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his links to the terrorist ecosystem has been through a network of other OGWs who have been operating at the behest of terrorist outfit LeT," the investigators observed further adding that having a dangerous terror collaborator working as a teacher in the school is a huge threat to the young and impressionable minds and it also puts at risk the lives of hundreds of children.

Majid Iqbal Dar 'Teacher (Education Department) Majid Iqbal Dar was appointed as a Lab Assistant in 2009 in School Education Department on compassionate ground after death of his father. He was later promoted as a teacher in 2019. Majid was working as an Over Ground Worker (OGW) of Lashkar-e-Taiba terror outfit and became one of the key figures involved in radicalising youngsters in Rajouri and surrounding region.

Investigation has also revealed that Majid Iqbal Dar was also involved in NarcoTerror and maintained a close link with LeT terrorist Mod Jabar. It has been learnt that Majid Iqbal Dar as a reliable asset of LeT was using the drug money to finance terror activities and radicalisation of gullible youth.

"His terror link was exposed in January 2023 when police recovered an IED planted near J&K Bank in Rajouri. During the course of investigation police arrested three persons including the government teacher, Majid Iqbal Dar. It was later revealed that Majid, LeT terrorists Jabar and Zohaib Shazad had planted the IED on the instruction of their LeT handler based in Pakistan and they had also received money via a conduit," the investigators revealed.

Sources said subsequent to his detention under, Majid Iqbal Dar has continued to display radical tendencies inside the prison. As per credible sources close to Majid, he remained deeply committed to the terrorist ideology.

"That Majid has been doing this since long and that too at the cost of Government exchequer and has managed to evade the law for many years is a double jeopardy against public interest. Majid's damage value is humongous because he was working within the sensitive education department," Sources within the law enforcement agencies said.

Recently, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha had observed that the people from all sections of society must realise that those who provide ideological and financial support for terrorism, create false narratives are dangerous to peace and development. His zero-tolerance policy based on key pillars of anti-terror crackdown, swift against OGWs in administration & society, crackdown on Narco-terrorism and inclusive development has ensured peace and economic revival. Lieutenant Governor Sinha had observed that the peace can only be achieved by completely dismantling the terror ecosystem.

"War against terrorism is not over yet. Kinetic and non-Kinetic operations must continue. We must maintain the momentum and take stringent action against terrorism and its entire ecosystem," the Lieutenant Governor had told the security and intelligence officials.

LA passes three...

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to regulation of employment and other conditions of service of workers employed in shops and establishments and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. (L.A. Bill No. 6 of 2025)," reads the Bill passed in the House.

The Bill was passed by the House through a voice vote.

The Assembly also passed the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Societies Amendment Bill, 2025 in the Legislative Assembly.

The Bill was moved in the House by Minister for Cooperative, Javid Ahmad Dar. "A Bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Societies Act, 1989 (Act No. XVII of 1989) (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 2025)," reads the Bill passed by the House.

The Bill was passed by the House through a voice vote.

The assembly passed the "Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2025.The Bill was moved in the House by Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar.

"A Bill to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 (Act No. IX of 1989) (L.A. Bill No. 5 of 2025)," reads the Bill passed in the House. The Bill was passed by the House through a voice vote.

LA passes J&K...

protect the interests of landlords and tenants and to provide speedy adjudication mechanism for resolution of disputes and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 2025)," reads the passed Bill.

The Bill was passed by the House through a voice vote.

MLA Nizam-ud-din Bhat had moved an amendment to the Bill seeking that "In Clause 32 (2) of the Bill, the words, " thirty days" be substituted by the words, " ninety days". However the resolution was dropped by voice vote.

Justice Surya Kant...

abeyance, directing that no new FIRs be registered under it until a government review.

Justice Kant also nudged the Election Commission to disclose the details of 65 lakh voters excluded from the draft electoral rolls in Bihar while hearing a batch of petitions challenging the poll panel's decision to undertake special intensive revision of the voters list in the poll-bound state.

In an order that emphasised grassroots democracy and gender justice, he led a bench that reinstated a woman sarpanch unlawfully removed from office and called out the gender bias in the matter:

He is also credited with directing that one-third of seats in bar associations, including the Supreme Court Bar Association, be reserved for women.

Justice Kant was part of the bench that appointed a five-member committee headed by former top court judge Justice Indu Malhotra to probe the security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab in 2022, saying such matters required "a judicially trained mind".

He also upheld the One Rank-One Pension scheme for defence forces, calling it constitutionally valid, and continues to hear petitions of women officers in the armed forces seeking parity in permanent commission.

In another notable case, he upheld the Char Dham project in Uttarakhand, emphasising its strategic importance for national security, while balancing environmental concerns.

His bench also observed that "freedom of speech is not a licence to flout societal norms" while cautioning podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia for "derogatory" remarks.

Justice Kant headed a bench which pulled up several stand-up comedians, including "India's Got Latent" host Samay Raina, for ridiculing disabled people on their shows and directed the Centre to come up with guidelines for regulating online content.

Holding that freedom of speech is not absolute, Justice Kant led a bench which pulled up Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah for his remarks targeting Col Sofiya Qureshi, who gained nationwide prominence for media briefings on 'Operation Sindoor', saying every word uttered by a minister has to be with a sense of responsibility.

He has repeatedly underscored that corruption undermines governance and public trust.

In a 2023 verdict, he called it a "serious societal threat" and ordered the CBI to probe 28 cases exposing an "unholy nexus between banks and developers" that defrauded homebuyers.

He also led a bench that granted bail to former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in CBI's excise policy case, remarking that the agency must work to dispel the notion of being a 'caged parrot'.

His bench flagged the absence of a legal framework for domestic workers, directing the Centre to form an expert committee to propose protective measures for this vulnerable workforce. He has been part of over 300 benches since his elevation to the Supreme Court. Justice Kant was also on the seven-judge bench that overruled the 1967 AMU verdict, opening the way for reconsideration of its minority status.

He was also part of the bench which in 2021 appointed a 3-member panel of cyber experts to probe the alleged use of Israeli spyware Pegasus for surveillance of certain people in India, saying the state cannot get a "free pass" every time the spectre of national security is raised and it cannot be the "bugbear" that the judiciary shies away from.

LG to lay...

Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma on Thursday visited the area to assess the ongoing developmental and restoration works being executed there. The deputy commissioner inspected the affected sites to review the progress of restoration and rehabilitation activities. He took a detailed stock of measures being implemented to restore essential services and ensure relief to the affected families. He also inspected the partially damaged houses, for which Sinha is scheduled to lay the foundation stone in the coming days. He interacted with residents and listened to their grievances related to housing, water supply, and electricity. The deputy commissioner issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned departments for the immediate redressal of issues raised by the public. The deputy commissioner informed that the district administration has ensured ration supplies to all affected households up to December and assured that additional stock would be provided

soon.

Referring to preparedness for the upcoming winter season, Sharma said that all necessary arrangements have been completed and that helpline numbers of the District Administration, Police, and SDM offices have been made available for any assistance required by citizens.

BJP MLAs walkout...

Rajiv Jasrotia, said, "You (Speaker) had promised to allow the resolution. But, you did not keep it." The Speaker responded by saying the resolution did not come up due to the paucity of time. "You could have extended time yesterday," Jasrotia said.

"You should have raised this yesterday," the Speaker shot back.

Amid the din, Leader of Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma said the August rainfall affected most areas of J&K, and the people of the Union territory have expectations with this House that the MLAs will raise their issues.

"We respected the House rules ... And followed your promises. Resolutions were managed yesterday in such a way that this important resolution did not even come up. The government seems disinterested in this important issue," Sharma said, adding that the flood-affected victims have been disrespected.

The LoP said there should have been a discussion on the issue on the very first day of the assembly session, and accused the government of running away from a discussion.

"What does the government want to hide? A scam in PWD has been unearthed in media today. Why is the government running away? They want to hide corruption," Sharma added. Sharma's comments led to protests by the treasury benches. With both the treasury and the opposition members on their feet, there was uproar in the House. Ruling National Conference (NC) MLA from Gurez, Nazir Ahmad Khan Gurezi, said the BJP members "are enacting a drama" and "wasting the time of the House". As the accusation and counter-accusation flew, deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary, while pointing towards the BJP MLAs, said, "Chor machaye shor" (thieves were making noise). Another NC MLA, Salman Sagar, asked the BJP to give an account for the ten years from 2014 to 2024 - when the BJP was in power with the PDP till 2018, and then J-K was under the Centre's rule.

As the ruckus continued, BJP MLA from Kishtwar, Shagun Parihar, tried to enter the well of the House, but was stopped by female watch and ward staff.

Two BJP MLAs, R S Pathania and Surinder Kumar, were marshalled out after jumping into the well. As the Question Hour continued amid the noisy scenes, the BJP MLAs remained standing till its culmination. As soon as the Question Hour concluded, the BJP MLAs staged a walkout from the House. This was the first walkout by the MLAs in the autumn session. The BJP MLAs shouted slogans against the government, sought an apology from CM Abdullah for "unfulfilled promises", and also demanded his resignation.

PM to lead...

One of the major attractions of this year's celebrations at Ekta Nagar will be the "Republic Day-style" parade of the armed forces along with decorative tableaux, a Gujarat government release said, adding that 10 tableaux, including of the state, will be presented during the parade.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah made this announcement on Thursday while addressing a press conference in Bihar.

Shah said that from now on, a grand parade would be held every October 31 in Ekta Nagar to mark Sardar Patel's birth anniversary.

Gujarat's tableau will highlight Sardar Patel's invaluable contribution in uniting the country, the release said.

On Friday morning, the prime minister will offer floral tribute at the Statue of Unity, which will be followed by Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations. He will administer the Ekta Diwas pledge and witness the parade.

Contingents of the Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) will participate in the parade.

In a display of women's empowerment in the security forces, PM Modi will receive a ceremonial salute from contingents of police and paramilitary forces, all of them led by women officers.

Key attractions this year include a BSF marching contingent comprising exclusively of Indian breed dogs such as Rampur Hounds and Mudhol Hounds, Gujarat Police's horse contingent, Assam Police's motorcycle daredevil show, and BSF's camel contingent and camel-mounted band.

The parade will also honour five Shaurya Chakra awardees of the CRPF and 16 gallantry medal winners of the BSF who displayed exceptional courage in anti-Naxal operations in Jharkhand and counter-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Employees suspected of...

Choudhary Mohammad Ramzan would represent the people of J-K vociferously. "I have come here to congratulate the people of Handwara, north Kashmir and especially Ramzan who got elected with a majority in the Rajya Sabha elections. I hope he will represent the people of J-K in the country's highest forum," Abdullah said.

SFs conduct route...

in the march in various areas of Nagrota. The aim is to acquaint forces with the terrain and build confidence among voters," the officer told reporters.

"The exercise sought to enhance coordination among agencies and preparedness to deal with any eventuality during the polling process".

The Nagrota by-election was necessitated following the death of BJP legislator Devender Singh Rana on October 31 last year.

The constituency is witnessing a primarily triangular contest between the BJP's Devyani Devyani, National Conference nominee Shamim Begum, and Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party president Harsh Dev Singh.

Ten candidates are in the fray, including that of the Aam Aadmi Party.

Since 1996, the BJP has won the Nagrota seat thrice - in 2002, 2008 and 2024 - while the National Conference secured victories in 1996 and 2014.

Anti-Corruption Court...

the case. The accused, defended by Advocate K.S. Charak, denied the allegations and claimed false implication, but the court held that oral, documentary, and scientific evidence conclusively proved the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt.

Special Judge Haq Nawaz Zargar convicted both officials under Sections 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2), 4-A of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B RPC, awarding each four years of rigorous imprisonment along with fine. The court observed that corruption in revenue matters undermines public faith in institutions and stressed that deterrent punishment was essential to protect governance from decay.

DISCRIMINATION: How long...

region must rise, assert and collectively demand justice for Jammu, as silence anymore now would be complicity. Jammu has done its duty as a responsible partner in the Union Territory's progress. It has maintained peace, respected institutions, and contributed immensely to the exchequer. What it seeks in return is not privilege, but parity-a fair share of the infrastructure, institutions, and attention it rightfully deserves. The message from the ground is clear: Jammu's patience is not weakness. It is strength in restraint. But strength too has a limit. It is time for those in power, both administrative and political, to ensure that this region no longer feels punished for being law-abiding, forward looking, patriotic and productive.

J&K recorded 121...

for Women, popularly known as 'Sakhi' centres, are functional under the Directorate of Mission Shakti. These centres are operational across Jammu and Kashmir since 2018, providing support to women in distress like medical aid, psychosocial counselling, legal aid, temporary shelter, and police assistance.

These centres are currently integrated with the toll-free numbers -- 181 Women Helpline Service and 112 Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) -- providing seamless coordination and service to women, the minister said.

The government said these centres are mandated to provide safety to women affected by incidents of domestic violence, cyber harassment, eve teasing, sexual harassment, rape, etc.

LG's message on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha paid tributes to the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 150th birth anniversary.

In a message, the Lieutenant Governor said, "On the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, which commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, I extend warm greetings to the people and hope the celebration will further strengthen the spirit of oneness and peace.

Sardar Patel was the 'Architect of National Unity' and epitome of patriotism and integrity.

His unwavering commitment laid the foundation of a modern India. Let us pledge to follow his ideals and uphold the spirit of unity, a common national identity and brotherhood as a tribute to Sardar Patel."

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 23 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and rescued 09 bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers.

Acting on information received from reliable sources, joint Police teams of PS Samba and PP Rakh Amb Talli have successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt and rescued nine bovines which were being smuggled by foot near Railway Station Kalibari Samba via border road. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to safer place.

A case FIR No.264/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

In another case, a joint naka was established by Jhajjar Kotli Police in coordination with Police Post Manwal near Kishanpur. During checking at the naka, the police team intercepted a vehicle - Ashok Leyland bearing registration number JK08N-4050.

Upon thorough inspection, 14 bovines were found being transported illegally in the said vehicle. All the animals were rescued safely, while the driver of the vehicle, Danish Batt S/o Mohd Abbas Batt R/o Waltingo, Kulgam (Kashmir), was arrested on the spot.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 126/2025 U/S 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act stands registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli, and further investigation is underway.

Property worth Rs 1.10 Cr belonging to drug peddler attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: In a major blow to drug syndicate, Udhampur Police has attached immovable and movable property worth approximately ₹1.10 Crore belonging to a notorious drug peddler namely, Sheikh Inran S/O Sheikh Mohammad Younas R/O Ward No. 1, TCP Domail, Udhampur, under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act.

During the course of investigation in Case FIR No. 230/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of Police Station Udhampur, it came to light that the accused Sheikh Inran had acquired substantial assets from the proceeds of narco trade.

The attached properties include: Two residential houses constructed on land Khasra No. 180/162; One Scooty bearing registration No. JK14G-8025.

The Investigating Officer of the case, having reasons to believe that the said property was acquired from illicit proceeds of narcotics trafficking, attached the same under due provisions of law.

Crackdown on illegal mining: 2 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its special drive against illegal mining, Jammu Police seized two vehicles involved in the transportation of illegally mined material in the jurisdiction of Police Station Khour under Rural Zone Jammu.

During early morning hours, a police party of PS Khour was on patrolling duty when reliable information was received about two tractor-trolleys engaged in illegal mining in the Prangla area. Acting swiftly, the police party rushed to the spot.

On seeing the police, the tractor drivers fled from the location, abandoning the trolleys. Upon checking, one trolley was found fully loaded with sand, while the other contained a small quantity, indicating it was still being loaded.

Both trolleys were seized and brought to Police Station Khour, where legal proceedings under relevant mining laws were initiated. The District Mineral Officer (DMO), Jammu has been informed for further necessary action.

Stolen motorcycle recovered; accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Police has recovered a stolen bike bearing registration number JK14G-8908 in connection with Case FIR No. 66/2025 U/S 303(1) BNS of Police Station Majalta. The case was registered at PS Majalta on the complaint of Bushan Lal S/O Fakir Chand, R/O Bilaspur, Kathua, who reported that some miscreants had stolen his bike from outside his house.

During the course of investigation, police team of PS Majalta led by its SHO rounded up some suspects, and one of them confessed to the crime, leading to the recovery of the stolen vehicle. The accused, Maskeen Ali S/O Bashir Ahmed, R/O Garh Sanna Banj, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur, has been arrested.

Missing woman trace, reunited with family

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DODA: Doda Police have successfully traced a missing woman whose missing report was entered at Police Post Kastigarh vide DDR No. 04 dated 25-10-2025. Acting swiftly on the directions of SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), a special team was constituted under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Doda and SHO Police Station Doda, led by Incharge Police Post Kastigarh. The team, by utilizing all possible means including technical assistance, successfully traced the said lady. After completion of all legal formalities, the lady was safely handed over to her legal heirs. Accordingly, the missing report was closed vide DDR No. 05 dated 30-10-2025.

Theft case solved; accused held, cash recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: District Police Reasi achieved a major breakthrough by arresting an accused involved in a theft at a premises used for regular spiritual lectures of Brahma Kumari Ashram in Katra.

On 28th October 2025, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Katra stating that the complainant had taken a house on rent where Brahma Kumari Ashram conducts frequent devotional and meditation sessions. During the intervening night of 27th/28th October 2025, unknown miscreants broke the locks of the premises. Upon checking, it was found that the donation box kept inside Baba Ji's room had been tampered with and cash had been stolen. Taking cognizance of the complaint, Police Station Katra registered a case under FIR No. 292/2025, U/s 305(A), 331(4) BNS, and initiated swift investigation. During the course of investigation, police systematically developed leads and identified the primary suspect. Acting promptly, the accused Jamat Ali S/O Hussain Mohd R/O Panthal, Katra was apprehended. On his disclosure, stolen cash amounting to Rs 4,300 was successfully recovered. With the arrest of the accused and recovery of stolen property, the case has been solved. Further legal proceedings are in progress.

Vehicle loaded with Khair billets seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In yet another successful operation against illegal forest activities, the Jammu Forest Range team has intercepted and seized a Tempo Traveller involved in the unauthorized transportation of Khair billets, reaffirming the Forest Department's commitment to protecting the region's valuable forest resources.

Acting on specific and actionable intelligence, the operation was led by Range Officer Kailash Choudhary, under the direct supervision of Divisional Forest Officer, Jammu, Anurag Arya. The team conducted a late-night enforcement drive during which a Tempo Traveller bearing registration number JK12-0949 was intercepted within the Jammu Range limits. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found loaded with Khair billets being transported in contravention of the provisions of the Indian Forest Act (IFA).

Following due legal procedure, the vehicle and the illicit forest produce were immediately taken into official custody. Confiscation proceedings have been initiated against the individuals responsible, and further investigation is underway to identify and apprehend others involved in the illegal trade.

Speaking on the occasion, DFO Jammu, Anurag Arya, stated, The Forest Department remains fully committed to curbing illegal extraction and smuggling of forest produce. Such operations will continue to be carried out rigorously to ensure strict enforcement of forest laws and the protection of our natural resources."

Range Officer Jammu Kailash Choudhary also commended his field staff for their prompt and coordinated response, adding that regular night patrols and intelligence-based checks are being intensified across the division.

