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Two most wanted LeT terrorists overpowered by villagers; handed over to police in Reasi

LG announces Rs 5 lakh, DGP Rs 2 lakh cash rewards for brave villagers

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JAMMU: Two heavily-armed and most wanted Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists. including the mastermind of the recent IED blasts in Rajouri, were overpowered by villagers and handed over to the police in Reasi district on Sunday, a senior police officer said.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Director General of Police Dilbag Singh lauded the villagers for their courage and announced cash rewards for them.

The incident took place in Tuksan Dhok village and the captured terrorists included the most wanted LeT commander Talib Hussain, a resident of Rajouri district and the mastermind of the recent IED blasts in the district, the officials said.

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HYDERABAD: Asserting

that the next 30 to 40 years

will be the era of the BJP

which will make India a

"vishwa guru" (world leader),

its senior leader Amit Shah

said on Sunday the party will

end "family rule" in

Telangana and West Bengal

and also form governments

in states where power has so

far remained out of its reach.

national executive meeting

while proposing political res-

olution, the Union home min-

ister called for ending the

politics of dynasty, casteism

and appearement and cited

the party's win in a string of

recent polls as an endorse-

In his address at the BJP



showed courage in apprehending two most wanted terrorists of LeT who had reached the area to take shelter after continuous pressure from the police and army (in Rajouri district), Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said in a

ment of its "politics of devel-

He identified southern

India as the region for its

next round of growth, and

said the opposition had

become disjointed and dispir-

ited with members of the

Congress fighting for democ-

racy within their organisa-

tion as its ruling family clung

to its position. He also hailed

opment and performance".

He identified the other captured terrorist as Faisal Ahmad Dar of south Kashmir's Pulwama, and said two AK assault rifles. seven grenades, a pistol and a huge quantity of ammunition were recovered from the two arrested terrorists. Singh said the Lt Governor

has applauded the courage of

Next 30-40 years will be era of BJP: Amit Shah

as "historic" the recent

Supreme Court verdict dis-

missing a plea challenging

the Special Investigation

Team's (SIT) clean chit to 64

people, including then chief

minister Narendra Modi, in

the 2002 Gujarat riots case.

The court had also come

down hard on the petitioners.

The apex court has exposed

opposition parties, a section

of media and some NGOs for

their conspiracy to defame

The BJP leader said Modi

received insults, maintained

silence while facing the SIT

and kept his faith in the

Constitution while contrast-

ing this with the Congress'

attempt to spread "anarchy"

Modi, he said.

villagers and announced a cash reward of Rs five lakh for their bravery, while the Director General of Police announced a cash reward of Rs two lakh for them.

"I salute the bravery of villagers of Tukson Dhok. Reasi, who apprehended twomost wanted terrorists. Such determination by common

after its leader Rahul Gandhi

was summoned by the

Enforcement Directorate in

The opposition party had

protests, blaming the ruling

party's vendetta for the probe

against its top functionaries.

Briefing reporters on

Shah's speech, Assam Chief

Minister Himanta Biswa

Sarma said Modi never did

the kind of "drama" that

Gandhi has done while facing

a lawful investigation. The

home minister said Modi

drank all the poison thrown

at him like Lord Shiva and

Sarma parried queries on

whether the killing of

faced the probe.

nationwide

the National Herald case.

launched

man shows end of terrorism is not far away. UT Govt to extend Rs five lakh cash reward to villagers for gallant act against terrorists and terrorism," the office of LG tweeted.

The arrest of the duo followed unearthing of a module headed by Hussain in Rajouri district on June 28,

Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya

Lal, who was hacked to death

by two Islamic fanatics, or

the row involving suspended

BJP member Nupur Sharma

over her objectionable

remarks against Prophet

Mohammad was part of

deliberations at the national

executive meet, but added

that specific incidents are

generally not discussed at

such a conclave where the

He, though, alleged that

had the Congress not started

politics of appeasement, inci-

dents like Udaipur killing

might not have happened.

The home minister in his

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address called for

focus is on "macro" issues.

which was behind the recent series of explosions in the dis-

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While two terror operatives of the outfit were arrested along with five Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), Hussain was on the run and had moved to nearby Reasi district to escape the

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Cong, BJP slugfest after arrested terrorist linked to saffron party

JAMMU: A political slugfest erupted between the BJP and the Congress in Jammu and Kashmir after a top Lashker-e-Taiba terrorist, overpowered by locals and handed over to the police, was reported to be an active member of the saffron party who was recently selected as its IT and social media cell in charge of the Minority Morcha in Jammu province.

As the news about villagers overpowering Talib Hussain Shah and handing him and his associate Faisal Ahmad Dar to the police surfaced, purported pictures of Shah with JK BJP chief Ravinder Raina and his participation in party functions emerged on social media.

The pictures included the one where Raina was presenting him a bouquet and a letter issued by party leader Sheikh Bashir, assigning him the responsibility of new IT and social media incharge of Minority Morcha (Jammu province) on

While Raina dismissed the presence of Shah in his party as a "conspiracy hatched by Pakistan to target him and the party headquarters", Pradesh Congress Committee chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said the ruling party should answer to the nation the alleged presence of terrorists in their ranks and holding important party positions. This is a second incident

Over 64 pc of youths joining terrorism in J&K killed within a year: Officials

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SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI: The youths joining the terror ranks in Jammu and Kashmir have a "short shelf life" with more than 64 per cent of them being killed by security forces within a year, officials said on Sunday.

Security forces, aided by a strong on-ground intelligence network, have scaled up antiterror operations in the first five months of this year, though frequent violence in south Kashmir remained a cause for concern, they said. Citing data of terrorists

neutralised between January 1 and May 31 this year, the

officials said 64.1 per cent of the new terror recruits were eliminated within a year. Only 26.6 per cent of the terror recruits lasted more than 12 months, while the fate of 9.3 per cent of them was not known, they said.

Giving further details, the officials said 28.1 per cent of the terror recruits were killed within one month, 54.7 per cent within six months and 59.4 per cent within nine months.

The officials said 70 to 75 youths have joined various terror groups in Kashmir Valley in the first five months of this year. The correspon-

ding figure of last year was near equal. They said south Kashmir

continued to be the hotbed of terrorism in the valley as the region saw 59 terrorist killings by security forces in the first five months of this year compared to 31 such killings in central and north Kashmir.

Out of the total 90 terrorists killed in the valley between January and May, 26 were Pakistani nationals and the number is much more than that of the whole of previous year when 182 terrorists, including 20

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SIA raids terror associate's house

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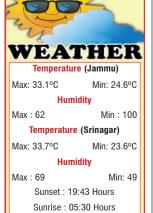
SRINAGAR: Sleuths of State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Sunday carried out raid at Beerwah area in central Kashmir's Budgam district. The SIA raided the house of Fayaz Ahmad, son of Ali Mohammad, resident of Bolat-Beerwah. The searches are being carried out in connection with case registered at SIA Police Station in Jammu. Favaz was arrested on June 11 this year and is being investigated by SIA team.

J&K reports 76 fresh COVID cases, Ladakh 35 STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday reported 76 fresh Covid cases-46 from the Jammu division and 30 from the Valley, thus taking the total number of positive cases to 455333 in the Union Territory.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out

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BJP resolves to end dynastic, appearement politics as it eyes more states: Modi **STATE TIMES NEWS**

HYDERABAD: The BJP on Sunday resolved to end "family rule" in Telangana and West Bengal and also form governments in others states which have remained out of its reach, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorting its members to learn from the mistakes of parties that were now in "terminal decline" despite ruling the country for long.

Proposing the party's political resolution at the BJP national executive meeting here, Union Home Minister Amit Shah identified southern India as the region for its

next round of growth and said the opposition had become disjointed and dispirited with members of the Congress fighting for democracy within their organisation while its ruling family clings to its position.

In his speech at the final session of the two-day meet, Modi, who has often accused opposition parties of practising appeasement politics, said the BJP's goal should be to take the country from "tushtikaran" to "triptikaran". "This will lead to 'sabka vikas' (development of

Minister Modi has also suggested that party workers should reach out to deprived and downtrodden sections among the minorities too.

He made the suggestion in his intervention during a presentation by the party unit in Uttar Pradesh, where the BJP recently won Lok Sabha bypolls in Rampur and Azamgarh, the two bastions of the Samajwadi Party having substantial Muslim population.

There have been several experiments in Indian politics with social equations among Hindus and

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SRINAGAR: Proper security arrangements are in place for this year's Amarnath Yatra, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Sunday, amid reports of a higher threat perception for the pilgrim-

He said the administration and the people of the Union Territory have joined hands together to make the yatra a safe and successful event.

Security forces have coordinated in a better way and I can say that one of the best arrangements regarding security are in place (for yatra) and by the grace of God, everything is going on well, Sinha told reporters



Security agencies have flagged a higher threat perception for this year's yatra. Three-tier security arrangements have been put in place with the deployment of more personnel on the routes leading to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas.

Yatris who have come from different parts of the country are satisfied with the arrangements and the way the people have welcomed them, they have kept their tradition alive, Sinha said. Asked if Prime Minister

Narendra Modi will come for the pilgrimage this year, he said everyone who wants to come will be welcomed. Whether he (PM) will come

or not, I cannot say anything on that, but we should keep in mind that if any VIP comes here, the vatris should not face any inconvenience. Our focus is on yatris -- a common man who comes because of his faith, the Lt

Governor said.

To a question about the number of pilgrims who have visited the holy cave so far, Sinha said, I think the numbers are over 50,000 and it is increasing continuously.

In response to a query about trucks carrying essentials as well as tourists facing difficulties on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway due to the yatra, he said the administration is trying to improve the situation.

There is a marked improvement. We are trying to facilitate (trucks carrying) perishable goods, and tourists as well. Traffic will also move in the right manner. A

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Amarnath Yatra: Over 50,000 pilgrims visit holy cave shrine so far; 5 dead Another batch of 8,700 pilgrims leave from Jammu

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SRINAGAR: Five pilgrims have died since the commencement of the Amarnath Yatra this year, even as over 50,000 devotees have so far visited the holy cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said on

A pilgrim by the name Virinder Gupta is missing from the yatra's Chandanwari-Sheshnag route, they said.

Of the five deceased, three passed away due to cardiac arrests: Jai Prakash from Delhi died at Chandanwari, Devender Tayal (53) from Bareily collapsed at Lower Cave and Lipo Sharma (40) from Bihar died at

Qazigund camp, the officials said. Jagannath (61) from Maharashtra lost his life due to some health condition at Pisutop while another person Ashu Singh (46) from Rajasthan died after he fell down from a

horse at MG top, they mentioned. Till 10 am on Sunday, 40,233 pilgrims visited the holy cave shrine and had 'darshan' of



the naturally formed ice-shivlingam.

The vatra, which began on June 30 and will culminate on August 11, passes through two routes - the Pahalgam route in south Kashmir's Anantnag district and the Baltal route in Sonamarg tourist resort in

Ganderbal district in central Kashmir. Meanwhile, the fifth batch of over 8,700 Amarnath pilgrims this morning left a base camp here for the shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

The pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar

Yatri Niwas here in a convoy of 326 vehicles, the officials said.

They said 2,618 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp in 121 vehicles around 3.30 am followed by the second convoy of 205 vehicles carrying 6,155 pilgrims for Pahalgam.

The annual 43-day yatra commenced from the twin base camps -- traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- on June 30.

So far till 9 am, over 39,000 pilgrims had offered their prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed ice-shivlingam, the officials said.

Among the 6,155 pilgrims who left for Pahalgam, 1,924 are women, 12 children, and two transgenders, while the group heading for Baltal included 709 women, the offi-

With this, a total of 31,987 pilgrims have left from the ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Cop shot at in Anantnag STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Terrorists shot at and injured a policeman in Anantnag district on Sunday, officials said. The attack on Constable Firdous Ahmad took place at his Hugam area home around 7.30 pm in Srigufwara of the south Kashmir district, they said. The officials said the injured cop was rushed to the Srigufwara hospital, from where he was referred to the Army's 92 Base Hospital

The area has been cordoned off and a hunt launched to nab the attackers, they said. Police has registered a case in this regard under relevant sections of law. Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of this terror crime.