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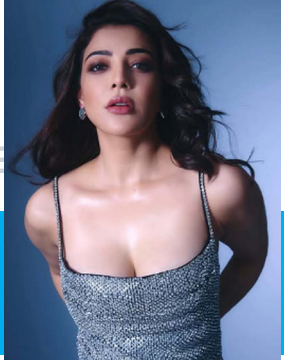
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Kathua encounter: 2 terrorists killed, 5 security personnel injured, say officials

DGP, Nalin Prabhat, and IGP Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, have been overseeing the anti-terrorist operation from Kathua for the past four days

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, MAR 25:

Jammu, Mar 27: A fierce gun battle in a remote forested area of Kathua district has left two terrorists dead and five security personnel injured as the security forces intensified their operation to neutralise an infiltrating group of about five militants, officials said on Thursday.

It was not immediately clear whether it was the same group that had been evading an earlier cordon in Sanyal forest of Kathua region or another batch of freshly infiltrated terrorists.

The encounter triggered intense firing and explosions, the officials said.

The gunfight, centred near Jakhole village in the Ghati Juthana area of Rajbagh, involved a group of approximately five terrorists and



an initial exchange of gunfire resulted in injuries to Special Police Officer Bharat Chalotra, who sustained facial wounds.

He was treated at a Kathua hospital before being transferred to Government Medical College Hospital in Jam-

mu, where his condition was stated to be stable.

The officials said that two terrorists were killed in the onslaught led by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and assisted by the Army, the BSF and CRPF.

Adding to the tension, three security personnel, including a Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), were reportedly trapped near the gunfight's location, adjacent to a rivulet concealed by dense foliage.

The officials said a clear

picture would emerge only after the ongoing encounter ended.

It may be mentioned that a group of terrorists were intercepted by the SOG in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua district on Sunday evening.

Despite a massive search operation, the terrorists managed to escape the initial cordon, the officials said, adding it is assumed that the same could have been possibly spotted near Jakhole, approximately 30 kilometers from the initial encounter site.

The terrorists were moving through the forest area when a police party headed by a SDPO moved in after getting specific information, the officials said, adding they came under heavy firing resulting in the gunfight.

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Separatism breathing its last under the Modi govt: Shah

This country is not a 'Dharamshala'

NEW DELHI, MAR 27:

In a significant development in Jammu and Kashmir, two more groups affiliated with Hurriyat Conference- J&K Tahreeqi Isteglal and J&K Tahreeki-Istiqamat- have renounced separatism and expressed their faith in the vision of "new Bharat" being built under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah welcomed the decision, calling it a reflection of the diminishing influence of separatism in the region.

"Another great news from Kashmir Valley. Two more groups affiliated with the Hurriyat, namely J&K Tahreeqi Isteglal and J&K Tahreeki-Istiqamat, have discarded separatism and reposed their trust in the new Bharat built by PM Shri @narendramodi Ji. Under the Modi government, separatism is breathing its last, and



the triumph of unity is echoing across Kashmir," Shah said in a post on X.

The move is being seen as a major success for the government's efforts to tackle separatism and restore lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir which has faced cross-border terrorism sponsored by Pakistan.

Two organisations affiliated to Hurriyat Conference had earlier announced that they are severing ties with the outfit.

J&K People's Movement and the Democratic Political Movement- had announced severing ties with the separatist outfit on March 25.

Amit Shah had termed the development a big victory for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of building India into a developed, peaceful and unified country.

"Separatism has become history in Kashmir. The unifying policies of the Modi

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14 private member resolutions including 3 on statehood to be moved in J&K Assembly next month



SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, MAR 27:

A total of 14 private member resolutions, including three seeking restoration of statehood, will be moved in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly during the second part of the budget session next month, an official said.

The maiden budget session of the assembly post abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two Union territories commenced in Jammu on March 3, having a total of 21 sittings as per the revised calendar.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah presented the first budget of his government on

March 7. After the demands for grants, the budget was approved on March 25 with the passage of Appropriation Bills before the assembly went on a 12-day recess.

The legislative assembly will meet again from April 7 to 9 for the final part of the budget session. The House will also take up private member bills on April 8.

According to the bulletin issued by secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Manoj Kumar Pandit, seven each private members' resolutions, the relative precedence whereof has been determined by ballot on March 25, would be taken up in the House on April 7 and 9.

Ruling National Conference members will move a total of 10 resolutions

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LG hands over appointment letter to sister of Bus Conductor martyred in Reasi Terror attack



SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, MARCH 27:

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today handed over the appointment letter, on compassionate ground, to Ms Renu Sharma, sister of Shri Arjun Sharma, who was killed in Reasi Terror attack.

Arjun Sharma, a resident of Reasi, was the conductor of the bus carrying pilgrims which was attacked by the terrorists on June 09, 2024.

The Lieutenant Governor assured all possible assistance and support from the J&K Administration to the family of the martyred civilian.

Police raid multiple locations in Kashmir valley as part of probe into activities of proscribed groups

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, MAR 27:

Multiple raids were conducted in the Kashmir valley Thursday as part of police investigations into the activities of several proscribed organisations, officials said.

The raids were conducted in Ganderbal, Shopian and Baramulla districts, they said.

Multiple locations were raided and searches were conducted at the residences of individuals associated with the proscribed organisations, including Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI), Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Freedom Party (JKDFP), and J-K Muslim League (Masrat Alam Faction), they said.

They said police carried out searches at the residen-



tial premises of separatist elements suspected of involvement in unlawful activities that pose a threat to public order and national security.

During the search operations, law enforcement officials seized incriminating material linked to the activities of these banned groups, the police officials said.

The recovered items are

now under investigation, forming a crucial part of multiple FIRs registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), they said.

The raids were conducted in the presence of magistrates and independent witnesses to ensure full legal

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LG, CM Greets People on Shab-e-Qadr & Jumat-ul-Vida

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU, MAR 27:

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings to the people on the eve of Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said, "On the auspicious occasions of Shab-e-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida, I convey my hearty greetings and felicitations to all and wish them health, happiness and prosperity. May the Almighty accept all our prayers and continue to guide us on the path of compassion, love and harmony".

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has extended his greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occa-

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sions of Shab-i-Qadr and Jumat-ul-Vida.

In his message, the Chief Minister highlighted the spiritual significance of Shab-i-Qadr, the blessed night when the Holy Quran was revealed, and Jumat-ul-Vida, the last Friday of Ramadan, which holds great importance for the Muslim community.

He urged the people to use these sacred moments for prayers, self-reflection and seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity and brotherhood.

"May these blessed occasions bring harmony, prosperity and well-being to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Let us pray for peace,

Road projects worth Rs two lakh crore being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir : Gadkari

NEW DELHI, MAR 27:

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said the road infrastructure projects worth Rs two lakh crore are being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir, which will boost the connectivity in the region.

Replying to supplementaries during question hour in the Lok Sabha, Nitin Gadkari said, "The government is working in converting 25,000 km National Highways into four lanes from two lanes in the next two years."

He informed that around 70 per cent of the work of Asia's longest tunnel - Zojila Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir has been completed.



He added that the project which will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh is being constructed at a cost of over 5500 crore rupees.

Zojila Tunnel Project consists of construction of a tunnel of more than 13 kilometers and approaching roads to a tunnel of length over 17

kilometers, totaling a total length of over 30 kilometers.

Speaking about the other road infrastructure in union territory, he said that 105 tunnels are also being built in Jammu and Kashmir to further improve the connectivity.

The Minister informed that the work related to 22 tunnels have been completed and another 14 tunnels are being constructed by the Border Road Organisation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier, Congress MP Manish Tewari moved an adjournment motion in the Lok Sabha to suspend the regular business of the House to discuss concerns regarding alleged aberrations in

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Homi Bhabha's pledge vindicated by PM Modi: Dr Jitendra

NEW DELHI, MAR 27:

"When Homi Bhabha launched India's Nuclear programme, there was widespread scepticism about India's allegedly hidden designs, and Homi Bhabha had sought to clear the air saying that "India's Nuclear programme was dedicated to peaceful purposes". Today, Homi Bhabha's pledge stands vindicated by PM Narendra Modi with the launch of "Nuclear Mission" to meet India's increasing requirements through environment friendly, clean energy.

The Union Government has announced a groundbreaking nuclear energy mission aimed at meet-

ing India's growing energy demands while ensuring a clean and stable power source. Addressing the Rajya Sabha,

This was stated here today in the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh who emphasised that the mission will be a defining moment in India's energy history, aligning with the vision of nuclear pioneer Homi Bhabha.

The Minister described it as a groundbreaking initia-

tive aimed at meeting India's growing energy demands while ensuring a clean and stable power source

Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted that the recently announced nuclear mission aims to generate 100 gigawatts (GW) of nuclear energy by 2047, constituting 10% of India's total energy needs. To achieve this, the government has taken a bold step by opening up the nuclear sector to private players, a move that was previously considered unthinkable.

"This is a historic decision that breaks past taboos. The nuclear program has traditionally operated behind a

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Tulip Garden opens to record breaking 17,259 visitors on day one

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, MAR 27:

Kashmir's iconic Tulip Garden, the biggest in Asia, which was thrown open to public, witnessed unprecedented footfall of 17,259 visitors on the first day, setting a new benchmark in its history.

On Wednesday Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah inaugurated the garden, nestled in the foothills of the Zabarwan range overlooking Dal Lake. Wearing a traditional Pheran, Omar explored the garden, capturing photos and engaging with visitors, even pausing for selfies.

The garden showcas-

es over 1.70 million tulips across 74 varieties, with many already in full bloom.

"On the inaugural day, the Asia's largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar Wednesday witnessed an overwhelming response from local, national as well as high-end tourists," an official of the Department of Floriculture, Gardens & Parks said.

"Following its opening, the garden witnessed unprecedented footfall of 17,259 visitors, setting a new benchmark in its history," he added.

After throwing open the garden CM Abdullah

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Widespread rainfall recorded across Kashmir

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, MAR 27:

Jammu and Kashmir witnessed fairly widespread rainfall in the past 24 hours and is expected to see more rain and thunderstorms till Friday.

According to the Meteorological Department, fairly widespread light rain and thunderstorms are expected to continue across Jammu and Kashmir in the next 24 hours.

The forecast further

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SRTC bus overturns in Qazigund tunnel, several injured

SHADOW CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR, MAR 27:

In all 17 people, including the driver, were injured after an SRTC bus overturned inside the Navyug Tunnel along Jammu-Srinagar national highway on late Wednesday, officials said.

They said the accident occurred around 9:55 PM when an SRTC bus traveling from Jammu to Srinagar lost control due to overspeed and turned turtle inside the tunnel.

"All 17 passengers including the driver identified as Farooq Ahmad, a resident of Budgam, got injured in the mishap," a senior official said.

All the injured passengers were immediately shifted to Emergency Hospital Qazigund Kulgam for treatment, while four among them were later referred to Government Medical College Anantnag for further medical care.

Following the incident, police registered a case under sections 281, 125(a), and 324(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at Qazigund Police Station, and an investigation has been initiated.

Authorities quickly cleared the accident site, and the bus was moved

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