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all bombing incidents of the country. The platform is "unique" as during its preparatory stage, 26 "friendly" countries were approached and they did not have such a facility, he said.

According to NSG, the database has 800 users (various agencies) and will also be able to capture 'signature linkages' among different bomb blast incidents, conduct post-blast investigation and can also perform "predictive" analysis to thwart certain bombing incidents.

The ambitious project has been in the works for some time and is part of the NSG's National Bomb Data Centre (NBDC), which analyses all types of bombings that occur in the country, apart from major explosions that take place globally.

Shah also said that once the newly commissioned NSG hub in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, is operational, its commandos will be able to reach any part of the country within 1 to 1.5 hours. The NSG has five active hubs in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Chennai and Kolkata.

The NBDC, established in the year 2000, has a database of all bombings that took place in the country since 1999.

Raised in 1984, the NSG's 'black cat' commandos are tasked to undertake specific counter-terrorist and counter-hijack operations besides protecting select high-risk VIPs.

Modi to attend...

the Shaurya Yatra, a ceremonial procession organised to honour those who laid down their lives defending the Somnath temple. The Shaurya Yatra will feature a symbolic procession of 108 horses, reflecting valour and sacrifice.

Thereafter, Modi will offer prayers at the Somnath temple around 10:15 am. He will then participate in a public function marking Somnath Swabhiman Parv at 11 am.

According to a statement, the Parv is being held to remember the countless citizens of India who have made sacrifices to defend the temple, which continues to inspire the cultural consciousness of future generations.

The programme marks 1,000 years since Mahmud of Ghazni's invasion of the Somnath temple in the year 1026.

Despite multiple repeated attempts for its destruction over centuries, the Somnath temple stands today as a powerful symbol of resilience, faith and national pride, owing to the collective resolve and efforts to restore it to its ancient glory, the statement said.

After Independence, the effort for the restoration of the temple was undertaken by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. One of the most important milestones in this journey of revival was achieved in 1951, when the restored Somnath temple was formally opened to devotees in the presence of then President of India Rajendra Prasad.

The completion of 75 years of this historic restoration in 2026 adds special significance to the Somnath Swabhiman Parv. The celebrations will witness the participation of hundreds of saints from across the country, along with 72 hours of continuous chanting of 'Om' within the temple premises.

The prime minister's participation in the Somnath Swabhiman Parv underscores the enduring spirit of India's civilisation and reaffirms his commitment to preserving and celebrating India's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

Later on Sunday, Modi will travel to Rajkot to participate in the Vibrant Gujarat regional conference for the Kutch and Saurashtra region. Around 1:30 pm, he will inaugurate the trade show and exhibition at the conference.

The prime minister will also announce the development of 14 greenfield smart Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation Limited (GIDC) estates and inaugurate the medical device park of GIDC at Rajkot.

The Vibrant Gujarat regional conference is being held, catering to 12 districts across the Kutch and Saurashtra regions. The conference aims to usher in fresh momentum for investment and industrial growth in western Gujarat.

From Rajkot, Modi will travel to Ahmedabad. At around 5:15 pm at Mahatma Mandir metro station, he will inaugurate the remaining stretch of Phase 2 of the Ahmedabad metro from Sector 10A to Mahatma Mandir.

On January 12, the prime minister will meet the German chancellor, and the two leaders will visit the Sabarmati Ashram, followed by their participation in the international kite festival at the Sabarmati riverfront.

This will be followed by bilateral engagements from 11:15 am onwards at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, where both the leaders will review the progress made in the India-Germany strategic partnership, which has recently completed 25 years.

Search operation underway...

campaign comes amid ongoing anti-terror operations in Jammu division, with overall security stepped up," they said.

The measures are part of overall security preparedness to ensure peaceful Republic Day functions.

Meanwhile, security forces have recovered a suspected "nano drone" which was found lying in a border area of Jammu district, officials said.

The recovery was made on Thursday night from the border area of Chakroi in R S Pura, on the information provided by a local resident, they said.

An investigation has been launched in this regard, officials added.

Communal incidents in...

as well as their homes and businesses by extremists," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Such communal incidents need to be dealt with swiftly and firmly, he said.

"We have observed a troubling tendency to attribute such incidents to personal rivalries, political differences, or extraneous reasons," he said.

"Such disregard only emboldens the perpetrators and deepens the sense of fear and insecurity among minorities," he added.

There have been a series of attacks on minorities, including Hindus, in Bangladesh after the killing of radical youth leader Sharif Osman Hadi in December.

Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (BHBCUC) recorded 51 incidents of communal violence last month alone. These included 10 murders, 10 cases of theft and robbery, 23 incidents involving the occupation of homes, business establishments, temples, looting and arson.

In addition, four more Hindu persons have been killed in January so far, taking the total number of casualties to 14 since December, it said.

Last month, India said the "unremitting hostilities" against minorities in Bangladesh are a matter of "grave concern" as it demanded punishment for the perpetrators involved in the lynching of Hindu youth Dipu Chandra Das in Mymensingh.

The relations between India and Bangladesh were strained after the interim government headed by Muhammad Yunus assumed charge following the collapse of the Sheikh Hasina government. India has been expressing concerns over attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, in that country.

Seventh arrest in...

Rohit Kumar alias Makhan, a resident of R S Pura in Jammu, was apprehended by a Special Investigation Team (SIT)," officials said.

Acting on disclosures made during the investigation, the SIT conducted a search at the residence of one of the accused at Raiyan Kotliyan, leading to the recovery of a Px5 Storm Beretta pistol (.30 bore), one magazine and three live rounds, they added.

The case pertains to a high-profile syndicate busted by police involving an inter-district, inter-state and cross-border narcotics and arms syndicate following a deep, sustained and professional investigation.

The case came to light after two persons were apprehended during routine patrolling. The subsequent investigation unearthed an inter-district, inter-state and cross-border narco-terror module, they said.

So far, police have arrested seven accused, including drug peddlers, financial handlers and jail-based facilitators, and effected recoveries of about 4.95 kg of heroin-like substance, four pistols, live ammunition and a modified vehicle, revealing cross-border linkages, officials said.

The recovered arms and ammunition have been seized in the case, and the accused is currently in police custody.

Further interrogation is underway to ascertain his exact role, as well as backward and forward linkages and arms supply routes, they said.

Police said efforts are being intensified to identify and apprehend the remaining associates, trace financial and logistical channels and establish the complete cross-border and inter-state network.



Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals; 2 L&T machines, 1 JCB, 2 tippers seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
AWANTIPORA: In continuation of its sustained drive against illegal mining, J&K Police have seized 02 L&T machines, 01 JCB and 02 tippers involved in the illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in the areas of Khrew and Awantipora.

In Khrew, a police party from Police Station Khrew, led by SHO PS Khrew, seized the said vehicles involved in illegal excavation activities. Similarly, in Awantipora, a police party from Police Station Awantipora, under the supervision of SHO PS Awantipora seized vehicles used for illegal mining and transportation of minerals.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at Police Station Khrew and Police Station Awantipora, and further investigation has been initiated.

Significant quantity of contraband substance seized from residential house, one arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SHOPLAN: In its continued crackdown against drug menace, J&K Police in Shopian recovered a significant quantity of contraband substance from residential house in Barbugh Imamsahib and arrested the accused person.

Acting on specific information, Police Station Imamsahib registered a case under FIR No. 02/2026 of NDPS Act and obtained a search warrant from the competent authority. A team from Police Station Imamsahib accompanied by the Tehsildar Barbugh raided the residential premises of Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday resident of Barbugh. During the search, 20,720 Kgs of cannabis & 130 grams charas like substance was recovered from residential house. The accused has been arrested and further investigation is underway.

Two bovine smuggling attempts foiled; 8 bovines rescued, 2 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Continuing its sustained crackdown against bovine smuggling under Operation Kamdhenu, Jhajjar Kotli Police successfully foiled two separate bovine smuggling attempts. During the intervening night of 08/09.01.2026. A police team from Police Station Jhajjar Kotli intercepted and rescued 08 bovine animals and seized two vehicles, namely Mahindra load carriers bearing registration numbers JK19A-3092 and JK19A-5734, which were being used for illegal transportation of bovines.

The drivers of the seized vehicles were apprehended and identified as Mohd Ashraf Bhat, S/o Mohd Jamal Bhat, R/o Magham, Tehsil Kokernag, District Anantnag, and Javed Ahmed Kasana, S/o Abdul Qayoom, R/o Qazigund Bakerwal Chak, Tehsil Dooru, District Anantnag. Both were taken into custody for their involvement in the illegal transportation of bovines.

Railway Minister confers Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar 2025 on Jammu Sr DCM

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (Sr DCM), Jammu, Uchit Singhal, has been awarded the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar 2025 for bringing unprecedented improvements and innovations in commercial and passenger services in his division.

Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw conferred the award on Singhal at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in the national capital in recognition of his outstanding work and dedicated service during the year 2025, Public Relations Inspector, Jammu Division, Raghvender Singh said.

"This honour recognises the exceptional contribution of Uchit Singhal and his selfless service to Indian



Railways. His selection for this prestigious award is based on his sense of duty and remarkable performance during the year 2025 in the Jammu Division," he said.

Adding another feather to his cap, Singhal assumed charge as Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu Division, along with the additional charge of Senior Divisional Operations Manager, on March 23, 2025.

Soon after assuming charge, he achieved unprecedented success in railway operations and infrastructure development in the

Jammu Division, he said.

"During this period, he introduced several improvements in passenger services, launched new initiatives and made a significant contribution towards revenue enhancement," he added.

Under his leadership, premium trains such as the Vande Bharat Express were operated successfully.

During Operation Sindoor, in an emergency situation, Singhal ensured effective coordination with civil and military authorities and facilitated stranded passengers in reaching their destinations, he said.

"During the heavy rains and floods in 2025, special trains were operated for stranded passengers. Under his guidance, goods train operations were initiated in the Kashmir Valley, and new goods sheds such as the

Anantnag Goods Terminal were also commissioned," he added.

During the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar ceremony, more than 100 railway employees from various zones and divisions were honoured by the Union Railway Minister.

Expressing his happiness on receiving the Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar 2025 (AVRSP), Singhal said the achievement was not his alone but the result of the honesty and hard work of all employees of the division.

"It reflects significant improvement in passenger amenities, operational efficiency and growth in revenue. In 2026, with a fresh beginning, several notable works will be undertaken in the interest of passenger convenience, safety and revenue," he said.

ASSOCHAM J&K submits representation on strengthening solar policy for industrial sector

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A delegation of the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Jammu & Kashmir Council, led by Manik Batra, Chairman, and Bhupesh Gupta, Co-Chairman, today met Dr. Arun Manhas, Director, Industries & Commerce, Jammu & Kashmir, and submitted a detailed representation seeking strengthening and effective implementation of the Solar Policy for the industrial sector in the Union Territory.

CA Aditya Suri and Amit Khajuria, Assistant Director, ASSOCHAM J&K Council, were also present during the meeting.

During the interaction, the ASSOCHAM delegation highlighted that Jammu & Kashmir has immense potential for rooftop and captive solar installations in industrial areas. However, despite the notified Solar Policy, industrial adoption has remained limited due to procedural delays, lack of bankable incentives, uncertainty in grid connectivity, and limited inter-departmental coordination.

High power tariffs, particularly impacting MSMEs and energy-intensive industries, continue to affect industrial competitiveness in the region.

The delegation emphasized the need to transition from an intent-based policy framework to an implementation-driven, industry-friendly solar ecosystem aligned with national renewable energy objectives. It was pointed out that industries require predictable timelines, simplified approval mechanisms, stable regulatory charges, and financially viable models to adopt solar energy at scale.

Region-specific challenges such as snow-bound conditions, winter generation constraints, and storage requirements were also highlighted as critical factors requiring tailored policy interventions.

ASSOCHAM J&K Council specifically proposed provisions related to net metering and open access, including allowing net metering up to 100 percent of sanctioned load, permitting energy banking for a minimum period of 12 months, fixation of open access and wheeling charges for 5 to 10 years, and reduction or waiver of cross-subsidy surcharge for captive industrial solar projects.

The representation also suggested the introduction of a "Made with Green Power - J&K" certification, offering branding advantages and preferential treatment in government procurement for certified industrial units, thereby promoting green manufacturing and sustainability.

Outlining the objectives of the proposed framework, ASSOCHAM stressed the need to accelerate solar adoption by industries, reduce electricity costs, encourage private and third-party investment, support MSMEs through targeted incentives, ensure DISCOM sustainability, and position Jammu & Kashmir as a green industrial destination.

Delegation of Patwaris calls on Chief Secretary, Ladakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: A delegation of Patwaris serving in the Revenue Department of the Union Territory of Ladakh today called on the Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh, Ashish Kundra, at the UT Secretariat, Leh.

During the meeting, the delegation submitted a representation highlighting several long-pending and critical issues affecting the Patwari cadre.

The delegation emphasized that Patwaris form the backbone of the Revenue Department at the grassroots level, shouldering key responsibilities such as maintenance of

land records, revenue collection, resolution of land disputes, and delivery of public services in one of the most challenging terrains of the Union Territory.

Despite their dedicated service under harsh conditions, including extreme weather and postings in remote areas, the delegation stated that certain systemic issues continue to adversely affect their morale, efficiency, and overall welfare.

The key demands raised in the representation including Upgradation to Technical Grade and enhancement of pay scale; Framing of a fair and transparent transfer poli-

cy; Provision of Travelling Allowance (TA) and official transport support for field duties; Bifurcation of GQ Circles and Patwar Halqas to reduce workload; Expediting the conduct of the Patwari examination for the 2020 batch after completion of training.

The Chief Secretary gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured them that their genuine concerns would be examined sympathetically in consultation with the concerned departments.

He appreciated the efforts for technological upgradation in the patwari cadre and assured of a fair resolution.

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Tender No.	Name of work	App Cost (Rs.)	Date & time for submission of tender	Earnest Money # (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
730-TRD-FZR-2025-26	TRD work in c/w Construction of 03 Nos. ROBs one each at KM 1777-8 near MLX on LDH-FZR section, KM 2281-2 on PHR-LNK Section and KM 243-5 on JUC-NRO section over Firozpur division on deposit basis for NHAI Project.	₹ 32,60,836.67	Upto 02.02.2026 15:00 Hrs	65,200/-	Six (06) (Months)	02.02.2026 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

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251-J-Elect-T-24-2025-26	Electrical work in c/w Construction of New Running Room and Crew Lobby at BRML Railway Station in USBRL Section and Construction of New Crew lobby for Loco, plant and Train Manager at BDGM.	Rs. 21,37,636.01	42,800.00	6 Months	02.02.2026 after 15:00 Hrs	www.ireps.gov.in

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