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observed in memory of those who lost their lives in the recent car bomb blast in Delhi and the explosion at Nowgam Police Station in Jammu and Kashmir. The Union Home Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, eliminating terrorism from its roots is our collective commitment. He said that in line with the track record of the Modi government so far, the culprits of the Delhi bomb blast will be traced even from the netherworld, brought before the country's judicial system, and given the strictest possible punishment.

Amit Shah said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision is that strong states create a strong nation, and Zonal Councils play a very important role in translating this into reality on the ground. Zonal Councils are extremely important for dialogue, cooperation, coordination, and 'policy synergy'. Many types of problems have been resolved through these councils. He emphasized the continuance of all-out efforts to ensure speedy justice in crimes against women and children and also eradicate malnutrition and stunting. Laying stress on speedy investigation in cases of sexual offenses and rape under the POCSO Act against women and children, Shah said that no civilized society can accept such heinous crimes. He said that the safety of women and children is our top priority, for this the number of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC) should be increased.

Union Home Minister said that the sectors of cooperation, agriculture and fisheries can become important means of eradicating poverty and providing employment. He said that poverty is being eradicated and employment is increasing through cooperation, agriculture, and fisheries. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of "Sahkar Se Samridhhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation), Shah said that the cooperative sector holds immense potential for employment. He said that only through growth in employment - especially self-employment - along with Gross Domestic Product can we realise the dream of a Developed India. He said that GDP alone is not an indicator of a country's prosperity; true prosperity is achieved only when every individual rises above the poverty line. He said that the Government of India's Ministry of Cooperation has initiated 57 measures across the country to strengthen the cooperative sector. These include computerisation of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), establishment of three new national-level cooperative societies, and the setting up of Tribhuvan Sahkari University.

Amit Shah said that the original spirit and role of Zonal Councils is advisory, but in the last decade they have been accepted as action-oriented platforms and have delivered results. He said that with follow-up, we have not only accepted issues between states, between regions and states, and between the Centre and state governments, but also created concrete pathways for their resolution. Shah said that our goal is clear - Regional Strength along with National Progress and India's Global Leadership in every field, which will lead us towards the creation of a Great India. The Home Minister said that all states should work in mutual coordination to resolve water resource management and water-related problems.

He said that compared to 2004-2014, the number of Zonal Council meetings from 2014 to 2025 has increased by about two-and-a-half times, and we have made these meetings meaningful. He said that between 2004 and 2014 there were a total of 25 meetings of Zonal Councils and Standing Committees, whereas from 2014 to 2025 till now, 64 meetings have been held. He said that more than doubling the number of meetings reflects Prime Minister Modi's concept of TEAM Bharat. In these meetings, 1600 issues were discussed and 1303 issues (81.43 percent) were resolved. This has been possible due to the cooperation of all state governments, union territories, and central ministries and departments, with the Inter-State Council Secretariat playing an active role.

Amit Shah said that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the creation of Vande Mataram. At one time, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's great composition Vande Mataram became the clarion call for our country's freedom. Today, the Government of India and all states are working together to once again make it the clarion call for building a Great India. He said that this is an effort to instil the values of patriotism in India's younger generation. Shri Shah appealed to all states and union territories to rekindle the spirit of patriotism among the country's youth through the Vande Mataram song.

Referring to the implementation of the three new criminal laws, the Union Home Minister said that their enforcement has yielded very positive results. Under the new laws, the conviction rate has increased by approximately 25 to 40 percent and culprits are receiving timely punishment. He said that state governments need to make further efforts for effective implementation of these laws. At the same time, the Home Minister requested all state governments to upgrade technology from investigation and forensic analysis to online linking of courts.

Amit Shah appreciated Rajasthan's contribution to the campaign to promote mil-

lets and said that all states should increase the production and consumption of mil-lets. He appealed to state governments to include millets in the scheme of providing 5 kg of free food grains to the poor every month. Shri Shah said that this will increase millet production, the new generation will develop the habit of eating mil-lets, and people's health will also improve.

In today's meeting, along with issues of the member states, several extremely important national issues were also discussed, which included the implementation of Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) for speedy investigation and prompt disposal of rape cases against women and children, availability of brick-and-mortar banking within the designated radius of every village, issues related to water sharing, environment, higher education, etc., the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112), and other matters of common interest at the regional level.

In addition, six issues of national importance were included in the agenda, which are - urban master planning, power supply system, strengthening of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACSS), eliminating malnutrition in children through the 'Poshan Abhiyan', reducing school dropout rates, and participation of public hospitals in the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

Union Home Minister said that the energetic land of Surajkund is not only historic but also a living testimony to rich cultural and artistic heritage and economic consciousness. The land of Surajkund and the example of Lord Suryanarayan's Bhagirath-like efforts inspire us. It was here that Lord Krishna himself first uttered the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita with his divine mouth, and evidence of the ancient civilisation of the Indus Valley has also been found here. Shri Shah said that Haryana and Punjab are the land of the great Sikh Gurus, who not only contributed to strengthening the country's spiritual consciousness but also made immense sacrifices for the country's honour and freedom. Today our country is moving forward on the basis of its original traditions, but had Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji not been there, the country would not be moving on the basis of its original traditions today. He said that the great sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji and the sacrifice of the Tenth Guru gave the country great strength and showed the path of struggle.

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terms of economic growth, investment, infrastructure, connectivity, strengthening of grassroots democracy and better opportunities for youth and women. The security situation has significantly improved.

"The policy of "Zero Tolerance to Terrorism" has curbed violence, stone pelting, strikes, and local recruitment. Not just terrorists but the entire ecosystem of terrorism is being dismantled," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He highlighted the recent meticulous investigation by Jammu Kashmir Police to unearth and dismantle Pan-India terror network. He also observed that in the first phase of the 150th year commemoration of 'Vande Mataram', Jammu Kashmir has achieved first place in the entire country in event participation and out of top 10 districts, 9 are from J&K UT.

"360-degree security mechanism has been strengthened. Seamless coordination between intelligence and security agencies has been enhanced to foil nefarious designs of adversary," the Lientenant Governor said.

The meeting was attended by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Vinai Kumar Saxena, and Lientenant Governor of Ladakh Kavinder Gupta.

Amir arranged house...

were barred from entering the court premises, which virtually turned the proceedings 'in-camera'. According to NIA's remand paper, Ali's custodial interrogation was required to uncover the entire conspiracy.

It said that Ali, the registered owner of the vehicle used in the incident, allegedly provided logistical support to Umar. The remand paper also claimed that Amir had arranged a safe house for Umar in the days leading up to the blast.

It said that the blast's precision and intensity had been deliberately designed to instil fear in the minds of the public, besides causing alarm and panic.

Underscoring the seriousness of the alleged plot, it said that the act was intended to threaten and destabilise the nation's sovereignty and unity.

The agency also told the court that Ali would be taken to Kashmir for further investigation.

The judge then allowed the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) plea seeking custodial interrogation of the accused for 10 days.

A heavy deployment of Delhi Police and the Rapid Action Force (RAF) was seen outside the court premises, besides personnel equipped with anti-riot gear on stand-by to maintain order.

money.

Accordingly, Udhampur Police attached the offending vehicle under Section 107(5) BNSS. Cumulatively, this is the 10th vehicle attached by Udhampur Police in such cases, with the total worth reaching Rs 1.31 Cr.

Two drug peddlers arrested; 12 grams heroin recovered; vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In its continued crackdown on drug trafficking and peddling activities, Doda Police today arrested two drug peddlers and recovered 12 grams of heroin-like narcotic substance (chhitta) from their possession.

Acting on the directions of SSP Doda, Police Station Doda had established a special naka at Janota Paryote. During routine checking, a dumper (JK06B-4261) travelling from Khellani towards Doda was intercepted.

The naka operation was led by SHO Police Station Doda, assisted by IC PP Pul Doda. During the personal search of the vehicle occupants: Mubashir Hussain, S/O Mohd Sharief Wani, R/O Koti Basti, Doda (Driver) Manzoor Ahmed, S/O Ali Mohd, R/O Gudna, Tehsil Gudna, District Doda (Co-passenger).

Police recovered a total of 12 grams of heroin-like substance, comprising: 5 grams from the driver 7 grams from the co-passenger Both accused were arrested on the spot, and the vehicle used in the commission of the offence was seized. In this regard, FIR No. 259/ 2025 under Sections 8/21/22/29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Doda. Further investigation is in progress.

Narco Finances hit: Katra police attach vehicle brought from drug money

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: In continuation of its sustained drive against drug peddlers and in a determined effort to dismantle the illicit narcotics network, District Police Reasi today attached illegally acquired property belonging to a notorious drug peddler.

A motorcycle bearing registration number JK02CP-5240, owned by accused Mohd Razak, son of Gafoor Ahmed resident of Treen, Tehsil Katra, has been attached under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act, 1985.

The action follows a thorough financial investigation conducted by Police Station Katra during the course of FIR No 198/2025 under section 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act, P S Katra. The enquiry established that the said vehicle was purchased from the proceeds of illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, qualifying it as an illegally acquired asset under NDPS provisions.

The attachment marks another significant step in the ongoing crackdown on drug traffickers. District Police Reasi remains committed to acting firmly against offenders by not only arresting those involved in the supply chain but also targeting and seizing properties raised through illegal drug money.

The entire operation was carried out by SHO P/S Katra Insp Ranjeet Singh Rao under the close supervision of SDPO Katra Dr Bhishm Dubey and SP Katra Vipan Chandran. SSP Reasi Paramvir Singh reiterates its resolve to continue its relentless efforts against drug trafficking to safeguard the youth and maintain peace and security in the district.

Inter-State Drug Peddler arrested with poppy straw

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: In a success against drug trafficking, Udhampur Police recovered 13 kg 110 gms of poppy straw from a truck during routine traffic checking at Naka Jakheni,NIW. A police party of PS Udhampur led by its SHO while performing vehicle checking at Jakheni Naka intercepted a truck (Canter) bearing registration number PB08EC-5286, coming from Srinagar towards Udhampur. During thorough checking, 13 kg 110 grams of Poppy straw was found concealed in the cabin of the said vehicle. The truck was being driven by Avtar Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Village Begowal, Tehsil Begowal, District Kapurthala (Punjab) who was arrested on the spot. In this regard FIR No. 396/2025 U/S 8/15 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Udhampur and further investigation is underway.

SSP Doda reviews under-investigation UAPA cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta, JKPS today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to evaluate the progress of under-investigation UAPA cases and the status of ongoing court proceedings across the

Ali was likely the last person to have been in contact with Dr Umar Nabi.

The remand comes a day after the NIA announced Ali's arrest for allegedly conspiring with "suicide bomber" Nabi to execute the terror attack.

The NIA investigation showed that the vehicle used in the blast was registered in Ali's name, who had travelled to Delhi specifically to facilitate the purchase of the car.

The vehicle was subsequently used as a "Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED)" to carry out the attack. Nabi had known links with a "white-collar" terror module that was recently busted following the recovery of explosives, primarily from Faridabad in Haryana on November 10.

As reported by PTI earlier, Nabi, a 28-year-old doctor from Pulwama, emerged as the most radicalised and key operative in the network spanning Kashmir, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh.

Officials believe he was planning a powerful VBIED blast timed around the Babri Masjid demolition anniversary on December 6.

The plot, however, fell apart when a meticulous investigation by Srinagar police resulted in the arrest of Dr Muzammil Ganaie from Al Falah University in Haryana's Faridabad and the seizure of a huge cache of explosives.

The breakthrough is believed to have triggered panic in Umar, ultimately ending in the blast outside the Red Fort that left 13 people dead.

The intricate interstate terror network was exposed after a small but significant incident of JeM posters appearing on the walls in Bumpora, Nowgam, on the outskirts of Srinagar, on October 19.

Srinagar police registered a case and reviewed CCTV camera footage, leading to the arrest of three locals -- Arif Nisar Dar alias Sahil, Yasir-ul-Ashraf, and Maqsood Ahmad Dar alias Shahid, all with prior stone-pelting cases against them.

Their interrogation led to the arrest of Maulvi Irfan Ahmad, a former paramedic-turned-Inam from Shopian, who allegedly supplied the posters and used his access to radicalise the doctors.

So far, eight people have been arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in connection with this case.

The NIA will now interrogate Ali to uncover the full extent of the conspiracy and his role in the deadly terror plot.

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fight against terrorism, police in Poonch have announced a reward of Rs 5 lakh for any "credible, specific, and actionable" information regarding the presence or movement of terrorists or their associates in any part of the district. Police assured that the identity of informers would be kept absolutely confidential to ensure their safety. They urged the public to remain vigilant and promptly share information, especially regarding individuals providing food, shelter, logistics, transport, safe houses, or communication support to terrorists. The police also asked people to report any-one passing information regarding the movement of security forces, facilitating finances, recruitment, networking, or coordination for terrorist activities.

J&K people peace...

education sector, expanding sports infrastructure, and fostering a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir. The Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the Centre for its continued financial support, including the extension of the SASCI Scheme to J&K.

He said the NZC serves as an important platform to enhance cooperation among States and UTs, reaffirming that J&K remains fully committed to national growth with firm faith in democratic institutions. Referring to the recent terror attacks, the Chief Minister stressed the need to fight terrorism with determination while ensuring that innocent people are not subjected to undue suspicion. "Every resident of J&K should not be seen with doubt. The people of J&K are peace-loving and aspire for Viksit Bharat and Viksit Jammu & Kashmir. They want to be part of India's growth story, and the recent enthusiastic participation of voters in the Nagrota and Budgam by-elections is a testament to our unwavering faith in democracy," he said.



Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini welcoming CM Omar Abdullah at Northern Zonal Council meeting at Faridabad.

Truck catches fire in Kwar hydroelectric project tunnel, no loss of life

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Several labourers were rescued safely on Monday after a truck caught fire inside a tunnel at the Kwar hydroelectric power project on the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said.

They said there was no loss of life in the incident.

A fire broke out in the under-construction tunnel when a dumper caught fire while several labourers were engaged in tunnelling work at the project site in the Padyarna area, they said. The Fire and Emergency Services Department rushed to the spot and, along with project officials, rescued all the workers safely, they added. There was no loss of life in the incident, they said.

Two long-evading offenders apprehended

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA: Continuing its sustained efforts to bring absconders and proclaimed offenders to justice, Police in Pulwama have arrested two individuals who had been evading the law for prolonged periods.

Acting on specific inputs, Police Station Kakapora arrested Nazir Ahmad Dar @ Rustum son of Abdul Salam Dar resident of Katibugh Kakpora. He had been declared a proclaimed offender by the Hon'ble Court of JMJC Pulwama in a case under the Negotiable Instruments Act. After remaining at large for an extended period, he was apprehended and produced before the Hon'ble Court.

In another action, Police Station Rajpora apprehended Shabir Ahmad Gorsori son of Balya Gorsri resident of Zampathri Keller, Shopian. He was wanted in FIR No. 31/1996 under Sections 7/25 Arms Act and had been absconding for nearly 25 years. After his arrest, he too was produced before the Hon'ble Court as per legal procedure.

Drug Controller Shopian seals medical shop; seizes 4,960 Pregabalin Tablets

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SHOPIAN: Acting on specific inputs, the Drug Controller Shopian today sealed a medical shop for violating provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and regulations issued by the State Drug Controller's regulations concerning prescription drug management.

Based on credible information shared by Shopian Police, a team from the Drug Control Department conducted a surprise inspection of the medical establishment. During the check, officials detected serious discrepancies in the pharmacy's records. Upon verification of purchase and distribution documents, the team confirmed the unlawful possession of 4,960 pregabalin tablets, which were immediately seized.

The quantity recovered far exceeded the legally permissible limit, raising strong concerns about potential illegitimate use and illegal diversion of prescription medication.

Pregabalin, a controlled substance, is strictly regulated due to its high potential for abuse and diversion, particularly when dispensed outside the mandated regulatory framework. Authorities further informed that a detailed investigation is underway to trace the origin of the seized stock and identify all individuals linked to its procurement and supply chain. The coordinated action by Shopian Police and the Drug Control Department underscores the administration's heightened vigilance and commitment to curbing prescription drug misuse and safeguarding public health in the district.

Movable property of habitual bovine smuggler attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Police has attached property worth ₹8 lakhs belonging to a habitual bovine smuggler: An Auto Load Carrier bearing registration number JK14J-1423, owned by Imran Khan S/o Mohd. Hussain R/o Tharad Bali Nallah, Tehsil & District Udhampur has been attached under Section 107(5) BNSS by the order of the Court of JMJC Chenani.

The said vehicle was found involved in case FIR No. 97/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act at Police Station Chenani.

During investigation, the IO conducted a detailed inquiry covering multiple aspects. Based on the criminal history and financial investigation of the accused, it was revealed that the said vehicle had been procured through illegally acquired