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"white-collar" terror module that was behind a car blast near Delhi's Red Fort that claimed 15 lives on November 10.

The conference, which will conclude on Sunday with the prime minister's address, aims to review the progress made in addressing key policing challenges so far and outline a forward-looking roadmap for building a "Surakshit Bharat", in alignment with the national vision of "Viksit Bharat", according to an official statement.

The conference of DGPs and IGPs has emerged as a key forum for resolving the country's internal security challenges -- ranging from identifying problems and challenges to formulating strategies and policies.

Held under the overarching theme of "Viksit Bharat: Security Dimensions", the conference this year will see detailed deliberations on key security issues, including left-wing extremism, counter-terrorism, disaster management, women's safety and the use of forensic science and artificial intelligence (AI) in policing, the statement said.

The conference has since been held in Guwahati (Assam), Rann of Kutch (Gujarat), Hyderabad (Telangana), Tekanpur (Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh), Statue of Unity (Kevadiya, Gujarat), Pune (Maharashtra), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Bhubaneswar (Odisha).

## Committed to ending...

by recent natural calamities and unprovoked Pakistani shelling during Operation Sindoor. Construction to be completed within six months from the start of the foundation work. Specific techniques will be used to build comfortable, stronger and more resilient pre-fabricated homes.

HRDS-India will provide free life insurance coverage to all family members for the next 15 years. HRDS-India will also provide free health checkups to all family members every year. The houses will include specific facilities like cowsheds. HRDS-India will also cover maintenance for the next 5 years. Massive coverage of beneficiaries who were affected during Operation Sindoor and natural calamity make this initiative historic in scale.

The Lieutenant Governor also commended the district administration, police, army, CAPFs, Disaster Response forces, emergency responders, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, J&K Bank, civil society members, volunteers and everyone involved in the relief and rescue operations.

The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed the commitment of the UT administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to eliminate social imbalances and disparities to ensure social and economic justice and secure the future of Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir.

He stated after 2019, we have worked with new energy to give impetus to the making of a new J&K UT.

"A strong foundation has been laid in past 5 years and keeping sustainable development and individual growth paramount, we are committed to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people.

With the strong will power, we have built a new J&K UT which takes pride in the glory of ancient culture and enjoys the modern infrastructure of 21st century. We have built a J&K, which provides adequate facilities and new opportunities to poor, tribals, farmers, women and youth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also shared the transformative and speedy development of Ramban and Udhampur over the past five years, underscoring the administration's commitment to equitable growth.

"Our effort was to ensure that the benefits of development reach the last mile. Infrastructure projects were completed at a faster speed and schemes were implemented to integrate all sections of society into the mainstream of development," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He also highlighted that the Government of India has allocated Rs 355 Crore to Ramban and Rs 328.51 crore to Udhampur under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-4). This substantial allocation is earmarked for the completion of critical road projects to connect the unconnected habitations.

13 Next of Kins (NoKs) of terror victims in Ramban were provided government jobs. The remaining eligible families will receive their appointments soon, he further said.

Saritha P. Menon, Administrator, HRDS India; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Shridhar Patil, DIG, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range; Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; Mohammad Alyas Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, senior officials of police and civil administration, prominent citizens and people from all walks of life attended the foundation stone laying ceremony in both the districts.

Lal Chand, Chairman, District Development Council, Udhampur; and representatives of various social and political organisations were also present.

## Cross-LoC trade...

who had engaged in barter/supply transactions with people across the LoC during 2017-2019.

The petitioners have challenged the show-cause notices issued by tax authorities demanding GST, challenging the territorial and supply classification on various grounds.

A division bench comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Sanjay Parihar dismissed the batch of petitions challenging the show-cause notices issued under the GST Act in relation to the now-barred cross-LoC trade.

"It is not disputed by learned counsel appearing on either side that the area of the State presently under de-facto control of Pakistan is part of territories of the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Therefore, in the instant case the location of the suppliers and the place of supply of goods were within the then State of Jammu Kashmir (now UT) and, therefore, the cross-LoC trade affected by the petitioners during the tax period in question was nothing but an intra-state trade," the bench said.

"In the face of availability of equally efficacious remedy provided under the statute, we are not inclined to entertain these petitions and rather would relegate the petitioners to the statutory remedies available under the CGST Act of 2017," the court said, while dismissing the plea filed by the petitioners.

## Op Sindoor brilliant...

civil-military fusion where the administrative machinery worked seamlessly with the armed forces to communicate vital information and build public confidence," he said.

The defence minister asserted that, during Operation Sindoor, the armed forces destroyed the terror camps in Pakistan and PoK in a "balanced and non-escalatory response, but it was the misbehaviour of the neighbouring country which did not allow the situation along the border to return to normal".

While he commended the bravery of the soldiers, he appreciated the work carried out by the administrative officers as they communicated crucial information and ensured successful conduct of mock drills across the country.

He emphasised increased coordination between governance and national security to achieve the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

Shedding light on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'minimum government, maximum governance' and 'reform, perform and transform', Singh emphasised that the civil servants have a pivotal role to play in accelerating the goal of a self-reliant and developed India.

"When our government was formed in 2014, India was ranked 11th in terms of economic size. In the last 9-10 years, we have jumped to fourth place. Even highly reputed finance firms like Morgan Stanley now say that India might become the third largest economy in the next two-three years," Singh said.

"You are not platonic guardians but people's servants. You are not just providers, but facilitators of empowerment. Your character should be incorruptible. Your conduct should be full of integrity. You must create a culture where honesty is neither a virtue nor an exception; but a normal part of everyday life," he said, urging them to work with the sense of responsibility and public accountability.

Singh also called upon young civil servants to work innovatively in the technology-driven era and find solutions to the problems of the people.

"You must use technology to increase public outreach, accessibility, and transparency. Use technology to promote welfare and increase inclusivity," he said.

Singh also stressed that as civil servants, trainees must meet every citizen with empathy and understanding.

"When officers interact with the underprivileged or vulnerable sections of society, they must recognise that people's struggles are shaped not only by their efforts but by wider social and economic circumstances. This is what makes an administrator truly people-centric and compassionate," he said.

## CM launches SKÅL...

He noted that the organisation's founding principles reflect the most basic aspirations of human life, going beyond monetary success. "An organisation whose name comes to symbolise these four important things is not talking about profit or other day-to-day concerns. These are the things we would wish for each other-good health, friendship, long life and happiness," he said.

The Chief Minister highlighted that SKÅL's philosophy of "business with friends" mirrors the spirit of Jammu and Kashmir's tourism fraternity. "Here, many of my

friends in the industry may be in competition with each other, yet they remain friends. They sit together, dine together, respect each other-and that is exactly what SKÅL talks about," he remarked.

Underscoring the growing emphasis on responsible and sustainable tourism, Omar Abdullah said that tourism must evolve in a manner that protects both people and the environment. "If tourism is not responsible and sustainable, it will not last. A cornerstone of our recent activities has been to make tourism more responsible and more sustainable," he said.

The Chief Minister revealed that the government is preparing to develop nine new tourism destinations in J&K as a megaproject entailing huge investment. "The foundation of this project is sustainability-environmentally responsible development that involves the local community. Tourism, or any industry that does not benefit locals, is an industry that will not survive," he said.

Speaking about the resilience of the people of J&K despite recurring challenges, he noted, "We are nothing if not resilient. Yes, there is darkness, but it will not remain forever. Winters last for a few months; after that, snow melts and spring arrives. My desire, my wish, and my effort is that this spring lasts for years."

Reflecting on the past turbulence in the tourism sector, he said, "We have seen a lot of ups and downs in J&K tourism. Now I want you to see only the upward trend. The relationship between SKÅL and Kashmir Tourism formalised today will benefit both SKÅL and the tourism industry here."

The Chief Minister thanked SKÅL International and its leadership for choosing Kashmir for the new chapter, expressing hope that this marks the beginning of a lasting, fruitful partnership. "I hope this will be a great start to a new relationship, and that we will get to host such programmes again and again. You came and encouraged us," he added.

MLA Zaidil Tanvir Sadiq, National President SKÅL Sanjeev Mehra, Director SKÅL NSN Mohan, several SKÅL members, tourism industry stakeholders, and senior officers were present at the launch event.

On the occasion, board members and founder members took their oath, followed by pinning and certificate presentation ceremonies.

## BSF alert to...

BSF remains alert 365 days of the year and 24 hours, day or night, whatever the circumstances and weather conditions -- rain, fog, cold or heat. We have been trained not to leave the posts.

"Our two brave soldiers achieved martyrdom during Operation Sindoor in May, fighting the enemy, while one of our brave soldiers drowned in Pragwal, manning a forward post in September, despite being a good swimmer. He did not leave the border post and preferred death, which shows that our soldiers consider the country supreme," Anand, flanked by BSF Deputy Inspector Generals Vikram Kunwar and Kulwant Rai Sharma, told reporters here.

He said the border-guarding force is always alert and privy to the activities across the border. Having its own reliable sources, it gets timely inputs about possible infiltration attempts by terrorists, he said.

"And if I talk about the Jammu and Kashmir region, various agencies work together. There is the BSF, Army, Intelligence Bureau, Special Bureau, National Investigation Agency, and many other sister agencies through which we continuously receive inputs," the Jammu BSF chief said, assuring people that the force is ready for any challenge.

Anand said the BSF is working hard to achieve the "zero infiltration" target along the border.

Asked about the massive damage caused to the anti-infiltration grid after the flooding in August-September, he admitted that the border infrastructure was impacted.

However, he asserted that BSF had dealt with similar calamities in 2014 and 1988, and it was sufficiently resilient to meet such challenges.

"One of our central government ministers reviewed the flood damage on August 31 and September 1 and received a detailed briefing with a promise that the damaged infrastructure will be rebuilt within a month," Anand said.

The IG BSF said the force not only achieved its target but also "further strengthened the border grid".

"Today, we are sitting in a system that is two or three times better. So, the damage that came, we took it as a challenge. We got an opportunity, and we saw how we can improve our system further," Anand said.

During the flood, all possible infiltration routes were plugged with the deployment of manpower and enhanced surveillance, he told reporters.

Speaking about the narco-terror nexus, the BSF officer said the government is employing a 360-degree top-to-bottom and bottom-to-top approach to ensure strict action against all the accused.

"It is absolutely right that some people sell their country, and the same is true in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, and Rajasthan. And the anti-national forces take advantage of this to carry out narcotic smuggling," he said.

Asked about the challenge on the border in the coming winter months, especially during the foggy conditions, he said the soldiers posted there are equipped with the required weapons and equipment.

"We also have such technology, which can detect the activities that are happening around the border in the fog. So, I think we are ready to face any challenge," Anand said.

The senior BSF officers said that more than six dozen terror launchpads have been shifted to the "depth areas" in Pakistan after Operation Sindoor, and the force is ready to inflict heavy losses on the enemy if the government decides to resume the cross-border operation.

However, the BSF is honouring the halt in military action after four days of clashes from May 7-10, they said.

"After the BSF destroyed many terror launchpads along the border during Operation Sindoor, Pakistan government shifted all such facilities to the depth areas... About 12 launchpads are working from the depth areas of Sialkot and Zaffarwal, which are not exactly on the border.

"Similarly, 60 launchpads are working in the other depth areas away from the border," BSF DIG Vikram Kunwar told reporters here.

The officer said the figures of these launchpads, as well as the terrorists present in them, keep changing.

"They do not sit there permanently. These launchpads are generally active when terrorists have to be pushed (into India)... They are not kept in more than two or three groups," DIG Kunwar said while informing that there are no training camps in the areas close to the International Border presently.

The reports generally say that there is deployment in the launchpads, indicating training before terrorists are moved to other areas.

"Earlier, they used to have areas marked, where those belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad would be active on the down side, and those from Lashkar-e-Taiba would be active on the upper side. After Operation Sindoor, they have formed a mixed group. Those who want can get training in a mixed group," DIG Kunwar said.

IG Anand said the BSF is ready to follow the orders of the government if it decides to resume Operation Sindoor.

"If we talk about 1965, 1971, the 1999 Kargil War, or Operation Sindoor, the BSF has a good experience of all kinds of wars, be it conventional or hybrid warfare. We are ready.

## "Strengthening drone warfare..."

mediapersons. "The BSF and other agencies are tackling the challenge of drones. We are increasing our capabilities, and we hope to be even more successful in the next year," IG Anand said.

He said drone and anti-drone innovations are in a continuous process of research and development, with the BSF working closely with its industry partners.

"The future conflicts or cross-border firing incidents will inevitably have a strong aerial component, making counter-drone preparedness a top priority," he said.

The BSF has been dealing with drone-based threats since 2019, when cross-border smuggling through unmanned aerial vehicles began in Punjab, the IG said.

In response, the force has upgraded training, procured advanced counter-drone systems and ensured round-the-clock monitoring without disrupting civilian air traffic, he said.

## Special Crime Wing...

investigation, Parihar said, the allegations were found to be well-substantiated. After sustained efforts, both accused were traced, arrested, and interrogated, during which they confessed to their criminal involvement, Parihar said adding that subsequently, they were lodged in Tihar Jail, Delhi, as they were found involved in other similar nature case registered with Delhi police.

The general public is advised to remain vigilant and exercise caution while interacting with unknown individuals or influencers on social media platforms.

## Night temperatures improve...

South Kashmir's Kokernag recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.6 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Pahalgaon tourist resort recorded a low of minus 5.2 degrees Celsius and Gulmarg minus 1.3 degrees Celsius.

The meteorological department has forecast mainly dry weather across Kashmir till December 10.

## Two nabbed with over 33 kg poppy straw

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UDHAMPUR: Police team of PS Chenani led by its SHO while performing routine traffic checking at Nakka Motor Shed, NIW Chenani. A black Swift Dzire (PB 32 K 0399) coming from Srinagar towards Udhampur was stopped for checking. The driver identified himself as Bikram Singh S/o Jaipal, R/o Phirni Majra, Tehsil Balachaur, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab.

During the search of the vehicle, two plastic bags containing a total of 27.05 kg of poppy straw were recovered from the vehicle.

The driver failed to provide any satisfactory explanation for the possession of the contraband.

Consequently, FIR No. 124/2025 U/S 8/15 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Chenani. Further investigation is in progress.

During routine traffic checking at Naka Jakheni, the Police Party of PS Udhampur led by its SHO intercepted a truck bearing registration number PB02CC-6613 coming from Srinagar towards Udhampur.

On thorough checking of the vehicle 6 kg 950 grams of poppy straw was recovered from the cabin of the truck.

The accused driver Mukhtar Singh S/O Puran Singh, R/O Ward No. 4, Station Road, Ramdas, District Anrnsar, was arrested on the spot.

In this regard, FIR No. 408/2025 U/S 8/15 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Udhampur.

## 5 dumpers seized for illegal mining

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Intensifying its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized five dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba and Incharge PP Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized five dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21F-8607, JK08D-9373, JK08P-8799, JK21G-6049 and JK21-9073 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above-mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

## Jammu Police trace bus, recover army personnel's valuable box in minutes

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police Station Bus Stand, Jammu demonstrated utmost professionalism and prompt action by tracing an important box left behind by an Army personnel during travel and ensuring its safe recovery within hours.

On 26-11-2025, Army personnel R.K. Singh, travelling from Udhampur Army Camp to Jammu, inadvertently forgot a box containing valuable and sensitive items after disembarking at Jammu. The matter was immediately reported at Police Station Bus Stand.

Acting swiftly, the police team led by Inspector Inderpal Singh, SHO Police Station Bus Stand, initiated a coordinated search to trace the concerned vehicle. Despite peak-hour traffic, continuous movement of buses and the operational challenges involved, the team pursued every possible lead with exemplary commitment.

Through sustained follow-up, meticulous checking, and seamless communication across multiple bus stands and routes, the vehicle was successfully traced at Narwal Jammu. The missing box was recovered intact and subsequently handed over to Army personnel R.K. Singh after proper verification.

## Udhampur police secures conviction in NDPS case within record time of 2 months

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The case pertains to FIR No. 139/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of PS Rehabal wherein during patrolling at Phalata on 13.09.2025, police patrolling team apprehended Janam Bhagat S/O Mohan Lal R/O Kambal Danga, Udhampur and recovered heroin from his possession, leading to registration of the case and initiation of investigation. A thorough and professional investigation led by DySP(P) Tahzeeb Zehra Jawaid, JKPS- 246487 ensured timely completion of all legal procedures. The charge-sheet was produced before the Hon'ble Court within 2 months.

After the due course of trial, the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Udhampur convicted the accused under relevant sections of the NDPS Act and imposed a fine of ₹10,000/-.

## Red Fort blast: Delhi court sends 3 doctors, preacher to 10-day judicial custody

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Saturday sent three doctors and a preacher, who were arrested in connection with the Red Fort blast, to 10 days' judicial custody.

All four accused, Muzammil Ganaie, Adeel Rather and Shaheena Saeed as well as Maulvi Irfan Ahmed Wagay, were produced before Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandra, who sent them to 10-day judicial custody.

As of now, the NIA has arrested seven persons accused in the case, which is linked to a "white-collar" terror module busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces in a bid to identify and track others involved in the gruesome attack," the NIA said in a statement.

Dr Umar-un-Nabi, who was driving the explosives-laden i20 car that detonated outside the Red Fort, had allegedly bought the car in Ali's name. Wani was arrested after it emerged that Umar had been trying to "brainwash" him to become a suicide bomber, officials said. He was not persuaded but is alleged to have agreed to participate as an overground worker for the banned terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed.

PTI had earlier reported that the sophisticated terror module spearheaded by a group of doctors had been actively scouting for a suicide bomber since last year, with Umar being the alleged key planner.

Officials said Adeel's interrogation pointed to Umar being a "hardcore radical" who insisted that a suicide bomber was essential for their operations. Following this, Srinagar police sent a team to Qazigund in south Kashmir and detained Wani.

Wani allegedly admitted during his questioning that he had met the "doctor module" in October last year at a mosque in Kulgam, Kashmir, the officials said.

## Amit tours Census Pre-Test Sites in Kashmir & Jammu to ensure its successful culmination

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Amit Sharma, IAS, Director Census Operations (DCO) & Director Citizen Registration (DCR) for Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh, conducted extensive visits to Census Pre-Test sites across the Union Territory to ensure the smooth and timely completion of the month-long exercise, which will form the foundation for Census 2026-27.

In the first phase, Sharma toured Kangan Tehsil in Ganderbal District-selected as the rural Pre-Test location-along with senior Census officials. They held detailed interactions with SDM Kangan Dr. Nasir Ali, Tehsildar Dr. Mudasar, enumerators, and supervisors, who briefed him on the ongoing Pre-Test work and highlighted challenges that need addressing before the nationwide Census rollout.

In the second phase, Sharma visited Ramgarh Municipal Committee in Samba district, the designated urban Pre-Test site for Jammu division. Here, he met Tehsildar Abhimanyu, municipal officers, enumerators, and supervisors to gather feedback aimed at strengthening future Census operations. He also conducted random public interactions to record on-ground experiences for submission to the Office of the Registrar General of India (ORGI).

Sharma emphasized that resolving technical issues and learning from Pre-Test experiences will ensure a successful Digital Census in 2026-27, India's first, following a gap of over 14 years since 2011.

