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Three terrorists killed in 2 ongoing encounters in Kashmir

NIA conducts searches in Pulwama, arrests 4 for harbouring Pak-based JeM ultras

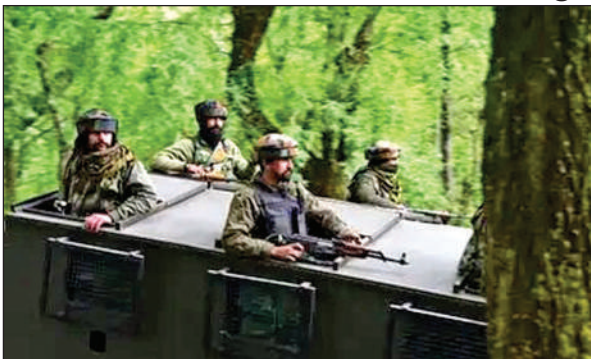
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three terrorists were gunned down in two separate encounters with security forces in Kashmir on Monday, taking the number of ultras killed in the past 24 hours to seven, police said.

A police spokesperson said two terrorists were killed in a fresh exchange of fire in the ongoing encounter in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, taking the death toll in the overnight operation to four.

Two terrorists were killed in the encounter on Sunday. "KupwaraEncounterUpdate: 02 more #terrorists including #terrorist Showkat got #neutralised (total 04). #Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition recovered. Search going on. Further details shall follow," the police spokesperson tweeted.

In another encounter in Pulwama district, an



unidentified militant was killed.

The encounter broke out in Pulwama's Chatpora after the security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the area, a police official said.

In the exchange of fire between the two sides, a militant was killed, the official said, adding that the operation was underway when reports last came in.

Meanwhile, the NIA conducted searches at seven

locations in Pulwama and arrested four people for allegedly harbouring terrorists of Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM).

The case relates to the terrorist activities of the JeM in South Kashmir, during which two terrorists, including a Pakistani national, were killed by security forces in a gun battle at Chewa Kalan, Pulwama on March 11, a spokesperson of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said.

The terrorists were identified as Aquib Mushtaq Bhat of Pulwama and Kamal Bhai of Pakistan, he said.

The case, registered in Pulwama, was taken over by the NIA on April 8.

During the searches, a large quantity of incriminating material was seized, the NIA said.

Based on these searches, four accused -- Sahil Ahmed Khan, Jahangir Ahmed Dar, Shahid Ahmed Shergojri and Inayat Gulzar Bhat all from Pulwama, have been arrested, the spokesperson said.

The four accused had harboured JeM terrorists active in South Kashmir and arranged transportation and logistics for them, he said.

They are also involved in radicalising impressionable local youth and motivating them to join terror groups, the NIA said, adding that further investigation in the case continues.

J&K Govt terminates 112 doctors for 'unauthorised' absence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday terminated 112 doctors for "unauthorised" absence from their service, officials said.

The state government issued four notices on Monday in this regard against those doctors who have been absent for a long period from the service without any authorisation.

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Educational institutions reopen in Bhadarwah after 10 days

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/BHADARWAH: Educational institutions in Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah opened on Monday after a 10-day closure following communal tension in the town over now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammad and some social media posts by local right-wing activists in her

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Reforms may be unpleasant temporarily, but beneficial over time: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BENGALURU/MYSURU: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said decisions and reforms may be unpleasant temporarily but with time the country would experience their benefits.

Modi's comments assume significance in the backdrop of widespread protests against 'Agnipath,' the new army recruitment scheme, announced by the Centre. He, however, made no direct reference to the agitation against 'Agnipath'.

Modi has maintained silence on the violent protests. On Sunday too, while speaking at an event, he said, "It is our country's misfortune that many good things brought with good intentions get trapped in political colours. Media also gets dragged into it due to its TRP compulsions."

Highlighting the achieve-

ment of the "double-engine" government and the pace of development under it, he today sought the blessings of the people of the State for it,



calling it "the biggest strength".

The term "double-engine" is used by BJP leaders to refer to the party being in power at the Centre as well as in a State and the Prime Minister's repeated reference to it at the programmes both in Bengaluru and Mysuru

gains significance as the State is slated to go for Assembly polls next year, where the J P Nadda-led party aims to regain power.

In his address in Bengaluru, Modi said, "The path of startup and innovation is not the one with ease, and taking the country on this path for the last eight years was also not easy. Several decisions and reforms may be unpleasant temporarily, but with time their benefits can be experienced by the country."

Addressing after inaugurating and laying the foundation for various developmental works, he said, "The path of reforms alone can take us towards new targets and new resolve we have opened up the space and defence sector which, for decades, were under government control." Noting that Bengaluru has shown

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Northern Army Commander on 4-day visit to Ladakh to review operational preparedness



Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi after his arrival at Leh on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday arrived in Leh on a four-day long visit to Ladakh

to review the operational preparedness of troops in the union territory, officials said. He is also scheduled to visit Siachen sector, the

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Four JKAS Officers transferred in Ladakh administration


■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Ladakh administration on Monday transferred four JKAS Officers.

"Vide G.O. dated October 25, 2021 the services of Mohammad Nazir Sheikh (JKAS:1999) has been placed at the disposal of Union Territory Ladakh on deputation basis and vide G.O. dated December 30, 2021 Imteeaz Ahmad Khan Kacho (JKAS 2008) has been promoted to the Selection Grade of JKAS in Level-12," read an order issued by Ajeet Kumar S a h u , Commissioner/Secretary General Administration Department, Ladakh UT.

Consequently, Moses Kunzang (JKAS:1999), Director, Industries and Commerce Ladakh has been transferred as posted as Additional Registrar Cooperatives, Ladakh (HQ at Kargil);

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 33.9°C Min: 23.0°C

Humidity

Max : 68 Min : 35

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 18.2°C Min: 13.5°C

Humidity

Max : 82 Min: 79

Sunset : 19:42 Hours

Sunrise : 05:25 Hours

Doctors disregard Govt approved drugs, prefer private chemists: Is there a nexus?

■ MUHAMMAD MUKARAM

SRINAGAR: A major scam has come to the fore in Srinagar's Super Specialty Hospital, affiliated with Government Medical College (GMC), as doctors at the hospital allegedly coerce patients to buy medicines from the local chemists instead of the government approved Bharatiya Jan Aushadi Kendra (BJAK) store available there.

Manzoor Ahmad Mir, a patient hailing from Pampore town in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, was admitted for open par-

tial Nephrectomy surgery in Urology Department at Super Specialty Hospital, Shireen Bagh, on June 8.

According to the attendants, the doctors on duty told them to get some medi-

Patients forced to get medicines from market at Srinagar's Shireen Bagh Hospital

cines, including antibiotic Injection Tazoter 4.5 mg, for the patient's treatment. "Once I got the medicine from Bharatiya Jan Aushadi Kendra store available in the hospital premises, as mentioned in the prescription, the doctors and nurses on duty refused to administer

the same," Haroon Ahmad, an attendant told STATE TIMES.

Shockingl, according to Ahmad, the doctors advised the attendant to get Tazoter injection from private drug stores instead. The salt (Piperacillin and Tazobactam) in both medicines is same.

One Tazoter injection, as per the printed maximum retail price, is sold at Rs 230 while the drug purchased from BJAK is provided free of cost to those with Golden Health Card. The

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BJP Parliamentary Board likely to meet today, discuss Prez candidate

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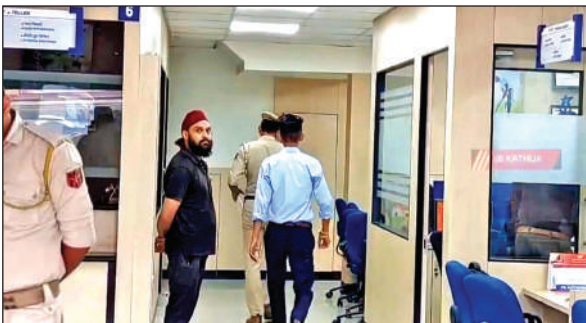
NEW DELHI: BJP's parliamentary board, its top decision-making body, is likely to meet on Tuesday to discuss the presidential candidate, sources said.

The BJP has already formed a 14-member management committee comprising several Union ministers, the party's three general secretaries, and other leaders.

On Sunday, BJP president J P Nadda had held a meeting with the committee which is being convened by Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat. The party's parliamentary board

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Burglars loot Rs 1 cr from bank in Kathua, guard detained



Police inspecting crime scene inside bank at Kathua.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/JAMMU: Burglars broke into a private bank in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district and decamped with over Rs 1 crore cash, police said on

Monday.

The incident took place at a branch of HDFC Bank in the Hatli Morh area on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. The

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Scattered protests during Bandh against Agnipath; Army issues notification for registration of aspirants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/PATNA: Road and rail traffic was partially affected in some regions on Monday during a 'Bharat bandh' called against the Agnipath military recruitment scheme, while protests appeared to taper off in many states, with authorities stepping up security and imposing curbs after days of unrest.

The Army issued a notification for compulsory online registration of all Agnipath job aspirants from July, as the Centre appeared firm on implementing the

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ED summons Rahul for questioning for 5th day today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to join investigation for the fifth day on June 21 and record his statement in the National Herald money laundering case, officials said on Monday.

Gandhi appeared for the fourth day of questioning on Monday, a day after he turned 52, and the session would continue.

Officials said he has been asked to join the probe again on Tuesday and continue recording his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The Congress MP has spent as many as 38 hours

at the ED headquarters on APJ Abdul Kalam Road in the national capital over four sittings since his first appearance on June 13.

The ED probe pertains to alleged financial irregularities in the Congress-promoted Young Indian Private Limited, which owns the National Herald newspaper.

The newspaper is published by Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian Private Limited.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has also been summoned by the agency for questioning in the case on June 23.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a public rally at remote Bani in district Kathua on Monday.

Dr Singh said, the best way to appreciate 8 years of the Modi rule is to recall the scenario that existed in the 8 years prior to that. When Modi took over as Prime Minister in 2014, the entire country was reeling under the shadow of pessimism and the common citizen had lost all hope in the din of mega scams and scandals involving Ministers and functionaries at high places, he said and added that

Modi's swearing-in ceremony as Prime Minister of India in the evening of 26 May 2014 marked the beginning of the nation's journey from pessimism to optimism.

Today, even people living in remote areas like here feel confident that their elected representatives sincerely care for them and are constantly working hard to get new projects for them, said Dr Jitendra Singh. This

change has been possible because we have the Modi government at the Centre, he added.

Referring to the massive developments seen in the far flung hilly regions like Bani, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Modi had promised that he would raise the neglected and peripheral regions of the country to the same equal level as the more developed regions and he has succeeded in doing so. He said, Bani which was one of the most inaccessible regions in the Jammu division, had in the last 8 years received a network of roads through Central funds and new Highways are under construction.

Accusing the earlier governments of deliberately neglecting the far flung hilly regions, Dr Jitendra Singh said, perhaps the motive was that the people living in these remote areas should remain perpetually deprived of the opportunities unfolding in the rest of the world so that their ignorance could

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