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NIA raids five places in Pulwama, Shopian in terror conspiracy case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) carried out raids at five locations in Pulwama and Shopian districts on Thursday in a terror conspiracy case, officials said.

"As part of its ongoing investigations in the Jammu and Kashmir terrorist conspiracy case, the NIA conducted another round of raids at the premises of hybrid terrorists and overground workers (OGWs) of the outfits and affiliates of Pakistan-backed banned terrorist organisations," an NIA spokesman said.

Some of these newly-floated outfits, including The Resistance Front (TRF) which is a shadow organisation of Lashkar-e-Taiba, have been found issuing threats of carrying out attacks in the Union territory through social media, the officials said.

The raids were conducted



at five locations in Shopian, Awantipora and Pulwama.

The NIA also raided the premises of sympathisers and cadres of the newly floated outfits, namely TRF, United Liberation Front Jammu and Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu and Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others. These outfits are affiliated to various banned Pakistan-backed organisations like Lashkar-e-Taiba

(LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, Al-Qaeda, etc.

The spokesman said several digital devices containing large volumes of incriminating data were recovered during the searches, which have once again put the spotlight on OGWs as an important part of the terror ecosystem in the Kashmir Valley, which is being dismantled on a continuous basis.

Also known as hybrid terrorists, they provide support

to militants and terrorists based in Pakistan, he added.

The NIA had registered a suo motu case (RC-05/2022/NLA/JMU) on June 21, 2022, to investigate the involvement of the cadres and OGWs of the various outfits in spreading activities relating to terror, violence and subversion in J-K.

These cadres and workers have been involved in the collection and distribution of sticky bombs/magnetic bombs, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), funds, narcotic substances and arms/ammunition.

The NIA said its investigations have revealed that Pakistan-based operatives were using social media platforms to promote terror. Drones were being used by them to deliver arms/ammunition, explosives, narcotics, etc. to their operatives and cadres in the Kashmir Valley.

The terror

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16,061 pilgrims perform Darshan at Amarnath Shrine, fresh batch leaves for Valley

CRPF personnel deployed in large numbers to secure Yatra: DIG Avasthy



Jubilant pilgrims showing registration cards.

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SRINAGAR/ JAMMU: As 16061 pilgrims performed darshan at the holy cave shrine on Thursday, a fresh batch of over 9,200 pilgrims, the largest so far, left the base camp here in the early hours for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas.

According to an official spokesperson, 16061 Shri Amarnathji Yatries visited the Holy Cave to perform darshan, taking total to 162569 pilgrims who paid

obseance during this season till date.

Among the yatries who had opportunity to visit Holy Cave included 12701 males, 2945 females, 236 children, 176 Sadhus and 3 Sadvis.

The yatra is going on smoothly since its commencement on July 01, with pilgrims enjoying the general facilities ensured by the government.

While 6,035 pilgrims left in a convoy of 194 vehicles for Pahalgam, another convoy of 112 vehicles carrying 3,206

CS takes first hand appraisal of arrangements for Amarnath Yatra at Panjarni via Baltal Axis

GANDERBAL: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday undertook an extensive visit of Baltal axis via Panjarni till Holy Cave. He chaired a meeting of officers and made first hand appraisal of arrangements for yatries for ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY), 2023.

The meeting was attended by Nodal Officer SANJY (Baltal Axis), Raghav Langar; Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir; Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Syed Hamid; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; Camp Director Baltal, ADC Ganderbal; CMO, SDM Kangan besides senior officers from various security agencies.

Chief Secretary took a brief about the arrangements from the officers put in place for yatries including sanitation measures, lodging, drinking water, tents and langar facility, health, security and other arrangements.

He urged the officers to work with synergy and make strenuous efforts to extend essential services and basic amenities at every destination to the pilgrims so that this religious pilgrimage is made memorable and life time experience for devotees.

While reviewing the sanitation measures, Chief Secretary directed ACD Ganderbal to ensure that sanitation teams are sensitized regularly, especially those

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pilgrims left for the Baltal base camp at 3.30 am.

With this, a total of 65,544 pilgrims have left the Jammu

base camp for the valley since June 30. The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the

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Amarnath devotees throng booking counters as Tatkal registration resumes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A day after Tatkal registration for the Amarnath Yatra resumed here after suspension for three days, hundreds of people thronged the on-the-spot booking counters.

The Tatkal registration was resumed on Wednesday after the pilgrimage was suspended from Saturday to Monday due to inclement weather and the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway for repairs in the Ramban section.

Braving the hot and humid weather conditions, devotees including women are patiently waiting in long queues to

get a registration token.

"We have been waiting in long queues since morning for the registration. We will first get a token and then have to get a health checkup done, only after which we can proceed with the registration process," Kapil Dev Pandey, a Maharashtra resident who came here for the pilgrimage, told PTI.

Pandey, however, pointed out that there should be more counters to attend to the huge number of people.

Over 1,500 unregistered pilgrims, including women, who have arrived in Jammu city, have been registered

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Babli (Anita Sharma) directed not to cross Lakhampur border

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Babli (Anita Sharma), the accused in FIR 48/23 for impersonation, cheating and fraud, has been directed not to leave the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir without the prior permission of the court.

Babli (Anita Sharma) is the main accused in FIR 48/23 registered against her by Jammu Crime Branch wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) under sections 420, 120-B IPC for impersonation, cheating and fraud

"The bail is subject to conditions that Anita Sharma

(Babli) shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer as and when directed. Anita Sharma shall not leave the J&K UT without the prior permission of the court and she shall not influence any witness. She shall also not contact any witness conversant with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing the truth before the IO," the bail order states.

As per bail orders, Anita Sharma shall furnish bail

bond of surety and a personal bond of Rs 50,000 each before the Investigating Officer (IO) of Crime Branch, which she has furnished.

The CB sleuths investigating the case are keeping a close watch on her movement.

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(Babli), resident of 23 B/C Gandhi Nagar, wife of Shiv Kumar Sharma (Bunty), a known financier, fruit dealer and wine merchant, is cur-

rently on bail.

According to FIR 48/23, Anita Sharma alias Babli impersonated as the owner of House Number 84/110-A, Gandhi Nagar and tried to cheat Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to get under process certificate which she used to befool municipal officers during construction of House Number 44 D/C Gandhi Nagar whenever officials of Municipal Corporation approached at the site. Anita Sharma used to tell to the concerned officials that she has applied for the

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CUET-UG results to be announced by July 17: UGC Chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The results for the CUET-UG will be announced by July 17, UGC Chairman Jagadeesh Kumar said on Thursday.

Earlier, the results were expected to be announced by July 15.

The undergraduate admission process at over 200 universities across the country will begin post the declaration of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG results.

"The CUET-UG results will be announced latest by July 17. When we announce the results, it should be error free. And look at the complexity of administering the CUET-UG -- 841 question papers were used, 214 in different languages, 534 in English and Hindi and 93 in 11 regional languages as the medium. The total number of questions in these papers was 1.48 lakh," Kumar said.

He added, "Candidates were allowed to challenge the keys from June 29 to July 1. About 25,782 answer

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CJ visits Central Jail Srinagar, assesses quality of legal aid services for prisoners

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh on Thursday visited the Central Jail here to assess the conditions of the prisoners and the quality of legal aid services being provided to them.

The Chief Justice was accompanied by his Principal Secretary, M K Sharma and Member Secretary J & K Legal Services Authority, Amit Gupta. On arrival to Central Jail, the

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Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Justice N. Kotiswar Singh during visit to Central Jail, Srinagar.

Saina Nehwal pays obeisance at Amarnath cave Shrine

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Ace shuttler Saina Nehwal undertook the Amarnath Yatra to pay obeisance at the holy cave shrine housing the naturally-formed ice-lingam of lord Shiva in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said on Thursday.

The badminton player is currently staying at the picturesque tourist resort of Sonamarg, in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, which falls on the way to the Baltal base camp of the yatra, they said. Nehwal, along with her mother Usha Nehwal, undertook

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Three non-local labourers shot at in Shopian LG Manoj Sinha condemns terror attack

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Terrorists on Thursday shot at and injured three non-local labourers in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district, police said. "Terrorists fired upon three outside labourers in Shopian. Injured persons are Anmol Kumar, Pintu Kumar Thakur and Heralal Yadav, all residents of Distt Supaul, Bihar, being shifted to hospital," Kashmir Zone Police said on Twitter.

The area has been cordoned off and a hunt launched to nab the attackers.

Meanwhile, LG Manoj Sinha strongly condemned



the terror attack in Shopian in which three people have been injured.

The Lt Governor said such barbaric acts targeting

labourers highlight the desperation and cowardice of terrorists and their sympathisers. He has directed

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Modi holds 'fruitful' meetings with French counterpart, Senate President; discusses ways to bolster strategic ties



PM Narendra Modi meeting PM of France, Elisabeth Borne in Paris on Thursday.

■ AGENCY

PARIS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday began his visit to France with "fruitful" meetings with his French counterpart Elisabeth Borne and Senate President Gerard Larcher

during which he discussed ways to impart new impetus to India's multifaceted cooperation and time-tested strategic partnership with the key European nation. Modi, who landed here

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.1°C Min: 25.9°C

Humidity
Max: 68 Min: 64

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.3°C Min: 17.6°C

Humidity
Max: 68 Min: 36

Sunset : 19:37 Hours
Sunrise : 05:25 Hours