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Omar calls for...

the emphasis on practical exposure has given students the confidence to innovate and find real-world solutions," the Chief Minister remarked.

Referring to the exhibition organised by students from various colleges, Omar Abdullah appreciated the ingenuity and problem-solving mindset demonstrated through several innovative projects.

He cited examples such as a fingerprint-based car ignition system linked with Aadhaar to prevent underage driving, carbon monoxide detection sensors for safety during winters, and automated water flow systems for frozen pipelines in cold regions.

"These are not just classroom ideas but real solutions to real problems. Our children are learning to think critically and apply knowledge to everyday challenges. This is the spirit that the National Education Policy seeks to nurture," he said.

The Chief Minister also lauded the creativity of students involved in traditional crafts, art, papier-mâché, needlework, beekeeping, and organic farming, describing them as vital forms of vocational excellence that reflect the diversity of J&K's educational strengths.

Referring to the innovative initiative Colleges on Wheels, the Chief Minister said such programmes have broadened the horizons of students, especially young women.

"It must have been difficult for parents to allow their daughters to travel across the country on a train, but I am sure those journeys transformed their lives. I hope the Higher Education Department continues such experiments so that our students exchange ideas and experiences," he said.

Omar Abdullah congratulated the colleges that secured NAAC accreditation, describing it as a recognition of quality assurance and academic excellence. He encouraged other institutions to strive for similar standards.

"Getting NAAC accreditation is a big achievement. Those colleges which are yet to achieve it must make it their priority. Accreditation ensures that our institutions meet national benchmarks of quality," he added.

On the occasion, the Chief Minister honoured college principals whose institutions received NAAC accreditation and distributed appreciation certificates among students who excelled in sports and extracurricular activities across J&K colleges.

Earlier, Omar Abdullah visited the student innovation and craft exhibition organised on the sidelines of the conclave, where he interacted with students and appreciated their creativity and innovative ideas.

J&K BOSE extends...

of timeline. The notification(s) indicating fee structure are available on the official J&K BOSE website. www.jkbose.nic.in .

The Board has urged parents and students to complete the process of submission of forms within the stipulated time frame to avail the final chance following which no form will be entertained, whatsoever.

Relevantly, the extension in notification has been granted following declaration of the results of classes 10 and 11.

This election will...

heritage, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi restored Nalanda University's lost glory, and now even "100 Bakhtiyar Khaljis" could not destroy the centre of learning.

"It is because of PM Modi, the Ram temple was built in Ayodhya. For 550 years, lord Ram had been living in a tent. Lalu, Rahul, Mamata, Mayawati, all opposed the scrapping of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, but PM Modi did it," he said.

Shah said due to NDA's good governance, elections are taking place in the state this time in two phases, while during Lalu Prasad's regime, polls were happening in six phases.

"Next time, elections in Bihar will be held in a single phase...vote for the NDA only," he appealed to the voters.

Shah alleged that the opposition grand alliance has two identities -- "corruption and nepotism".

"Both RJD and Congress are corrupt parties. 'Bade miyan to bade miyan chote miyan subhan allah' (the elder is a master, but the younger is a wonder)... Scams of more than Rs 12 lakh crore took place during the Congress regime," he alleged.

He accused the RJD supremo, Prasad, of concentrating only on the prosperity of his family.

"Nitish 'babu' wants overall development of the state, while Lalu Prasad wants to make his son the chief minister, and Sonia Gandhi wants to make her son the prime minister.

"Therefore, only PM Modi and CM Nitish Kumar can care for the sons and daughters of Bihar. There is not a single charge of corruption against PM Modi and CM Nitish. Whereas Lalu Prasad has committed countless irregularities, from the Rs 940-crore fodder scam to the Bihar PSC scam, and so on," Shah said.

During Prasad's rule, murder, robbery, extortion, and kidnapping were an everyday affair, he alleged.

"Under the RJD's rule, industries fled from the state, and they turned Bihar into a backward state. Under the leadership of Nitish 'babu', the NDA freed Bihar from 'jungle raj', ended dynastic politics and the biggest thing is that we worked to free Bihar from Naxalism," Shah claimed.

He extended greetings to people on the occasion of Chhath Puja.

"Today, the great festival of Chhath has begun. I want to extend my heartfelt wishes for the 'Chhath Mahaparv' to all the people of Bihar and pray to 'Chhath Maiya' that our Bihar remains forever free from 'jungle raj', that law and order remains strong, our sisters and daughters remain safe, and that Bihar progresses to become a developed state," the BJP leader said.

Shah said the NDA's policy is quite clear.

"There should be schools and colleges with all infrastructural facilities, medicines on time, irrigation facilities for farmers, and water supply in every home. Bihar will now move forward on these principles," he said.

"We are going to usher in a new era of AI and data in Bihar. We will set up many large factories here, including agro-processing units, which will increase farmers' income as well as bring industrial development," he added.

The NDA government recently credited Rs 10,000 each to the bank accounts of 1 crore women associated with the 'Jeevika' scheme, he said.

"The widow pension and the elderly pension have been increased from Rs 400 to Rs 1,100. The honorarium for ASHA sisters has been set at Rs 3,000 per month. The Nitish Kumar government has done many works for the development of Bihar. Now, the dream of the metro in Patna is becoming a reality," he said.

Shah claimed that the prime minister brought the country's economy from the 11th position to the fourth place in the world, and before 2027, the country will rise to the third place.

"In addition, PM Modi has also worked to secure the country. Under the Modi government, we killed terrorists by entering their safe hideouts," he said.

78 DySPs adjusted...

Tabassum Iqbal as DySP SOG Pulwama; Sushil Kumar as DySP SOG Malhar Kathua; Smriti Sharma as DySP SOG Pooni Reasi; Sakshi Sharma as DySP SOG Samba; Manjeet Singh as DySP SOG Latti Udhampur; Yasir Farooq Baig as DySP SOG Baramulla; Amit Kumar as DySP SOG Doda; Goldy Sharma as DySP EOW Jammu; Pushpa Devi as DySP SOG Kathua; Atif Zahoor as DySP SOG Soggam Lolab; Barleen Kour as DySP SOG Udhampur; Gurpreet Singh as DySP SOG Wadoora Sopore; Chota Lal Verma as DySP SOG Kastigarh Doda; Azhar Amin as DySP SOG Poonch; Sushant Sharma as DySP SOG Darhal Rajouri; Nadiya Farooq as DySP PCR Jammu; Abhishek Kumar Kaith as DySP SOG Pampore; Danish Javed Sheikh as DySP SOG Awantipora; Sharafat Nawaz as DySP SOG Rafiabad Baramulla; Hirdeyjeet Singh as DySP SOG Arnas Reasi; Rajat Chib as DySP SOG Hathipora Kulgam; Manisha Kumari as DySP SOG Ramban; Neeraj Badyal as DySP SOG Kandl Rajouri; Mehak Dogra as DySP Finger Print Bureau; Ravinder Kumar as DySP SOG Ganderbal; Chandler Kant as DySP SOG Imam Sahib Shopian; Muskan Sawhney as DySP Railways Vijaypur; Vasu Aggarwal as DySP SOG Bandipora; Shravan Singh as DySP SOG Kishtwar; Arslan Khan as DySP SOG Keller Shopian; Aabid Hussain Lone as DySP SOG Pattan Baramulla; Nitish Sharma as DySP SOG Dachehan Kishtwar.

"Consequent upon their promotion as DySP vide Government Order No 434-Home of 2025 dt 22nd August, 2025, the adjustment of 19 DySPs is ordered with immediate effect," the order stated.

As per order, Nargis Kirmani has been adjusted as DySP JKAP 13; Fayaz Ahmed as DySP JKAP 14; Ghulam Hussain Khan as DySP JKAP 5; Mahesh Kumar as DySP IR 22; Ashwani Kumar as DySP DSP IR 22; Jagdeep Singh as DySP HQ CID; Ravinder Singh as DySP ANTF Jammu; Pushapjeet Singh as DySP SKPA Udhampur; Shafqat Qayoom as DySP IR 5; Ab. Hamid Ahanger as DySP EOW Srinagar; Manzoor Ahmad Bhat as DySP JKAP 9; Bilal Ahmad Bader as DySP CTC Lethpora; Rohit Dev Singh as DySP SDRF 2 Jammu; Gowhar Yaseen Qadri as DySP Traffic HQ J&K; Lalit Kumar as DySP SDRF 2 Jammu; Azad Ahmad Dar as SO to DIG NKR Baramulla; Sanjay Koul as DySP IR 22; Shameem Hussain as DySP PTWS Srinagar; Anu Radha Raina as DySP IR 15.

The order further stated, "Consequent upon the above adjustments, 117 DySPs are transferred and posted with immediate effect."

As per order, Basharat Hussain has been transferred from SDPO Achehbal and psoted as DiSP CID SB Bandipora; Abdul Raqeeb Malik from DSP SOG Rafiabad as DySP CID Surveillance Kashmir; Shwetaimbari Sharma, awaiting posting, as DySP EOW Jammu; Hamid Ali Bandyay from SDPO Handwara as DySP CID SB Srinagar; Abdul Maajid Magray from DySP PCR Srinagar as DySP HQ

Pulwama; Vaseem Mehmod from SDPO Zainpora as DySP IR 12; Suresh Kumar Sharma from SDPO Basohli as SO to DIG DKR Range; Raja Majid Batt from SDPO Awantipora as SDPO Pattan; Sachit Mahajan from DySP CICE Jammu as DySP SKPA Udhampur; Pankaj Soodan from DySP SOG Anantnag as DySP Traffic Udhampur/Reasi; Parul Bhardawaj from DSP EOW Jammu as SDPO Mahore; Amara Naseem from DySP Civil Defence as DySP Civil Defence Budgam Srinagar; Shahjhan Choudhary from SDPO Pattan as DySP SIA Jammu; Zafar Mahdi from DSP SOG Mahore as DySP SIA Kashmir; Altaf Ahmad Khan, Awaiting Posting, as DySP DAR Ganderbal; Tanweer Ahmed Jeelani from DSP ANTF Jammu as SDPO Railways Banihal; Mohd Nawaz Khandey from DSP HQ Pulwama as SDPO Sumbal; Sheezan Bhat from SDPO East Jammu as DySP IR 7; Ajaz Ahmed from DySP SOG Surankote as DySP JKAP 8; Lov Karan from DSP CID CI (JIC) Jammu as SDPO Gandoh; Khaliq Hussain from DSP DAR Poonch as DySP DAR Rajouri; Surinder Singh from DySP SOG Poonch as DySP SOG Surankote; Shoket Ali from SDPO Bhadarwah as DySP CID SB Batote Ramban; Sachit Sharma from DySP Humint & LO HQ as SDPO East Jammu; Kuljeet Singh from DySP UAPA HQ as SDPO Basohli; Surinder Singh from DySP DAR Udhampur as SDPO Banihal; Parvez Alam from DySP PCR Jammu as DySP IR 2; Ishfaq Alam from DySP IR 22 as DySP IR 21; Javaid Ahmad Lone from DySP SOG Lolab as DySP 17 IR; Sumniya Wani from DySP SCRB Jammu as DySP Traffic South Jammu; Ummer Rashied from DySP SOG Handwara as DySP CI CID Budgam; Saqib Ghani from DySP SOG Sangam as SDPO Khansahib Budgam; Mohd Rafee Rather from DySP HQ Kupwara as DySP HQ Bandipora; Viqar Younus Batt from SDPO Mahore as DySP HQ Ramban; Majad Ali from DySP SOG Ramban as SDPO Awantipora; Bashir Ahmad from SDPO Srinagar Railways as SDPO Railways Baramulla; Farooq Ahmed from SO to DIG NKR Baramulla as DySP CID CI Anantnag; Ajay Anand from DSP HQ Doda as DSP JKAP 8; Rakesh Akram from DySP SOG Mougla as DySP IR 7; Latief Ahmad Khan from DySP HQ Bandipora as DySP 2nd Border Bn; Nisar Ahmad Bakshi from DySP ANTF Kashmir as DySP JKAP 9; Zahoor Ahmad from DySP EOW Kashmir as DySP SB CID Anantnag; Tilak Raj Bhardwaj from DySP JKAP 8 as DySP Traffic City Jammu; Farooq Hussain Shah from SDPO Railways Banihal as DySP SIA Jammu; Ajaz Ahmed Shah from DySP SIA Kashmir as AC Homeguard Srinagar; Surinder Khadyar DySP IR 24 as DySP IR 19; Nissar Hussain Dar from DSP Estates/Welfare Srinagar as SO to DIG Armed Kashmir; Abdul Hamid Dar from SDPO Sumbal as DySP IR 17; Anubhuti from DSP Traffic City Jammu as DySP SCRB Jammu; Adnan UI Haq from DySP SOG Chadoora as DySP PHQ; Sonali Kohli from DySP SIA Jammu as DySP 15 IR; Naseem Akram from DySP SOG Mirbazar Kulgam as DySP Civil Defence Srinagar; Faisal Arif Rishu from DySP Traffic South Jammu as DySP EOW Jammu; Rajeev Raina from DySP SOG Kakapora as SDPO Kangan; Naveed Shoket from DySP SOG Darhal as SDPO Bhadarwah; Shivam Jaggi from DySP SOG Srinagar as SDPO Achehbal; Deepak Tulsi from DySP 1st Border Bn as DySP IR 24; Mubashir Niaz from DySP SOG Srinagar as DySP HQ Kupwara; Umer Urfan from DySP SOG Pattan as DySP HQ Ganderbal; Anam Zahoor Manhas from DySP SCW Jammu as DySP EOW Srinagar; Nidhi Kotwal from DySP SIA Jammu as SO to DIG Armed Jammu; Faisal Hussain from DySP SOG Imam Sahib as SDPO Handwara; Vikram Samrahal from DySP SOG Kandl as DySP IR 12; Rajesh Chandan from DySP SOG Arnas as DySP CID SS-II; Sumit Bhagat from DySP SOG Dachehan as DySP IR 24; Daljit Singh from DySP Traffic City Jammu as DySP JKAP 8; Sajad Hussain from DySP SOG Latti, Udhampur as DySP CID CI Ramban; Sunil Kumar from DySP SOG Malhar as DySP IR 24; Jatinder Singh from DySP Traffic Udhampur/Reasi as AC HG Reasi; Sarbjeet Singh from DySP Traffic Doda/Kishtwar as DySP SSG; Vishal Manhas from DySP SOG Kastigarh Doda as DySP STC Talwara; Manjeet Singh from SDPO Banihal as DySP JKAP 7; Pawan Sharma from SO to DIG RP Range as DySP SKPA Udhampur; Khurshid Ahmad from DySP SOG Wadoora as DySP ANTF Kashmir; Krishan Rattan from SDPO Railways Katra as DySP HO Doda; Mohd Maqbool from SO to DIG Armed Kashmir as DySP JKAP 5; Abdul Rehman from DySP SOG Doda as DySP JKAP 6; Manzoor Ahmad from DySP SOG Hajin as SDPO Gurez; Mohd Yousuf from DySP IR21 as DySP IRP 6; Ashwani Kumar from DySP SOG Pooni (Reasi) as DySP JKAP 8; Javed Ahmad from DySP SOG Kreeri as DySP SIA Kashmir; Chanehal Singh from DySP SOG Hattipora Kulgam as DySP JKAP 8; Bharat Sharma from SO to DIG Armed Jammu as DySP CID CI Kathua; Pardeep Kumar, awaiting posting, as DySP IR 19; Ashwani Kumar from DySP SOG Kathua as DySP Traffic City Jammu; Satish Raina from DySP 1st Women Bn as DySP TMG CID HQ; Mushtaq Ahmad from DySP JKAP 12 as SO to DIG RP Range; Jatinder Singh from SDPO Railways Udhampur as DySP DAR Udhampur; Champa Devi, Awaiting Posting, as DySP JKAP 4; Raj Kumar Koul from SDPO Gandoh as SO to DIG Udhampur; Parveez Sajad from DySP SB CID Anantnag as DySP IRP 8; Bupinder Singh from DySP JKAP 8 as DySP IR 1; Satvinder Singh from DySP IR18 as DySP IR 19; Harmohinder Singh from DySP Railways, Vijaypur as DySP IR 15; Mahesh Sharma from DySP Security Jammu as DySP IR 1 (I/C Bhawan); Munish Kumar from DySP IR 1 (Bhawan) as DySP IR 24; Rishi Singh from DySP IR15 as DySP IR 24; Omparkash from DySP HQ Ramban as DySP PHQ; Mohammad Rafi Shah from DySP CID CI Anantnag as SDPO Sopore; Abu Atta Abdul Nafi from DySP PCR Srinagar as DySP DAR Anantnag; Athar Samad Ahanger from DySP SOG Bandipora as SDPO Zainpora; Vinod Kumar Sharma from DySP IR 7 as DySP IR 5; Bashir Ahmad Shah from DySP Traffic HQ J&K as DySP TMG CID HQ; Farooq Ahmad Sofi from DySP CI CID Pulwama as DySP Traffic Badgam; Deepak Jasrotia from DySP SOG Samba as DySP SCW Jammu; Rakesh Jamwal from DySP EOW Jammu as DySP Civil Defence Samba; Kirpal Singh from DySP 1st Women Bn as DySP IR 16; Rouf Ahmad Baba from DySP CID Surveillance Kashmir as AC HG Budgam; Bhutti Choudhary from SO to DIP Udhampur as DySP Ist Border Bn; Farooq Ahmed from DySP CID SB Batote as DySP Traffic Doda/ Kishtwar; Om Parkash from DySP JKAP 8 as SDPO Railways Katra; Gulshan Akhter from DySP DSP 2nd Women Bn as DySP Estates/Welfare Srinagar; Hafizullah Mir from DySP DSP IR 4 as DySP CI CID Pulwama; Showkat Ahmad from DySP IRP 6 as SDPO Railways Srinagar; Karan Kumar from DySP IR12 as DySP CID CI (JIC) Jammu; Shashi Kant from DySP JKAP 7 as DySP DAR Poonch; as Rakash Kumar from DySP 1st Border Bn as DySP IR 16.

Police conducts route...

such marches acts as a deterrent to anti-social or disruptive elements and instils confidence among the public, thereby encouraging greater participation in the democratic process, the spokesman said.

He said such route marches also facilitate better coordination and teamwork between different security forces. "They serve as a visible reminder of the importance of maintaining peace and security during elections, ensuring a free, fair and peaceful electoral environment, in line with the democratic ethos of the nation," he said.

Nagrota constituency in Jammu and Budgam segment in Kashmir are going to bypolls on November 11. While the bypoll in Nagrota was necessitated due to the death of BJP legislator Devender Singh Rana on October 31 last year, Budgam seat fell vacant after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah retained Ganderbal, his family bastion, after winning two assembly seats.

Cong leaders from...

of Punjab's people in the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He added that leaders across the state are now realising that BJP is the only party committed to development, good governance and national interest.

Chugh said that the failure and mismanagement of the Aam Aadmi Party government has pushed Punjab into crisis, while the Congress party continues to be trapped in nepotism and directionless leadership. This situation has forced genuine grassroots leaders to look for a platform that values their commitment and dedication to Punjab.

Both Sardar Ranjit Singh Dhillon and Advocate Jagmeet Dhillon expressed confidence that under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Modi, Punjab will witness new heights of stability, progress and inclusive development in the coming years.

EC may roll...

place in 2006, and that year's electoral roll is now on the state CEO website. The last SIR in states will serve as the cut-off date, just as the 2003 voter list of Bihar was used by the EC for intensive revision.

Most states had the last SIR of the voter list between 2002 and 2004.

Most have nearly completed the mapping of current electors with the voters according to the last SIR held in their respective states or Union territories.

The primary aim of the SIR is to weed out foreign illegal migrants by checking their place of birth.

The move assumes significance in the wake of a crackdown in various states on illegal migrants, including from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Woman among 6...

near Eidgah Nangal Road in Katra area of Reasi district on Saturday.

Maya Mir, a resident of Katra, is a repeat offender and has been previously involved in drug trafficking and other criminal activities. She was named in five cases registered between 2021 and 2022 under various sections of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and the Indian Penal Code, police said.

Owing to her repeated involvement in drug-related offences, the accused was also detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) in 2022 and lodged in Ambphalla Jail, Jammu, they said.

A fresh FIR under the NDPS Act has been registered against her at Katra Police Station. A probe is underway to identify her supply network and associated links, police said.

CM inaugurates Bagh...

Secretary to the CM Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary Floriculture Zubair Ahmed, Secretary Culture, Director Floriculture Kashmir and other senior officials.

Veteran actor Satish...

ambulance itself and continued on arrival at the hospital. Despite the best efforts of our medical team, Mr Shah could not be revived," the hospital said in a statement.

A close friend and collaborator added that Shah had undergone a kidney transplant three months ago.

Born on June 25, 1951, Shah was a prominent figure in Indian cinema and television. His career spanned several decades, during which he earned acclaim for his comedic timing in movies such as "Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro", "Maalamaal", "Hero Hiralal", "Main Hoon Na" and "Kal Ho Naa Ho".

He was married to designer Madhu Shah.

His last rites will be performed at Pawan Hans cremation ground on Sunday.

A graduate of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Shah initially appeared in minor roles in films such as "Arvind Desai Ki Ajeeb Dastaan" (1978) and "Gaman" (1979). He played a small yet pivotal part in Muzaffar Ali's "Umrao Jaan" (1981) as Dilawar, the man who sells Rekha's Amiran to courtesans in Lucknow.

He became a household name after he featured in filmmaker Kundan Shah's 1983 cult classic "Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro", playing the role of the corrupt municipal commissioner D'Mello.

The film, a satirical comedy on corruption, starred Shah alongside renowned actors like Naseeruddin Shah, Om Puri, and Pankaj Kapur. Though his role was largely that of a dead body, it became one of the most unforgettable parts of the film. His lifeless character, dragged through chaotic sequences including the now-legendary Mahabharata play scene, became a symbol of the film's absurd humour.

He was also known for his roles in television series such as "Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi" (1984), where he portrayed 55 different characters across 55 episodes, and "Filmi Chakkar" (1995), where he played the character of film buff Prakash Jaisawal.

In the early 2000s, Shah starred in the popular sitcom "Sarabhai vs Sarabhai" alongside Ratna Pathak Shah, Rupali Ganguli, Sumet Raghavan and Rajesh Kumar. The actor portrayed Indravadan Sarabhai, the sarcastic yet endearing patriarch of the Sarabhai family, in the show, which maintained a loyal fan base even years after it went off air. The series returned briefly in 2017 for a second season. Shah also appeared in several mainstream blockbuster films, including Shah Rukh Khan's "Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa", "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge", "Main Hoon Na", "Kal Ho Naa Ho", "Om Shanti Om" and Aamir Khan's "Fanaa" and "Akele Hum Akele Tum" as well as "Hum Aapke Hain Koun...!", "Mujhse Shaadi Karogi", "Saathiya", "Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai" and "Judwaa".

Fans particularly remember Shah for his turn as Professor Madhav Rasai in "Main Hoon Na" (2004). In the film, Shah played a short-tempered college physics teacher whose signature trait was spitting while speaking. In many interviews, Shah gave his character the nickname of "spitting cobra".

As Rasai, Shah's presence on screen would often lead to comedic moments, including one where he was shown spitting so profusely while speaking that a student resorted to wearing glasses fitted with tiny wipers. Another standout sequence featured Khan's character, Major Ram, performing a "Matrix"-style Keanu Reeves dodge to avoid Rasai's spit spray. Many prominent personalities from the film industry condoled Shah's death on social media.

Srinagar-Katra Vande...

for review," the order stated. "Stoppage should not be withdrawn unless advised by this office," it added. On June 6, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Vande Bharat train service between Katra and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir, the first train connection between the Kashmir valley and the Jammu region.

Since its launch, for the first time, an additional stoppage will be given on local demands. The opening of this railway line has changed the entire transportation system between Jammu and Srinagar, and the Vande Bharat train has received a huge response from travellers, officials said.

Four cops injured as vehicle overturns

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR/POONCH: Four police personnel were injured after the armoured vehicle they were travelling in turned turtle in Poonch district of Saturday evening, officials said.

The accident occurred at Harooni village when a team of the special operations group was returning from an anti-terrorist operation in Gursai area, they said.

According to officials, the injured -- constables Javid Ahmed and Nisar Ahmad, SPO Mohd Khurshid and follower Shoket Ahmed -- were evacuated to the sub-district hospital, Mendhar, for treatment.

Police files chargesheet against terrorist associate

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police's counter-intelligence wing on Saturday filed a chargesheet against a terrorist associate from Anantnag district in a terror recruitment case.

A spokesperson of Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) termed it a major breakthrough against Pakistan-backed terror propaganda and recruitment networks operating through social media.

The CIK produced the chargesheet before the court of a special judge designated under the NIA Act here, he said.

The chargesheet was filed in a case -- FIR No. 07/2023 -- registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act against Aadil Ahmad Khan alias Gull Khan, a resident of Drien Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The case pertains to a terror recruitment module being clandestinely operated through social media platforms, to radicalise and recruit impressionable youths of Jammu and Kashmir into the ranks of proscribed terrorist organisations, particularly those sponsored and controlled from across the border in Pakistan, the spokesperson said.

He said the investigation was initiated based on credible information that unscrupulous individuals and entities based in Pakistan, in connivance with terrorist handlers of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and other banned outfits, were using social media to lure Kashmiri youth and instigate them to wage war against the sovereignty and integrity of India.

During the investigation, three accused were earlier found involved and chargesheeted before the court, he said. They were identified as Waseem Ahmad Sheikh, a resident of Kandooru Budgam, Junaid Ahmad Mir from Tikkipora Lolab, and Shabir Ahmad Gojri from Darbagh Harwan area of the city.

Further investigation uncovered the active role of accused Khan, who had been operating a dedicated online recruitment network through Facebook and Twitter, "disseminating secessionist, anti-national, and pro-terror content", the spokesperson said. "His online activities were aimed at glorifying terrorism, promoting violent extremism, and motivating youth to join proscribed terrorist organisations," the spokesperson added. The investigation established that Khan was "actively aiding and abetting" terrorist propaganda by sharing and amplifying digital content aligned with the agenda of Pakistan-based terror groups and their offshoot organisations.

His online radicalisation efforts were coupled with ground-level facilitation of terror recruitment, the spokesperson said.

He said the case is being investigated by the CIK with a focus on identifying and dismantling the wider online terror ecosystem, including handlers, sympathisers, and digital facilitators operating from within and outside the Union territory. The spokesperson said more arrests and disclosures are expected as the investigation progresses.