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NIA dispatches team to assist police in Kathua terror attack probe

Searches intensified as DGP reviews ongoing operation

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI/ KATHUA: The National Investigation Agency will assist the Jammu and Kashmir police in its probe into a terrorist attack on an Army convoy in Kathua that left five personnel martyred and as many injured, officials said on Tuesday.

A team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials has been sent to Kathua in Jammu region to extend all possible support to the police in its investigation, they said and made it clear that the probe agency has not registered a case to investigate the terrorist attack.

Five Army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer, were martyred, and as many were injured when a group of heavily armed terrorists ambushed a patrolling party on the rugged Machedi-Kindli-Malhar mountainous



road near the Badnota village in Lohai Malhar, approximately 150 km from the Kathua district's headquarters.

It was the fifth terror attack in the Jammu region within a month.

Meanwhile, a massive search operation was underway on Tuesday to track down the terrorists behind the deadly attack on an Army patrol party in Kathua district, as Director General of Police R R Swain flew to the area to oversee the operation on the ground.

The bodies of the five soldiers martyred in the attack have been handed over to the Army after postmortem and were airlifted to their homes for last rites, officials said.

Accompanied by ADGP Anand Jain, DGP Swain conducted an aerial survey

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LG pays homage to Army martyrs

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid homage to the bravehearts of Indian Army martyred in a dastardly terror attack in Kathua.

The Lt Governor has posted on X:

"I salute the bravery of our army personnel, who lost their lives in a dastardly terror attack in Kathua. Deepest condolences to bereaved families of martyrs. Coordinated counter-terror operations are underway and the perpetrators of this attack will be punished soon".

Doda encounter ends; security cordon tightened

JAMMU: Security forces tightened their cordon around a forest area in the higher reaches of Doda district Tuesday evening following an encounter with hiding terrorists, officials said.

Preliminary information revealed that at least two terrorists were hit by the retaliatory action and it is premature to say whether they are dead or injured, a police officer said.

The gunfight between the two sides began in the Ghadi Bhagwah forest, 35 km east of Doda town bordering Kishtwar district, this evening when police assisted by the Army launched a joint search and cordon operation after a tipoff about the presence of terrorists in the area, the officials said. Heavy firing continued for a couple of hours before the guns fell silent, the police officer said. He said the search operation was temporarily suspended

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Amarnath Ji Yatra: LG visits Nunwan, Chandanwari base camps

Interacts with pilgrims, service providers; takes stock of yatra arrangements

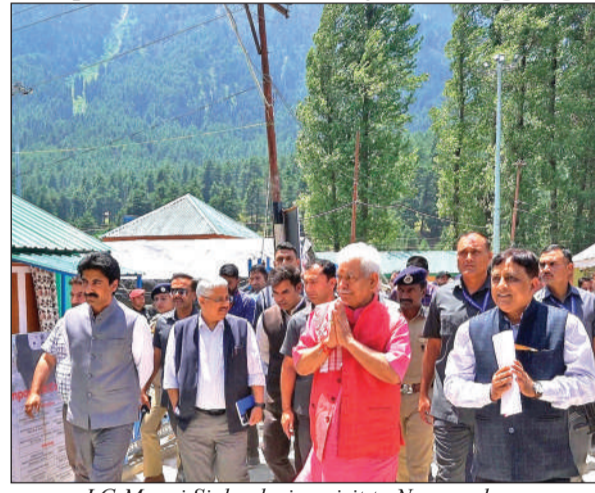
STATE TIMES NEWS

PAHALGAM: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited the Nunwan and Chandanwari base camps and reviewed the arrangements for the ongoing holy yatra of Shri Amarnath Ji.

The Lt Governor interacted with the pilgrims, and enquired about their pilgrimage experience.

At the Base Camps, the Lt Governor also interacted with the service providers, doctors, sanitation workers, administrative and security officials and took appraisal of various services like lodging, langar, power and water supply, sanitation, health, traffic and security management, and other facilities to the pilgrims.

He directed all concerned departments and service providers to take every possible measure for the safe and smooth conduct of the



LG Manoj Sinha during visit to Nunwan base camp on Tuesday.

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Yatra. Syed Fakhruddin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag briefed the Lt Governor on the facilities available to the Yatrists arriving at the Base Camps.

The Lt Governor was accompanied by Dr

Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO, Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board; Vidhi Kumar Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and other senior officers of District Administration, SASB, Police and Army.

ISI designs would be decisively defeated under PM Modi's leadership: Chugh Pays homage to martyrs

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party incharge for Jammu and Kashmir, on Tuesday paid a rich tribute to the five soldiers, martyred in Kathua terror attack, saying "it was a sign of Pakistan ISI's nervous reaction to the peace and development that has come about in J&K during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

Condemning strongly the attacks being made on the soldiers, Chugh said it reflected panic and despondencies among the ISI-spon-



sored ranks.

He said ever since the peaceful Lok Sabha elections in J&K there has been a calculated design to challenge the law and order situation in the Union Territory.

The Pakistan ISI-sponsored anti-national

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Martyrdom of 5 Army personnel won't go unavenged: Govt

Attack deserves firm counter-measures: President

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The martyrdom of five Army personnel in a terror attack in Kathua district will not go unavenged and India will defeat the evil forces behind it, Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane said on Tuesday.

President Droupadi Murmu has termed the terrorist attack on an Army convoy in Jammu and Kashmir a "cowardly act" and said it deserved condemnation and firm counter-measures.

In a post on X, Murmu said, "My sympathies are with the families of the bravehearts who laid down their lives in this ongoing war against terror in its all forms. I pray for the speedy recovery of those injured."

"The attack on a convoy of Army per-



sonnel in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists is a cowardly act that deserves condemnation and firm counter-measures. My sympathies are with the families of the bravehearts who laid down their lives in this ongoing war against terror in its all forms. I pray for the speedy recovery of those injured," the President said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

expressed deep anguish over the killing of the soldiers and asserted that the armed forces are determined to usher in peace in the region.

"I am deeply anguished at the loss of five of our brave Indian Army Soldiers in a terrorist attack in Badnota, Kathua (J&K)," the Defence Minister said on X. "My deepest condolences to the bereaved families, the Nation stands firm with them in this difficult time. The Counter Terrorist operations are underway, and our soldiers are determined to usher in peace and order in the region," he said.

"I pray for a speedy recovery to those who sustained injuries in this dastardly terror attack," Singh added. Defence Secretary

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SC closes PIL alleging non-functional statutory panels exist in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday closed the proceedings on a PIL, which claimed non-functional statutory panels exist in Jammu and Kashmir, after being told by the Union Territory administration that these are now functional and the powers of some like the State Human Rights Commission are being exercised by the NHRC.

The top court had earlier issued notices to the Centre on the 2020 PIL, filed by Pune-based lawyer Asim Suhas Sarode, and sought the assistance of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta in deciding it.

It was alleged that statutory panels like the state human rights commission were not functional in the union territory after the abrogation of Article 370 which accorded special status to the erstwhile state.

The PIL alleged seven panels, including the Jammu and Kashmir

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ACB arrests fair price shop dealer for demanding bribe

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: J&K Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday trapped and arrested a fair price shop dealer for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 4,000 in Pati Bongam village of Kulgam district.

According to a spokesperson, the ACB received a complaint against Ajaz Ahmad Malik, fair price shop dealer for demanding of bribe for release of ration and KYC.

"In his complaint, the complainant alleged that the dealer of the Fair Price Shop was denying and depriving the complainant the monthly ration on the pretext of sub-

mitting KYC. The complainant had many a times approached the Fair Price Shop Dealer, but he used dilly dallying tactics and in lieu demanded Rs 7500 as bribe," spokesperson said adding that the complainant arranged Rs 4,000 and approached ACB for taking necessary action against dealer.

"On receipt of the complaint, a case FIR No. 03/2024 under Section 7 of P/C Act was registered at ACB Police Station Anantnag and investigation taken up. During the course of investigation, a trap

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Four of a family dead, 2 injured after vehicle fell into gorge



Wreckage of ill-fated vehicle at Dachan area of Kishtwar.

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: In a tragic incident, four members of a family got killed while two other injured after a vehicle they were traveling in rolled down into a gorge in Dachan

area of Kishtwar District on Tuesday evening.

According to reports, a Maruti car they were traveling met with an accident at dachhan area of district kishitwar on Tuesday

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Army troops fire at Pakistani drone along LoC in Poonch

Two mortar shells found in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR/JAMMU: Army troops fired a few rounds to shoot down a Pakistani drone along the Line of Control in the Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Tuesday.

The drone, however, returned to Pakistan after briefly hovering over the Indian territory late Monday night, they said.

Indian troops, guarding the LoC, picked up the movement of a Pakistani drone at a height of over 1,000 metres at around 9.15 pm and fired five rounds within the next 10 minutes to bring it down

but it managed to return, they said.

After over half an hour, a Pakistani drone was again



spotted entering Indian territory and two more rounds were fired at it following which it returned to the other side, they said.

Army troops launched a search operation in the forward villages with the first light of the day to ensure that there was no dropping of weapons or narcotics

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Modi receives Russia's prestigious civilian honour-the Order of St Andrew the Apostle

STATE TIMES NEWS

MOSCOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Tuesday officially conferred the 'Order of St Andrew the Apostle' award by Russian President Vladimir Putin for his contribution to fostering bilateral ties between the two countries.

In a special ceremony in St. Andrew Hall in the Kremlin, President Putin conferred the award on Prime Minister Modi. The award was announced in 2019.

Prime Minister Modi is the first Indian leader to be conferred with this award, which was established in 1698 by Tsar Peter the Great in honour of Saint Andrew, the first apostle of Jesus and patron saint of Russia.

While accepting the award,



Prime Minister Modi dedicated it to the people of India and to the traditional bonds of friendship between India and Russia. He further stated that the recognition illuminates the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries, said a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

"I am heartily grateful to you for conferring me with the highest civilian honour of Russia. This honour is not just mine, this is an honour of 140 crore Indians. This is an honour of the centuries-old and deep friendship and mutual trust between India and Russia," Modi said after receiving the award.

Modi said under President

Putin's leadership, India-Russia relations have strengthened in all directions and have scaled new heights.

"The foundation of strategic ties between the two nations that you had laid has only further strengthened with the passing of time. Our mutual cooperation, based on people-to-partnership, is becoming the hope and guarantee of a better future of our people," he added.

Later in a post on X, Modi said, "Honoured to receive the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. I dedicate it to the people of India."

Earlier, President Putin congratulated Modi for the highest Russian award and wished him good health, success and all the best.

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Over 5,800 pilgrims leave Jammu for Amarnath Yatra

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A fresh batch of over 5,400 pilgrims left Jammu city on Tuesday for the twin base camps in Kashmir to join the annual Amarnath Yatra, officials said.

According to officials, the number of pilgrims who have paid obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine reached 2,07,016 on Monday evening.

The twelfth batch comprising 5,433 pilgrims, including 1,117 women and 18 children, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp at 3.13 am in 213 vehicles escorted by security personnel, they said.

While 3,462 pilgrims in 124 vehicles took the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route, the other group of

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 35.5°C Min: 21.6°C

Humidity
Max: 76 Min: 33

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 34.2°C Min: 18.0°C

Humidity
Max: 60 Min: 29

Sunset: 19:41 Hours
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