

Two terrorists killed in encounter in J&K's Shopian district

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In Jammu and Kashmir, two terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in the Molu-Chitragam area of Shopian district early this morning. Security sources said, bodies of both the terrorists have been recovered. The encounter broke out



after terrorists opened fire on the Quick Reaction Team (QRT) of Army that was passing through the area during pre-dawn hours. The identity of the slain terrorists is being ascertained.

Met dept forecasts decrease in severity of heat wave in parts of North India

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The MeT department has forecast a decrease in the severity of heat wave in parts of North India from today. In a tweet, the MeT Office said, due to easterly winds at lower levels, the severity of heat wave is likely to decrease over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.

In Rajasthan, intense heat continued to paralyse normal life yesterday. Temperatures varying from 44 degrees to 48 degree Celsius were recorded in the state. AIR correspondent reports that there is a minor drop in the maximum and minimum temperature across the state but not enough to be called as relief. Three persons, including two policemen and a farmer, died of heatstroke at Jalore, Jodhpur and Sikar. Churu and Sri Ganganagar remained hottest places in the state. Mercury recorded 48.9 degree in Churu and 48.6 degree Celsius in Sri Ganganagar. Capital Jaipur witnessed the hottest day of

the season so far as a maximum temperature of 45.5 degree Celsius was recorded. Jaipur MeT office has said that severe heat wave are expected in western Rajasthan today.

Uttar Pradesh also continues to reel under scorching heat. Jhansi recorded the highest temperature of 47.1 degree Celsius yesterday, followed by Banda 46.8 and Orai 45 degree Celsius. However, thundershowers and stormy winds at some places in eastern parts, including Gorakhpur and Gonda, gave some respite.

In Uttarakhand, people got some relief due to rain in different areas yesterday. One person died while another is missing in Chamoli and Almora districts. AIR correspondent reports that as per reports, Badar Singh of Lam Bagad Village lost his life on Sunday after a cloudburst in Gairsain subdivision of Chamoli District. The local administration officers reached the spot after getting the information about the cloudburst.

Meanwhile in Choukhutia Subdivision of Almora District some villages have been badly affected following the heavy rain in the area. Apart from District administration personal, SDRF teams have also been rushed to the villages of Khera and Asedhi in Almora district to extend help to the needy. According to MeT Department, Thunder squall is likely to occur at isolated places in plains

especially in Udham Singh Nagar and Nainital districts of Uttarakhand during next 12 hours. Himachal Pradesh also experienced light showers in some parts bringing down the maximum temperatures by two to three notches. Shimla, Dharamshala, Bhuntar and Sundernagar experienced light rain. The weatherman has predicted more rain this week.

Rajnath Singh to visit Siachen Glacier to review security situation

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will visit Siachen Glacier today to review the security situation along the borders with Pakistan. Mr Singh will be accompanied by Army Chief General Bipin Rawat. Defence Minister will also be given detailed presentations on functioning of 14 Corps and 15 Corps including the Army's overall preparedness.

The Army's 14 Corps guards the Line of Actual Control with China as well as the Line of Control with Pakistan. The Srinagar-based 15 Corps is mainly tasked with carrying out anti-terror operations in the Kashmir valley. AIR correspondent reports that during his visit, Mr Rajnath Singh will interact with the soldiers and officers to know about the issues faced by them during their deployment on the world's

highest military posts. He will also lay a wreath at the Siachen war memorial. The Siachen Glacier in the Karakoram range is known as the highest militarised zone in the world where the soldiers have to battle frostbite and high winds. The Siachen base camp starts at around 12,000 feet and the highest ones range up to 23,000 feet. It is the world's highest battlefield and witnesses up to minus 70 degree in winter.

Be ready for Nitish's 'dhokha number 2': Kushwaha warns BJP

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Former BJP ally and Rashtriya Lok Samata Party chief Upendra Kushwaha Sunday cautioned the saffron party that Nitish Kumar will "betray" it and it should be ready for "Dhokha number 2" from the JD(U) president "I want to tell BJP people that Nitish Kumar has been known for disrespecting the people's mandate. Betraying people's mandate and alliance partners are his old habits...BJP people should be ready to witness 'Dhokha number 2,'" Kushwaha told reporters here. "Aisa koi saga nah jisko Nitish ne thaga nahi (There is nobody who has not been cheated by Nitish)," he said. This idiom will be translated into action here soon and hence the BJP should remain "cautious," he said.

Kushwaha was talking to reporters here after a meeting of his party to discuss the just-concluded Lok Sabha polls. Kumar had snapped ties with the BJP in June 2013 after Narendra Modi, the then Gujarat chief minister, was made the saffron party's campaign committee chairman for the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Kumar later joined hands with

the RJD and Congress to form Grand Alliance in Bihar which won the last state elections. However, in July 2017 Kumar brought down the Grand Alliance government as he pulled out of the grouping. But within hours, he joined hands with the BJP and became chief minister again. Kushwaha said Kumar remarks that the JD(U) would not join the Modi cabinet reminded him of 'sour grapes'.

Asked as to why he thought his party and the Mahagathbandhan were routed in the Lok Sabha polls, the RLSP chief claimed that the BJP's top leadership "misled the people of the country as part of their conspiracy to deflect attention from actual issues" and people voted on non-issues.

"We have learnt a lesson and will be cautious and aware of their (BJP's) conspiracy in elections." Replying to another query, he said that the RJD-Congress-RLSP-HAM Grand Alliance in Bihar is united and will remain so in future.

Asked if he thought Tejashwi Yadav was responsible for Grand Alliance's defeat in Bihar, Kushwaha said one person cannot be held responsible.

Assam Rifles Conducts Security Meets



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Tulihal and Thoubal Battalions of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) conducted security meets at Yairipok and Patsoi Company Operating Bases (COBs). The security forums were attended by village Pradhans, ward members, councilors, members of village youth club, and locals of the respective areas. During the meets the locals were sensitised and updated on the current situation existing in the area of responsibility. An interaction was carried out on necessary measures to be

undertaken for maintaining a strict vigil against illicit activities in the area, future action plan in respect of civic action projects like medical camps, recruitment in the Assam Rifles and the Indian Army as well as career counseling for youth. The locals expressed their gratitude and appreciated the efforts of Assam Rifles for conduct of such security meetings and ensuring peace in the area and assured their commitment and assistance in maintaining the same. The security meets concluded with tea and refreshments for all the attendees.

Health awareness campaign

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Mantripukhri Battalion of 9 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) organised a health awareness drive cum medical camp at Senakom village, Imphal East District on. The Health Awareness Drive cum Medical Camp was organised by Sawombung Company Operating Base (COB) with an aim to spread awareness on maintaining good health and to reach out to the needy and socially deprived section of the society. The event commenced with an informative lecture on health and hygiene to enlighten the villagers about importance of hygiene and sanitation for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and basic healthcare including various common ailments. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which various

queries raised by the attendees were clarified. As part of the drive, a medical camp for the locals was organised in which a dedicated medical team under the Unit Medical Officer provided medical assistance to the locals of the area. In addition to the medical checkup, consultation on various diseases and health related issues as well as free medicines were distributed to the needy patients. The camp witnessed attendance of over 230 locals including women, children and elders. The initiative of Assam Rifles was appreciated by the local populace who conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Assam Rifles for conducting the awareness drive and providing much needed medical assistance to the people. They also requested for more such camps in the near future for the benefit of the entire community.

US asks visa applicants to provide their social media use details under new rules

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The United States has asked Visa applicants to provide information on their use of social media under the new rules. The move is aimed at enhancing the vetting of foreign nationals and to screen out terrorists and other dangerous individuals seeking entry into America. State Department adopted a new policy under which most visa applicants, including temporary visitors, will be required to list their social media identifiers in a drop down menu along with other



personal information. Applicants will have the option to say that they do not use social media if that is the case. A US State Department official said that if a visa applicant lies about social media use, they could face serious consequences.

Visa applicants will also be required in the future to turn more extensive information on their travel history. The new rules stems from a March 2017 executive order issued by President Donald Trump intended to put extreme vetting into place.

Jet Airways' ex-partners, rivals launch replacement routes to fill India capacity void

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Former partners and rivals of Jet Airways Ltd are launching replacement routes and looking for new codeshare partners as they scramble to fill a lucrative gap left by the collapse of India's once-largest international airline. Jet, which halted operations on April 17 after running out of cash, had a market share of around 12 percent on international flights to and from India in 2018, according to government statistics, outstripping even national carrier Air India. In Jet's absence, cash-strapped Air India is the only Indian carrier that operates widebody jets capable of non-stop flights to Europe and the United States, although the Vistara joint

venture owned by Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines Ltd has 6 Boeing Co 787s on order due for delivery from next year. With international airfares spiking by up to 36 percent in May and June according to data from travel portal Yatra.com, Jet's former partners, Virgin Atlantic and Delta Air Lines Inc, have been among the first to announce new Indian routes to replace ones previously flown by Jet. "People still want to travel. Foreign carriers are changing their networks and putting more into India if they can," Association of Asia Pacific Airlines Director General Andrew Herdman said on the sidelines of an airline industry conference in Seoul. KLM and sister carrier Air France will boost their

capacity in India by 25 percent in the upcoming winter season through the use of bigger planes, higher frequencies and a new Bangalore-Amsterdam route from October. In October, Virgin Atlantic will launch Mumbai-London, while Delta will fly from Mumbai to New York from December, in a sign it will take months to replace Jet's non-stop capacity. "I think you'll see in the next four or five months most of the (domestic) capacity will be taken up," SpiceJet Ltd Chairman Ajay Singh said in an interview. "As far as international is concerned, that may take a little longer as Jet was flying a significant number of widebody aircraft which are tougher for carriers in India to add at such a rapid pace." Other airlines, like Emirates,

Qatar Airways and Turkish Airlines, will need India's newly re-elected Modi government to loosen bilateral restrictions that cap flights at current levels. Singh said that was unlikely due to India's policy of trying to develop its own hubs. The capacity gap in the Middle East means fares in that market are expected to remain higher for longer than on some domestic and other routes, Indian low-cost carrier IndiGo's Chief Financial Officer Rohit Philip told analysts on May 27. IndiGo has a codeshare agreement with Turkish, and days after Jet stopped flying SpiceJet signed a codeshare agreement with Emirates. Neither Indian carrier has widebodies. Airbus SE Chief Commercial

Officer Christian Scherer said new technology, such as a longer-range version of the A321neo, could help IndiGo launch non-stop flights to Europe without taking the costlier and riskier decision to add widebodies to its fleet. "I think you are going to see some widebody capacity going into India to replace Jet's and you are going to see some narrowbodies picking up that market," he told reporters. Other former Jet partners are in talks with carriers like IndiGo and SpiceJet about new codeshare relationships. Qantas Airways Ltd does not fly to India itself but it had used Jet to boost its reach beyond Singapore to Indian destinations and wants a new partner for the large market. CEO Alan Joyce said. "They were a big partner and we were carrying a lot of traffic on them," he said. "We have been approached by just about every major Indian carrier because they know there is a lot of traffic that we can provide them. We have had dialogue in the last few days with four different carriers about possible agreements."

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