Targeted killings: BJP appeals to KPs, Dogra employees to stay back; assures safety

Two theft cases solved; 3 thieves arrested, stolen items, cash recovered

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7 J&K Gymnasts selected for Asian Rhythmic C'ships

Terrorism exported by neighbouring country threatening social harmony in J&K: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha speaking during 'One Earth, Shared Future' programme at SKICC.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Urging the people to isolate terror elements to promote peace, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday said that terrorism, exported by the neighboring country, is threatening the social har-Jammu and Kashmir.

"Terrorists are targeting innocent men, women and even children. Society must speak up now; Communities must come together as one entity to fight this menace,

addressing the 'One Earth, Shared Future' programme organized by the Forest Department at SKICC, marking the commemoration of World Environment Day.

"Terrorism has no place in our society. I call upon every citizen to isolate terror elements, expose their brutality. It is the fundamental duty of every citizen towards the nation to protect and propeace", Sinha observed, adding that the police and security forces are fighting terror menace with

Rifles and the CRPF, the

police official said.

serving Biodiversity.

saving innocent lives.

He added: "Our forces will

keep responding effectively

and firmly resolved to finish

destructive threat of terror-

Referring to the event, the

Lt Governor highlighted the

need for coordinated action

and collective partnership,

besides making changes in

our behavior and lifestyle to

tackle the impact of climate

change and reducing the car-

bon footprint for protecting

the environment and con-

Biological Diversity and Environment Day were combined to encourage people for preserving and conserving

blessed with We are nature's rich resources but also confronted with multiple challenges of a fragile ecosystem which requires collective action to create a fine balance between man and nature, said the Lt Governor.

Climate change is a reality. We are experiencing it in the form of climate extremes, like the unprecedented heat wave and untimely heavy rainfall which are challenging and endangering the existing ecosystem. This year's theme of World Environment Day 'Only One Earth' is a reminder to the entire world Environmental Protection or Sustainable Lifestyle is not the job of a select few, but a collective

us, added the Lt Governor. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

responsibility of each one of

Mortar shell recovered in Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A mortar shell was recovered by security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said on Sunday. On information given by some people, security personnel recovered the shell in Kewal village of Bhudal tehsil on Saturday evening, they said.

The mortar shell was later defused

'Road diversion issue through Northern Army command in Udhampur amicably resolved'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Army has amicably resolved the issue of diverting traffic on a road that passed through the Northern Command and connected two villages in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials

Taking the security issue into consideration, the Army had diverted traffic on the 'Tiger Hill Gate - Kotli and Magiani villages'. "A meeting was held in the Army

Ahead of Amarnath Yatra, SFs concerned over 'sticky bombs', reworking SOP

Concerned over the develop-

ment, the security agencies

reworked their strategy, espe-

cially keeping in mind the

Amarnath Yatra beginning

About three lakh pilgrims

are likely to take part in the

pilgrimage to the cave shrine

located in the upper reaches

of south Kashmir. It is expect-

It has been decided that

vehicles of pilgrims as well as

of security forces will be

secluded during their move-

Instructions have also been

issued to the security forces

as well as those managing the

pilgrimage not to leave vehi-

When contacted, Inspector

General of Police (Kashmir

range) Vijay Kumar said the

security forces are dealing

with the menace. "We have

taken adequate precautions,"

Centre following policy of 'denialism'

on J&K: Farooq

ed to end on August 11.

ment, the officials said.

cles unattended.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: With Amarnath Yatra around the corner, security forces in Jammu and Kashmir are concerned over terrorist groups possessing "sticky bombs" --explosives that can be attached to vehicles and detonated remotely -- and are reshaping their standard operating procedure for the pilgrimage, officials said on

According to them, interrogation of arrested terrorists and their sympathisers and other evidence suggest that while some "sticky bombs" have been recovered by security forces, many of them may have found their way into terror groups in Kashmir Valley.

Recently a drone flying in from Pakistan developed a technical snag and was spotted by people in Kathua. Later, the police recovered arms and ammunition, including seven magnetic bombs or "sticky bombs",

authorities to call out army

sappers to prevent the spread

of chemicals in nearby canals

and the coastlines of the Bay

Fire service officials said

nine of their colleagues were

killed in explosions as they

rushed to the scene immedi-

ately after the blaze was

reported at the BM

Sitakunda at the outskirts of

the port city of Chattogram.

known Bangladesh history

when so many firefighters

were killed in the line of duty

in a single such disaster.

This was the first time in

 \mathbf{Depot}

of Bengal.

Container

The "sticky bombs' emerged on the terror scene in

he told PTI.

ered from Samba of Jammu region, indicating initiation of a new phase of terrorism in the union territory.

It was the first such recovery of "sticky bombs", used largely in Afghanistan and Iraq. In India, it was used by suspected Iranian terrorists who targeted the vehicle of an Israeli diplomat in February 2012, resulting in injury to

Sticky bombs, which were also used by the British forces during the World War II, can be put on any vehicle and detonated through a remote control or an in-built timer, the

officials said. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is currently probing a mysterious blast on a passenger bus in Katra in Jammu last month that left four people dead. Though police had downplayed the incident but a little known terror group released a video claiming it to be their handi-

Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist arrested in Kishtwar



Arrested HM terrorist Talib Hussain

STATE TIMES NEWS

Mujahideen terrorist, who had been active for the last six years, was arrested in Kishtwar, an official said on

Talib Hussain, a resident of Rashowari in Naoseni tehsil was arrested in a joint operation by police, Rashtriya

AAP holds 'Jan Aakrosh'

rally against J&K targeted

killings; demands action

49 people killed, over 450 injured in major fire at Bangladesh chemical container depot The disaster prompted

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Terming the arrest of the DHAKA: A massive fire and terrorist a "major blow" to a series of explosions at a prithe Hizbul Mujahideen and vate chemical container its plan to revive terrorism in in southeastern the district, the official said Bangladesh killed at least 49 he had joined militancy in people, including nine fire-2016 and remained active by fighters, and injured more way of recruiting youths into than 450 others, officials the ranks of the proscribed said on Sunday, as authorigroup. He said the police ties were still struggling to worked meticulously on the extinguish the blaze. According to doctors, the leads obtained about his

toll could rise further as whereabouts and pre-empted many of the injured people his move to effect the revival of militancy in the area by were being treated with severe burns. The firefightarresting him. A case under relevant secers backed by army troops tions of law has been regiswere yet to enter deep down tered at Kishtwar police stathe blast site to douse the fire nearly 23 hours after the fire tion and further investigabroke out on Saturday. tion is underway, the official



ing flames at BM Inland Container Depot. a Dutch-Bangladesh joint venture in Chattogram on Sunday.

chemicals including hydrogen peroxide, making the situation difficult, fire service chief Brigadier General Mohammad Mainuddin told reporters at the scene where

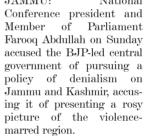
extinguish the blaze amid intermittent explosions since Saturday evening.

The official expected the firefighters to nut out the blaze and halt the explosions

"So far 49 bodies arrive

the (Chattogram

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: National



Abdullah, a former chief minister, was speaking to party workers at Surankote in the border district of Poonch.

Referring to the recent incidents of violence in the valley, he said the security situation there has crumbled but they (the central government) want to project normalcy to the world when it is the exact



that three Army soldiers get injured in a blast in Shopian, a non-local banker shot dead by militants in Kulgam, and another non-local labourer shot dead, and another injured by militants in Budgam in a single day he said. He said the first

Dozens of seized cars, two-wheelers gutted

BJP suspends Nupur Sharma, expels Naveen Kumar Jindal

plan to stop incidents **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday claimed Kashmiri Pandits are being forced to leave the Valley due to the recent spurt in targeted killings of minorities and demanded the Centre put forth an action plan to stop such incidents.

Addressing the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) 'Jan Aakrosh' rally at Jantar Mantar here, he said this shows that the BJP cannot handle Kashmir and only knows how to do dirty poli-

The chief minister also hit out at Pakistan, accusing it of supporting terror activities in Kashmir. Braving the heat, hundreds of protesters, including women and children, gathered here

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Sunset: 19:36 Hours

Sunrise: 05:25 Hours

Min: 27

Max: 54

in damage-control exercise; says it respects all religions deleted tweets, sparked a

NEW DELHI: The BJP on suspended

national spokesperson Nupur Sharma and expelled its Delhi media head Naveen Kumar Jindal after their alleged derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammad, as it sought to defuse a raging row over the

Amid protests by Muslim groups over the remarks which have also caused a stir abroad, especially in Arab countries, the BJP issued a statement aimed at assuage ing the concerns of minorities and distancing itself



from these members, asserting that it respects all religions and strongly denounces insult of any religious personality.

Sharma's comments, made in a TV debate nearly 10 days back and Jindal's nowTwitter trend calling for a boycott of Indian products in some countries, while Qatar summoned the Indian ambassador and handed him an official note on its "total rejection and condemnation of the remarks of an official in the ruling party in India Prophet

Mohammed" Incidentally, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu is currently on an official visit to

The Indian Ambassador in Qatar said in a tweet that the controversial tweets do

JK reports 4 fresh **COVID** cases

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Jammu and

Kashmir on Sunday reported four new Covid cases-all from the Jammu division-thus taking the total number of positive cases to 454280 in the Union Territory.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 454280 positive cases, 58 are Active Positive (54 in Jammu Division and 04 in Kashmir Division), 449470 have recovered and 4752 have died: 2328 in Jammu division and 2424 in the

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases during the past 24 hours,

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STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: At least seven

seized cars and over a dozen two-wheelers were burnt when a fire broke out on the Satwari police station premises early on Sunday, officials

The fire broke out in an open area housing the seized vehicles around 1.50 am after an overhead power line snapped, they said. Four fire tenders were

rushed to the spot which brought the blaze under control and saved the police station building, officials said. "At least seven seized

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Station's parking area. The flames visible late night captured by Hriday & Sanchita Sahi, student of JKPS Kunjwani.

India's efforts to protect environment

Modi said India's forest

cover had grown by over

20,000 sq km in the last

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wildlife

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Solar

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before the deadline.

STATE TIMES NEWS DELHI: Prime

Minister Narendra Modi announced on Sunday that India has achieved the target of 10 per cent ethanol blending in petrol five months before the deadline.

Making the announcement at a programme on the 'Save Soil Movement', which coincided with the World Environment Day, Modi cited a number of measures taken by his government to protect the environment, saying its efforts have been multi-dimensional despite the country having a negligible role in climate change

The rise in ethanol blending in petrol from 1.5 per cent in 2014 to 10 per cent now has reduced carbon emission by 27 lakh tonnes and saved Rs 41,000 crore of forex reserve. This has also brought Rs

generation from non-fossil

fuel-based sources nine years

crore income to farmers, he said, adding the feat was achieved on Sunday.

Inhis address the prime said India has also



18 times and initiatives like Hydrogen Mission and circular economy and scrappage policy are examples of our

commitment to environment protection, he said. He expressed satisfaction

that his government's key programmes of the last eight vears have an angle of environment protection, citing the Swachh Bharat Mission, waste to wealth related programme, reduction of single use plastic, one Sun one earth or ethanol blending programme as examples of multi-dimensional efforts for preservation of environment.

Taking a jibe at the developed world, he said they not only exploited more and more resources of the earth but also contributed to maximum carbon emissions.

While the average carbon footprint of the world is about four tonne per person per annum, it is only 0.5 tonne per person per annum in India.

He said India is working on a long term vision in collaboration with the international community on protecting the environment and established organisations like Coalition Disaster Resilient Infrastructure International Solar Alliance.

He reiterated India's goal of Net-Zero by 2070.

To save the soil, India has focused on five main things, he said, citing efforts to make the soil chemical free, to save organisms that live in the soil, to maintain soil moisture, to increase the

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Bukhari denounces targeted killings in J&K; says no bigger shame than this

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari on Sunday said the recent targeted killings in the Union territory are "not only the failure of the system, but also that of the public".

He also said that if one fails to stop the killings, it will be a big shame.

Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed eight targeted killings since May 1. Three of the victims were off-duty policemen and five were civil-

Bukhari said his party will do whatever possible to mobilise public support against the murder of innogovernment to ensure foolproof security for the minority community and for the upcoming Amarnath vatra.

cents, and also urged the

We feel it (targeted killings) is not only the failure of the system, but also the failure of the public. If we fail to stop it, there is nothing more shameful than this, he told reporters on the sidelines of a function here to welcome new entrants into the party fold.

Several prominent names, including former Congress leader Bhagat Ram, joined the party in the presence of Bukhari.

On demands of relocation by Kashmiri migrants

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