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## Nine killed in blast near Red Fort; cars gutted, over 20 injured



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: A high-intensity explosion ripped through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near the Red Fort metro station on Monday evening, killing at least nine people and gutting several vehicles, officials said.  
Twenty-four people were injured in the blast that took place on a busy evening when the area was milling with people. The injured were taken to the LNJP

hospital, a few kilometres away. Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Goleha said the car, in which the blast took place, had some occupants.  
According to a senior police officer, "The blast occurred in a moving Hyundai i20 car in which three people were sitting. We have not found any pellet or puncture in the body of the injured, which is unusual in a bomb blast. We

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### Agencies probing blast with full intensity: Amit Shah

**NEW DELHI:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that top investigating agencies are probing the blast near Red Fort with full intensity, and will go in-depth into the explosion which took place in a Hyundai i20 car.  
Citing hospital authorities, the home minister said eight people lost their lives while several others received injuries in the blast, and the investigators are keeping all options open while probing the incident.

Top agencies are investigating the incident with full intensity, and they will go in-depth into the incident, Shah said.

The blast took place in a Hyundai i20 car at a traffic signal near the Red Fort around 7 pm, damaging three to four other vehicles and injuring pedestrians and people travelling in auto-rickshaws, he added.

All angles are being probed by the investigators, and no possibility is being ruled out, he said after meeting some of the injured persons at the LNJP Hospital.

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### Police seeks bail cancellation of over 30 accused in UAPA cases

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday initiated legal proceedings for the cancellation of bail to more than 30 accused persons facing trial under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.  
A police spokesperson said the action is aimed at dismantling terror ecosystem in the valley.  
The legal proceedings have been started in Shopian, Anantnag, and Baramulla districts.  
As part of its sustained efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem and

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### SDPO Gandhi Nagar transferred after assault on JKAS Officer

Kuljit Singh, SDPO Basohli posted as SDPO Gandhi Nagar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Gandhi Nagar, Sunil Jasrotia, has been transferred following allegations of assaulting a JKAS officer, Azhar Khan, outside Polytechnic College at Bikram Chowk.

According to reports, the incident occurred today, when Azhar Khan, serving as Block Development Officer (BDO) and designated Transport Incharge for the by-elections, was allegedly physically assaulted by SDPO Jasrotia. The issue turned into scuffle reportedly

due to BDO's vehicle's wrong side entry to Bikram Chowk. However, while the matter is being investigated. "DySP Sunil Singh, SDPO Gandhi Nagar, has been transferred and directed to report to PHQ for further posting. Consequently, Kuljit Singh, DSP, SDPO Basohli has been transferred and posted as SDPO Gandhi Nagar, Jammu with immediate effect," reads an order issued by Sandeep Wazir, AIG-P, with the approval of DGP.  
Meanwhile, in a communication addressed to the Lieutenant Governor

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### Former SI gets 3 years jail for forging DoB

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: A court here has sentenced a former police officer to three years' imprisonment for forging his date of birth (DoB) to extend service, officials said on Monday.

The Court of City Judge, Srinagar also imposed a fine of Rs 5,000 on former Sub-Inspector Jagdesh Singh, a resident of Atina, Budgam.  
In case of default in payment of fine, the convict shall undergo an additional six months of imprisonment. All sentences shall run concurrently, the officials added.  
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### Death penalty for Yasin Malik: NIA requests Delhi HC to hold in-camera hearing

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday asked the Delhi High Court for in-camera proceedings while hearing the appeal seeking death penalty for Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin Malik in the 2017 terror funding case.  
A bench of Justices Vivek Chaudhary and Manoj Jain said the plea would be considered after NIA's counsel, Special Public Prosecutor Akshai Malik, requested to conduct the proceedings in-camera and provide a private virtual link.

Yasin Malik, who appeared through video conferencing from Tihar jail, said he was subjected to psychological torture because of the protracted delay of around three years in deciding the appeal.  
The bench has posted the matter to January 28 for hearing the arguments.

In September, Yasin Malik, in an 85-page affidavit submitted before the high

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### Demanded Rs 20,000 for deleting video from his digital portal FIR registered against 'snatcher-cum-blackmailer reporter' Shubham Manswalia for extortion

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu Police has registered an FIR against Shubham Manswalia, a snatcher cum self-styled journalist associated with an unregistered online portal, "The Daily Truth News", following a complaint of blackmailing, extortion, and criminal defamation.

The accused Shubham Manswalia misused the ban-



ner of journalism to indulge in criminal activities, including extortion and defamation of reputed persons and institutions.

According to FIR 321/25

registered at Trikuta Nagar Police Station under section 308 (2) for extortion and blackmailing, Shubham demanded Rs 20,000 in exchange for deleting a fabricated and defamatory video uploaded on his so-called news portal. A voice recording clearly proves how Shubham was negotiating the deal to extract money in lieu of video deletion from his portal.

Shockingly, Shubham Manswalia already has a criminal background and was earlier booked

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### Annual Convocation of IIT Bhilai LG highlights new opportunities for young engineers, science graduates



LG Manoj Sinha at annual convocation of Indian Institute of Technology, Bhilai on Monday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha graced and addressed the annual convocation of Indian Institute of Technology, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh on Monday.  
Speaking on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor

said that young engineers and scientists must focus on providing new solutions to take the industries and the nation forward, convert scientific and technical principles into real tools and ensure India leads in innovation.  
"Our prime objective is

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### Three-cornered contest in Nagrota bypoll today

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bypoll to Nagrota assembly constituency is set to be held on Tuesday amid tight security arrangements, with over 97,000 voters to decide the fate of ten candidates.

The segment is witnessing a three-cornered contest among the BJP, National Conference (NC) and the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP).

The bypoll was necessitated following the demise of former MLA Devender Singh Rana on October 31 last year.

His 30-year-old daughter, Deyyani Rana, riding on public sympathy and goodwill, is contesting on

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## Kashmir-Haryana-UP 'white collar' terror module busted 2,900 kg explosives seized, 8 including Kashmiri doctor arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR/FARIDABAD: Eight people, including three doctors, were arrested and 2,900 kg of explosives seized with the uncovering of a "white collar" terror module involving the Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind and spanning Kashmir, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, officials said on Monday.

Among those arrested following a 15-day operation were Kashmir's Dr Muzammil Ganaie in Faridabad and Lucknow's Dr Shaheen who was brought by air to Srinagar for custodial interrogation, officials said.

An AK-47 rifle was found in her car.

The joint operation by the police forces of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana as well as central agencies have achieved a major breakthrough, officials said.

They did not divulge details of exactly when the arrests took place.

With this, the police have successfully thwarted the destructive designs of both the terror groups, the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH), an offshoot of the ISIS in India.

The 2,900 kg of explosive

material includes ammonium nitrate, potassium nitrate and sulphur. Of this, 360 kg of inflammable material suspected to be ammonium nitrate and some arms and ammunition were recovered from Ganaie rented accommodation in Faridabad, said a statement from the Jammu and Kashmir police.

The recoveries from various places include a Chinese Star pistol with ammunition, a Beretta pistol with ammunition, an AK 56 rifle with ammunition, an AK Krinkov rifle with ammunition as well as explosives, chemicals, reagents, inflammable

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### SIA produces kingpin of narco-terror module in Jammu court, sent to judicial custody

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday produced Pakistan-linked narco-terror kingpin Mohammed Arshad in a court in Jammu, and he was sent to judicial custody.

The SIA on Saturday achieved a major breakthrough with the arrest of Arshad, the alleged kingpin of a narco-terror module, at

Mumbai airport.

Mohammad Arshad alias Asif, a resident of Degwar-Terwan village in Haveli tehsil of Poonch, had been absconding since 2023 and was reportedly operating from Saudi Arabia, SIA officials said.

According to officials, the SIA issued a Look-Out Circular (LOC) against Arshad in 2023, and they followed it up with a non-bail-

able warrant (NBW).

The LOC came after authorities launched an operation against a narco-terror module operating in the Pir Panjal region in Poonch.

Arshad was the kingpin of the module and a key link between Pakistan-based handlers and operatives in Jammu and Kashmir, a SIA officer said. In the joint police-Army search

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### Stone pelting not very ordinary action: SC to Shabir Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Pelting of stones in Jammu and Kashmir is not a very ordinary action, the Supreme Court on Monday remarked while asking Kashmiri separatist leader Shabir Ahmed Shah to approach the NC government for obtaining his detention order.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Nath granted the NIA three

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Humidity  
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