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Proud of selfless...

eye donation and inspire others for the noble cause. He said the camp significantly raises awareness about vision-related diseases and offers vital guidance on necessary eye care. Such camps in remote areas reach vulnerable population who are often unaware of their eye conditions or lack the necessary income and resources for treatment, bringing critical care directly to those in need, he added.

The Lieutenant Governor praised the brave personnel of Indian Armed Forces for their unwavering courage and sacrifices to effectively address the security threats. "Our great nation remains committed to the values of peaceful coexistence, mutual harmony, and friendship. Today, India does not need to prove its prowess. The nation's valiant Armed Forces stand as a powerful testament to its valour," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that the Armed Forces should continually adapt to and remain vigilant against the rapidly changing security environment. "The adversary is making desperate attempts to disrupt peace and hinder India's progress. Recently, the Jammu and Kashmir Police unearthed and dismantled a pan-India terror network that was planning to carry out a series of terrorist attacks across the country. In such a situation, we must remain alert to protect the nation's honour, protect our borders, and preserve our unity and integrity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dvivedi also extended their felicitations, through video messages, to the Northern Command, Armed Forces Medical Services and everyone associated for their noble endeavour. An educational handbook on quality eye care was also released on the occasion.

The camp provided medical support to residents from the far-flung districts of Jammu and Kashmir, including Udhampur, Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, and Ramban, with over 1,000 persons screened and more than 300 surgeries performed.

Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition (LoP) in J&K Legislative Assembly; Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, GOC-in-C, Northern Command; Surgeon Vice Admiral Aarti Sarin, Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services; Lt Gen CG Muralidharan, Director General, Medical Services (Army); Brig. Dr. Sanjay Mishra; Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; senior officials, veterans, veer naris, and people from different walks of life were present.

Sinha attends 64th...



Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General, ITBP, and other senior officials attended the Raising Day celebrations.

CM welcomes additional...

Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare had recommended this extension, which will directly benefit the most vulnerable families by creating stable incomes, reducing economic hardships, and enabling the creation of durable community assets.

The additional employment support will be implemented with revised management protocols and enhanced monitoring through NREGASoft, the national MIS system, which is being updated to record the extra workdays.

SIA arrests man...

'collar' terror module case, the officials added. The entire module was busted after the Srinagar Police 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 Sundeep Chakravarthy 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 Muzzafar Ganaie and Dr Shaheen Sayeed were arrested, and 2,900 kg of explosive material was seized.

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 Muzzaffar Rather (absconding) -- were running the module.

Jammu Admin continues...

The District Administration has once again cautioned that no illegal conversion or encroachment on State land, Agricultural land or custodian property will be tolerated.

"The drive led to the retrieval of 14 kanals (1.75 acres) of encroached land, which will be proposed for the establishment of office buildings and a police post," the official said. "Strict legal action will be initiated against violators, including those involved in NDPS related offences," it said. The anti-encroachment drive was carried out under the overall supervision of SDM Jammu South, Manu Hansa and Superintendent of Police (HQ) Jammu, Irshad Rather. Tehsildar Bishnah, Ankush Tripathi, SDPO R.S. Pura, Gurmeet Singh, SHO Bishnah, Rakesh Jamwal and teams from the Revenue and Police departments carried out the drive.

Modi proposes 3...

the G20 has long shaped global finance and growth, but prevailing models have deprived large populations of resources and driven the over-exploitation of nature - challenges felt acutely in Africa.

Modi also presented the principle of Integral Humanism -- part of India's civilisational values -- which he said showed a way forward in striking a balance between development and nature.

The prime minister outlined four path-breaking new initiatives - the Global Traditional Knowledge Repository, the G20-Africa Skills Multiplier Initiative, the G20 Global Healthcare Response Team, and the G20 Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus.

Acknowledging that the G20 Leaders Summit was being held in Africa for the first time, Modi said the focus on striking a balance between development and environment was more appropriate, given that the continent has been a victim of over-exploitation of natural resources.

"Now is the right moment for us to revisit our development parameters and focus on growth that is inclusive and sustainable. India's civilisational values, especially the principle of Integral Humanism offers a way forward," Modi told the session on 'Inclusive and sustainable economic growth, leaving no one behind.'

Recognising that many communities across the world preserve eco-balanced, culturally rich, and socially cohesive ways of living, the prime minister proposed the creation of a Global Traditional Knowledge Repository under the G20.

India's Indian Knowledge Systems initiative can form the base for this platform, he said.

The repository will document and share traditional wisdom that demonstrates time-tested models of sustainable living, ensuring that this knowledge is carried forward to future generations.

The prime minister proposed the G20-Africa Skills Multiplier with a train-the-trainers approach across sectors, supported and financed by all G20 partners.

"The collective target is to create one million certified trainers in Africa over the next decade, who will then help skill millions of young people," he said.

Voicing concern over the rapid spread of lethal synthetic drugs such as fentanyl,

the prime minister warned of their grave impact on public health, social stability, and global security.

Modi proposed a dedicated G20 Initiative on Countering the Drug-Terror Nexus, aimed at unifying financial, governance, and security tools.

"The initiative will help disrupt trafficking networks, choke illicit financial flows, and weaken a major funding source for terrorism," Modi said.

He also proposed the setting up of a G20 Global Healthcare Response Team. "We are stronger when we work together in the face of health emergencies and natural disasters. Our effort should be to create teams of trained medical experts from fellow G20 nations who are ready for rapid deployment in case of any emergencies," the prime minister said.

Earlier, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomed Modi at the Summit venue with a 'namaste'.

Modi was seen interacting informally with global leaders such as UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres among others.

Solidarity, equality, sustainability...

political and socio-economic environment, we underscore our belief in multilateral cooperation to collectively address shared challenges," it said as it reaffirmed "unwavering commitment to act in accordance with international law, including international humanitarian law and the Charter of the United Nations and its principle of peaceful settlement of disputes."

In a clear reference to Russia, Israel and Myanmar without naming them, the Declaration said that in line with the UN Charter, "all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state ...

"... and that states should develop friendly relations among nations, including by promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion."

Disaster resilience and response came under the spotlight as well in the text.

"We highlight the need to pay special attention to those already disproportionately impacted by disasters and that cannot afford the costs of adaptation, disaster mitigation, preparedness and recovery in particular, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs)," it said.

With the high level of debt as one of the obstacles to inclusive growth, the Declaration said: "In many developing economies, (this) limits their ability to invest in infrastructure, disaster resilience, healthcare, education and other development needs."

CS emphasises on...

at Aithem Jammu, establishment of a rafting centre at Baradari, and exploration of bungee jumping, zipline and paragliding with the assistance of professional agencies at world famous Chenab Rail Bridge. Proposals for water sports at Ranjit Sagar Lake and promotion of border tourism at Suchetgarh and Gharana were discussed in detail.

A comprehensive rejuvenation and development plan for Mansar under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 was also deliberated upon, including ongoing and proposed infrastructure works aimed at enhancing visitor convenience and overall experience. The Tourism Department highlighted its promotional efforts through FAM tours of Bollywood celebrities, strengthened social media engagement, and organisation of thematic events such as the Dogri Food Festival and cultural evenings at Suchetgarh, Bhadarwah and other places. Extensive publicity campaigns have also been conducted in major cities across the country, the meeting was apprised.

The meeting was further apprised that a Half Marathon will be organised annually on the third Sunday of March, capitalising on Jammu's pleasant weather and peak tourist season. This initiative to be started this year is going to be launched in December, aiming at establishing Jammu as an independent and holistic tourist destination offering world-class facilities and diverse experiences to its visitors.



Police attaches property of terror handler operating from PoK

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SRINAGAR: Police in Pulwama district on Saturday attached the property of a terror handler operating from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, officials said.

Police attached the immovable property at Syedabad Pastoona in the Tral area of the south Kashmir district, a police spokesperson said.

He said the property belongs to Jammu and Kashmir National Operating from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (JKNOP) identified as Mubashir Ahmad, a resident of Syedabad Pastoona in Tral.

The property was identified during the course of investigation and inquiries conducted by the police, the spokesperson said.

He said Ahmad has been actively involved in promoting and reviving terrorist activities by pushing arms and ammunition into the region and activating local terror networks.

Pak drone sighted along IB

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JAMMU: A Pakistani drone was sighted over a forward village along the International Border (IB) in Samba district, officials said on Saturday.

The drone, which was seen coming from the Chak Bhura post in Pakistan late Friday, hovered over Regal village in the Ghagwal area for a few minutes before returning to other side the border, the officials said.

Security forces have searched the area to ensure that there was no airdrop of any payload such as narcotics or weapons, they said.

Army JCO, Agniveer die in separate accidents in Poonch

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MENDHAR/JAMMU: A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) of the Army and an Agniveer lost their lives in separate incidents in Poonch district, officials said on Saturday.

JCO Sajeesh K, a resident of Kerala, was leading a search party in the Seri Mastan area of Behramgalla on Friday evening when he lost balance while negotiating a steep slope and fell into a deep gorge, the officials said.

Army troops launched a rescue operation and recovered the body of the JCO, who died on the spot. The body was sent to his home town after completion of legal and medical formalities, they said.

The Army's White Knight Corps paid tributes to the fallen soldier.

"General Officer Commanding White Knight Corps and all ranks pay solemn tribute to Subedar (Operator) Sajeesh K, who made the supreme sacrifice, while on an area domination patrol on Nov 21. We stand with the bereaved family in this hour of grief," the Army said.

In the second incident, an Agniveer died on the spot after he was hit by a bullet from his own service rifle during duty at a forward post in Mendhar sector of Poonch on Saturday, the officials said.

It is a matter of investigation whether his rifle went off accidentally or the deceased committed suicide, they said.

4 drug peddlers arrested; 298 grams of heroin recovered, vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Tightening its noose against the menace of drugs, Doda police on Saturday detained 03 drug peddlers at a Naka when they were found in the possession of Heroin like substance. On the directions of the Senior Superintendent of Police

, Doda, a naka was established at Khellani, which was led by the I/C PP Khellani and SHO Doda.

During naka checking, at morning hours, the naka party intercepted a white Swift Dzire car (JK06C-3363) coming from Batote towards Doda. On noticing the police team, the driver attempted to flee; however, due to the swift and prompt action of the naka party, the vehicle was successfully stopped.



Three persons traveling in the vehicle were identified as Junaid Qayoom, S/o Late Abdul Qayoom, R/o New Bus Stand Doda; Narinder Singh, S/o Kushal Singh, R/o Mandole, Kastigarh Doda and Arun Singh, S/o Joginder Singh, R/o Sajah Doda.

During their personal search, the naka team recovered 7 grams of heroin-like substance from Junaid Qayoom; 7 grams of heroin-like substance from Narinder Singh and 06 grams of heroin-like substance from Arun Singh.

A total of 20 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered, and the vehicle used in the commission of the offence has been seized.

In this connection, Case FIR No. 263/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Doda, and investigation has been set into motion.

Jammu Police, South Zone continues to intensify its crackdown on the commercial supply chain of narcotics, delivering yet another breakthrough in FIR No. 249/2025 registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. This case had earlier resulted in the recovery of 3 kg 260 grams of Heroin along with the arrest of two key accused, marking one of the biggest seizures in recent times.

As part of the ongoing investigation, the police team conducted sustained questioning of accused Karan Sharma S/o Gopal Das Sharma R/o Jourian, Akhnoor A/P Trikuta Nagar, one of the arrested accused. During interrogation, he made disclosures regarding additional narcotics concealed elsewhere.

On his disclosure, police recovered 278 grams of Heroin from his scrap shop located in Preet Nagar, indicating deeper involvement of the accused in commercial-scale drug trafficking.

This fresh recovery further establishes the widespread scale, and organised nature of the accused persons involved. The investigation team is actively working to identify the source of procurement, distribution channels, and possible financial beneficiaries connected to the seized contraband.

WR cracks down on fraudulent ticketing, detects multiple cases during Oct & Nov 2025

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MUMBAI: Western Railway (WR) has intensified its vigilance against fraudulent ticketing to ensure safe, transparent, and fair travel for all passengers.

During October-November 2025, Western Railway's alert Ticket Checking Staff detected four significant fraud cases involving forged mobile tickets, fake reserved tickets and misuse of concessions.

According to a press release issued by the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Vineet Abhisek, strict action was taken in all cases and the passengers involved were handed over to the Government Railway Police (GRP) for further legal proceedings.

In the first case, Pradeep Kumar, Ticket checking staff, detected a digitally altered mobile ticket in an AC suburban local, where a Rs. 15 ticket had been fraudulently altered using digital editing tools and made in to a season ticket. The manipulation was identified during routine checking, and the passenger using the forged ticket was detained and handed over to the GRP.

The second case was detected by Mohammad Zahid Qureshi, Ticket checking staff, during checking in a long-distance train. Two non-eligible passengers were found travelling on tickets booked under the Handicapped (HP) quota. The fare details had been tampered to avail concession benefits despite being ineligible. Both passengers were immediately deboarded and handed over to GRP officials.

The third case was jointly detected by Mohammad Zahid Qureshi and Abdul Aziz, Ticket checking staff, in a mail/express train. A fake Tatkal reserved ticket, purchased at an inflated rate from an unauthorized agent, was identified during checking. The passenger admitted to having procured it through illegal means and was consequently handed over to the GRP.

In the fourth case, Sai Prasad, Ticket checking staff, detected a digitally edited mobile ticket in an AC suburban local. The QR code and key ticket details were found to be tampered using unauthorized graphic tools. The fraudulent nature of the ticket was confirmed upon inspection, following which the passenger was detained and handed over to GRP personnel.

Western Railway urged passengers to purchase tickets only through authorised channels such as the UTS App, IRTC App, PRS/UTS booking counters etc. This ensures genuine travel documents and protects passengers from falling prey to fraudulent elements.



Security in Srinagar improving, all measures in place to maintain peace: CRPF IG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The security situation in Srinagar has improved and authorities have put all necessary measures in place to maintain peace, CRPF Inspector General (IG), Srinagar Sector, Pawan Kumar Sharma, said on Saturday, citing close coordination among security agencies.

Responding to a query on the overall security scenario, Sharma said the CRPF, along with the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the army and civil administration, is working jointly to ensure stability in the region.

"Every possible security measure has been taken in Srinagar and other areas," he told reporters. He added that CRPF troops have been deployed in the city and the adjoining areas, and the force "is doing a good job" in coordination with Jammu and Kashmir Police, army and the civil administration.

His remarks came days after the Counter-Intelligence wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out raids at multiple locations in the valley in a terror conspiracy case involving a doctor. Officials said the searches were not linked to the "white collar" terror module or the Delhi blast case. The raids were conducted in Srinagar, Anantnag and Kulgam districts.



While the city has not witnessed a terror incident in recent months, an accidental blast at the Nowgam police station on November 14 killed nine people and injured 32 others. The explosion occurred as police and Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) teams were taking samples of the explosives recovered in the "white collar" terror module.

Sharma was speaking on the sidelines of the inauguration of a cricket tournament, where he said that the CRPF has been organising the event for the last three years, with teams from Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts taking part. This year, he said, 123 nominations were received, but only 16 were selected through a draw.

"The aim is to have maximum youth connect with sports. This year, teams must include players below the ages of 19 and 23. There is a tremendous interest in cricket in Kashmir, and people play with a lot of enthusiasm. Through cricket, our attempt is to connect with the people so that peace and calm remain intact," he said.

When asked whether such events help bring youth into the mainstream, Sharma said they have increased public support for the forces. He noted that the CRPF has been working in the region for 35 years and that "everyone is doing a good job".

AK-47 rifle, ammunition recovered from Baramulla forest

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces recovered a cache of arms and ammunition during a search operation in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Saturday, officials said. The recoveries include an AK-47 rifle, two AK magazines, and 54 rounds of the AK series, they added.

According to officials, during a search and area domination operation, the Army recovered the cache from a forested area near Darkunjan village in Boniyar area of the north Kashmir district. Police have registered a case in this connection, officials added.

Army reunites missing Uttar Pradesh man with family after 12 years

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR: During a routine patrol near a border post in Mendhar, Army troops discovered a mentally distressed civilian wandering alone. The man, unable to communicate clearly, was cared for immediately with food, water and protection.

From the limited details he shared, the Army traced his origins to Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. Police in Charthawal confirmed he had been missing for 12 years. Acting swiftly, the Army contacted his family, who travelled to Mendhar and were reunited with him after more than a decade. Overcome with emotion, they thanked the Army for its compassion and support.

This incident highlights the Indian Army's commitment to humanitarian service, extending help far beyond the call of duty.