Srinagar - Two Indian soldiers were killed and five others wounded in Kashmir on Thursday when their vehicle ran over a landmine planted by suspected Muslim rebels, police said.

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Separatist guerrillas have stepped up attacks in the Himalayan region ahead of national election despite a slow but steady improvement over the past year in ties between India and Pakistan who have fought two wars over Kashmir.

No militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack which took place near Duxer Nallah area of Udhampur district south of Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmiri militants and political separatists have called for a boycott of the elections saying these are not a substitute for a resolution of the decades-old dispute over the territory.

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