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Dean Academic Affairs; Prof. Abdul Wahid, Registrar, IUST; senior officials, Heads of Departments, faculty members and students were present. Later, while inaugurating the International Film Festival of Srinagar; the Lieutenant Governor exhorted the film-makers to come up with films, which narrate the ordeal of terror victims, exposes the ringleaders of terror ecosystem and showcase the transformation after August 2019.

He said people must expose the enemies of peace by providing information about them to the Police and Security Agencies, so that the entire terror ecosystem hiding behind the cover in the society is neutralised and a befitting reply is given to the evil intentions of the neighbouring country.

The Lieutenant Governor stated that after the last 5-6 years of tireless, dedicated work and many sacrifices of the J&K Police, Army, Intelligence and Security Forces, we have been able to create a fear-free environment in J&K and established a safe, supportive and inclusive system for youth to realise their dreams. He stated that society must come together to guard this peace, progress, joy and renewed hope.

"We must eliminate every single terror element within the society to completely restore the peace. This effort requires the cooperation of all sections of the public," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The 4th edition of The International Film Festival of Srinagar (TIFFS) received over 100 film entries from 20 countries. An eminent jury panel has shortlisted 20 short films, 6 feature films, and 4 documentaries for screening. The selected feature films represent countries like India, Poland, Russia, and Sri Lanka. Other nations represented in the selections include the USA, France, Germany, Turkey, and Switzerland, among others.

The 3-days of cinematic celebration will showcase cinema that bridges cultures and celebrates storytelling. The vibrant cultural and cinematic festival serves as a powerful symbol of Jammu Kashmir's artistic resurgence, drawing filmmakers and audiences from across the globe and solidifying its standing as a global platform for creative exchange.

Rohit Bhat and Rakesh Roshan Bhat, Festival Directors, TIFFS, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir; Anshul Garg, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Rajiv Pandey, DIG CKR; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; members of Vomedh group, Avanti Foundation, and Landmark Crafts Limited, prominent artists, film personalities and Cinema lovers attended the inaugural ceremony.

Highlights...

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Jammu Police calls...

to remain alert about any suspicious movement in their areas. The drive aims to sensitise them," Deputy Superintendent of Police Vikram Bhanu told reporters after security meetings.

He said meetings were held with shopkeepers, transporters, business owners and street vendors at the bus stand to ensure vigilance in the area and seek their support in informing police about any suspicious movement or unattended objects.

Seeking public cooperation in enhancing surveillance, he said, "We urge citizens and traders to install CCTV cameras - preferably high-resolution ones - as part of the broader security setup. This will greatly help the police."

Police have intensified round-the-clock patrolling and are monitoring footage from dozens of cameras across the city as part of strengthened security measures. "We want people to act as our eyes and ears to help prevent any untoward incident," the officer added.

He said that CCTV cameras have been installed in the bus stand area, which had remained in high vigilance. "The quick reaction teams are put in place. Jammu police is always in your service. Please share any suspected movement," he said.

The officer, however, said that there is no need to panic but remain vigilant, as police and security forces are able to deal with any situation.

Police officers, led by Deputy Inspector General Shiv Kumar Sharma, also conducted outreach activities across Jammu, Samba, and Kathua districts to enhance alertness among security forces as well as the public following the Delhi blast.

Govt terms car...

outside Red Fort, killing 12 people. On the same day, eight persons, including three doctors were arrested when an inter-state "white-collar" terror module was busted.

"The Cabinet directs that the investigation into the incident be pursued with the utmost urgency and professionalism so that the perpetrators, their collaborators, and their sponsors are identified and brought to justice without delay. The situation continues to be closely monitored at the highest levels of the government," the resolution said.

Terming the car explosion as a "senseless act of violence", the Union Cabinet condemned this dastardly and cowardly act, and conveyed its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

It also prayed for the speedy recovery of all those injured, and appreciated the prompt efforts of the medical personnel and emergency responders, who have been providing care and support to the victims.

"The Cabinet also recorded its appreciation for the statements of solidarity and support from many governments around the world," I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said reading out the Cabinet resolution.

The Cabinet also appreciated the timely and coordinated response of the authorities, security agencies, and citizens who acted with courage and compassion in the face of adversity.

"Their dedication and sense of duty are deeply commendable," it said.

The Cabinet also reaffirmed the government's steadfast resolve to safeguard the lives and well-being of all Indians, consistent with its enduring commitment to national security and the safety of every citizen.

J&K Police detains...

centrepoint of an interstate 'white collar' terror module with links to the Red Fort blast in which 12 people were killed, the officials said.

It was from his rented home that police recovered more than 2,500 kg of ammonium nitrate, potassium chlorate and sulphur, they said.

The explosives were stored by Dr Muzammil Ganaie alias Musaab and Dr Umar Nabi, the man who was driving an explosives laden car which detonated outside Red Fort on Monday evening.

In total, 2,900 kg of explosive material was found. Of this, 360 kg of inflammable material suspected to be ammonium nitrate as well as arms and ammunition were recovered from Ganaie's rented accommodation in Faridabad.

Ishtiyaq was detained after a series of raids conducted by Jammu and Kashmir police along with their Haryana counterparts.

He is likely to be placed under arrest.

He will be the ninth person to be nabbed in the case by police, which carried out interstate raids on November 10 along with their counterparts in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to unravel a 'white-collar' terror network of banned Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind.

Police here believe they have successfully thwarted the destructive designs of both the terror groups. Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind is an offshoot of the ISIS in India.

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

That was the starting point of the investigation with Srinagar police registering a case against unknown people. This led to the unravelling of the interstate terror network.

Police officials said the probe points to a terror ecosystem involving radicalised professionals and students in contact with foreign handlers operating from Pakistan and other countries.

Of the eight people arrested, seven are from Kashmir. They are 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 Mutlasha from Wakura area of Ganderbal; Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie alias Musaab from Koil area of Pulwama, and Dr Adeel from Wanpora area of Kulgam. Dr Shaheen Sayeed is from Lucknow.

Inter-state, trans-national...

"The SHO informed his seniors about the disclosures, who sent a team to Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, where the cops from Jammu and Kashmir, with the help of local police, managed to nab Dr Adeel Ahmad Rather from a private hospital," the officials said.

Officials added that Dr Rather was arrested on November 6 and was brought to Srinagar the next day on a transit remand. Through his interrogation, police recovered an AK rifle from a locker at the medical college where he had worked until

October of the previous year.

The doctor revealed information about large quantities of explosives stored by other members of the module in Faridabad and other locations. Consequently, police arrested Dr Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie, who had returned to his native village in Pulwama district to attend his sister's wedding. At his direction, a substantial cache of explosives was recovered from his rented room in Faridabad, officials said.

Ganaie was working at a local hospital in Faridabad, where Umar Nabi, a key suspect in the Delhi blast case, also worked.

The SHO's crucial role in exposing the module led to his reassignment to the NCR to assist with investigations into the explosives seizure and the Delhi blast, officials noted.

Meanwhile, investigations in Kashmir have intensified, targeting individuals believed to be connected with the terror ecosystem. Dozens of people, including several doctors with close links to Rather, Ganaie, or Nabi, have been questioned by the police.

The police also questioned Fatima Bano, the wife of Moulvi Irfan, officials informed. While some of those questioned are suspected of being involved in terror activities, others are being examined to understand the recruitment processes employed by terrorist handlers operating within the union territory or across the Line of Control, officials said.

Absconder held 26...

the Jhajjar Kotli police station in 1999, they said.

A warrant under Section 512 CrPC had been issued against him by the court of Munsiff Jammu after he absconded in 1999, they said.

During this period, he had settled abroad and obtained permanent citizenship in the UK, officials added.

Following sustained efforts and coordinated action by the Jhajjar Kotli Police and with the support of multiple agencies, the accused was apprehended upon his deportation from the United Kingdom to India, they said.

Police said that the arrest marks a success for the Jammu rural police in their drive against absconders and proclaimed offenders, reaffirming their commitment to ensuring justice and upholding the rule of law.

Red Fort blast...

treatment. He met and interacted with the injured and wished them a speedy recovery, officials said, adding that he was also briefed by officials and doctors at the hospital.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited the hospital to meet the survivors on Monday.

Hours after police busted the terror module with links to proscribed Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, and arrested eight people, including three doctors, a high-intensity blast ripped through a slow-moving car outside Delhi's Red Fort area, claiming the lives of 12 people.

J&K Police raids...

and their associates.

They added the crackdown is a part of sustained efforts to dismantle the terror ecosystem and its support structure at the grassroots level.

Giving details of the massive operation, the officials said in Srinagar, police conducted extensive raids at 150 locations across the city.

The searches were carried out at the residences of terrorist associates and over-ground workers (OGWs) affiliated with proscribed terrorist organizations, in connection with ongoing investigations under the UAPA, the police officials said.

The coordinated search operations were conducted across various areas of Srinagar, targeting individuals involved in facilitating, aiding, or abetting terror-related activities, they said.

The objective of these operations was to seize incriminating material such as documents, digital devices, and other evidence relevant to ongoing investigations. The raids also form part of a broader intelligence-gathering exercise aimed at pre-empting and disrupting any conspiratorial or terrorist activities threatening public peace and national security, they added.

In Kulgam, raids were conducted at over 200 locations across the south Kashmir district.

The officials said that during the past four days, more than 400 cordon and search operations (CASOs) have been conducted across different areas of the district at the premises of OGWs, J-K-based Jammu and Kashmir Nationals Operating from Pakistan (JKNOP), places where encounters took place in past, hideouts of active or killed terrorists.

These operations have led to the interrogation of around 500 individuals affiliated with JKNOPs and other banned groups, many of whom have been bound down and shifted to District Jail Mattan, Anantnag under preventive laws, the officials added.

During the raids, incriminating material and digital devices were seized, and several JeI members were interrogated and bound down to further trace and disrupt networks aiding terrorism.

In north Kashmir's Baramulla district, police in Sopore launched a major coordinated operation and carried out a district-wide counter terror and separatist ecosystem action, by conducting simultaneous raids at over 30 plus locations across Sopore, Zaingeer, and Raffiabad areas with the assistance of other security forces, they said.

During the operations, a significant quantity of incriminating material, including documents, digital gadgets, and printed content with links to the banned organisation was recovered and seized for detailed scrutiny. Several individuals are being questioned to ascertain their involvement in unlawful activities, the police officials said.

Extensive search operations were also carried out at multiple locations across Ganderbal, in central Kashmir, targeting individuals and premises associated with the proscribed organisation, the officials said.

During the raids, a large quantity of incriminating materials, including documents, digital devices, and printed content having direct links with the banned group were recovered and seized for detailed analysis.

Several suspects have been detained for questioning to ascertain their role in unlawful and subversive activities, they said.

These operations form a crucial part of J-K Police's sustained preventive strategy aimed at dismantling the terror-separatist ecosystem, cutting off its ideological, financial, and logistical networks, and ensuring that peace and normalcy remain undisturbed, the officials said.

Similar raids were also carried out at multiple locations in other districts as well, during which several JeI members were questioned and bound down under law, the police officials added.

Red car suspected...

the red Ford EcoSport car.

The alert was issued after the investigation revealed that other suspects, already connected to the Hyundai i20 used in the explosion, were also in possession of another red-coloured car.

At least five teams of Delhi Police were deployed to locate the vehicle, while neighbouring Uttar Pradesh and Haryana Police had also been alerted to maintain heightened vigilance and assist in the search.

Sources said the red Ford EcoSport is registered in the name of Dr Umar Un Nabi, who was allegedly driving the car before the blast occurred.

The car's registration details were circulated to all border units, and the information has also been shared with the UP and Haryana Police to intensify the search.

The vehicle was suspected to have been used by Umar for reconnaissance activities.

White-collar terrorism...

of explosive material were recovered from indoctrinated doctors. How could such a staggering cache of explosives be stored at the residences of two doctors without detection? What kind of ideological ecosystem allowed such a stockpile to exist under the nose of local authorities, especially in the wake of reports about the alleged use of the university labs for making explosives? These are not just questions for the NIA—they are questions for every institution that claims to safeguard national integrity. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the investigating agencies to probe the Al-Falah University extensively with focus on the antecedents of all those manning the institution and working there. Also, the institutions—universities, GMCs, Medical Colleges across Jammu and Kashmir and outside—also need to be investigated where the Jihadist doctors and other suspects have studied or worked as interns. After all this is a question of national security.

The involvement of educated individuals, especially the medics, in terrorism also exposes that radical ideologues are working overtime to destabilize India to change its cultural and demographic identity. Pakistan sponsored terrorism seems to have transcended its operational misadventure beyond Jammu and Kashmir. This is alarming, having widespread ramifications.

The Red Fort act has brought Kashmir once again in the headlines, obviously for wrong reasons, after the Pahalgam attack, not for its beauty or resilience, but for a new kind of betrayal. The emergence of white-collar terrorism is not just a law-and-order issue; it is a civilizational crisis that calls for introspection.

Doda police commences one-week joint capsule course on law & order and riot drill

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: With a view to sharpening the professional skills of officers and officials, and to further enhance coordination between District Police and CAPF in field operations, Doda Police has commenced a one-week joint capsule course on Law and Order Management and Riot Drill at District Police Lines (DPL) Doda.



The training programme has been organized under the directions of SSP Doda, Shri Sandeep Mehta, JKPS. The course is being convened by DySP DAR Doda, who addressed the officers and jawans of District Police, CRPF, and Armed Police during the inaugural session.

While addressing the participants, DySP DAR Doda advised them to make the most of this training opportunity and gain practical knowledge to enhance inter-force coordination in handling law and order situations effectively. He further emphasized the importance of maintaining high professional standards and fostering mutual cooperation between District Police, CRPF, and Armed Police, particularly in dealing with challenges related to law and order, public unrest, and militancy.

The participating officers and jawans were directed to remain fully geared up and motivated. They were also urged to organize such joint training programmes on a regular basis to ensure operational readiness for any law and order exigency.

SSP Doda tours far-off Gundna, Tantna areas, reviews security scenario

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Continuing the outreach initiative aimed at strengthening Police-Public relations and enhancing grass-roots engagement, SSP Doda, Shri Sandeep Mehta, JKPS, today toured the far-flung Gundna and Tantna areas of Doda and held a Police Community Partnership Group (PCPG) meeting with local residents.



He was accompanied by DySP Headquarters Doda, Coy Commander of 25 AR, IC PP Gundna and other senior officers. The meeting was attended by around 60-70 prominent citizens, including Numberdars, Chowkidars, PRI members, and elderly persons of the area. The objective of the interaction was to listen to the issues and grievances of the general public and to review the prevailing security scenario in the region.

Among the key issues raised by the public was the establishment of Village Defence Group (VDG) units in the Ludna/Gundna area. SSP Doda assured that all genuine grievances pertaining to the police department would be addressed on priority, while other public issues would be taken up with the concerned civil administration and line departments for early redressal.

While addressing the gathering, SSP Doda emphasized that Doda Police is committed to reaching out to people living in remote areas to address their problems effectively. He appealed to the public to extend full cooperation to the police in maintaining peace and harmony and to actively support efforts aimed at eradicating social crimes from society.

The SSP also urged locals to promptly share information with the police regarding any instances of illicit liquor trade, bovine smuggling, drug trafficking, or other suspicious activities, so that timely preventive and legal action can be taken.

Later, SSP Doda also held a meeting with field officers and directed them to maintain close surveillance over suspects, drug addicts, OGWs (Over-Ground Workers), troublemakers, miscreants, and rumor-mongers, and to take preventive measures to uphold law and order. He called for an intensified crackdown on drug peddlers, identification of their supply networks, and decisive action against major suppliers.

He further stressed the importance of timely analysis of inputs and prompt action, with a focus on dismantling the support networks of Anti-National Elements (ANE) and generating actionable intelligence.

DDC Poonch inspects OP Hill Stadium Mendhar -Venue for November 15 grand event

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: District Development Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma today visited OP Hill Stadium-Mendhar to review the preparations for the upcoming 150th Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebration.



Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Tahir Mustafa Malik; PO ICDS Khalid Wafa; SE PwD Kewal Kumar; SDM Imran Kataria, besides

other district and sectoral officers accompanied the District Development Commissioner. During the visit, the DDC took a comprehensive review of the arrangements being made for the event. He emphasized the importance of timely and well-coordinated efforts to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the celebration. The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned departments to make elaborate arrangements in advance, including the setting up of departmental and food stalls, stage decoration, provision of medical facilities, security measures, traffic management, uninterrupted power and water supply etc. He also stressed the need to maintain cleanliness and ensure public convenience during the event.

The DDC further directed the stakeholder departments to finalize the list of cultural programme and sports activities for the day.

The DDC urged the officers to work in close coordination to make the celebration a grand success. The visit reflected the district administration's commitment to celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with enthusiasm and reverence, highlighting the invaluable contributions and rich heritage of the tribal communities.

Delhi blast: Shiv Sena (UBT), Bajrang Dal stage anti-Pakistan protest

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Activists affiliated with the Shiv Sena (UBT) and Rashtriya Bajrang Dal on Wednesday staged separate anti-Pakistan protests here and demanded stern action against the culprits behind the recent Delhi car bomb blast.

The protests at Indira Chowk and outside the Jammu bus stand concluded peacefully, as the participants shouted slogans and burnt effigies of the Pakistani flag, along with the photographs of terrorists, including Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar and Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Mohd Sayeed.

Hours after police busted the terror module with links to Jaish-e-Mohammed and Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind and arrested three doctors and five others, a high-intensity blast ripped through a slow-moving car near Delhi's Red Fort area, killing 12 people and injuring several others. Around 2,900 kilograms of explosive and inflammable materials were seized after police busted the terror module, which spanned across Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh. "Pakistan has learnt no lesson from Operation Sindoor and has spread its nefarious activities from Jammu and Kashmir to other parts of the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that any terror act in the country would be treated as an act of war, and it is time to finish the mother of terrorism," J&K Shiv Sena (UBT) president Manish Sahni told reporters. He said the involvement of white collar people in terrorism is a major concern, and all those who are working against the nation should be identified. "The culprits behind the Delhi blast should be brought to book and handed exemplary punishment," the Shiv Sena leader said. Rashtriya Bajrang Dal leader Rakesh Bajrangji also demanded tough action against Pakistan for its continued support to terrorism.