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Chief Minister emphasized that the true tribute to the late visionary would be to ensure that these institutions actively benefit the community for whom these facilities have been established.

Highlighting the growing challenges posed by climate change, especially to nomadic and semi-nomadic communities like the Gujjar-Bakerwals, the Chief Minister called for setting up a dedicated research centre under GDCT. He stressed the need for in-depth research on issues such as effects of climate change, migration patterns, livelihood vulnerabilities and long-term preservation of tribal culture & traditions..

"The government has schemes for all, but communities facing unique challenges need focused research and tailored solutions. Research papers prepared by knowledgeable people can guide policy and help us understand how best to safeguard their future," he said.

The Chief Minister also suggested undertaking research on the concept and functioning of tribal universities, to assess their impact elsewhere and to prepare a roadmap for making such institutions successful in Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that tribal communities derive maximum benefit.

Acknowledging the presence of retired and serving officers, lawyers, scholars, teachers and intellectuals within the community, the Chief Minister urged the Trust to harness this collective wisdom to carry forward Dr. Choudhary's mission.

"The best tribute to Dr. Masud Ahmed Choudhary would be to fulfill, with our own hands, the purpose for which he established this institution-so that his community benefits and people's lives change," he said, while thanking the organizers for inviting him to the commemoration.

Former Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister Javed Ahmed Rana, MLA Vikram Randhawa, several Members of the Legislative Assembly, former Minister Raman Bhalla, Aslam Qureshi (ret'd IAS), Sheikh Shakeel, Senior Advocate, J&K High Court, Abdul Hamid Choudhary, Patron-in-Chief, GDCT, Arshad Ali Choudhary, Chairman, GDCT, representatives of various political parties, and prominent civil society members and Gujjar community representatives were also present on the occasion.

Arms, ammunition recovered...

During searches, the team recovered one Chinese hand grenade, 20 posters, 100 grams of gun powder and 10 AK-47 live rounds, they added.

Crown Prince drives...

said, wishing Al-Hussein in his pursuits to strengthen Jordan's growth trajectory. Modi arrived in Jordan's capital, Amman, on Monday on a two-day visit at the invitation of King Abdullah II.

Jordan is the first leg of the Prime Minister's four-day, three-nation tour, which will also take him to Ethiopia and Oman.

The Jordan Museum, located in the Ras al-Ein district of Amman, is the country's largest museum and showcases some of its most significant archaeological and historical artefacts.

Built in 2014, the museum traces the civilisational journey of the region from prehistoric times to the present day.

The museum's collection includes animal bones dating back 1.5 million years and the 9,000-year-old Ain Ghazal lime plaster statues, considered among the world's oldest ever made.

SFs hunt for...

is on. "The terrorists escaped towards the forest area after the initial firefight. It is a dense forest area. There are three terrorists holed up. Operation is underway," he said.

The IGP said an operation was launched on specific information in Soan village on Monday evening.

"The information turned out to be true and an encounter took place. We had a small Special Operations Group party. During the firefight, Amjad Ali Khan, our policeman, suffered injuries. We tried to evacuate him, but due to excessive blood loss, we lost him," he said.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held in Udhampur to pay tributes to slain constable Amjad Ali Khan of the 22nd Battalion of the Indian Reserve Police.

Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat led the solemn ceremony, held at the District Police Lines in Udhampur, to honour the constable.

Earlier, a police officer told PTI that the operation has been resumed in the area to track down the holed-up terrorists. "The cordon has been further strengthened."

A joint team of the Special Operations Group (SOG) of police, along with the Army and the CRPF, is on the job with sniffer dogs, the officer added.

On Monday, forces got locked in a firefight with terrorists in Soan village.

The village was raided by the police on a tip-off about the presence of three terrorists, believed to be affiliated with the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit.

The encounter took place in the besieged village around 6 pm on Monday and continued for some time.

The operation was suspended for the night, and would be resumed with the first light of the day on Tuesday, official had said.

Udhampur's Basantgarh lies on the route traditionally used by Pakistani terrorists to enter from the International Border in Kathua and move to Doda and Kishtwar districts in Jammu, and further into the Kashmir Valley.

The area has witnessed several encounters and terror incidents in the past.

CIK busts terror...

the Kashmir valley, exposing a clandestine terror-support ecosystem masquerading as voices of social change, dealing a decisive blow to anti-national elements operating under the garb of social activism, the officials said.

They said the searches were carried out in connection with a 2023 case registered at CIK Srinagar police station under various sections of IPC and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The action was undertaken after obtaining due authorization through search warrants issued by a special court in Srinagar, designated under the NIA Act, the officials added.

The case stems from credible intelligence inputs indicating that certain individuals in Jammu and Kashmir were "exploiting" platforms linked to mass media, social media, human rights advocacy, environmental causes and women empowerment as a "cover to carry out activities gravely prejudicial to the sovereignty, integrity and security of India", they said.

"Discreet verification further revealed their suspected links with secessionist groups and proscribed terrorist organisations," an official said.

Investigations also brought to light that some of these individuals were allegedly in contact with Pakistan-based terror handlers using encrypted communication applications.

"They are suspected to have been actively involved in peddling false narratives, glorifying terrorists and terrorism, radicalising impressionable youth, and systematically attempting to disrupt public order and peace in Jammu & Kashmir," the official said.

Acting on these inputs, 12 locations in Srinagar, Baramulla, Anantnag, Pulwama, Kupwara, Budgam and Shopian were identified and searched.

During the operation, 12 suspects were detained for questioning. A substantial cache of incriminating digital material was seized, including 10 mobile phones, a laptop and 14 SIM cards, all of which are now under detailed forensic examination, the officials said.

"The operation has successfully dismantled a dangerous covert network that sought to exploit the credibility of social causes to advance terror agendas. The seized digital evidence is expected to unravel deeper layers of the conspiracy, and further arrests cannot be ruled out as the investigation progresses," the official said.

The investigation is on to unearth the full scale of the conspiracy, identify other conspirators and associates and expose their chain of communication with terrorist-secessionist handlers sitting across the border, the officials said.

Ladakh achieves significant...

national vision of 'Sahakar se Samridhhi' to deepen and expand the cooperative movement, Ladakh has adopted the Model Bye-Laws for PACS, enabling them to undertake over 25 diversified business activities while enhancing transparency, accountability, and governance," Shah said.

Now, PACS can operate as PM-Kisan Samridhi Kendras (PMKSKs), Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMB-JKs), and Common Service Centres (CSCs), among others.

"At present, 10 PACS have applied to open PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra, and 7 PACS are already providing CSC services in Ladakh," the minister said.

Two houses worth...

past three to four years.

"Examination of revenue records, property extracts, field verification reports, valuation inputs, and statements of concerned persons revealed that a double-storey residential house belonging to the accused's father, and a single-storey residential house constructed on land belonged to the accused's grandfather, but were purchased and developed by the accused and his family.

"They were acquired and constructed during the last three to four years, a period that coincides with the accused's involvement in illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances," the spokesperson said.

The investigation also established that the known and lawful income of the family is grossly insufficient to justify the acquisition and construction of these properties, he said.

"The source of funds was found to be unexplained, disproportionate, and prima facie linked to proceeds of narcotic trafficking," he added.

CS reviews mining reforms, revenue mobilisation, technology-driven enforcement in J&K

Mandatory GPS, RFID and e-challaning for mineral transportation by Jan 26, 2026

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a review meeting of the Mining Department to assess the progress of mining sector reforms, revenue realisation measures, technological interventions and enforcement mechanisms aimed at curbing illegal mining across J&K.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary reviewed the department's performance in implementing policy reforms, auctioning of mineral blocks and strengthening monitoring systems, while underscoring the need for transparency, sustainability and maximisation of revenue from mineral resources.

The Chief Secretary, on the occasion, commended the role of BISAG-N in creating a robust and efficient mining surveillance system equipped with modern technological features.

He took a live demonstration of the vehicle tracking system, public grievance redressal platform and ATMC cameras installed at key exit points, and expressed satisfaction over the system's potential to significantly deter illegal mining and unauthorised transportation of minerals.

Emphasising the importance of scientific assessment of mineral resources, the Chief Secretary direct-



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing meeting in Jammu.

ed the department to undertake G3-stage geological studies of major mineral blocks such as lignite, marble, graphite and granite through MECL, so as to establish clear estimates of mineral reserves and attract better investor response during future auctions.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the department to expedite the operationalisation of 110 non-operational minor mineral blocks across various districts to unlock their revenue potential and ensure availability of construction material for developmental works. He also directed the department to remain uncompromising in dealing with illegal mining and to create sufficient deterrence through strict enforcement and penal action.

Shah pays homage to soldiers, SFs on Vijay Diwas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday paid homage to to the "brave martyrs" who made the supreme sacrifice in the 1971 war against

Pakistan, displaying indomitable courage and precise strategy, and forcing the neighbouring country to surrender.

In a post on X on "Vijay Divas", Shah said the Indian armed forces presented an exemplary model for protecting humanity worldwide and earned recognition for the unparalleled military capability and valour by forcing the Pakistan Army to surrender in the 1971 war.

Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year to remember the

decisive victory of the Indian armed forces in the Indo-Pak war of 1971 that led to the creation of Bangladesh.

The day honours the soldiers who took part in the war that culminated in the surrender of the Pakistan Army.

"On this very day in the year 1971, the security forces, with indomitable courage and precise strategy, defeated the Pakistani army and forced it to surrender. This victory, serving as a shield against injustice and oppression, presented an exemplary model for protecting humanity worldwide and earned recognition for the unparalleled military capability and valor of the Indian armed forces," Shah said in his post.

116th Annual General Meeting of Ramakrishna Mission; Rs 1,670.79 Cr spent on service activities in FY 2024-25

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JAMMU: The 116th Annual General Meeting of the Ramakrishna Mission was held at Belur Math.

On the occasion, Swami Suvirananda, General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, presented the

"Report of the Governing Body of the Ramakrishna Mission on the working of the association during the financial year 2024-25," highlighting the Mission's extensive spiritual, educational and humanitarian activities in India and abroad.

Presenting the report, Swami Suvirananda said that the Ramakrishna Mission continued to receive national and international recognition for its contribution to education, agriculture, research and social service.

He informed that the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI) was selected,

along with four other institutions across the country, to establish Centres of Natural Farming under the National Mission on Natural Farming, a flagship programme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

He also noted that the NAAC awarded A+ grade to the College of Education, Coimbatore, and to Sikshanamandira, Belur Math.

Referring to academic excellence, Swami Suvirananda stated that several Mission-run colleges secured impressive positions in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings announced by the Ministry of Education.

Vivekananda Centenary College, Rahara, was ranked third, Vidyamandira Residential College, Belur Math, seventeenth, Narendrapur Residential College, Kolkata, twenty-fourth, and the Arts and

Science College, Coimbatore, eighty-second.

He added that ICAR recognised the Divyayan Krishi Vigyan Kendra of the Ranchi Morabadi branch for developing two local scented rice varieties, while Maruthi College of Physical Education, Coimbatore, received international recognition from the World Sports Yoga Federation, Hong Kong.

Highlighting further achievements, Swami Suvirananda said that Viveknagar School, Agartala, and Kozhikode School received Best School Awards from the Governments of Tripura and Kerala-based institutions respectively, while Vidyamandira Residential College, Belur Math, achieved SIRO recognition from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. He also mentioned that the West Bengal Postal Circle released special postal covers and pictorial cancellations commemorating Sri

Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda and the 125th anniversary of the Sargachhi centre.

The General Secretary informed that five new Ramakrishna Mission branch centres were opened at Haflong and Kuralbhang in Assam, Nellore in Andhra Pradesh, and Sarati and Siliguri in West Bengal, while four new Ramakrishna Math centres were started at Adipur, Kolhapur, Pathanamthitta and Rewa.

He stated that during FY 2024-25, the Mission spent Rs 1,670.79 crore through 244 Indian centres.

"A major share of this expenditure was devoted to the education sector, benefiting about 2.93 lakh people with an outlay of Rs 743.17 crore; Medical services formed another key focus area, reaching nearly 84.25 lakh beneficiaries with an expenditure of Rs 600.54 crore; General welfare activities supported around 43.88 lakh people at a cost of Rs 42.88 crore, while relief and

rehabilitation efforts benefited 7.46 lakh people with an allocation of Rs 11.59 crore. Rural and tribal community welfare programmes assisted 2.72 lakh beneficiaries with spending of Rs 6.34 crore. In addition, preaching and other spiritual and service-related activities reached about 71.53 lakh people with an expenditure of Rs 240.95 crore, while Rs 25.32 crore was spent on the publication of literature, reflecting the Mission's continued commitment to spiritual education and social upliftment," he said.

Swami Suvirananda further said that the Mission expanded its global presence with a new centre in Washington, D.C., USA, and carried out service activities through 99 centres and sub-centres across 24 countries.

Concluding the report, he expressed gratitude to members, devotees and well-wishers for their continued support in carrying forward the Mission's ideal of service to humanity as service to God.

DC Kishtwar reviews arrangements for Republic Day 2026 celebration

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today chaired a meeting of line departments and other stakeholders to discuss the arrangements for the Republic Day 2026 celebration.

It was informed that the main function would be held either on Chowgan grounds or Mini Secretariat DC Office Complex, subject to the weather conditions, while similar celebrations would be held at the Sub-Division, Block and Tehsil levels.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the district heads to ensure presence of subordi-

nate officers and officials at the Republic Day functions at the district headquarters, as well as at the Sub-Division, Tehsil and Block levels.

Arrangements for flag unfurling, march-past, cultural programmes, seating, stage setup, venue preparation were discussed in detail.

It was also informed that the day would commence with the playing of Shehnai Vadan. Additionally, the Police authorities were directed to ensure foolproof security arrangements.

Concerned departments were instructed to make adequate provisions for drinking water, power supply, medical facilities, sanitation, trans-

port, traffic regulation, illumination of government buildings, deployment of fire tenders, seating arrangements and the distribution of invitations.

The meeting was attended by ADC, Pawan Kotwal; ASP Pardeep Singh; PO ICDS, Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; ACR Idrees Lone; SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar; SDM Marwah Dr. Mohd Ashraf; SDM Chattoo Nayeem Ur Rehman, ACD Manoj Kumar; CEO Municipal Council Mirza Muntaz Iqbal and other district officers along with officers of CRPF/CISF and representatives of various departments, educational institutions and power projects.