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Holed up terrorist killed, CRPF jawan martyred in Hiranagar

Six securitymen injured in Chattergalla encounter; DIG Jammu, SSP Kathua escape unhurt



(L to R) Security forces at encounter site, DIG & SSP Kathua's vehicle attacked by terrorists and recovery made from terrorists at Hiranagar on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU/KATHUA/DODA: A terrorist holed up in a border village in Hiranagar in Kathua district was killed by security forces on Wednesday in a more than 15-hour operation during which his partner was also shot dead and a CRPF jawan lost his life, officials said. According to them, two senior officers escaped unhurt even as their vehicles were hit by bullets during the operation that began on Tuesday night after two terrorists were spotted in Saida Sukhal village in Hiranagar.

Sketches of 4 terrorists released; Rs 5 lakh reward announced for each

JAMMU: Doda Police on Wednesday released sketches of 4 terrorists who are roaming in upper reaches of Bhaderwah, Thathri, Gandoh and involved in terror related activities. Police also announced cash reward of Rs 5 lakh for providing the information of each terrorist.

Police has appealed the general public to provide information about the presence /movement of terrorists to the police. Identity of informers will be kept secret.



In Doda district, five troopers of Rashtriya Rifles and a special police officer (SPO)

were injured when terrorists attacked a joint checkpoint in the upper reaches of Chattergalla on the Bhaderwah-Pathankot road late on Tuesday night. Traffic on the highway has been suspended as an

Another terror attack at Bhalessa, cop injured

GANDOH: Constable Faraed Ahmed was injured on Wednesday evening when terrorists opened fire on a search party at Bhalessa in Gandoh area of Doda district, officials said.

The firing was reported from the Kota top area of Bhalessa around 7.41 pm to which security forces retaliated, they said.

An intermittent exchange of fire between the two sides was going on when last reports were received. Reinforcements have

Won't rest till we root out terrorism, its supporters from J&K soil: LG



LG Manoj Sinha addressing artists at Jashn-e-Bahar Traditional Folk Festival at Tagore Hall, Srinagar on Wednesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Calling upon the members of artist community to play their part against terrorism, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday declared that we won't rest till we root out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir soil.

"We must stand united in the fight against terrorism. I have full faith in our Police and Security forces who are working round the clock to ensure a safe and secure environment for the people", the Lt Governor while addressing the Artists at Jashn-e-Bahar Traditional Folk Festival at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

He said the Artists can provide vital support and through their awareness campaign expose those elements condoning or helping terror ecosystem.

The Lt Governor highlighted the important role of society to foil nefarious design of terror ecosystem that is aiding and abetting acts of terrorism.

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He urged the citizens to provide any crucial information they come across to law enforcement agencies to crush terrorism.

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Dialogue with Pakistan only way to end terrorism in J&K: Farooq

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir will not end unless talks are held with Pakistan, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said here on Wednesday.

Abdullah's remarks came after three terrorist attacks took place in the Jammu.

On Sunday, terrorists attacked a bus carrying pilgrims, causing it to veer off the road and fall into a deep gorge in Reasi, killing nine and injuring 41. Two days later, terrorists attacked a

joint checkpoint in Doda, injuring six security personnel.

In another incident late on Tuesday, a suspected Pakistani terrorist was killed by security forces in Kathua district. The overnight encounter ended after a second terrorist was also gunned down on Wednesday but a CRPF jawan lost his life in the operation.

The NC president told reporters here on Wednesday, "I have always said that terrorism is not going to

JKRLM inks MoU with CII to empower rural entrepreneurs through industry mentorship

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards empowering rural entrepreneurs, the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on Wednesday to empower rural entrepreneurs through Industry Led Mentorship program.

The MoU was signed by Mission Director, JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib and representatives from CII in presence of Secretary, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary.

Addressing the gathering, Secretary RDD commended the JKRLM team for their self-motivation and inspiring work they have been doing. He expressed gratitude to the Mission Director, JKRLM and her entire team for their efforts and assured them of the department's support in capacity building and other areas.

Dr. Shahid also acknowledged the significant contribution of the program to public health and extended his compliments to both JKRLM and CII for their collaborative efforts towards empowering rural communities.

The collaboration between JKRLM and CII is expected to provide a significant boost to the rural entrepreneurship ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir, enabling rural women to access industry expertise, market linkages

Police issues alert advisory, urges residents to remain vigilant

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir police on Wednesday issued an 'alert advisory' in the Jammu region, urging residents to stay vigilant regarding the movement of suspicious individuals and objects.

They have advised the residents of Jammu and Rajouri to thoroughly check their vehicles before turning them on, officials said.

A security advisory has been issued in the region in connection with a terror threat in areas of Rajouri,

and Jammu districts, they said.

Police vehicles equipped with loudspeakers made announcements in Akhnoor and Jammu areas, urging the people to remain alert and report any suspicious activities or objects, they said.

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OWG held for providing support to terrorists

STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: Security forces on Wednesday arrested an Over Ground Worker (OWG) of terrorists in Kupwara district and seized arms and ammunition from him, officials said. Shabir Ahmad was apprehended at Chowkibal market in Kupwara following recovery of arms and ammunition during checking, officials said. The recoveries included one pistol, four hand grenades and two improvised explosive devices, they said.

Sinha inspects progress of SASB's Office, Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday conducted the on-site inspection and reviewed ongoing construction work of the Office and Yatri Niwas of Shri Amarnath ji Shrine Board at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar.

The Lt Governor directed for accelerating the pace of works and timely completion of the project.

The Lt Governor was accompanied by Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor & CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Vijay Kumar



LG Manoj Sinha inspecting progress of SASB's Office & Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk on Wednesday.

Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IGP Kashmir and officials from other concerned departments.

49 people, mostly Indians, killed in Kuwait apartment blaze

AGENCY
DUBAI/KUWAIT CITY: A massive fire engulfed a multi-storey building in Kuwait housing foreign workers early on Wednesday, killing at least 49 people, mostly Indians, and injuring more than 50 others, according to officials.

Most deaths were due to smoke inhalation while residents were sleeping, and a significant number of occupants were evacuated, they added.

The fire started in a kitchen in the six-storey building in the Mangaf area in Kuwait's

CS led SBC reviews measures to ensure high speed internet to Panchayats

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday chaired the meeting of 5th State Broadband Committee (SBC), constituted to overlook the process of providing affordable and universal broadband access to all rural and far off pockets of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting besides ACS, Forests, Principal Secretary, PDD, Principal Secretary, Finance, Commissioner Secretary, IT Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Secretary, RDD, Secretary, R&B, Secretary, Revenue



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

was attended by representatives of J&K Licensed Service Area, Union Ministry of Telecommunications and BSNL.

The Chief Secretary, while assessing the works executed, so far, by the telecommunication agency in the UT for

covering all the remote areas under broadband and 4G network, emphasised on fixing timelines for completion of each of the components. He asked for carrying out joint survey by the RDD and BSNL for assessing

Samba police recovers drone

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA/JAMMU: A small drone was found and subsequently seized by police in Samba district on Wednesday evening, officials said. The drone

Terrorist design to shift focus to Jammu will not succeed: Dr Jitendra

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Wednesday that the terrorists, desperate following the pressure by security forces in the Kashmir Valley, are on the run and are trying to shift the focus of their activities to the Jammu

region but, he said, terrorist design to shift focus to Jammu region will not succeed.

Speaking to media persons after visiting the injured civilian Om Prakash who underwent a successful orthopaedic surgery in GMC Hospital here and after paying condolence to the family members of late Kamaljeet Sharma, Dr Jitendra Singh said the basic difference which the sponsors of terrorism fail to understand is that they will never be able to get the ground support of the



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inquiring about the well-being of the injured in Hiranagar terror attack, at GMC Kathua on Wednesday.

local population in this region if they have expected their advantage. He said,

is inhabited by the people who are nationalist and patriotic to the core and this was evident even during the present incident where the civilians stood by the security forces in not only providing decisive information about the movements of the suspected terrorists but also helping the security forces to nab the terrorists in hiding.

Being a land of Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, Dr Jitendra Singh said, people of this region have for several decades struggled against the anti-national

J&K advances strategic partnership with New Zealand to enhance sheep sector

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In a major advancement in the agricultural sector, Jammu & Kashmir on Wednesday broadened its existing Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with New Zealand into a full-fledged strategic agreement.

The partnership taps into New Zealand's globally recognized strengths in breeding technology, sustainable farm management and advanced disease control measures within the sheep sector. The collaboration is

set to transform and revitalize both the sheep and goat sectors in the Union Territory through comprehensive training initiatives besides innovative and sustainable practices.

The agreement was formalized in presence of Mission Director, HADP, Yasha Mudgal and DG Sheep Husbandry Kashmir, Bashir Khan. Besides, representatives of New Zealand who joined virtually included Graham Rouse, Trade Commissioner and

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 43.6°C Min: 25.7°C

Humidity
Max: 29 Min: 14

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 29.9°C Min: 14.4°C

Humidity
Max: 60 Min: 40

Sunset : 19:38 Hours
Sunrise : 05:22 Hours