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# 10th All India Police Judo Cluster to begin today

# Congress weakened anti-terror fight, must tell who prevented military response after 26/11: PM

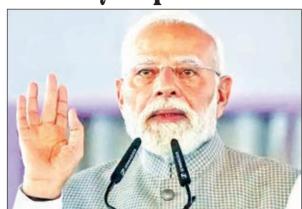
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#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NAVI MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked Congress to tell the nation who prevented India's military response after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks linked to Pakistan, and accused the party of weakening the fight against terrorism when in

He accused the Congressled UPA government (2004-14) of weakening the fight against terror because of which the country has paid a

"A Congress leader, who has also been Union home minister, has said that a country prevented India's military retaliation post-26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in 2008. The party should clarify," Modi said while addressing a gathering after inaugurating the first phase of the Navi Mumbai International Airport, Aqua Line of Mumbai metro and



The PM Mumbai has always been the country's financial capital and a vibrant metropolis, making it vulnerable to terror strikes.

"It is because of this feature of the city that terrorists targeted it in 2008. If a top Congress leader, who has been a Union minister, is to be believed, the then UPA government buckled under pressure of a foreign country

against attacking Pakistan even though our defence forces were ready and the mood of the nation was to strike (the neighbouring

country)," the PM stated.

He was apparently referring to former Union Home Minister P Chidambaram's remarks he personally favoured military retribution against Pakistan following the attacks but the UPA government decided to go by the foreign ministry's view to

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/JAMMU:

Security forces launched a

massive search operation in

the forests of Kokernag area

in Jammu and Kashmir's

Anantnag to locate two miss-

ing soldiers after losing con-

tact with them during a

combing exercise in the area

against Islamabad. Chidambaram noted world powers, including the US, wanted India to not start a war with Pakistan

Ten heavily armed terrorists from Pakistan created a three-day mayhem in Mumbai in November 2008, leaving 166 people, including US nationals, dead and over 300 injured.

Furthering attacking the Congress, Modi said the Grand Old Party's weakness to resolutely fight terror strengthened the hands of terrorists and insisted the nation has the right to know who stopped India from going ahead with a military retaliation after the 26/11

"The Congress had weakened the fight against terror and compromised on national security due to which India has had to pay a heavy price and suffer a huge loss

#### **J&K BOSE** notifies datesheet for Class 11, 12 ■ STATE TIMES NÉWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmr Board of School Education (J&K BOSE) has notified the date-sheets for 11th and 12th classes Annual/Regular, 2025 (Oct-Nov Session), scheduling the examinations

November 19 and November 8 respectively. In all, over 1,52,000 students of class 11th (81,000)

and 12th (71,000) from Kashmir Division and winter zone areas of Jammu Division including students from District Kargil are taking up the exam in the forthcoming session restored by the Government back to October- November.

As per the Date- sheet, the exams will commence on November 8 for class 12th and November 19 for class 11th and are likely to conclude by second week of December.

In consideration of the disruptions in the academic calendar caused due to torrential rains/ cloudbursts

# Amit Shah to chair meeting on J&K security situation today

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will chair a high-level meeting on security situation in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

The meeting will be held in Delhi and is likely to be attended by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka, and J&K Police chief Nalin Prabhat among others.

During the meeting, a review of security situation in the Pir Panjal region and ongoing developmental projects in the UT will be underate in a coordinated manner to

taken, the officials said.

The last such review meeting on J&K was chaired by Shah on September 1.

"Home minister is likely to emphasise on the zero tolerance policy against terrorism and instruct all security agencies to remain alert and oper-

eliminate terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir," an official said. Post Pahalgam terror attack in April, there are continuous operations to dismantle the terror network in the UT while also ensuring that tourism returns to normal.

# Three gangsters held after gun fight at Lakhanpur

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Three gangsters were arrested after a brief gunfight with the police in Kathua district on Wednesday, officials said.

The gangsters were riding a motorcycle when they were intercepted by a police team for checking in Lakhanpur area, they said. According to police, the accused, who were

coming from the Punjab border side, opened fire and tried to speed away from the scene on their motorcycle.

The police also fired warning shots and chased the gangsters, who subsequently lost balance and hit a roadside electricity pole near Kidian Ghadiyal bridge, resulting in injuries to them, 

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## Police attach property of Pak-based terror handler in Budgam

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police attached a property of a Pakistan-based terror handler in Budgam district on Wednesday, an official spokesperson said. The property, measuring 3

kanals (1 kanal is equal to 5,445 sq ft) and 19 marlas (1 marla is equal to 272.251 sqft), is located in Dasan, Beerwah. It was attached after obtaining prior approval from the competent authority, the police spokesperson said.

He said the property belongs to Fayaz Ahmad alias Gadda, who exfiltrated to Pakistan and was found to be utilising the said property for promot-

## Sergio Gor confirmed as **US Ambassador to India**

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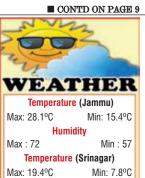
NEW YORK/WASHING-TON: Sergio Gor has been confirmed by the Senate as the next US Ambassador to becoming the youngest American envoy to

Gor, 38, was among 107 nominees confirmed by the Senate in a single en bloc vote on Tuesday, with 51 senators voting in favour and 47 against. The confirmations came despite the current US government shutdown Among the other nominees

confirmed were Paul Kapur of California as Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs and Anjani Sinha of Florida as Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore. In August, Trump had

nominated Gor, Director of Presidential Personnel, to be the next US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian

Describing Gor as a "great friend, who has been at my side for many years", Trump had said that "for the



Sunset: 18:07 Hours

Sunrise: 06:29 Hours

Max: 88

ing terrorist activities in Kashmir. During the course of investigation, it surfaced that Ahmad was attempting to sell the land with the intention of using the sale proceeds to further support and finance terrorist activities, the spokesperson said. Accordingly, sanction was obtained under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in case FIR no. 56/2019 registered at Chadoora police station for the formal attachment of the said property, he said. Police said Ahmad is currently based in Pakistan and contin-

to track down terrorists, officials said on Wednesday. The combing operation was launched two days ago in the Ahlan Gadole area of Kokernag as following inputs ues to be involved in antithat a group to terrorists was national activities from across

JAMMU: The pilgrimage to

the Mata Vaishno Devi

shrine atop Trikuta hills

resumed on Wednesday

morning after remaining sus-

pended for three days owing

to inclement weather, offi-

The traffic on the 270-km

Jammu-Srinagar national

highway was also partially

allowed after a day-long sus-

pension, while all govern-

ment and private schools

reopened in Jammu and else-

where after two days' closure,

A spokesman of the Mata

the officials said.

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hiding there, they said.

Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage resumed after

3-day suspension; highway partially opened

shrine restarted with the

opening of all registration

counters around 6 am on

The pilgrimage is progress-



Two soldiers go missing during combing

operation in Anantnag, search underway

Search ops to track down terrorists intensified in Rajouri, Udhampur

are part of the elite para unit, went missing as their communication line went out, the officials said, adding that helicopters were pressed into

aerial reconnaissance in a bid to locate the missing soldiers. Ahlan Gadole has become the new hotspot of terrorism in Kashmir as the area wit-

# charge of Chairman **J&KWRRA**

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Wednesday assigned the charge of Chairman J&K Water Resources Regulatory Authority (J&KWRRA) to Administrative Secretary, Jal Shakti Department

"It is ordered that Administrative Secretary, Jal Shakti Department shall hold the charge of Chairman, Water Resources Regulatory Authority (J&KWRRA), till the conclusion of selection process by the Selection Committee constituted in terms of Government Order

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#### nessed two major encounters August 2024 and September 2023.

While two soldiers and a civilian were killed in a fierce gun battle with terrorists last year, four security forces personnel, including two army officers and a police officer, laid down their lives while tracking down the ultras in the dense forests.

The search operation was going on till last reports came in, the officials said. Meanwhile, ecurity forces

have stepped up their search for terrorists believed to

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## BJP's doors closed to NC, never wanted to form government together: LoP

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The BJP on Wednesday said the party never intended to join the National Conference government headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah after the assembly elections held in Jammu and Kashmir

Addressing a press conference here, BJP MLA and Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, Sunil Sharma, said the party was content with sitting in the opposition.

He also said the BJP will not ally with the National Conference and its doors were shut to the regional

The LoP said Abdullah recently stated that he had two options --" to either form the government on his own or ally with the BJP.

"I do not know what dream he had where the BJP offered to form the government together. If any BJP leader offered him this, he should bring it to the fore, or stop the lies and misleading stories," Sharma said.

He asked Abdullah to either bring the facts about BJP's support to the public domain or apologise.

"You say that you had the opportunity of going

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# Op Sindoor restored rightful place of offensive air action in national consciousness: IAF Chief

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

HINDON: The Indian Air execution Operation Sindoor proved to the world how air power can be effectively used in shaping military outcomes in just a few days, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A P Singh said

on Wednesday. Singh also said his force's "bold and precise" attacks on enemy targets during the operation restored the rightful place of offensive air action in the national con-

The air chief marshal was addressing air warriors on the occasion of the 93rd Air Force Day at the Hindon air has



(IAF) was officially estab-

Singh also awarded citations to a number of IAF units, including a Rafale squadron, for their stellar

> the operation. Hailing the success of Operation Sindoor, he called upon the air warriors to "remain prepared" for future security challenges, emphasising that the IAF's planning must be "innovative, practical and adaptive", and its training must be

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based on the principle of

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# SIA raids multiple locations across Kashmir to crack down on sleeper cell module

ing smoothly with hundreds

of devotees leaving base

The vatra to the shrine was

camp Katra for the shrine.

## **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Wednesday carried out searches at multiple locations across the valley as part of its efforts to crack down on a sleeper cell module of terrorist organisations, officials

During the raids, some suspects were detained for questioning, the officials said.

The SIA carried out extensive searches at eight locations across seven districts in the Kashmir valley, they said.

The searches were conducted as part of an ongoing investigation of case FIR No. 01/2025 of Police Station CI/SIA Kashmir, they added. The officials said the case is related to the sleeper cell



module operating in the valley at the behest of terrorist commanders of proscribed terrorist organisations of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and

Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). "The module is used for spreading secessionist propaganda, thereby radicalising

and recruiting the youth into the terror fold," they said. The search operation was

conducted simultaneously across seven districts in the valley from all three police ranges -- North, Central and South Kashmir.

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## Searches conducted in Kashmir in UAPA case

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Wednesday carried out searches at multiple locations in the valley as part of its probe into a case registered under the UAPA, officials said

The SIA teams carried out searches in Anantnag, Kulgam and Baramulla districts of the Kashmir valley, they said. In north Kashmir's Baramulla, the SIA conducted search-

s in Rafiabad and Sopore areas, the officials said. The searches were also carried out in Padapora Badasgam area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, they said. The officials said similarly in Kulgam, also in south Kashmir, the SIA sleuths conducted searches in Kalam area

The searches were part of the SIA's investigation into a ase registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the officials said.

Incriminating documents have been seized during the earches, the officials added.

Under the UAPA, the probe agency can file a chargesheet in 180 days after the arrest and the duration can be extended after informing court. It has death penalty and life imprisonment as maximum punishments

## JDA conducts anti-encroachment drive at Jagti-Nagrota; retrieves 50 Kanal land



JCB demolishing illegal structure on JDA land at Jagti.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Continuing its

anti-encroachment drive, the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) Wednesday carried out a demolition operation on Khasra No. 504, Kore Jagir, Nagrota. During the operation, 3 illegal structures and 2 plinths were demolished, retrieving around 50 kanal of prime JDA land.

A signboard indicating JDA ownership has been installed on the retrieved

patch to prevent any future conducted under directions of the Vice Chairman, JDA Rupesh Kumar as part of the larger campaign to remove unauthorized constructions and encroachments from JDA land across the Jammu region. The Authority has also intensified action against under-construction illegal structures throughout the city to ensure strict enforcement of land and building regulations.