

India strikes Pak terror base

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NEW DELHI: Twelve days after a JeM suicide bomber killed 40 CRPF troopers, India on early Tuesday struck the Jaish-e-Mohammed's (JeM) biggest training camp at Balakot killing "a very large number" of terrorists and their trainers. Within hours, Pakistan threatened a "befitting response".

While the Pakistani military claimed the area hit by India was close to the Line of Control (LoC), Reuters described Balakot as a town in a remote valley in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. There is also Balakote as different from Balakot in the Pakistani-administered Kashmir.

As celebrations erupted across India, Foreign Secretary Vijay K. Gokhale told the media that "in an intelligence-led operation in the early hours of today, India struck the biggest training camp of JeM in Balakot. In this operation, a very large number of JeM terrorists, trainers, senior commanders and groups of jihadis

who were being trained for fi-dayeen action were eliminated.

"This facility at Balakot was headed by Maulana Yusuf Azhar (alias Ustad Ghouri), the



Mirage-2000 jets were used for the air strike

brother-in-law of (JeM leader) Masood Azhar."Pakistan admitted that the IAF planes struck Balakot but claimed that they returned when it scrambled its war planes and that there were no losses on the ground.Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said the Indian jets were forced to return "owing to the timely response of the Pakistan Air Force" and warned that Islamabad has "the right to self-defence and give a befitting response".

Pakistan Army spokesperson Major General Asif Ghafoor said earlier that the Indian in-

trusion in Muzaffarabad sector happened within "AJK" (Azad Jammu Kashmir), 3-4 miles from the LoC that divides Kashmir between the two

countries."Under forced hasty withdrawal the aircraft released payload which had free fall in an open area. No infrastructure got hit, no casualties," he said following an uproar in Pakistan.

Pakistan Prime Minister summoned a meeting in Islamabad to review the situation. In New Delhi, External Affairs Minister called an all-party meeting.Gokhale said the Indian government was "firmly and resolutely committed to taking all necessary measures to fight the menace of terrorism.

Investor awareness programme

RESHMA

MANGALURU: Under the Investor Education and Protection Fund Initiative, the Institute of Cost Accountants of India is organising an Investor Awareness Programme on Wednesday, from 12 am to 2 pm at SDM Law College auditorium. This programme is conducted by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

Naveen Julian Rego, certified financial planner and SEBI registered investment adviser will be the guest speaker.

It was stated in the press release that this year the Mangalore branch is hosting the event in collaboration with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), which is a statutory professional body formed for holding investment awareness programmes throughout the country.

"We are expecting the staffs and around eighty percent of students from SDM Law College," said Ullas Kumar Certified Management Accountant and the treasurer of Mangalore ICAI.

Chennai-Mangalore Superfast Express derails in Kerala

INDIA TODAY

PALAKKAD:Two coaches of 12601 Mangalore Mail derailed near Shornur in the Palakkad district of Kerala Tuesday morning. The superfast express runs between the cities of Chennai and Mangalore.

The incident happened when the train was entering the Shornur station.No injuries or casualties have been reported yet.The train covers more regions in North Kerala which is the Malabar region, mainly between Shoranur Junction and Mangalore Central.

There are several train accidents and derailment news reported this month from various parts of the country.Delhi-bound Seemanchal Express was crossing Vaishali district in Bihar when the train derailed due to a fracture in railway tracks. The incident claimed seven lives.

Railway officials said two people sustained grievous injuries while 27 have minor injuries.

Cricket tourney to bring together teams from other states

ANNETT

MANGALURU: Ever wanted to witness a cricket fest and tournament right here in Mangalore? Here's a chance for all



Torpedoes Club logo

cricket lovers out there as the Torpedoes' sports club is organising Torpedoes' Elite T10 Bash, a five day cricket tournament from February 28, Thursday to March 4, 2019 at the Father Muller, NMPT and NITK stadiums.The event will commence on the NMPT Ground at Baikampady.

"This cricket tournament is classified in Corporate and Elite category. The event will be inaugurated on Thursday at

10.30 a.m.," said Gautham Shetty, president of Torpedoes Sports Club (TSC). The inauguration ceremony will see the presence of Senthil Kumar, DC, Mangalore, Srinivas Gowda, Assistant Comissioner of Police, Panambur, along with a number of MLAs and other dignitaries. Kerala Strikers, Tamil Nadu Warriors, Telangana Tigers, Mumbai Forts and Andhra Royal Challengers are among some of the teams that will partake from outside Karnataka, said a press release of the TSC.

"The winners of the cricket tournament will be awarded Rs 50,000 and the runners up will be given Rs 25,000.

There will also be a participation certificate for all the teams taking part along with complimentary sport jerseys and transportation," said Nithin Krishna, coordinator of the programme.

The closing ceremony on March 4, 2019 at 5.30 p.m. will be presided over by Nalin Kumar, MP, Umanath Kotian, MLA, Modabidri, among others.

Tulu artifact dating back to 1159 A.D found in Kulashekara

THE HINDU

MANGALORE:A stone inscription at the Sri Veeranarayana temple in Kulashekara here is in complete Tulu script and language and belongs to the 1159 A.D., according to T. Murugeshi, associate professor, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, MSRS College, Shirva, Udupi district.Mr. Murugeshi, who took up the study of the inscription about two weeks ago on an invitation by the Muzrai Department, has concluded that it relates to Alupa dynasty king Kulashekara I.Kulashekara I was a famous ruler of the dynasty, who had built a new city in his name, the professor said.

The earliest dated inscription of Kulashekara I had been found in Korsi-Kalthodu, near Kundapur in Udupi district, more than two decades ago. It was dated to 1163 A.D. So far, the same inscription was believed to be the earliest record of Kulashekara I. But now,



The Tulu stone inscription at the Sri Veeranarayana temple in Kulashekara.

the one at Veeranarayana temple becomes the earliest inscription, he said.

"Now, it emerges as an important inscription for the study of Tulu script and language, Tulu culture and history of the Alupas," the professor said.The inscription begins with an invocation of lord Hari, a Vaishnavite god, who is still worshipped as Sri Veeranarayana in Kulashekara. It is dated in Solar year and is the first Tulu dated inscription so

far discovered.

"The inscription mentions that the god belongs to 12 villages as 'pitrudevata.' Janardhana was generally treated as the bestower of salvation on the departed souls.

Interestingly, the image of Veeranarayana of Kulashekara also holds a ball-like thing in his right hand, which is called as Pinda," the professor said.Pure Tulu words have been used in it. So, it becomes the earliest record of Tulu language so far found, he said.

"It has definitely provided a solid base for the language and script and supports the demand of the Tulus for inclusion of Tulu in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution," he said.

He acknowledged the cooperation of Vignaraj, a Tulu and Sanskrit scholar in Dharmasthala, in reading the inscription.The professor said that he is yet to complete the reading of another stone inscription kept in the same temple for many years.