Violence erupts in J&K, 10 killed

Landmine blasts in Bola Chak village in the Arnia sector of Jammu division

Srinagar, Jan. 20. (PTI): Even as a solution to the Kashmir issue seems to be close at hand, matters took a turn for the worse in the troubled valley today as a series of blasts claimed the life of a police officer and injured 12 persons, six of them seriously. Militants triggered at least four separate blasts today, while eight militants, including three top commanders of different outfits, were among nine people killed, a police spokesman said today. Special police officer Hans Paul was killed and four persons injured when a bomb went off at Sangaldan-Gool in Udhampur district today. The injured, including one civilian, were later airlifted here and admitted to a local hospital for specialised treatment. Meanwhile, seven persons were injured in two landmine blasts in Bola Chak village in the Arnia sector of Jammu division this morning. The injured were rushed to hospital where the condition of two is stated to be critical. The explosion took place about five hundred metres inside the International Border (IB). Also near the IB, an army jawan was injured critically in a landmine blast at Samba early today, sources said. Another bomb went off at Bagh-e-Mehtab on the outskirts of Srinagar but no one was hurt. The BSF unearthed another powerful explosive device at the blast site and later defused it.

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