

**Malik calls PM 'arrogant'; Cong, Omar react**

NEW DELHI, Jan 3: Meghalaya Governor Satyapal Malik has said he had a fight with Prime Minister Narendra Modi over farmers issue, and even accused Modi of being "arrogant".

A video shared by Congress on its Twitter handle showed Malik speaking at an event in Charkhi Dabri of Haryana.

**HM reviews threats from global terror groups**

NEW DELHI, Jan 3: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today reviewed the country's prevailing security situation and emerging challenges that include threats from global terror organisations, illicit use of cyberspace and "movement of foreign terrorist fighters".

This was the first such high-level meeting, chaired by Shah

**Dubai Group to develop Shopping Mall in Srinagar**

JAMMU, Jan 3: A Shopping Mall in Srinagar spread over 500,000 square feet will be developed by Emaar Group of Dubai.

An agreement to this effect has been signed between the Government of Dubai and Jammu and Kashmir to facilitate investments into marquee projects.

**2 J&K IFS officers empanelled as Jt Secy**

JAMMU, Jan 3: Two senior IFS officers from the Jammu and Kashmir have been empanelled for holding the post of Joint Secretary or equivalent at the Centre.

**Charges framed against 2 LeT militants**

JAMMU, Jan 3: Special Judge NIA Sunit Gupta has framed charges against two LeT militants namely Khalil Ahmed Kayani and Mohd Nazeem of Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act and Egress and Internal Movement (Control) Ordinance.

**Centre suspends biometric attendance**

NEW DELHI, Jan 3: The Centre today suspended marking of biometric attendance for all its employees till January 31, as a precautionary measure to check the spread of Coronavirus.

**16 more SMVDU students, BMO test COVID +ve**

JAMMU/SRINAGAR/LEH, Jan 3: Sixteen more students of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) have tested positive for COVID-19 taking number of total positives to 30 while Block Development Officer (BMO) Mandi in Poonch district and three employees were also found infected today.

**Impressive Nagar-Kirtan taken out on Gurdwarab eve**

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 JAMMU, Jan 3: An impressive 'Nagar-Kirtan' was taken out by the Sikh community people supported by all communities, in connection with the forthcoming Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, the 10th Guru of Sikhism, who laid down his own life and sacrificed his father, mother and sons for the sake of humanity and protection of right cause of community.

The 'Shobha Yatra' started from Gurdwara Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Chand Nagar ( Lower Gumat), Jammu, marching through Dogra Chowk, Bikram Chowk, Asia Hotel, Green Belt Park Gandhi Nagar, Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar Road,

**Govind Sharma/Irfan Tramboo**

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Jan 3: A total of 52,689 children across Jammu and Kashmir were today administered 1st dose of Covaxin after Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha rolled out COVID-19 vaccination drive for teenagers in the age bracket of 15-18 years in Jammu and Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department Vivek Bhardwaj in Kashmir.

The LG started the vaccination drive for the young children in the age group 15-18 years from Government Higher Secondary School (Boys), Gandhi Nagar (Jammu) in the presence of Chandar Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC, Rajeev Rai

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**Killing of Parray major success, Hajin militancy free: IGP Top LeT comdr, associate killed in Srinagar shootouts**

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 SRINAGAR, Jan 3: Two militants including the top Lashkar-e-Toiba commander were killed in two separate brief shootouts at Shalimar area of Srinagar today.

The slain LeT commander has been identified as Muhammad Saleem Parray of Bandipora, who was active since 2016 while another was identified as a foreign militant.

"In 2016 agitation, Saleem Parray had killed 12 civilians by slitting their throats," he said, adding that Parray was killed in an encounter at Shalimar garden in Srinagar. He said Parray's aide was killed in Gusu area and he was identified as a foreign militant, Hafiz alias Hamza of Pakistan.

The IGP said that Hamza was involved in the recent killing of two policemen at Gulshan Chowk in Bandipora.

"Srinagar police cornered Saleem Parray and he opened fire. In the retaliatory firing, he was killed," he said, adding that the killing of Parray is a big success for police as he was

presence of militant in Harwan in Shalimar area, a search operation was launched by Srinagar Police and CRPF in the area. During the search operation, the search party was fired upon indiscriminately by hiding militant, which was effectively retaliated leading to a brief shootout and elimination of a dreaded militant Saleem Parray, linked with proscribed militant outfit LeT," the spokesman said.

"Soon after the said operation, another operation was carried out by Police, CRPF along with Army in Gasu area under PS Zakoor. During the said operation, one foreign militant identified as Hafiz alias Hamza of Pakistan linked with LeT was killed. The spokesman said that both the slain were involved in series of crimes including civilian killings, attacks on forces and political leaders."

"He was also involved in killing of a CRPF personnel at Hajin Bandipora, killing of a civilian namely Nadif Hanief Khan of Bilal Colony Soura in Buchpora," Kumar said.

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Security forces outside Shalimar Garden after brief shootout in Srinagar. -Excelsior/Shakeel

involved in dozens of killings. Kumar said that after the incident, Hamza shifted to Harwan area of Srinagar due to frequent cordon and search operations in Bandipora area.

A police spokesman said that Police along with security forces neutralized two militants including top most wanted and dreaded militant Saleem Parray of Hajin in two separate successive operations at Shalimar area in the outskirts of Srinagar city.

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JAMMU, Jan 3: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay foundation stone of Rs 39,500 crore worth Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, which will connect five key religious sites, at Ferozepur in Punjab on January 5.

He will lay foundation stone of many other projects totalling Rs 42,750 crore, an official statement released today said.

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