt Gen AS Anjula and GoC, 19 Infantry Division Maj Gen Ajay Chandpuria.

He was briefed on the existing ceasefire agreement on the LoC, development works on field fortifications, counter infiltration grid, operational preparedness and Army-citizen connect in border areas. Upon his arrival at 15 Corps HQs, Rajnath Singh was briefed by the

GOCC 15 Corps on the overall security situation prevalent on Line of Control and the hinterland. He was also briefed on the measures instituted for the safety and security of Amarnath Yatra.

Rajnath Singh interacted with the personnel of the Armed Forces, Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and J&K Police.

Earlier on Thursday, the

Defence Minister paid tributes to the Army personnel killed in the Galwan Valley clashes two years back that marked the most serious military conflict between India and China in decades.

"Remembering the heroes of Galwan who fought valiantly for the honour of the country and laid down their lives on June 15-16, 2020. Their courage, bravery and supreme sacrifice will never be forgotten. I pay homage to those bravehearts," the defence minister tweeted.

Singh is currently on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff escalated significantly following the Galwan Valley clashes in which 20 Indian Army personnel laid down their lives.

In February last year, China officially acknowledged that five Chinese military officers and soldiers were killed in the clashes though it is widely believed that the death toll on the Chinese side was much higher.

Colonel Bikumalla Santosh Babu, the commanding officer of the 16 Bihar regiment, had led from the

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AGNIPATH SCHEME:
Upper-age limit for recruitment in 2022 increased to 23 years

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Consequent to the commencement of the AGNIPATH scheme, the entry age for all new recruits in the Armed Forces have been fixed as 17 1/2 years to 21 years of age. Cognizant of the fact that it has not been possible to undertake the recruitment during the last two years, the Government has decided that a one-time waiver shall be granted for the proposed recruitment cycle for 2022. Accordingly, the upper age limit for the recruitment process for Agnipath scheme for 2022 has been increased to 23 years.

20 DCs designated as DEOs; 90 as EROs; 243 as AEROs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India has appointed District Election Officers (DEOs), Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) before unveiling of schedule for revision of electoral rolls.

According to a Srinagar-based news agency, the Election Commission of India has issued separate notifications for appointment of DEOs,

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NIA searches 6 locations in Kashmir in JeI terror funding case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday carried out searches at six locations in Kashmir in connection with a terror funding case involving the Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), an official said.

The searches were conducted at the premises of office-bearers and members of the JeI at six locations in Baramulla, Budgam and Srinagar districts of Jammu and Kashmir, a spokesperson

of the NIA said.

The spokesperson said various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized during the raids.

The case, registered by the NIA suo motu on February 5, 2021, pertains to the activities of some JeI members who have been collecting donations in the country and abroad for charity and other welfare activities, but have been using the funds for "violent and secessionist" activities, the spokesperson said.

The NIA said the funds being raised by the organisation are also channelised to proscribed terrorist organisations such as Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) through well-organised networks of the Jamaat-e-Islami.

"JeI has also been motivating impressionable youths of Kashmir and recruiting new members (Rukuns) in J&K to participate in

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Four terrorists killed in two encounters in south Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Four terrorists, including one involved in the killing of a teacher last month, were gunned down in two encounters with security forces in Kulgam and Anantnag districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, police said.

Security forces launched an

anti-terrorism operation in Kulgam's Mishpora area on Tuesday, following information of the presence of terrorists there, a police spokesperson said.

After the initial exchange of fire with the security forces, the terrorists managed to move to the general

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J&K Bank rolls-out Special Karz Mukti Scheme - 2022

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: As part of its wider drive to reduce Non-Performing Assets, J&K Bank on Thursday rolled-out its second One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme. The Bank's MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash launched the scheme titled

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LG launches online helicopter booking service portal for Amarnath Yatra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday launched the online helicopter booking service portal for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, 2022.

Devotees can easily log on to Shrine Board's website www.jksasb.nic.in for the booking of helicopter tickets for the yatra.

Dedicating new online service to the devotees of Shri Amarnath Ji, the Lt Governor said, "It was a long pending endeavour of the Government to introduce heli services from Srinagar for better connectivity and accessibility".

For the first time, devotees can travel with ease directly from Srinagar to Panchtarni and complete the holy yatra in a single day, he added.

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GST Council to meet on June 28-29 in Srinagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will meet on June 28 and 29 in Srinagar. "The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on June 28-29, 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday) in Srinagar," the finance minister's office tweeted.

This is the second time that the GST Council meeting is being held in Srinagar. Before the launch of

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 37.6°C Min: 24.5°C
Humidity
Max: 47 Min: 34
Temperature (Srinagar)
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Humidity
Max: 55 Min: 49
Sunset : 19:41 Hours
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