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### Three terrorists killed...

on Thursday and the one foiled in the Uri sector on September 18-19.

Asked about the identity and nationality of the slain infiltrators, the Army officer said according to the documents recovered from their person, "one of them was a Pakistani while we are not sure about the other two yet".

Giving details of the five-day combing operation in Gohalan and adjacent areas in Uri, he said the operation, as of now, has ceased.

"There were six terrorists, four on the other side of the LoC and two had managed to enter our side of the territory. They were challenged and after a brief gunfight, they went back. The combing operation of the rugged terrain and dense vegetation took time but as of now, there are no remnants of that group here," he added.

Asked about the necessity to shut down the telecommunication facilities in Uri, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir zone, Vijay Kumar said it was done in order to ensure that the infiltrators could not stay in touch with their handlers in Pakistan. Kumar said the recoveries indicate that there is a new trend of Pakistan sending more pistols to Kashmir so that the "hybrid terrorists" can easily carry out their tasks and slip back into normal life.

"We have seized 97 pistols this year...pistols are easy to transport and hide. The hybrid terrorists carry out the one or two tasks given to them and go back to their normal life. If you see, in 85 per cent of the attacks, pistols were used and all policemen targeted were unarmed," he added.

### Ultra killed in...

the police said. It said all the civilians in the adjoining houses of the target area were evacuated. "He (militant) was offered to surrender for whole night, but he didn't surrender. Later on, during encounter the said newly active terrorist got neutralised. One pistol and ammunition were also recovered from his possession," the police added.

### LeT terror module...

and spent a good part of previous decade in custody.

In the current instance, the accused Asadullah enlisted the help and was actively abetted in running the module by his nephew Naseer Ahmed Parray resident of Hajin, Haseena resident of Sheeri, Khurshid Ahmad resident of Naidkhai and others. The group was in continuous contact across the border and would receive detailed instructions for their day to day activities. Apart from recruiting individuals and arranging arms and ammunition for them, the group was also involved in motivating youth to carry out petrol bomb attacks on government buildings and protected persons and carrying out recces of potential targets. A huge quantity of incendiary materials was also recovered from them which were to be used for making Petrol Bombs.

On the disclosures made by the accused, two individuals identified as Rafeeq Ahmad resident of Naidkhai and Hiral Ahmed Shah resident of Shah Mohalla Hajin who were about to join terrorist ranks at the instance of this group have been detained and are being questioned. In this regard, a case has been registered and further investigation is in progress.

### J&K reports 172...

active cases in the UT, while the number of recovered patients was 3,22,554, the officials said.

The death toll in the UT due to the pandemic was 4,419 as no fresh death was reported in the past 48 hours.

The officials said there were 46 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the UT as no fresh case was reported since Wednesday evening.

Meanwhile, Ladakh recorded seven fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the infection tally to 20,750 while the active cases in the union territory climbed to 148, officials said.

Ladakh has registered 207 Covid-related deaths -- 149 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year.

All the fresh cases were reported in Leh, they said.

A total of 1,927 samples in Ladakh, including 925 from Leh and 995 from Kargil, were found negative, they said.

There was no death reported due to Covid in Ladakh on Wednesday.

With this, the total number of COVID-19 active cases in Ladakh has gone up to 148 including 144 in Leh and four in Kargil district.

### Govt reconstitutes BoDs...

the reconstitution of the Board of Directors of the Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited, with Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS Chief Secretary, J&K as its Chairman, according to the order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Commissioner/ Secretary, General Administration Department.

As per order, the Directors include Atal Dulloo, LAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Finance Department; Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, IAS Commissioner/Secretary, Mining Department; Sushma Chauhan, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department; O.P. Bhagat, JKAS, Director, Geology & Mining, J&K; and Vikram K. Gupta, MD, Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited.

### LG lauds SFs'...

the next 25 years. I am confident that when we celebrate 100 years of Independence in the year 2047, the new J&K will have a special place with its contribution to the developmental saga of our great nation, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said that the reforms made in various sectors have brought about a radical change and its benefits are reaching even to far-flung and remote areas of the UT.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav holds the spirit of freedom movement and remembers the sacrifices of our freedom fighters, who have inspired us to conquer various challenges and make a special place in the whole world today, the Lt Governor observed.

Appreciating the efforts of CRPF in promoting peace and goodwill, the Lt Governor said that the cycle rally reaching Raigat on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi will take CRPF's efforts of ensuring National Security, Human welfare, and other humanitarian works to every citizen, added the Lt Governor.

"I have full faith in your extraordinary valour. You not only have to keep a close watch against anti-national elements but also teach a lesson to those who try to disturb our unity and peace. I wish you all the very best for this cycle rally and may this 810 km journey fill you with new energy and greater values of human philosophy", concluded the Lt Governor.

Rashmi Shukla, ADG CRPF delivered the welcome address, while Sh. Bhann Pratap, DIG presented the Vote of Thanks.

Mukesh Singh, ADG JKP; Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; P S Ranpise, IGP CRPF; D S Negi, IG, CRPF; V K Singh IG Medical; Atul Goyal, DIG Jammu Kathua range, Bhupinder Singh; N K Yadav; R P Pandey; Pradeep Chandra; Devendar Yadav; Ashok Samyal; Manoj Dhyani- DIGs CRPF; Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

### Three IPS among...

as Addl. SP, Baramulla; Perveet Singh, SP West, Srinagar has been transferred and shall report to the PHQ awaiting further posting.

Mubbashir Hussain, SP North, Srinagar has been transferred and shall report to the PHQ awaiting further posting and Zohab Tanveer, Addl. SP Kupwara has been transferred and posted as SP North, Srinagar.

### Don't allow mass...

continue to diligently follow the five pillars of COVID-19 Management -- "Test-Track-Treat-vaccinate and adherence to Covid-appropriate behaviour".

The Centre said there should be strict adherence to limits on gatherings linked with availability of space to ensure effective physical distancing and use of volunteers to aid thermal screenings, to enforce use of masks and physical distancing.

"Closed circuit cameras may also be utilized to monitor compliance to physical distancing and use of masks," the Centre told states in the letter issued on Tuesday.

As an abundant caution, the Centre said states can continue with night curfews, weekend curfews and other restrictions to highlight that COVID-19 is still not over and to influence adherence to Covid-appropriate behaviour.

"States shall closely monitor the case trajectories across all districts on a daily basis to identify any early warning signals and shall ensure imposition of restrictions and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour as a non-pharmaceutical intervention to control the spread of infection," the Centre said.

The government also announced that differently-abled people and those with restricted mobility and special needs will be given COVID-19 vaccine doses at their homes.

The relevant orders and advisory have already been issued to states and union territories, officials said, adding authorities concerned have been asked to initiate the "process of line-listing" these beneficiaries and their vaccination "at the earliest".

NITI Aayog member (Health) Dr V K Paul said, "I am pleased to inform that we have made a provision for those people who are disabled, have restricted mobility or have some special needs and are not able to reach the vaccination centre, they can get vaccinated at home in a supervised manner following SOPs (standard operating procedures)."

State governments, district administrations and municipal corporations will be engaged in this exercise, he said.

"We request the prime minister and the home minister to intervene in the matter, he said.

### Div Com reviews...

length starts from Kunjwani (District Jammu) to Katra (District Reasi).

Before touching Katra town in Reasi district, it will pass through 26 villages, and once completed, the national capital will be directly connected to the holy town, the base camp of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has already floated two separate tenders for works under the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway project on the hybrid anomaly model (HAM).

The Authority has also invited bids for construction of a four-six-lane access-controlled expressway from a junction with Hirwanagar road near Gurha Baillaran village to Junction with Jammu Ring Road (NH-244A) near Jakh village of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway in Jammu & Kashmir.

Project Director NHAI informed that the DPR for the project is under progress and work is targeted to commence in the current financial year. The bids have been invited for Pathankot to Jammu stretch. The tender documents for the remaining Brownfield stretch from Kunjwani to Domel upto Katra via existing NH-44 & NH-144 will also be finalized by mid of Oct 21. The work for Forest and other statutory clearances is also under progress.

It was informed that work will be started from December 2021 and is expected to be completed in December 2023.

The Div Com discussed in detail the status of land acquisition. It was informed that 93 percent land for main carriage and 74 percent for expressway has been acquired in district Samba.

It was further informed that the land has been identified for Wayside amenities, Toll plaza and interchange in district Samba.

The Div Com directed the Deputy Commissioner Samba to expedite the process of land acquisition for smooth execution of work on the prestigious project.

The NHAI officials apprised the Div Com about the alignment of the Expressway through presentation.

The Div Com also discussed in detail all the packages and asked the NHAI officials to establish contact with Airport authorities and Metro lite for resolving the alignment issues, if any due to Jammu metro light and Jammu Airport Expansion project.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta, Project Director NHAI, Assistant Commissioner Central, SDM Vijaypur, Deputy Manager NHAI, ACR Samba and other concerned officers.

### Indian diaspora has...

distinguished itself across the world, Modi said.

One of the signature events of the Prime Minister's overseas visit has been his meetings with the diaspora community in large gatherings.

However, due to the current COVID-19 situation, the prime minister is unlikely to have a large gathering or meeting with the diaspora.

Modi has been popular among Indian Americans, who constitute more than 1.2 percent of the country's population.

### Ex-J&K Bank...

"I wholeheartedly welcome Parvez sahib into the Caravan of Change. He has had an illustrious banking career and is a hands-on leader who has risen from the ranks, he said.

During his tenure, we saw one of the fastest turnarounds in the banking industry having turned around the J-K bank's financial fortunes during his tenure as the Chairman and CEO. He will play a pivotal role in scripting JKPC's agenda for socio-economic upliftment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Lone added.

Nengroo said he was inspired by Lone's "sincerity of thought, vision and deep desire" to usher in a new era of socio-economic development in J-K.

I have earlier had the privilege of serving the people and premiere institutions of J-K in a professional capacity for many decades. It is now my yearning to contribute in creating inclusive political and economic institutions for change by working within the aegis of the People's Conference.

We are facing enormous challenges both politically and economically and it is time that we look for collective and institutional solutions to ensure sustainable socio-economic growth and development in J-K", he added.

Responding to a question on the prevalent political environment in J-K, Lone said it is high time for introspection among the mainstream political parties of Jammu and Kashmir. He also said people must empower and accord the dignity and respect to the mainstream political parties that they deserve.

Nengroo was removed as chairman of the J-K Bank in June 2019 following allegations of governance.

He was arrested in April this year in a graft case relating to illegal allotment of housekeeping tenders that had allegedly resulted in loss to the tune of crores of rupees to the bank. He was granted interim bail in May.

### Union Minister for...

He pinned hope that Kathua district, due to its existing congenial infrastructure along with topographical advantage, will come up as a big industrial growth centre of Jammu & Kashmir.

The Minister virtually inaugurated five projects executed with an estimated cost of Rs 25.59 Cr comprising of two PWD and one PMGSY road, one Drug Ware House of Health department besides a Common Facility Centre of SIDCO Industrial Complex Ghatti. He also laid foundation of two upgraded Water Supply Schemes of Jal Shakti Department to be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 1.96 Cr.

The Minister also handed over five tractors to the beneficiaries who have availed Rs two lakh subsidy under Farm Mechanisation scheme of Agriculture Department. He also handed over nineteen Maize Thrashers to Panchayat Heads of different blocks of the district.

Dr Pandey also gave away sanction letter to the beneficiary of SMAM scheme of Horticulture Department under which farmer procure Multiple Agriculture Tools/ Implements to establish Farm Machinery Bank.

The Minister also handed over passbooks to the parents of Laadli Beti scheme beneficiaries and track suits among Adolescent girls.

The Minister also gave away Rs 10.15 lac Education Assistance Cheque to the wards of registered construction workers through Labour Department. He also handed over Death Assistance of Rs 2.05 lac each to two next of kin of dead registered construction workers.

Dr Pandey also inspected stalls of different departments demonstrating products, schemes and other exhibits of different Government departments and of local industrial units.

The Minister appreciated the efforts of participating departments for showcasing their exhibits in visitor friendly manner.

Deputy Commissioner, Kathua Rahul Yadav presented District Profile of Kathua besides throwing light on the industrial and development scenario of the district.

DC Chairperson, Mahan Singh expressed hope that more industrial complexes will be coming up in other parts of the district.

The Union Minister said the Central Government is keen to bring qualitative development in Jammu & Kashmir to ensure all round social upliftment of its people.

Referring the initiative of opening of twin AIIMS in Kashmir and Jammu, the Minister said that the opening of these institutions along with new Government Medical Colleges in the district will give fillip to the medical infrastructure besides saving time and money of the people who will get best medical facilities within Jammu and Kashmir.

He said the schemes like Mumkin are being launched under the hand holding efforts of the government to engage youth to avail self-employment opportunities.

"Kathua District housing big and small industrial units have immense scope of its extension which will pave the way for employment to locals" the Minister added.

Referring to the initiatives of opening Rs 500 cr Bio Technology Park project in Kathua, the Minister said that the Central Government will extend every possible help to nurture industries in Jammu and Kashmir so that the economic achievements of the UT attain new heights.

The Minister said that the Central Government is making efforts to give impetus to manufacturing in line with the vision of Aatamnirbhav Bharat of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

While remembering Mahajraha Hari Singh, the Union Minister said that the Central Government's efforts to align Jammu and Kashmir with mainstream development of the country will be a great tribute to him.

Earlier, during his visit to SIDCO Industrial Center in Ghatti, the Minister inspected the newly built assets developed on modern lines to attract industries in Jammu & Kashmir. The minister also planted a sapling in SIDCO office complex.

The Heavy Industries Minister also inspected Chenab Textile Mills unit in Kathua Industrial Area and took a brief account of its operations and working.

Deputations of DDC members, BDC Chairperson, Industrialists, Municipal Members and Sarpanches also met the Minister and apprised him about the problems and developmental aspirations of their respective areas.

The Minister assured that the issues highlighted by the elected representatives and industrialists will be taken up with appropriate forums.

Later, the Minister flagged off a rally of students and young runners organised by District Administration under Azad ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

### SC orders implementation...

system, the bench, also comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and Surya Kant, said.

The top court directed the Director-General of the National Informatics Centre, Home Secretaries of all states and UTs, and their DGP or IGP to ensure smooth and

successful implementation of the FASTER system and coordinate with its Registry. FASTER comes into being after the bench had taken suo motu cognizance of delay in the release of convicts even after granting of bails on the grounds such as non-receipt or non-verification of the judicial orders.

We are concerned about the plight of the jail inmates who are not released despite the bail orders passed by this court due to delay in communication of such orders. It is high time to utilize the Information and Communication Technology tools for efficient transmission of Court's orders, the order said.

Taking note of the suggestion made earlier in the day by amicus curiae and senior advocate Dushyant Dave, the bench said the issue of requisite amendment in the Rules and Procedure for the Supreme Court of India will be taken up on the administrative side.

It further directed all the duty-holders (lower courts, jails) to amend their Rules /Procedure/Practice/directions forthwith to recognize the e-authenticated copy of the order of this court communicated to them through the FASTER system and shall comply with the directions contained therein.

The bench took note of the proposals prepared by the Secretary General of the top court and said they contained the pre-requisites and the timelines to work out the implementation of the FASTER system.

It took note of the fact that only 19 states have submitted their compliance report concerning the