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

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Four terrorists, including two Pakistanis, were killed in two separate encounters with security forces on Sunday in Kupwara and Kulgam districts of the Kashmir Valley, police said.

While two terrorists were killed in Kupwara as many were eliminated in Kulgam, they said, adding some more ultras are hiding and operations are underway in both the areas.

Security forces launched an anti-terrorist operation on the disclosure of an arrested terrorist, Showkat Ahmad Sheikh, in a forest area of Chandigam Lolab of Kupwara, in north Kashmir, a police spokesman said.

During the search of a hideout, the hiding terrorists started firing indiscriminately at the joint search party which was retaliated effectively leading to an



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-

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.

As 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

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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### One dead, several shops damaged in landslide at Poonch

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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 Sakloo village, they said. The officials said the

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### Adv Vilakshan named new JKNPP Prez

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: The CBI on Sunday conducted searches at the premises of prominent businessman Showkat Chaudhary in Srinagar after registering a case against him and others over the Roshni land allocation scam, officials said.

On June 15, the CBI had registered a fresh case against Chaudhary and retired IAS officers Mehboob Iqbal (then Kashmir divisional commissioner) and Sheikh Ejaz Iqbal (then Srinagar deputy commissioner), they said.

The CBI has also named in the FIR some other retired officers -- Mohammad Afzal Bhat from Kashmir Administrative Service; the then Kashmir Additional Commissioner Mushtaq Ahmad Malik (also Assistant Commissioner of Revenue, Srinagar); Mohammed Akram Khan, the then Tehsildar (Nazool); and Sheikh Muneer Akhtar; the

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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## BOPEE conducts CET for Para-Medical courses



Aspirants outside an examination centre in Jammu.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examination (BOPEE) has successfully conducted Common Entrance test for admission to B.Sc Nursing,

B.Sc Para Medical and B.Sc Technology Courses-2022 today both at Jammu and Srinagar.

Over 25,182 candidates had applied, of which,

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### J&K logs 32 fresh COVID cases; Ladakh 3

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/LEH: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday recorded 32 fresh Covid cases-- 17 from Jammu division and 15 from Kashmir division-- thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 454501.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 454501 positive cases, 1634are Active Positive (109 in Jammu Division and 54 in Kashmir Division), 449586 have recovered and 4752 have died; 2328 in Jammu division and 2424in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 25655875 test results available, 454501samples have tested positive and 25201374 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 10,067 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours. Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past

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**WEATHER**

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.5°C Min: 19.7°C

Humidity

Max : 46 Min : 21

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 18.2°C Min: 12.6°C

Humidity

Max : 88 Min: 71

Sunset : 19:41 Hours

Sunrise : 05:25 Hours

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

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Ruling out any rollback of the 'Agnipath' recruitment scheme in view of widespread protests, the Army, Navy and the Air Force on Sunday came out with a broad schedule of enrolment of soldiers under the new policy and asserted that it is the only way to bring down the age profile of the three services.

Lt Gen Anil Puri, the Additional Secretary in the Department of Military Affairs, said at a tri-services press conference that anyone involved in protests, arson and vandalism against the

scheme would not qualify to join the three services under the new model.

He also said that supportive measures announced in the last few days for the recruits under the scheme were not initiated because of the protests and arson and the government was already working on them as part of overall measures to ensure employment for those who exit the services after the four-year stint.

"Why should it be rolled back? It is the only progressive step to making the armed forces young. It is a question of protecting the

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 sugges-

tions 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 aur hosh' in equal proportions," 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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### Huge gathering receives Kargil victory flame in Ramban

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: School children turned up in large numbers to receive the Kargil victory flame' at Dharumund in Ramban district on Sunday, a defence spokesman said.

The Kargil victory flame run, which will traverse a journey of 400 kilometres in 40 days, was flagged off from the northern Army headquarters in Udhampur on Friday as part of run-up events to commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas, which is celebrated every year on July 26 to pay tribute to soldiers who took part in the 1999 Kargil war.

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Market buzz during curfew relaxation in Bhadarwah.

directed for restoration of the broadband internet services from 11 am, officials said, adding that the decision to resume mobile internet services will be taken later in the day.

Curfew was imposed in

Bhaderwah town on June 9 following communal tension in the wake of protests over recent remarks of now-removed BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma on Prophet Mohammad and some

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## Fixed-line internet services restored in Bhadarwah

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: The fixed-line internet services were on Sunday restored in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah town after remaining suspended for the past 10 days following communal tension in the region, officials said.

The curfew was also relaxed in the town for 12 hours from 7 am for the second successive day as the overall situation remained by and large peaceful with no untoward incident reported from any where during the past 24 hours, they said.

After reviewing the prevailing law and order situation, the district administration

## Adequate arrangements made for Amarnath Yatra: LG

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said adequate arrangements have been made for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra as the administration was expecting a heavy footfall of the pilgrims.

He was speaking in this month's Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme where-in he also urged people to practice yoga for their holistic well-being and deepen a sense of connection between inner consciousness and the external world.

The holy yatra of Shri Amarnath Ji is commencing on June 30. The administration and the people of J-K are all set to welcome the devotees of Shri Amarnath Ji coming from across the country and abroad. Expecting a heavy footfall of yatriss, adequate arrangements have been made this year, the Lt Governor said.

As a run-up to the upcoming International Day of Yoga on June 21 to be observed on the theme Yoga



for Humanity', the administration is conducting various awareness programmes to maximise the participation in yoga-related activities, he said.

Yoga is a rare scientific method that improves physical and mental strength, creates a crystallised center in the individual, helps in managing

stress and promotes self-care, Sinha said.

He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for working tirelessly to make yoga an integral part of people's lives.

Sinha also appreciated organisations and individuals for their active involvement in promoting yoga among the people in J&K.

The Lt Governor mentioned about Mohammad Tahir of Zakura Hazratbal, Srinagar, who is organising free yoga training camps throughout the year in different districts of J&K.

Similarly, Shabir Ahmed Dar of Srinagar has been organising special yoga therapy camps since 2009 through his organisation Yoga Society of Kashmir; he added.

Sinha also enlisted the initiatives taken by the administration to establishing yoga centres in the UT for promoting natural and healthy practices among the people.



Union Minister Jitendra Singh speaking at youth & women convention at Patnitop on Sunday.

eight years for the welfare of this country has been the abrogation of 1,600 erstwhile laws that were obsolete, hindering the development of this country and progress of youth, Singh said, addressing a youth and women convention at Patnitop in his home constituency of

Udhampur.

The minister of state in the Prime Minister's Office said under the single exam system, Common Eligibility Test will be conducted this year that will provide a level playing field to the youth of this country as it will be taken

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## Man, his two wives among five drug peddlers held in Kishtwar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Five drug peddlers, including a man and his two wives, were arrested after recovery of heroin-like substance from their possession in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, police said.

Rameez Raja along with two of his wives Mefooza Begum and Nobia Begum was moving on a motorcycle when they were intercepted by police at a checkpoint at Parna-Chinggam in Chatroo area, a police spokesman said.

He said the search of the trio led to the recovery of 18 grams of heroin-like substance from their possession and subsequently they were arrested.

Two more drug peddlers, Aehrar Toyab and Asif Zarger, were arrested after 10 grams of heroin-like substance were recovered from their private car at Girinagar, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, one more peddler was arrested along with 200 grams of Charas and Rs 41,000 in Rajouri district.

The arrested person was identified as Javid Hussain Shah, a resident of Drahali Morh area of Rajouri, the spokesman said.

He said all the six arrested drug peddlers were booked under relevant sections of law and further investigation is on.