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Captain among 4 soldiers martyred in Doda encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Four army personnel, including a captain, were martyred after being injured in a gunfight with heavily armed terrorists in Doda district, officials said on Tuesday while reinforcements were rushed in to track and neutralize the militants.

Those martyred in the encounter have been identified as Captain Brijesh Thapa, Naik D Rajesh, Sepoy Bijendra and Sepoy Ajay, they said.

This was the third major encounter between security forces and terrorists in the forests of Doda district in the past three weeks.

The latest incident comes a week after a terrorist ambush on an Army patrol in the remote Machedi forest belt in Kathua district claimed the lives of five soldiers and injured as many.

Troops of the Rashtriya Rifles and Special Operations Group of Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a joint cordon and search



Martyr Captain Brijesh Thapa Martyr Naik D Rajesh



Martyr Sepoy Ajay

Martyr Sepoy Bijendra

operation at Dhari Gote Urabagi in the Desa forest belt, some 55 km from Doda town, late on Monday

evening when the encounter took place, the officials said. After a brief exchange

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LG lays wreaths; pays homage to martyrs



LG Manoj Sinha paying homage to martyrs.

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday laid wreath and paid homage to Captain Brijesh Thapa, Naik D Rajesh, Sepoy Bijendra and Sepoy Ajay, who have made supreme sacrifice during anti-terror operation in Doda.

"I salute the brave warriors who displayed exemplary courage and made supreme sacrifice for the nation. The nation will never forget the sacrifice made by the gallant heroes. The entire nation stands firmly with the families of martyrs in this hour of grief," the Lt Governor said.

Earlier, the Lieutenant Governor strongly condemned the terrorist attack on security forces in Doda district.

The Lt Governor posted on X, "I am deeply anguished to learn about the cowardly attack on our Army soldiers and JKP personnel in Doda district. Tributes to brave soldiers who made supreme sacrifice protecting our nation. My deepest condolences to members of the bereaved families. We will avenge death of our soldiers &

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BJP fully prepared for Assembly elections, will form next Govt in J&K: G Kishan Reddy

Chugh, Raina address BJP workshop



Union Minister and Election Incharge for J&K G Kishan Reddy along with BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari, Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina and others during a workshop of 'Tridev and Morcha Sammelans' in Jammu on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Union Minister and Election Incharge for J&K Bharatiya Janata Party on Tuesday said the party is fully prepared for the Assembly elections.

"We will form the next Government in J&K", Reddy said while addressing a workshop of 'Tridev and Morcha Sammelans' organized by J&K BJP.

Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari, J&K BJP, Ravinder Raina, President J&K BJP, Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP National

Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta, former Dy CM, Shamsher Singh Manhas, former MP (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma, former Minister, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Sunil Sharma, BJP General Secretary and former Minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General secretary and former Minister also addressed the workshop.

The Union Minister congratulated the cadre or the party's win in Lok Sabha elections. He spoke on the

importance of abrogation of Article 370 and said that in the past we had to agitate and took out nationwide Yatra to hoist Tiranga in Srinagar but now Tiranga is proudly flying high in every corner of Jammu & Kashmir.

He said J&K has witnessed nepotism, corruption, separatism, terrorism Hartal calendars but now an unprecedented development is taking place under the Modi government.

Reddy said that the people have understood the importance of the BJP

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Committed to eliminate terrorism in J&K: Army

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Udhampur-based northern command is committed to eliminate the scourge of terrorism, the Army said on Tuesday, as it paid tribute to four soldiers who were martyred in a gunfight with heavily armed terrorists in Doda district.

The Army said it has been conducting a series of joint and coordinated operations with Jammu and Kashmir Police to eliminate foreign terrorists who have infiltrated from across the border and are moving in the upper reaches of Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar districts in Jammu region and thereafter to

Kashmir.

"All formations of northern command are committed to eliminate the scourge of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir for which the relentless operations will continue," the Army said in a statement here.

A number of measures have been instituted to enhance synergy between various agencies, it added.

"These include joint training with J-K Police and Central Armed Police Forces and robust intelligence sharing mechanism between Army, police and other intelligence agencies," the official release said.

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Justice Tashi Rabstan appointed as Acting Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh High Court

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The President of India has appointed Justice Tashi Rabstan, senior-most Judge of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh as Acting Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

This appointment was made consequent to the elevation of Justice N Kotiswar Singh as Judge of Supreme Court of India.

A notification to this effect reads, "In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President is



pleased to appoint Shri Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of that High Court

consequent upon elevation of Shri Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court as Judge of the Supreme Court of India".

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J&K, Ladakh HC accords farewell reference to Justice N Kotiswar Singh on appointment as SC Judge

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A Full Court Farewell Reference was held on Tuesday in the court room of Chief Justice at Srinagar wing of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to bid farewell to Justice N Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, on his appointment as Judge of Supreme Court of India.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Atul Sreedharan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed



J&K, Ladakh High Court according farewell reference to Justice N Kotiswar Singh at Srinagar on Tuesday.

Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Kazmi,

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ACB arrests Patwari for demanding, accepting bribe of Rs 40,000

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday arrested a Patwari for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 40,000 for issuance of revenue extracts.

According to a statement, the ACB received a written complaint wherein it was alleged that Patwari Halqa Chanapora Srinagar, Farooq Ahmad Bhat, resident of Bugam Chadoora was demanding Rs. 40,000 as bribe for issuance of revenue extracts in respect of his residential house along with 15 Marlas land situated at Ghurdawara Lane, Chanapora Srinagar which he has sold out, for which he had applied Online at Patwari Halqa Chanapora Srinagar before 15 days.

"The complainant stated that he is against the bribe and approached before Anti Corruption Bureau ACB Srinagar for taking

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Pak-sponsored terrorism would be decisively defeated by Modi Govt: Chugh

'Nation stands firmly with families of martyrs who sacrificed their lives in line of duty'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also the party incharge for J&K and Ladakh, on Tuesday strongly condemned the terrorists' attack on the Army patrol team in which four Army personnel including an officer were martyred.

Chugh said the entire nation stands to mourn their sacrifice but at the same time served a stern

warning to Pakistan against sponsoring cross



border terrorism. "The sacrifices of our brave soldiers will not go in vain. We will take firm

action against terrorism and ensure that Pakistan pays a heavy price for its evil deeds," Chugh said.

The Modi government is committed to ensuring the safety and security of its citizens and will not let Pakistan's terror tactics succeed, he said.

"It's a panic reaction of the Pak-sponsored terrorists to disrupt peace and development in J&K, which will be decisively defeated", Chugh added.

Strike at root of terror in Pakistan to save Jammu from terrorism



It's the time that bigger game plan of Pakistan should be understood at multiple levels to devise an appropriate response accordingly. Jammu cannot and should not be allowed to become hostage to the sinister games that Pakistan is playing with the region which has a history of withstanding all such machinations in the past.

In a week's time, Pakistan trained and well-equipped terrorists after devastating Kathua terror attack, martyring five soldiers, engaged security forces, martyring four jawans, including an officer, Captain Brijesh Thapa in Dessa area of mountainous Doda district. This is both intolerable and unacceptable.

Pakistan thinks that it can go ahead with its plot of attacking Indian army and get away with it. This thought must have

stemmed from the series of attacks terrorists have made on the soldiers, first in Rajouri and Poonch, then in Reasi and between July 8 and July 15 in Kathua and Doda districts. It sums up the expanse that the terrorists have covered in the past four weeks. All these attacks serve a chilling reminder that Pakistan wants to achieve multiple objectives by focusing on Jammu region's hilly areas.

Jammu has been a heaven of peace all these years, where people, the unpaid and without uniforms, have worked with the security forces to thwart all plans of the enemies of nation and peace. Jammu is anchor of peace and normalcy that has come to Kashmir in the past five years since the abrogation of Article 370. So, Pakistan has all the reasons to strike in Jammu areas to deal a severe blow to the idea of peace in the whole of J&K. It's a misnomer that Kashmir would remain untouched by the fallout of these terror assaults. A peaceful Jammu is imperative

for peace in J&K. The fallout would be in terms of perception. A tourism-rich Kashmir is the Unique Selling Point of the government and other agencies to convince the world that after the removal of all-time discriminatory Article 370 has brought a sea change in the situation.

As the situation is developing in Jammu, one after another attack and gun battles, in which soldiers suffer casualties; it

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requires some fundamental changes with respect to attitude and approach towards Pakistan. At the moment Pakistan has lulled into a comfort zone that martyrdom of soldiers in fours-fives will not attract any retaliation at a large scale like surgical strike of 2016 or aerial strikes at Balakot of 2019. This is a serious situation for India. The response has to be more than adequate and for that the armed forces will have to work harder.

This is also something incumbent on the civilian government to chalk out strategy to alienate the elements sympathetic to terrorists and break the ecosystem that helps terrorism to sustain itself.

In the first place, Unified Command, also known as Unified Headquarters should be strengthened. It should meet on regular basis to discuss all inputs about the situation and work accordingly. Unfortunately, the command meets only after some major incident takes place, and when Union Home Minister visits J&K. It should be developed as a 24x7 institution.

The human intelligence has come down. The intelligence should not be incident-driven exercise, it has and should be a daily affair, as J&K is in the eye of Pakistan round-the-clock. Forces from across the border continue to plan the mischief without caring for putting their own house in order. The local intelligence is the best way to neutralize Pakistani designs. The local people know impor-

tance and necessity of peace. They should be encouraged to share their inputs with the forces so that timely action could be taken against terrorists who come from across to kill. Their designs of bloodshed should be nipped in bud. That can happen only when the local human intelligence is available in plenty.

Pakistan's game should be exposed. There is a history to what Pakistan has done to Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. It is aware that Jammu has never sided with it, so it wants to avenge region's indifference and hostility to Pakistani designs in J&K.

There is need to revisit the strategy and things should be made hot for Pakistan by cutting short lives of terrorist and their local facilitators. The death of terrorists and terrorism is life for the people who want to live in peace. Jammu is in need of peace and for that it is mandatory that Pakistan's games are thwarted on 24x7 basis.

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 38.0°C Min: 26.4°C

Humidity
Max: 67 Min: 51

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 32.5°C Min: 17.5°C

Humidity
Max: 58 Min: 45

Sunset : 19:39 Hours
Sunrise : 05:34 Hours

