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LG lauds J&K...

J&K Police, stating that their swift action in unearthing and dismantling a pan-India terror module had saved countless lives by preventing a series of planned terror attacks across the country.

He also expressed profound grief over the unfortunate incident at Nowgam Police Station, where an accidental blast occurred during the sampling of explosive material recovered from the arrested terrorists.

"Tragically, we lost brave J&K Police personnel and officials. I express my heartfelt solidarity with the bereaved families. The process of sampling explosives was ongoing for the past two days. There is no angle of any terrorist conspiracy or external interference," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Mahant Manjit Singh; S. Ajit Singh, Chairman, All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee; members of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee; community leaders, heads of various religious organisations, and devotees in large number attended the Nagar Kirtan.

Dr. Narinder Singh Raina and Vikram Randhawa, Members of Legislative Assembly; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Bhim Singh Tuti, IGP Jammu; Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range; senior officials of Police and Civil administration and prominent citizens were also present on the occasion.

Central agencies collect...

through the police station on Friday night while authorities were extracting samples from a large cache of explosives confiscated in the 'white-collar' terror module case.

Those killed in the incident were three people from the Forensic Science Laboratory, two from the revenue department, including a Naib Tehsildar, two police photographers, one member of the State Investigation Agency and a tailor.

The blast occurred when the personnel were handling the explosive material brought from Haryana's Faridabad, officials said, adding that the explosion occurred due to the unstable nature of the chemicals.

The material was part of the 360 kg of explosives recovered from the rented residence of the arrested accused, Dr Muzammil Ganaie.

Forensic error, not...

precursor for creating Acetone Peroxide, a highly dangerous and sensitive improvised explosive.

The combination of the chemicals, coupled with external heat from the intensified lighting, or potential fumes from the Sulphuric Acid, may have caused the premature detonation, the officials said.

Both Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Nalin Prabhat and Joint Secretary (Kashmir) Prashant Lokhande had issued identical statements on Saturday, firmly dismissing speculation of a terror attack.

"Due to the unstable and sensitive nature of the recovery, the sampling process, the handling was being done with extreme caution, with utmost caution by the FSL team," Prabhat and Lokhande had said.

"However, unfortunately, during this course, last night around 11.20 pm, an accidental explosion took place," they had said in statements before the media in Srinagar and New Delhi.

The sampling of the voluminous 360 kg cache of chemicals - including Ammonium Nitrate, Potassium Nitrate and Sulphur -- had been underway for two days. The materials were transported to the Nowgam police station because it was the registration point for the original case. The massive blast severely damaged the police station building and affected adjacent structures.

Among the deceased was Mohammad Shafi Parray (47), a popular local tailor and the sole breadwinner for his family. Many politicians visited his house and assured assistance to his family.

Also killed was SIA Inspector Israr Ahmad Shah, a 2011 police force entrant known as a soft-spoken and helpful officer, survived by his wife, two young children and elderly parents in Kupwara district.

The entire 'white-collar' terror module was busted by Srinagar Police after it began an investigation into the pasting of posters that threatened police and security forces on walls in Bunpora, Nowgam, in mid-October.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Srinagar) Dr G V Sundeev Chakravarthi personally led the investigation, and the CCTV footage analysis led to the arrest of the first three suspects -- Arif Nisar Dar alias Sahil, Yasir-ul-Ashraf, and Maqsood Ahmad Dar alias Shahid.

Their interrogation led to the arrest of Maulvi Irfan Ahmad, a former paramedic turned Imam, who allegedly supplied the posters and radicalised the doctors.

The trail led the investigators to Al Falah University in Faridabad, where Dr Muzaffar Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Sayeed were arrested, and the huge chemical cache was seized.

The investigators believe a core trio of doctors -- Dr Ganaie, Umar Nabi (the driver of an explosives-laden car that exploded near the Red Fort on November 10, killing 13 people), and Muzaffar Rather (absconding) -- were running the module.

J&K terror handlers...

on November 10, did not have any past record. His family also has been clean in this aspect," the official said.

According to sources, this seems to be a deliberate ploy of the terror handlers operating in Jammu and Kashmir or from across the border in Pakistan to lure highly qualified youth and those with no past criminal record.

"It would be unthinkable for anyone to believe that a group of doctors would indulge in terror activities... So, that gave these accused persons a cover right from the start," the official said.

The module was busted after posters threatening police and security forces appeared on walls in Bunpora, Nowgam, in mid-October, prompting an investigation.

Srinagar police registered a case on October 19 and formed a dedicated team.

A meticulous, frame-by-frame analysis of CCTV footage led investigators to identify and arrest the first three suspects -- Arif Nisar Dar alias Sahil, Yasir-ul-Ashraf, and Maqsood Ahmad Dar alias Shahid. These three had cases of stone-pelting registered against them and were seen pasting the posters.

Their interrogation led to the arrest of Maulvi Irfan Ahmad, a former paramedic-turned-Imam (preacher) from Shopian who supplied the posters and is believed to have radicalised the doctors using his easy access to the medical community.

The trail ultimately led Srinagar police to Al Falah University in Faridabad, where they arrested Dr Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Sayeed. It was here that the massive cache of chemicals, including ammonium nitrate, potassium nitrate, and sulphur, was seized.

Investigators believe the entire module was run by a core trio of doctors -- Ganaie, Dr Umar Nabi (the driver of the explosives-laden car that exploded in Delhi), and Muzaffar Rather (absconding).

The role of the eighth arrested person, Dr Adeel Rather, the brother of absconding Dr Muzaffar Rather -- from whom an AK-56 rifle was seized -- is still under investigation.

These suspects' profiles, however, are in contrast with the archetype of recruits from 20 years ago.

"From the early 2000s till 2020, the focus of the handlers was on youths who already had an association with terrorism. A significant number of terrorists killed in this 20-year period had given up arms at some point only to be recycled into the ranks," the official said.

A significant number of youth were radicalised during their detention in various jails, according to the official.

"However, the terror handlers seem to be wary of recycling these types of persons into their ranks due to increased surveillance on them in the post-2019 era," the official added.

Terror module case...

according to the officials. Bilal Ahmad was rushed to the GMC, Anantnag, for the treatment of burns, and his condition was stated to be stable.

His son remains in custody for questioning, they said. Wani is a neighbour of Dr Muzaffar Rather, who has emerged as a key accused in the 'white collar terror module' case.

While Muzaffar is currently believed to be in Afghanistan, his younger brother, Dr Adeel Rather, was arrested from the Saharanpur area of Uttar Pradesh on November 6.

UP resident detained...

of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Rashtriya Rifles conducted joint search operations at Jogi Mohalla, Burie Mohalla and Chajjia areas in Mankote; Parnai, Manjhari, Taawi and Garang areas in Gursai; and Sangiote, Hariana Top, Bhatadurian, Sui Nallah, Keri Kangra and Salwah in Mendhar. However, no one was arrested during the search operations, officials said.

RSS runs on...

times of opposition and neglect. Only that spirit will take the Sangh forward," he said.

Explaining the nature of the RSS' work, he said the organisation cannot be understood from a distance.

"Many tried to run branches like the Sangh in competition, but none lasted beyond 15 days. Our branches have run for a hundred years and continue to grow because the Sangh is sustained by the dedication of its volunteers," Bhagwat said.

According to the statement, Bhagwat noted that the RSS' work has now become a subject of public discussion and goodwill.

"Who could have imagined a century ago that simple shakhas would contribute to nation-building? People mocked us, saying we were merely waving sticks in the air. But today, the Sangh marks its centenary with growing social acceptance," he added.

Referring to the newly released book on the lives of pracharakas, Bhagwat said it evokes not just pride but also inspires difficult, value-driven living.

He urged volunteers to internalise the ideals presented in the book. "If even a particle of their brilliance enters our lives, we too can illuminate society and the nation," he said.

GMC Jammu logs...

by Udhampur (943), Kathua (855), Doda (694), Rajouri (675), Samba (580), Reasi (532), Poonch (424), Kishtwar (292), and Ramban (222). Another 539 patients were from outside the Jammu division.

Age-wise data shows 4,234 cases in the 60-80 year age group -- the highest among all categories -- while 3,669 cases were reported in the 40-60 year age group. A total of 964 patients were aged 20-40, 456 were above 80, and 102 were children and adolescents aged 0-20.

Staging data shows an alarming trend, with 4,029 patients diagnosed in Stage IV and 2,744 in Stage III, indicating that a majority of patients reached the hospital only after the disease had progressed to advanced stages. Another 1,958 cases were detected in Stage II, and 696 in Stage I.

DGP reviews operational...

the Nowgam police station on the outskirts of Srinagar on Friday night, killing 9 people and injuring several others.

The explosion, which authorities maintain was an accident and not a terror attack, occurred at 11:20 pm when a team was extracting samples from boxes of seized explosive material transported from Faridabad, Haryana.

Besides the DGP, Special DG (Coordination), PHQ, S J M Geelani, Kupwara SSP Tahir Geelani, and Additional SP Javed Ahmad also met Shah's family and expressed solidarity in their hour of grief.

Bihar cabinet meeting...

from Delhi after holding parleys with the top BJP leadership over the formation of a new government in the state, called on the CM here.

Talking to reporters later, he said, "In a few days, the new government will be formed. You will get to know the details in due course. We are committed to fulfilling all the promises that we had made in the NDA's manifesto."

According to a JD(U) leader who did not wish to be identified, "It is almost certain that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will fly down for the swearing-in ceremony. It will be a grand function, most likely at the historical Gandhi Maidan, which can accommodate a large number of people."

Notably, Modi had addressed over a dozen rallies during the assembly poll campaign and at his last election meeting, he had promised to "be back for the swearing in of a new NDA government".

The JD(U) leader also said, "We are looking forward to having a greater representation in the new cabinet, compared with the last one in which our party had only 12 ministers. We want more berths in the cabinet because our tally has risen sharply since 2020, when we had fewer than 50 MLAs."

He admitted that accommodating the demands of various alliance partners will be a challenging task, given the fact that LJP(RV) and RLM happen to be new entrants.

Passwan had on Saturday replied in the affirmative whether his party was looking forward to joining the government, though he ducked a query as to whether it was eyeing the deputy CM's post.

In the outgoing government, there were two Deputy CMs, Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, both from the BJP.

Another minor partner, HAM, headed by state minister Santosh Kumar Suman, held a meeting of its legislative party where Sikandra MLA Prafull Manjhi was elected the leader.

Suman, who is an MLC, said, "Our full support is to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and we are looking forward to serving the people of Bihar once again."

While the NDA camp was busy preparing the ground for the formation of a new government, the RJD, the main party in the opposition, seemed to be torn apart by a bitter internal feud.

Rohini Acharya, daughter of RJD president Lalu Prasad, continued to make emotionally charged posts on X and tear-filled outbursts in front of the press.

She has been alleging that following the party's debacle, she has been "sworn at", accused of "donating my filthy kidney to my father in exchange for crores of rupees and a party ticket" and that a slipper was raised at her parents' home to hit her.

Acharya, who claims she enjoys "full support of my parents and my sisters", squarely blamed younger brother Tejashwi Yadav, her father's heir apparent, and the latter's close aides for her humiliation.

"You should go and ask Sanjay Yadav, Rachel and Rameez if you want to know what has been done to me," she told

reporters in Delhi, naming an RJD Rajya Sabha MP; the wife of his younger brother and another key associate.

Anti-submarine warfare...

Mahe-class ASW-SWC was delivered to the Navy on October 23. The Navy is poised to script another milestone in its indigenous shipbuilding journey with the commissioning of 'Mahe' at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on November 24, the spokesperson said.

'Mahe' represents the cutting-edge of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative in naval ship design and construction. Compact yet powerful, the ship embodies agility, precision and

Vedic Pathshala at Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir inspires young minds in Weekly Sanskrit Programme

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The weekly Sanskrit programme "Gyan-Yagya Pathshala" at Shri Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir, B.C. Road Jammu, was organised under the guidance of Pawan Kumar Shastri, President, Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust (JYBT). As part of a significant initiative to promote the timeless heritage of Sanatan Dharma among youngsters and interested individuals, the Trust has launched a dedicated Vedic Pathshala at the Sankat Mochan Panchmukhi Shri Hanuman Mandir Bhawan.

The twenty-seventh session of the Pathshala witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 60 students, mostly below the age of 15. During the session, the children received comprehensive instruction in the recitation of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Shri Hanuman Chalisa, Sunderkand Path, along with lessons on Dharma-Karma Gyaan.

What stood out was the remarkable devotion and understanding displayed by the young learners. In an interactive session, the students confidently recited Sanskrit verses and impressively translated them into English and Hindi, earning appreciation from all present.

Highlighting the initiative's importance, Pawan Kumar Shastri emphasized that Sanatan Dharma plays a transformative role in shaping the new generation by instilling cultural values, spiritual understanding, and a sense of identity. He said that exposing children to ancient scriptures early in life strengthens their connection to India's heritage and fosters moral and spiritual growth.

A paragon of philanthropy and a revered religious figure, Shastri has been the driving force behind the JYBT.

Sat, Koul call for strengthening grassroots connect

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, held an organizational meeting of District Udhampur led by its President Udhampur Arun Gupta. BJP J&K President & Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) and BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul chiefly addressed the meeting.

BJP J&K General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, MLAs Pawan Gupta, Balwant Singh Mankotia, Ranbir Singh Pathania, Sunil Bhardwaj, senior leader

TRAVELTIME!

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE

11078 Jhelum Express	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	715
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320
Booking:	Available on IRCTC
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
Booking:	Available on IRCTC

FIND CINEMA

HAQ - (HINDI)	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	1:15 PM / 10:50 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	6:55 PM
DE DE PYAAR DE 2 - (HINDI)	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	10:15 AM / 11:00 AM / 2:00 PM / 4:00 PM / 5:05 PM / 7:00 PM / 8:00 PM / 10:00 PM / 10:55 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	9:50 AM / 10:35 AM / 1:40 PM / 03:35 PM / 4:45 PM / 7:50 PM / 9:30 PM / 10:55 PM
THE RUNNING MAN - (ENGLISH)	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	2:45 PM / 8:05 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	9:35 PM
IKK KUDDI (PUNJABI)	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	10:00 AM / 5:30 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	9:35 AM

endurance - qualities vital for dominating the littorals, the Navy said.

With more than 80 per cent indigenous content, the Mahe-class showcases India's growing mastery in warship design, construction and integration, it said.

Named after the historic coastal town on the Malabar Coast, the ship's crest features an 'Urumi', the flexible sword of 'Kalarippayattu', a martial art from Kerala, symbolising agility, precision, and lethal grace, the Navy said.

"The commissioning of 'Mahe' will mark the arrival of a new generation of indigenous shallow-water combatants -- sleek, swift, and resolutely Indian," it said.



Sanskrit scholars Arun Shastri and Dr. Ajay Shastri, reiterated the Trust's commitment to continuing the Vedic classes to enlighten youth about the teachings of scriptures such as the Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, Vedas, and Upanishads.

Prominent dignitaries present at the event included Gurdas Sharma (General Secretary/Treasurer), Sukhdev Sharma (WCM Incharge), and the staff of JYBT.

The Trust conveyed heartfelt gratitude to all devotees for their participation and support in making the programme a grand success.

Shastri, along with Parnod Kapahi, along with senior party functionaries, were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Sat Sharma congratulated the party cadre for their unwavering dedication and said that the recent victories of the BJP in the Bihar elections and the Nagrota and Odisha by-polls have once again reaffirmed the growing trust of people across the country in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He asserted that these results reflect the nation's endorsement of the BJP's development-centric politics, nationalism, and transparent gov-

ernance. Ashok Koul reviewed ongoing programmes and instructed district teams to expand participation in upcoming initiatives by the party. He emphasized the importance of discipline, coordination, and collective functioning across all levels of the party. He said the BJP's organizational strength lies in its dedicated both workers, and every programme must ensure maximum grassroots mobilization and systematic follow-up.

Arun Gupta expressed gratitude to the senior leadership for their guidance and constant support.

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