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Four terrorists killed in two encounters at Kashmir 3 terrorist associates held in Kupwara



Terrorist associates in police custody along with seized arms & ammunition.

encounter; he said.

In the initial exchange of fire, one terrorist was killed and the arrested terrorist leading the search party also got trapped, the spokesman said.

In the ensuing encounter, two Pakistani terrorists of proscribed terror outfit LeT were killed so far. Heavy exchange of fire is still going on and the operation is in progress, he added.

Meanwhile, based on specific input regarding the pres-

killed. They have been identified as Haris Sharief of Srinagar and Zakir Padder of Kulgam, the spokesman said.

As per police records, Sharief was linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT and Padder with JeM. Both were categorised terrorists, he said.

Both the killed terrorists were part of groups involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on police and security forces as well as civilian atrocities, the spokesman said.

The operations in Kupwara and Kulgam are going on and further details regarding them will follow, he said.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said counter-terrorist operations, especially against foreign terrorists, will continue across the Valley. He said the terrorists cannot deter the

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ence of terrorists in the Damhal Hanji Pora area of Kulgam, in south Kashmir, a cordon and search operation was launched by security forces there, the spokesman said.

In the search party approached the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired indiscriminately at them. The fire was retaliated leading to an encounter, he said.

In the ongoing encounter, two local terrorists were

One dead, several shops damaged in landslide at Poonch

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JAMMU: A 45-year-old truck driver was killed and several shops were damaged following a landslide triggered by heavy rains in Poonch district on Sunday, officials said.

Tariq Ahmad Khan was driving out his parked truck when the landslide struck Mandi-Poonch road near Sakdo village, they said. The officials said the

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Adv Vilakshan named new JKNPP Prez

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JAMMU: Nearly three weeks after the demise of its founder Bhim Singh, the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) Sunday announced prominent lawyer and senior leader Vilakshan Singh as its new president.

The announcement was made after a meeting of the party leaders and members of the working committee chaired by Bhim Singh's

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14.40 lakh in violation of provisions of the Act.

CBI searches Srinagar businessman's premises in Roshni land scam case

then Tehsildar of Srinagar.

Chaudhary, the owner of Hattrick Food Industries at Choudhary Bagh in Zakura, was part of a delegation of businessmen from Jammu and Kashmir that called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April this year.

The CBI has alleged that Chaudhary was declared unauthorised occupant of a plot under the Roshni Act and was given the ownership of eight marlas of land for Rs 14.40 lakh in violation of provisions of the Act.

It is alleged that a land measuring four kanals in the Estate Nursing Garh, Tehsil Srinagar was leased out to one Mehboob Beigh and Mumtaaz Afzal Beigh in 1977 by the Jammu and Kashmir government and the lease agreement was coming to an end in 2020. But they had handed over eight marlas of out of total four kanals of land to Chaudhary by virtue of irrevocable Power of

Attorney in 2001.

"Chaudhary, the Power of Attorney holder later applied for conferment of ownership rights under the Roshni Act vide application dated February 24, 2004," according to the FIR.

The then deputy commissioner of Srinagar, in a letter addressed to the divisional commissioner on October 8, 2004, mentioned that the case cannot be considered for ownership rights as the land in question was within 50 feet from the centre of an important road.

A Price Fixation Committee (PFC), in its meeting on March 30, 2005, recommended the case of the applicant to the extent that the land was not required for road widening and was not hit by the provisions of the Ribbon Development Act.

Another Price Fixation Committee, in its meeting held on July 11, 2007 under the chairmanship of

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Three iconic sites of J&K among 75 chosen for Int'l Yoga Day celebrations

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Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharti Pravin Pawar, will lead the celebrations at Martand Sun Temple in Anantnag district of South Kashmir while Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Kapil Moreshwar Patil will join the Yoga Day function to be organised at Dal Lake, Srinagar. Pertinently, 75

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Union Minister in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) holding Independent Charge of Sciences and Technology, Earth Science, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr

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No rollback of 'Agnipath' scheme; 3 services come out with broad schedule for recruitment

country," Lt Gen Puri said.

The announcement of the scheme on Tuesday triggered violent protests in several parts of the country, with agitating defence aspirants demanding its roll back citing only four-year tenure for 75 per cent of the recruits under it.

The additional secretary said the "major reform initiative" to bring down the age profile was introduced after years of deliberations and studying the recruitment process in several countries.

He said that even the high-level committee on the 1999 Kargil War had made suggestions

on it.

"We had detailed deliberations on making forces young. We studied the recruitment process and tenures of soldiers in several countries. We want young people as they are risk-takers. They have passion, josh and hosh' in equal proportion," Lt Gen Puri said.

He said the Army has been trying to bring down its age profile for over three decades.

Referring to the COVID-19 pandemic stalling the recruitment process in the last two years, Lt Gen

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Abrogation of 1,600 obsolete laws best decision by Modi Govt in 8 years: Dr Jitendra

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