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India can hit terror networks across border if need arises: Rajnath

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JAMMU: India is getting more powerful and can hit terror networks on this side of the border as well as across it if the need arises, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday, asserting that the world has understood the meaning of zero tolerance for terrorism through the country's actions.

"Pulwama and Uri were both unfortunate incidents. The prime minister took just 10 minutes to take a decision (on carrying out surgical strikes) which shows his strong willpower. Our forces not only neutralised the terrorists on this side but also went across the border to finish them off," Singh said.

Addressing a national security conclave held at the University of Jammu, the minister stressed that the world, including Muslim countries, is united against terrorism. He said cash-strapped Pakistan would achieve nothing by "parrotting Kashmir" and should instead put its house in order.

In his over 40-minute address, the minister asserted that India has taken major action against terrorism under the Modi government and referred to the surgical strikes carried out across the Line of Control (LoC) in 2016 and the Balakot air strike in 2019.

"Bharat ab pehle jaisa Bharat nahi raha. Bharat takatwar banta jaa raha hai. Zaroorat padti to Bharat



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaking during national security conclave at University of Jammu on Monday.

'Democratic process to begin soon in J&K'

JAMMU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said the democratic process would soon be initiated in Jammu and Kashmir. However, he did not give a specific timeline for the development.

The senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader also said the government cannot provide a specific time frame for the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from the region.

"With the abrogation of Article 370 (of the Constitution), our aim is to restore normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir as swiftly

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Rajnath meets BJP leaders in Jammu, takes feedback on prevailing political situation in J&K



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flanked by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina interacting with party workers at BJP headquarters.

JAMMU: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited the BJP headquarters here on Monday and held a meeting with senior leaders on the prevailing political situation in Jammu and Kashmir, a party leader said. Singh was welcomed at the Trikuta Nagar office on the city outskirts by the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina, who briefed him about

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Terror conspiracy: NIA conducts searches in 4 Kashmir districts

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SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted a series of raids across four districts in Kashmir on Monday as part of its probe into an alleged conspiracy involving newly-floated offshoots of proscribed Pakistan-backed terror outfits to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir.

"Twelve locations in the four districts of Kulgam, Bandipora, Shopian and Pulwama were raided as part of the crackdown. The locations were residential premises of hybrid terrorists and overground workers linked with newly-formed offshoots and affiliates of banned terrorist outfits. Premises of sympathisers and cadre of



these organisations were also searched extensively," the NIA said in a press release.

The agency said it has found several digital devices containing large volumes of incriminating data during the searches.

"These will be subjected to a thorough scrutiny by the agency to unravel the details of the terrorist conspiracy,

used to be. It is getting more powerful. If needed, India can hit on this side of the border and can go across the

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DGP calls for close coordination among agencies for peaceful Amarnath Yatra



DGP Dilbag Singh chairing joint meeting of Jammu Zone Police and CAPF officers.

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JAMMU: Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh on Monday emphasised on all security officers to maintain very close coordination for the successful conduct of the annual Amarnath Yatra.

The first batch of pilgrims will leave for Kashmir from Jammu base camp Bhagwati Nagar on June 30, one day ahead of the scheduled commencement of the 62-day

long yatra to the 3,880-metre high holy cave shrine.

The DGP was chairing a joint meeting of Jammu Zone Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officers here to review the security arrangements and deployment plans for the Yatra in Jammu Zone, police said in a statement here.

Addressing the meeting, the DGP emphasised on all the officers to maintain very close coordination, saying it

is of utmost importance to ensure an incident-free Yatra.

He said the sectoral officers and Police Control Rooms (PCRs) must have the information regarding the availability and location of special teams like drone units, bomb disposal squads, dog squads and quick reaction teams to ensure that services of these teams are utilised on a real-time basis in case of any emergency.

The DGP directed the officers to formulate contingency plans, with a focus on disaster management and swift response mechanism, to deal with any untoward situation during the Yatra.

The DGP directed for installation of CCTV cameras at all important locations including 'langars', eateries and petrol pumps to monitor the movement

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Time-bound delivery of services; prompt, effective grievances redressal mechanism form core of administration's initiatives: LG

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SRINAGAR: Reiterating that administration represents the aspirations of all the citizens and every section of our vibrant society, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said, time-bound delivery of services, prompt and effective redressal of grievances form the core of administration's development initiatives.

Interacting with citizens who had filed complaints on JKIGRAMS, during "LG's Mulaqaat"- Live Public Grievance Hearing programme, at the Civil Secretariat, Sinha directed the Deputy Commissioners to constructively engage with citizens, prioritize concerns of the poor and needy and resolve all issues in a transparent manner.

The Lt Governor took appraisal of the action taken on the grievances received from the citizens with the concerned Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police through Video Conferencing.

He directed the Deputy Commissioners to constructively engage with citizens, prioritize concerns of the poor and needy and resolve all issues in a transparent manner.



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with citizens who had filed complaints on JKIGRAMS during LG's Mulaqaat programme.

For maintenance of parks and other such public properties, we also seek the participation of residents. We are committed to the goal of providing a better quality of life to our citizens and community participation would play a key role in cleanliness of parks and public spaces, he added.

The Lt Governor also took a strong note of fake complaints on JKIGRAMS.

This practice needs to be stopped. The platform is meant for providing hassle-free public services and to identify deficiencies, if any, to achieve the objective of people-centric governance. Through public outreach programmes, we need to sen-

sitize and encourage people to file genuine grievances for more transparent, accountable and citizen-friendly governance, the Lt Governor directed the officials.

Responding to a complaint of Mohd Afzal Bhat from Bandipora regarding dysfunctional well in his locality at Odina Sonawari, the Lt Governor directed the concerned Chief Engineer to make alternative arrangements to provide sufficient water supply to the residents of the affected area till the new well is being made functional.

On the grievance pertaining to incomplete building of the Government Girls School Dab Ganderbal, the Deputy

Commissioner briefed the Lt Governor that the school has been shifted to new building and funds have also been released to ensure availability of sanitation facilities and installation of fences.

Somraj from Jammu drew the attention of the Lt Governor on the issue of reinstallation of hand pumps at Bhagwati Nagar area. The Lt Governor sought details on the issue and instructed the Deputy Commissioner to take effective measures to resolve the same at the earliest.

On the grievance of one complainant namely Irfan Ali from Poonch regarding dilapidated condition of

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 31.6°C Min: 23.2°C

Humidity
Max: 98 Min: 71

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 27.0°C Min: 17.6°C

Humidity
Max: 98 Min: 53

Sunset : 19:43 Hours
Sunrise : 05:27 Hours

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