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are investigating all angles." Police sources said the car was registered in the name of one Nadeem Khan and bore a Haryana number plate. A high alert has been sounded in Delhi, and security has been beefed up at city border points, with vehicle checking intensified. Panic gripped the area as fire billowed from burning cars following the explosion. Videos shared by the Chandni Chowk Traders' Association revealed the magnitude of the blast. A mangled body could be seen lying on a vehicle, while another clip showed a body on the road. Eyewitnesses said body parts could be seen scattered near the blast site.

Ten fire tenders were rushed to the spot as police cordoned off the area, the Delhi Fire Services said. The blaze caused by the blast was brought under control by 7.29 pm, officials said. Golcha told reporters that Union Home Minister Amit Shah is being regularly briefed about the incident.

"There was a blast around 6.52 pm in a slow-moving vehicle at a traffic signal near the Red Fort metro station. There were passengers inside the vehicle. Other vehicles got affected. All agencies -- Delhi Police, Forensic Science Laboratory, National Investigation Agency (NIA), National Security Guard (NSG) -- have arrived and they are taking stock of the situation," he said.

Shah spoke to the Delhi police chief and the director of the Intelligence Bureau to take stock of the situation. He directed the chiefs of the NSG, NIA and forensic sciences to send expert teams to the blast site to assist the probe and collect evidence.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also took stock of the situation and expressed condolences over the deaths.

No terror outfit has so far claimed responsibility for the attack.

Police are scanning CCTV footage to determine the route of the vehicle before the blast occurred.

They are questioning locals and asking eyewitnesses to share information about any suspicious activity in the lead-up to the incident.

Mobile dump data are being gathered, and dossiers of suspected terrorists are being scanned.

According to a fire department official, six cars, two e-rickshaws and one autorickshaw were gutted in the fire.

The blast was so powerful that it shattered the window panes of vehicles parked several metres away, and the sound was heard at ITO, a few kilometres from the site.

A person injured in the incident said the explosion appeared to have originated from a car. Another witness said, "I was at the gurdwara when I heard a loud sound. We were dumbfounded. A number of vehicles were completely damaged."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took stock of the situation and spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah, government sources said.

In the aftermath of the incident, the Chandni Chowk market will be closed on Tuesday, said market president Sanjay Bhargava.

Bhargava's shop is about 800 metres away from the incident site. He said the entire building shook due to the blast.

There was chaos in the market as people started running, he shared.

The blast in Delhi occurred hours after the recovery of around 360 kg of suspected ammonium nitrate and a cache of arms and ammunition from a Kashmiri doctor's rented accommodation in Faridabad, bordering Delhi.

Haryana Police, in coordination with their Jammu and Kashmir counterparts, arrested Dr Muzammil Ganaie from Faridabad's Dhauj area.

Agencies probing blast...

Asked if it was a terror attack, Shah said, "It is difficult to say what caused the incident. Until the samples recovered from the blast site are analysed by forensic authorities and NSG, we can't say anything. But we are not ruling out anything, and investigating the matter from all angles."

Teams of Delhi Police, NIA, NSG and FSL have started the probe, he said, and hoped that the exact details of the blast would be unearthed soon.

Shah also visited the blast site and said he will hold a high-level meeting with top officials on Tuesday to analyse the blast.

Three-cornered contest...

a BJP ticket. She faces NC's 37-year-old nominee Shamim Begum, a postgraduate in Urdu and a sitting District Development Council (DDC) member; and JKNPP president Harsh Dev Singh, a senior advocate and former education minister.

"All necessary arrangements have been put in place for smooth polling. Adequate security measures have also been ensured," a senior official said.

He added that polling staff, static and mobile surveillance teams, and magistrates have been deployed across booths. A total of 97,893 voters are eligible to cast their vote at 154 polling stations.

2,900 kg explosives...

material, electronic circuits, batteries, wires, remote control, timers and metal sheets, it said.

Ganaie, a teacher at the Al Falah University in the Haryana town abutting New Delhi, was arrested after the Jammu and Kashmir police named him as a wanted person in a case involving putting up posters supporting the Jaish-e-Mohammed in Srinagar.

Of the eight arrested, seven are from Kashmir -- Arif Nisar Dar alias Sahil, Yasir-ul-Ashraf, and Maqsood Ahmad Dar alias Shahid from Nowgam in Srinagar; Maulvi Irfan Ahmad from Shopian; Zameer Ahmad Ahanger alias Murtasha from Wakura area of Ganderbal; Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie alias Misaib from Kail area of Pulwama, and Dr Adeel from Wanpora area of Kulgam. Dr Shaheen is based in Lucknow.

Several Pakistani numbers were found on the phones of Ganaie and Adeel, officials said. They could be the possible handlers of the network.

On October 19, multiple JeM posters were found pasted at different locations in Bumpora Nowgam area of the city here, threatening and intimidating police and security forces.

That was the starting point of the investigation, leading to the unravelling of the interstate terror network.

"The investigation revealed a white collar terror ecosystem, involving radicalised professionals and students in contact with foreign handlers, operating from Pakistan and other countries," said a statement from the Jammu and Kashmir police.

It said the group has been using encrypted channels for indoctrination, coordination, fund movement and logistics.

"Funds were raised through professional and academic networks, under the guise of social/charitable causes. The accused were found involved in identifying persons, to radicalise, initiate and recruit them to terrorist ranks, besides raising funds, arranging logistics, procurement of arms/ammunition and material for preparing IEDs," it said.

According to the Jammu and Kashmir police, the sophisticated terror module allegedly used professional and academic networks as a front, collecting funds under the false pretense of supporting social and charitable causes.

The accused were allegedly involved in a wide range of illegal activities, including the crucial process of identifying, radicalising, and recruiting new members for terrorist organizations. Their role also involved managing logistics, collecting funds, and securing weapons and materials for IEDs, it said.

"In a major counter-terrorism success, Jammu and Kashmir Police has busted an inter-state and transnational terror module, linked with proscribed terrorist organisations JeM and AGuH. The operation has led to the arrest of key operatives and recovery of a massive cache of arms, ammunition and explosives, during coordinated searches in J-K and other states," a police spokesperson said in Srinagar.

Briefing reporters in Faridabad earlier in the day, Commissioner of Police Satender Kumar Gupta said raids were conducted at Ganaie's premises on Sunday.

"I want to clarify it is not RDX," he said.

Besides, other material that can be used in terror activities was also seized from his room. This included 20 timers, four timers with batteries, 5 kg of heavy metal, a walkie talkie set, batteries, an assault rifle with three magazines and 83 live rounds, one pistol with eight live rounds, two empty cartridges and two additional magazines.

Gupta refused to give any more details. "There are many other operational details and since the operation is ongoing, these cannot be shared at the moment," he said.

Asked where the accused were intending to carry out the terror act, Gupta said, "The investigations are on."

"Keeping in view national security, there are many details about this module and it is not appropriate to share these at the moment," he said.

According to police in Srinagar, there could be more arrests in the case. The role of a few more individuals has surfaced who will be traced and apprehended.

During the ongoing investigation, searches were conducted at multiple locations by J-K Police in Srinagar, Anantnag, Ganderbal and Shopian districts.

J-K Police also conducted searches at Faridabad, in tandem with Haryana Police, and at Saharanpur, with the UP Police, he added.

Financial investigation, regarding the flow of funds, is on and all linkages are being traced and addressed expeditiously, the police statement said.

Stone pelting not...

weeks to respond to Shah's fresh affidavit after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta pointed out newly mentioned facts and stressed his links with Pakistan-based terror networks.

Senior advocate Collin Gonsalves, appearing for Shah, submitted that his family was not given the detention order and he seeks series of detention orders passed since 1970.

Mehta opposed the submission and said the issue was not raised before the Delhi High Court.

"You ask the government to provide you the details. Why ask in bail proceedings? It's over a 50 years," the bench observed.

Gonsalves argued that Shah has been in jail for 39 years on a common charge namely speeches followed by stone pelting.

Justice Mehta then said, "Pelting of stones in this state is not a very ordinary action." The top court had earlier refused to grant interim bail to Shah in a terror funding case.

It however, issued notice to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) seeking its response within two weeks on Shah's plea challenging the Delhi High Court's June 12 order denying him bail in the case.

The high court had refused to grant him bail in the case, observing the possibility of him carrying out similar unlawful activities and influencing witnesses couldn't be ruled out. Shah was arrested by the NIA on June 4, 2019.

SIA produces kingpin...

operation in 2023, an exchange of fire broke out between terrorists and the search team on the intervening night of May 30-31.

Four terrorists were apprehended and a huge cache of arms, ammunition - one IED, six hand grenades, one AK-56 rifle with 70 rounds and four pistols - and 29 kg of hero-in were recovered.

A total of eight people were found involved in the matter, of whom two were absconding. One of them, Laquit Ahmed, was arrested by SIA Jammu at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad in March 2025, after he had fled to Dubai following the incident, the spokesperson said.

Arshad had facilitated Ahmed's travel to Dubai and also organised a secret meeting in the Surankote area of Poonch to revive terrorism and narco-terror operations in the Pir Panjal region, the spokesperson said.

Former SI gets...

Branch Kashmir said the case stemmed from a communication received from the Police Headquarters (PHQ) J-K, indicating that the accused had altered his year of birth from 1957 to 1959 in official records to unlawfully extend his service tenure by two years. Investigation revealed that Singh had fraudulently modified his date of birth to November 10, 1959 in his service documents, including his character roll and matriculation certificate, to gain undue service benefits, the officials said.

During the trial, the Economic Offences Wing produced sufficient witnesses and substantial documentary evidence proving Singh's guilt, they said.

SDPO Gandhi Nagar...

of Jammu and Kashmir, the JKAS officers expressed "deep anguish and strong protest" over the incident, describing it as a grave attack on the dignity and safety of civil officers engaged in statutory duties.

According to the letter, the incident occurred while the BDO was performing his official responsibilities as Nodal Officer (Transport). The officers alleged that, despite being on a sensitive election assignment, the BDO was subjected to physical assault and harassment.

In solidarity with their colleague, the JKAS officers have collectively decided to proceed on mass casual leave with immediate effect. They have demanded stern and visible action against the concerned officer(s) and the institution of adequate safeguards to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

The letter further urged the Lieutenant Governor's intervention to uphold the dignity of the civil service, restore officer confidence, and ensure that administrative functioning remains free from intimidation and abuse.

Police seeks bail...

ensure strict enforcement of the law, police have filed applications for bail cancellation in cases registered under the UAPA, the spokesperson said.

He said the action was taken after it was found that several accused persons, who had been granted bail by the competent courts, were violating bail conditions and re-engaging in activities detrimental to public order and security.

These violations were meticulously documented during regular surveillance and review of UAPA cases by the police, he said.

In Shopian, police have filed applications against 13 such accused, while nine have been identified in Anantnag, and in Sopore area of Baramulla district, police identified 11 such individuals, the spokesperson said.

Strict legal action is being pursued to ensure that such individuals do not exploit legal relief to continue anti-national or unlawful activities, he added.

By moving for bail cancellation, the police aim to ensure that legal provisions are not misused to undermine public order or national security, the spokesperson said.

FIR registered against...

and charge-sheeted in FIR 91/2023 at Police Station Channi Himmat under Section 382 IPC (snatching case) for allegedly snatching.

Meanwhile, according to official records, FIR 91/2023 was registered at Police Station Channi Himmat on the written complaint of Ram Babu, son of Dhan Parsad, resident of Sanjay Nagar, Jammu I the year 2023. The complainant had stated that on June 7, 2023, around 2:00 PM, his Vivo Y21 mobile phone (Light Sky Blue) was snatched near Jammu Darbar, Channi Himmat by a motorcyclist riding a bike bearing registration number JK02DA-3858.

"This bike (JK02DA-3858) used in snatching by Shubham was registered in name of his sister Bharti Mansvalia, resident of Choti Masjid, H:NO; 284 Ustad Mohalla, Jammu, daughter of Kasturi Lal," police charge-sheet states. Presently, this case against Shubham is under judicial consideration in the court of special excise magistrate and the hearing in this case is on November 12, 2025.

Further, in a startling revelation that exposed the rot within unregulated digital media operations, Onkar Singh, the Editor-in-Chief of this unregistered online portal, "The Daily Truth News", has been found to possess an official Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly entry card - despite the portal having no registration or accreditation with the Department of Information and Public Relations.

Calling Mansvalia a "habitual offender" for misusing the name of journalism, all the Jammu based senior journalists had urged the authorities to take strict action under relevant sections of law against blackmailer reporter and blackmailer portal.

"How unregistered digital portals and its associated social media handles are being used for extortion, blackmail and online intimidation," said former PCJ President Manu Shrivastava, adding "this incident has once again sparked concerns within the media fraternity about the mushrooming of fake news portals and the misuse of the 'press' identity for unlawful activities, tarnishing the image of genuine journalists and credible media institutions."

Earlier, the Press Club of Jammu's former president Ashwani Kumar and founder member M K Bangroo also raised serious concern over the mushrooming of such fake and unregistered portals that are bringing disrepute to the noble profession of journalism.

LG highlights new...

entering a new phase of acceleration which will drive the future growth and development. "India is a global leader in key areas of innovation and we have succeeded in creating a dynamic technology ecosystem and will lead the deep-tech ventures of the world," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, highlighted new opportunities for young engineers and science graduates.

He said that the demand for generative design and predictive maintenance professionals will increase in the future. Software engineering and development has registered a growth of more than 5% and considering the global demand, millions of professionals will be required every year. Due to climate change, the renewable energy and green technology sector has brought new opportunities. Defence technology, Aerospace, Biotechnology, automation, robotics and healthcare are other high growth areas for young professionals, he further added.

"Scientists and Engineers across the world are competing with each other to discover new frontiers of technology and making efforts to invent better, faster and more efficient technology than before. You need to create your own space in this exploration and leave a positive impact."

Around 89% of our startups are into technological innovation and through the Seven Pillars of AI Mission, India will bring a new revolution in agriculture, health sector, climate sector and governance. This will prove to be a golden period for all graduating students," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Death penalty for...

court, claimed that he spent nearly three decades as a key figure in a state-sanctioned "backchannel" mechanism, working with a succession of prime ministers, intelligence chiefs and even business tycoons to foster peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Under Modi's leadership, India is rapidly moving towards self-reliance : Billawaria

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BASOHLI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, addressed an important organizational meeting in the Basohli Assembly Constituency. The meeting witnessed the participation of BJP Pahari District President Gopal Kishan, DDC Chairman Col. Mahan Singh, MLA-Basohli Darshan Singh, BJP Pahari District In-charge Amar Singh, along with senior party office bearers, mandal presidents, booth presidents, morcha presidents, and a large number of dedicated workers. During the meeting, extensive discussions were held on major ongoing BJP initiatives such as "Aatmanirbhar Bharat," "Sardar Patel @150," "Vande Mataram @150," and strategies for the upcoming local bodies and panchayat elections.



Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria stated that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is rapidly moving towards self-reliance. He emphasized that under the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan," the government has launched several initiatives to promote local industries, startups, agriculture, and technological innovation, ensuring that their benefits reach every citizen.

Addressing booth-level workers, Billawaria called upon them to take a pledge to transform every booth into a "Vijay Booth" (Booth of Victory). He urged them to ensure that BJP's policies, welfare schemes, and development initiatives reach every household. He encouraged party members to stay connected with the people, listen to their concerns, resolve their issues, and spread the party's ideology to every section of society. During the meeting, senior office bearers from various regions presented reports on their organizational activities and shared valuable suggestions for the party's future strategy.

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GDC Nowshera organises Intra-College Quiz Competition

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NOWSHERA: Government Degree College Nowshera organized an Intra-College Quiz Competition titled "Vande Mataram: The Spirit of the Nation" on 10th November 2025, as per the schedule shared by the Office of the District Administration. The event was held under the able guidance and supervision of our worthy Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmad Azad.



The programme was coordinated by Prof. Romani Gupta from the Department of English. Four teams participated in the competition, named Milky Way Galaxy, Black Eye Galaxy, Tadpole Galaxy, and Cartwheel Galaxy, with four members in each team.

Around 40 students were present as the audience and showed great interest throughout the programme.

The highlight of the event came during the final round when participants were asked if anyone could sing the verses of "Vande Mataram." A student from the audience, Preeti Choudhary, from Semester I, confidently volunteered and beautifully sang the song. Her melodious rendition filled the hall with patriotic fervor and added a special charm to the competition.

39 detained in major operation to dismantle terror ecosystem

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday said that continuing its unwavering efforts to eradicate the remnants of terror networks and to dismantle the ecosystem supporting subversive activities, police in Ganderbal carried out a series of coordinated raids across multiple locations in the district.

The police said that during the extensive searches conducted in the houses of J&K Nationals Operating from Pakistan/Pak-Occupied-Kashmir (JKNOPs) and Surrendered/Ex-terrorists, the police detained 39 Persons under preventive measures and lodged them Dignibal Jail, after credible inputs suggested their involvement in activities detrimental to public peace and security.

The operation, led by senior officers of Police, aimed at disrupting the local support network that facilitates anti-national elements and ensures sustained peace and stability in the district. A number of digital devices and incriminating materials were also seized during the raids and have been sent for detailed forensic analysis. Such proactive measures are part of a comprehensive strategy to neutralize the terror ecosystem and safeguard the youth from being influenced by anti-social and anti-national narratives.

Police reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining peace and harmony in the district and urged the general public to continue cooperating with law enforcement agencies to strengthen the collective fight against terrorism and its supporters, reads the statement.

Man found burning near Ring Road, succumbs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a tragic incident reported this morning, a man identified as Puran Chand (aged around 55 years), son of Dev Raj, resident of House No. 39, Ward No. 2, Devi Davara Mandir, R.S. Pura, was found in a critical condition with severe burn injuries near Ring Road, Kotli Mian Fateh, under the jurisdiction of Police Station Miran Sahib.

Upon receiving the information from reliable sources, a police team led by SHO Miran Sahib immediately rushed to the spot. With the help of local civilians, the flames were brought under control, and the injured person was shifted to GMC Jammu for treatment.

A Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) team also reached the site to collect scientific evidence. Police have taken cognizance of the matter, and an investigation has been initiated.

Despite receiving medical attention, Puran Chand later succumbed to his injuries at GMC Jammu.

A police investigation team, under the supervision of senior officers, is minutely examining all possible angles of the case. Authorities have urged the general public and media persons to refrain from speculation and wait for the official statement once factual details and evidence are fully established.

Omar inaugurates 20th Foundation Day of IUST Awantipora

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday inaugurated the 20th Foundation Day celebrations of the Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora, reiterating his Government's commitment to strengthen the higher education, skilling, and research ecosystem across Jammu and Kashmir to enable youth to lead the region towards a progressive and knowledge-driven future.



Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister extended warm felicitations to the University for achieving the milestone, praising IUST's remarkable progress over two decades. "Great things often come from humble beginnings. The growth I see here today in infrastructure, academic environment and the quality of students-reflects that IUST has evolved into a beacon of learning and innovation," he said.

Reflecting on the transformation in the education landscape, Omar Abdullah highlighted the significance of the new education policy and its flexibility for students. "The ability to design your own degree and blend practical knowledge with classroom learning is a gift your generation enjoys. In our time, education meant repeating what was in the books, without knowing if it would ever be useful. Today's system encourages creative and critical thinking," he observed.

The Chief Minister, who earlier inaugurated the University's Tech Expo, lauded the students' ingenuity and problem-solving spirit. "The innovative projects I saw today give me confidence that our future will be brighter than our present. From robotic fruit-picking systems to automatic snow shovels designed for narrow lanes-these ideas address real challenges and demonstrate the evolving mindset of our youth," he remarked.