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"Om Hreeng Kleeng Bhagwati Kushmande Mum Sarvam Kaamnaay Pooray Pooray Thaa Thaa Swaha"

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NIA conducts searches at 26 locations in 5 states including J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: In a massive pan-India crackdown against terrorists' outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), the NIA on Saturday conducted searches at 26 locations in five states and arrested one person and questioned several suspects involved in motivating youth into committing violent terror attacks across the country, according to an official statement.

Sheikh Sultan Salah Uddin Ayubi alias Ayubi was taken into custody after searches at 26 locations in Assam, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir, it said.

The accused was arrested on account of his incriminatory role in the conspiracy case, said the statement issued by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

He will be produced before the NIA special court, Patiala House, New Delhi, it added.

In addition, "several other suspects" have also been rounded up for questioning, the NIA said.

The suspects were engaged in radicalising individuals associated with Pakistan-based JeM and were engaged in disseminating terrorist



related propaganda, and "radicalising and recruiting youth into the Jamaat outfit" inspired by it, it said.

These suspects were involved in motivating the youth into committing violent terror attacks across India, the NIA investigations have revealed, according to the statement.

The premises searched by the NIA were located in Goalpara (Assam), Aurangabad, Jalna and Malegaon in Maharashtra, Meerut and

Travelling to Pakistan for multilateral event, not to discuss bilateral relations: Jaishankar

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday appeared to rule out any bilateral talks with his Pakistani counterpart Muhammad Ishaq Dar during his visit to Islamabad this month to attend a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

India on Friday announced that Jaishankar will lead the Indian delegation at the SCO Heads of Government summit in Islamabad.

"I expect there would be a lot of media interest because of the very nature of the relationship," he said at an interactive session.

"I do want to say it will be for a multilateral event. I am not going there to discuss India-Pakistan relations. I am going there to be a good member of the SCO," he said.

Jaishankar's remarks came following a question on whether he will hold bilateral talks with his Pakistani counterpart in Islamabad.

In the address at the event, the external affairs minister said like with any neighbour, Pakistan is hosting the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting on October 15 and 16.

The last Indian external affairs minister to visit Pakistan was Sushma Swaraj. She had travelled to Islamabad in December 2015 to attend a conference on Afghanistan.

"I am scheduled to Pakistan in the middle of this month for a meeting of the SCO heads of government. Normally the prime minister goes to the high level meeting of the heads of state and one of the ministers goes to the heads of the government meeting," Jaishankar said.

That is in line with the tradition, he said.

In August, Pakistan invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the SCO's summit. Jaishankar's visit to Pakistan assumes significance as it is seen as a



BSF holds passing out parade of 624 new recruits

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR/JAMMU: After completing 44 weeks of arduous basic training, as many as 624 Border Security Force (BSF) recruits on Saturday took oath to serve the country at an attestation-cum-passing out parade held at Subsidiary Training Centre in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur.

Inspector General of BSF, STC Udhampur, Rajesh Kumar Gurung appreciated the standard of the training imparted to the new constables, who are from Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal.

Addressing the constables, Gurung expressed his firm belief that they will

Two minor siblings die of snake bite

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two minor siblings died and their mother was injured after a snake bit them at their house in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, police officials said on Saturday.

Vandana Katyal (6) and her younger brother Divansh Katyal (3) and their mother Kajol Devi were asleep when the snake bit them at their rented accommodation at the Ransoo village in the early hours on Saturday, the

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Lt Gen Srivastava takes command of Srinagar-based Chinar Corps

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant General Prashant Srivastava on Saturday assumed command of the strategically important Srinagar-based Chinar Corps, which manages the country's border with Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, besides fighting terrorists in the Valley.

Lt Gen Srivastava took charge from Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, who will assume command as the director general of military operations at the Army headquarters.

The change in command comes shortly after the

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.4°C Min: 23.7°C

Humidity
Max: 79 Min: 76

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 29.5°C Min: 12.3°C

Humidity
Max: 72 Min: 33

Sunset : 18:10 Hours
Sunrise : 06:27 Hours

Infiltration bid foiled at LoC, 2 terrorists killed



STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two terrorists were killed as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Kupwara district, the Indian Army said on Saturday.

"Two terrorists have been eliminated by the security forces in the ongoing operation," the army's Srinagar-based Chinar Corps said.

The Corps had earlier in a post on X said that a gun battle ensued when troops spotted suspicious activity in Kupwara's Gugaldhar. The army said it has discovered war-like stores from the encounter zone which is still being searched.

MHA has already clarified, Chugh on Omar's statement

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Saturday ridiculed former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for deliberately misleading people to spread poison among them.

Reacting to claims made by Omar Abdullah regarding the transaction of business rules in J&K Assembly, Chugh said that the Lt. Governor of Jammu-Kashmir is a constitutional post and it's the duty of each and every political party in the country to respect such posts.

He said: "The Ministry of Home Affairs has clarified this matter, stating without ambiguity that there is no proposal to amend the transaction of business rules. The existing rules, formulated under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act of 2019, were duly notified in 2020 following due legislative process. Abdullah's claims are not true. The rules were established to ensure a seamless and



efficient governance framework, respecting democratic values. Any claims suggesting otherwise are speculative and are intended to create unnecessary confusion and mistrust among the public". Chugh slammed Omar Abdullah's misleading tweet as his continuation of spreading misinformation and misleading the people of J&K and asked him to engage in responsible communication in public life, particularly when it comes to governance-related matters in Jammu and Kashmir, and to engage in dialogue that builds trust and transparency.

Chugh said that Omar Abdullah should refrain from spreading misinformation and focus on constructive dialogue that benefits the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our commitment to the democratic process and the region's welfare remains unwavering. Our actions are consistently aimed at promoting stability, development, and harmony within the region, unlike Abdullah, who always creates confusion among the people of Jammu and Kashmir and engages in opportunistic politics without a thought for the welfare of the region. The fear of losing the elections has made him give such baseless statements", he added.

Chugh said, "I believe that the people of Jammu-Kashmir have full faith in the efforts made by Prime Minister Modi in restoring peace, development, and democracy and it is clearly reflected in the outstanding polling numbers and I can say this without a doubt that the people will give their mandate in favor of the BJP".

JKHCBAJ felicitates Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Justice Tashi Rabstan



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ) organized a grand felicitation function on Saturday in presence of other Judges of the High Court, in honour of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh on his elevation to Judge of Supreme Court of India and Justice Tashi Rabstan on assuming office as the Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh.

The event began with a warm welcome by Parvesh Singh Salaria, General Secretary of the JKHCBAJ, who expressed immense pride in the accomplishments of both the judges. He praised Justice Kotiswar Singh for his humility and unwavering support to the Bar during his tenure as Chief Justice and commended Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan for his remarkable journey and leadership.

Vikram Sharma, Senior Advocate President JKHCBAJ, expressed heartfelt appreciation for both judges. He acknowledged Justice N. Kotiswar Singh for his

Govt school teacher suspended for corporal punishment

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR/JAMMU: A government school teacher was suspended for allegedly resorting to corporal punishment to a student in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said on Saturday.

Anayatullah Ahanger, posted at Primary School Ghorian Dhar in remote Inderwal area, was placed under immediate suspension after a video purportedly showing a student subjected to corporal punishment went viral on social media, they said.

Kishtwar Chief Education Officer Javed Ahmad Kitchloo ordered the suspension of the accused teacher and also set up a three-member committee for an in depth inquiry into the matter.

Cong 'most corrupt party' being run by urban Naxals: Modi

STATE TIMES NEWS
WASHIM/THANE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday alleged Congress is run by a "gang of urban Naxals" and called for people's unity to defeat the "dangerous agenda" of the "most corrupt and dishonest party".

Modi addressed rallies in Washim in east Maharashtra and Thane city, the home turf of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, launching and laying foundation stones for development projects costing more than Rs 50,000 crore in various sectors in the poll-bound state.

Prominent among these projects are the Thane Integral Ring Metro Rail and Elevated Eastern Freeway Extension.

Modi inaugurated the BKC



station to Santa Cruz and back.

Earlier in the day, Modi offered prayers at the Jagdamba Mata temple at Poharadevi, the revered deity of the Banjara community, in Washim. He also paid tributes to Banjara saints and inaugurated the Banjara

Virasat Museum.

Modi played a nagara (drum) during the inauguration ceremony, hailing the significance of the musical instrument in the great Banjara culture.

Addressing a rally, he accused the Congress of insulting Banjaras and making the lives of farmers miserable during its rule. He also dubbed the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi "anti-development".

"Congress only knows how to loot the poor and keep them poor for its selfish politics. It only knows how to divide people. We have to be alert and remain united. Congress is run by a gang of urban Naxals," Modi said.

Everyone can see