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supply and availability of drinking water. "These three-roads, electricity and water-are the ABC of our winter response. Everything else flows from them. People's access to hospitals, mobility and daily life depend on how efficiently we manage these," he asserted, directing all departments across both divisions to accord these sectors the highest priority once snowfall begins.

The Chief Minister stressed the need for a pre-emptive rather than a purely reactive approach. He instructed departments to ensure advance deployment of manpower and machinery wherever required. Referring to presentations made during the meeting, he expressed satisfaction that most preparatory work has been completed, while also flagging certain areas requiring closer attention.

On the power sector, CM Omar Abdullah directed strict monitoring of the availability of transformer oil. Noting that supplies have been increased this year, he cautioned that any reported shortage would likely be due to pilferage which needs to be curbed. He also reviewed the issue of distribution transformer (DT) buffer stock, stressing that its utility depends on timely mobility. Referring to concerns raised by the Deputy Commissioners of Baramulla and Bandipora regarding shortage of vehicles, the Chief Minister directed departments to hire vehicles in the short term wherever necessary for replacing of transformers once damaged.

"The vehicle that goes to remove a damaged DT must also carry the replacement. The idea of buffer stock is to minimise downtime-replace, repair and rotate, not move equipment back and forth unnecessarily," he emphasised.

On healthcare preparedness, CM Omar Abdullah acknowledged the limited availability of 4x4 ambulances but emphasised optimal utilisation of existing resources.

"Not every area needs a 4x4 ambulance. In some places, ambulances fitted with proper chains are sufficient. The Health Department, in coordination with the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, must ensure that 4x4 ambulances are deployed strictly where they are most needed," he said.

Reviewing urban preparedness, particularly in Srinagar, the Chief Minister laid emphasis on dewatering arrangements. He directed advance placement of mobile dewatering pumps in known vulnerable areas prone to water-logging.

"There are spots we know will face waterlogging within an hour of rainfall-such as parts of Airport Road and now even Maulana Azad Road. Since we are not expecting heavy snow in Srinagar, SMC must ensure effective management of water-logging," he instructed.

The Chief Minister also raised concerns regarding passenger facilities at Srinagar Airport during weather-related flight disruptions, especially as the bad weather coincides with the onset of the tourist season. He directed the Divisional Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner to coordinate with airport authorities to ensure better management of basic amenities, particularly sanitation within the terminal.

"We may not control flight disruptions, but we can certainly ensure that the condition of washrooms and overall cleanliness remains manageable when passengers accumulate. This is the least we can do," he said, asking airport management to augment manpower during such situations.

On helicopter services for remote and snowbound areas, CM Omar Abdullah expressed optimism about early operationalisation of Heli services for areas such as Kupwara and Bandipora. Turning to Jammu division, the Chief Minister noted that snow preparedness is largely in place but cautioned about the vulnerability of roads that were only temporarily restored after heavy rains in September-October. He stressed the need for heightened vigilance to prevent landslides and ensure swift restoration and establishment of alternate routes in case of damage.

"This is particularly important on NH-44, especially between Nashri and Udhampur; where we faced significant disruption earlier. Any heavy rain should not result in prolonged downtime on the National Highway," he said.

Concluding his address, CM Omar Abdullah expressed confidence that 24x7 control rooms are operational and capable of handling emergencies. He added that lessons learned from the upcoming weather spell would be incorporated into future preparedness plans to further strengthen the administration's response.

The meeting was attended by Ministers Sakina Itoo, Javed Dar and Satish Sharma; Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani; Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta; ACS Power Development Department Shailendra Kumar; ACS Public Works Department Anil Kumar Singh, Administrative Secretaries of the General Administration, Information, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Disaster Management, Relief & Rehabilitation, Health & Medical Education, Rural Development, Transport and Civil Aviation Departments; all Deputy Commissioners; top police officers including Inspector General of Police Kashmir and IGP Traffic, J&K, Managing Directors of DISCOMs Jammu and Kashmir; Heads of Department, and other concerned officers. The out station officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Anshul Garg presented detailed action plans outlining departmental preparedness in view of snow and rain in upper reaches and snowbound areas. The presentations covered snow clearance arrangements, stocking of ration, LPG and other essentials in snowbound regions, power and water supply readiness, healthcare facilities including availability of 4x4 ambulances, helicopter services, and identification and support for pregnant women and other vulnerable patients in areas such as Gurez, Machhil and Karnah, Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur and Kathua and other regions that remain cut off during heavy snowfall.

The respective Deputy Commissioners also briefed the meeting on the preparations put in place in their respective districts in view of the snowfall and precipitation spell.

95 revenue officials...

Commissioner Office Kashmir; Abida, Mohasib, to Deputy Commissioner Office Kupwara; Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, Mohasib, to Deputy Commissioner Office Bandipora; Ali Mohammad Lone, Head Assistant, to Deputy Commissioner Office Anantnag; Muzaffar, Head Assistant, to Divisional Commissioner Office, Kashmir; Arjun Kapoor, Head Assistant, to Deputy Commissioner; Srinagar; Nayeema Akther; GQ, as GQ, Regional Director; S&LR, Srinagar; Asiya Shafi Hakak, GQ, as GQ Consolidation Anantnag; Raja Imran Khan, GQ, as GQ Chatabal Tehsil South, Srinagar; Mohammad Sadiq Khatna, GQ, as GQ Tehsil Office Beerwah, Budgam; Farhad-ul-Annan GQ, as GQ, Collector; PHE/I&FC Srinagar; Azeem Ahmad Wani GQ, as OQ Tehsil Office Narbal District Budgam; Sajad Ahmad GQ, as BGQ Tehsil North, Srinagar; Bashir Ahmad Rather GQ, as GQ circle Budgam; Mohammad Ashraf Mir GQ, as GQ Circle Bemina Tehsil Budgam; Riyaz Ahmad Magray GQ, as Reader to SDM Beerwah, Budgam; Hamid Ali Shah GQ, as GQ Consolidation Chadoora, Budgam; Syed Ijaz Ahmad GQ, as BGQ Tehsil Office Khag Budgam; Mohammad Yousuf Shah GQ, as OQ B. K. Pora, Budgam; Shabir Ahmad Dar GQ, as GQ Circle Pulwama; Shaheena Akther GQ, as OQ Tehsil Office Pampore, Pulwama; Ashiq Hussain Reshi GQ, as GQ Awantipora Puiwama; Nisar Ahmad Mir GQ, as GQ Circle Karimabad Tehsil Puiwama; Abdul Hamid Shan GQ, as GQ circle Deysar Tehsil Deysar District Kulgam; Sanjay Kumar GQ, as OQ Qazigund Tehsil Qazigund, Anantnag; Mohammad Shafi Bhat GQ, as OQ Tehsil office Srigufavara Anantnag; Rafi Ahmad Wani GQ, as Reader to Sub-Registrar Doorn, Anantnag; Javaid Ahmad Sheikh GQ, as GQ Circle Sailer, Anantnag; Gulzar Ahmad Reshi GQ, as Reader to SDM Kokernag, Anantnag; Ghulam Mohammad Kumar GQ, as GQ Circle Delina, Baramulla; However, the said official shall continue to work in the office of Financial Commissioner; Revenue J&K.

Bashir Ahmad Shah GQ, has been posted as BGQ Tehsil Pattan, Baramulla; Ishtiyaq-ul-Gani GQ, as Reader to Sub Registrar Gulmarg; Abdul Majid Najar GQ, as GQ Watergam, Baramulla; Abdul Bari Khatie GQ, as BGQ Tehsil Sopore, Baramulla; Mubeena Banoo GQ, as ST. GQ Tehsil Sopore, Baramulla; Abdul Rashid Mir GQ, as GQ Rohama Tehsil Rafiabad, Baramulla; Bashir Ahmad Mir GQ, as Regional Director; S&L Records, Srinagar; Mir Umer Javaid GQ, as GQ Reban Tehsil Watergam, Baraulla; Bashir Ahmad Sheikh GQ, as Regional Director Survey & land Records, Srinagar; Shafkat Ali Khoja GQ, as OQ Tehsil Karnah, Kupwara; Nazir Ahmad Rather GQ, as GQ sogam Tehsil Sogam, Kupwara; Nazir Ahmad Bhat GQ, as GQ Circle Manggam Tehsil Tartpora, Kupwara; Ashraf Habib Lone GQ, as GQ Circle Kupwara; Ashiq Hussain Dar GQ, as OQ Tehsil Qalamabad, Kupwara; Mohammad Syed Qureshi GQ, as BGQ Zachaldara, Kupwara; Bashir Ahmad Bhat GQ, as GQ Zachaldara, Kupwara; Irshad Ahmad Khanday GQ, as Reader to Registrar Kulgam; Shameem Ahmad Malik GQ, as GQ circle Chowgam Tehsil Deysar; Kulgam; Syed Kowsar Ahmad GQ, as Reader to Sub Registrar Noorabal, Kulgam; Gulzar Ahmad Malik GQ, as BGQ Tehsil Office Frisal, Kulgam; Sajad Ahmad Sheikh GQ, as OQ Tehsil Chittergang Shopian; Parvaiz Ahmad Lone GQ, as GQ circle Shadipora Tehsil Sumbal, Bandipora; Mehraj-ud-Din GQ, as Reader to SDM, Kangan, Ganderbal; Mushtaq Ahmad Dar GQ, as GQ Ganderbal; Mohammad Iqbal Dar, Reader to ADC Shopian, as Reader to Sub Registrar Kulgam; Hilal Ahmad Bhat, OQ Tehsil Chamnapora Srinagar; as BGQ Tehsil Keller Shopian; Mukhtar Ahmad Khirka GQ Circle Chadoora, as GQ Circle Natipora Tehsil Chanpora, Srinagar; Mushtaq Ahmad Khan OQ Deysar Kulgam, as BGQ Tehsil Shahabad Bala Anantnag; Peer Masroor Ahmad GQ, RD S&LR Anantnag, as GQ Verinag, Tehsil Shahbad Bala Anantnag; Bashir Ahmad Rather; Reader to SDM Kangan, as Reader to Sub Registrar Kangan, Ganderbal; Ab Majid Chopan, BGQ Tehsil Watergam Baramulla, as OQ Tehsil Qaziabad Kralgund Kupwara; Gulzar Ahmad Gilkar; OQ Tehsil Qaziabad Kralgund Kupwara, as BGQ Tehsil Watergam Baramulla; Abdul Majid Khan, OQ Tehsil Dangiwachha Baramulla, as

GQ Kralpora Qaziabad Kupwara; Naseer Ahmad Shah, GQ Kralpora Qaziabad Kupwara, as GQ Tehsil Dangiwachha Baramulla; Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, OQ Tehsil Rafiabad Baramulla, as BGQ Kralpora Qaziabad Kupwara; Firdous Ahmad Lone, BGQ Kralpora Qaziabad Kupwara, as OQ Tehsil Rafiabad Baramulla; Javaid Ahmad Wani, GQ Tehsil Dangiwachha Baramulla, as BGQ Langate Kupwara; Noor Mohammad Bhat, BGQ Langate Kupwara, asOQ Tehsil Wagoora Baramulla; Mohammad Ashraf Hajam, GQ Nadihal Baramulla, as BGQ Tehsil Aloosa Bandipora; Rashid Ahmad Kumar; GQ Guloora Kupwara, as GQ Nadihal Baramulla; Mehraj-ud-Din Baba, GQ Villgam Baramulla, as GQ Guloora Kupwara; Mohammad Haneef Malla, OQ Tehsil Wagoora, as OQ Kunzer, Baramulla; Nazir Ahmad Mir OQ Tehsil Office Kokernag, Anantnag, as GQ circle Panzgam Tehsil Shahoora Litter, Pulwama; Feroz Ahmad Dar; OQ Tehsil Office Khag, Budgam, as GQ Nagam district Budgam; Aijaz-ul-Haq Reader to ACR Ganderbal, as Reader to Sub-Registrar (West) Khas, Srinagar; Abdul Rashid Rather Reader to Sub Registrar Khas II, as GQ Pattan, Baramulla; Shabir Ahmad Khan GQ Pattan, asOQ consolidation Pattan, Baramulla; Noor Mohammad Anbdrahi OQ Pulwama, as GQ Noorpora, Tral, Pulwama; Mohammad Amin Ahanger GQ Tehsil Office Rajpora Pulwama, as GQ Chadoora, Budgam; Manzoor Ahmad Mir GQ Nagam, as GQ Neva Pulwama; Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh STGQ Tehsil Office Anantnag, as GQ Circle Mattan, Anantnag; Khurshed Ahmad Dar OQ Budgam, as GQ Circle Parnewa, Budgam; Feroz Ahmad Dar GQ Tehsil Office Khag, asGQ Surisar, Budgam; Ayaz Hussain Ganie GQ Rajpora Pulwama, as BGQ Tehsil Office Harmain, Shopian; Abdul Salam GQ Circle Mattan, asSTGQ Tehsil! office Anantnag; Firdous Ahmad Dand, SM in the O/o DC Baramulla to Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama; Tashafi Hassan, Mohasib RTI Srinagar to Assistant Commissioner, Nazool, Srinagar; Roohi Jan, Mohasib i/o Assistant Commissioner, Nazool, Srinagar to RTI Srinagar; Sheikh Rouf Ahmad, Sr. Assistant in the O/o Tehsildar Pahalgam to Regional Director Survey & Land Records Anantnag; Asrar Farooq, Jr. Assistant in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Budgam to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Fazil Mehraj, Jr. Assistant Tehsil Office Shahoora Litter to Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Tariq Ahmad Sheikh, WBN Tehsil Office Shangus to Tehsil office Doorn, Anantnag; Imtiyaz Ali Salroo, WBN Tehsil office Doorn to Tehsil Office Shangus, Anantnag.

CJ inaugurates newly...

the residential complex for judicial officers and now the dedication of the Hiranagar Court Complex.

Addressing the gathering Justice Rajnesh Oswal described the occasion as momentous and expressed hope that the newly created court infrastructure would adequately serve the needs of litigants and the judiciary for years to come. He emphasized collective responsibility in preserving and maintaining the facility.

Earlier, Jatinder Singh Jamwal, Principal District and Sessions Judge Kathua, in his address, welcomed the Chief Justice and other dignitaries.

Advocate Naresh Gupta, President Bar Association Hiranagar, in his address, thanked Judges of High Court for ensuring timely completion of the new Court complex project and made a prayer for upgradation of the Court to the level of Senior Civil Judge as also for creation of additional Sessions Court.

Among others, Umesh Sharma, Registrar IT High Court; Faizan-i-Nazar, CPC e-Courts; Y.C. Katoch President of Bar Associations Kathua; besides Judicial Officers, members of the bar association, judicial staff and para-legal volunteers were also present.

On the occasion, dignitaries were presented with souvenirs and saplings as a symbolic gesture and token of gratitude.

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Munsiff Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Hiranagar; LakshayBadyal. Urvashi Raina Sub-Judge, Secretary, DLSA Kathua, conducted the proceedings.

School bus overturns...

into action and shifted the injured students to hospital.

The injured persons include Saveta Manhas (35), wife of Arjun Singh, resident of Sajwal, Akhnoor, a teacher; Bandna Kimari (22), daughter of Tarseem Singh, resident of Meerpur, Pargwal, a teacher; Saroj Devi (34), wife of Balvinder Singh, resident of Pargwal, a teacher; Naksh Thakur (10), son of Tarseem Singh, resident of Pargwal, a student; Neeraj Singh (52), son of Baldev Singh, resident of Takval, Pargwal, a cook; Mavisksha Rajput (6), daughter of Arjun Singh, resident of Gurha Manhasa, Pargwal, a student; Paras Rajput (9), son of Sohan Singh, resident of Pargwa, a student; Abhay Kumar (15), son of Pritam Chand, resident of Pindi, Pargwal, a student; Dhanvir Singh (11), son of Parshotam Singh, resident of Pargwal, a student; Sneha Manhas (25), daughter of Tarsem Singh, resident of Pargwal, a teacher; Jeewan Manhas (16), son of Veer Bahadur Singh, resident of Pargwal, a student; Manvi Sharma (16), daughter of Joginder Kumar; resident of Pargwal, a student; Lakshmi Verma (16), daughter of Raj Kumar; resident of Pargwal, a student; and Sohan Singh (35), son of Sham Singh, resident of Pargwal, a teacher.

Seven J&K segment...

cadre, currently posted in the cadre, are promoted to the Super Time Scale (LEVEL 14 in the Pay Matrix)," reads an order issued by Rakesh Kumar Singh, Under Secretary to Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs.

They include Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, IAS (AGMUT: 2009); Prasanna Ramaswamy G, IAS (AGMUT: 2010); Ram Nivas Sharma, IAS (AGMUT: 2010); Talat Parvez Iqbal Rohella, IAS (AGMUT: 2010); Rukhsana Gani, IAS (AGMUT: 2010); Rehana Batul, IAS (AGMUT: 2010); Mir Tariq Ali, IAS (AGMUT: 2010).

EOW files chargesheet...

four kanals of land in Revenue Estate Ranbigarh-Pratapgarh, Srinagar, for Rs 50 lakh.

"The complainant was shown forged revenue records, Naqsh-e-Amini maps, and geo-tagged photographs to convince him of the ownership and location of the land," stated an official.

The official further added, "After making the payment, the complainant registered the sale deed and took possession of the land, only to discover later that the land shown on-site did not match the land described in the deed. Investigation revealed that the complainant was shown accessible land under Survey No. 207, whereas the actual land sold, under Survey No. 94, is a wetland with no access."

The EOW investigation established that the accused conspired together, forged documents, and misused official records to cheat the complainant. "Our probe conclusively confirmed a well-planned criminal conspiracy aimed at defrauding the buyer," the EOW official said.

The charge sheet, filed under Sections 420 and 471 read with Section 120-B of the RPC, seeks judicial adjudication and marks a significant step in bringing the accused to justice in this high-profile Rs 50 lakh land fraud case.

ACB arrests Patwari...

for processing the case, the accused Patwari demanded a bribe of Rs 25,000 for furnishing a favourable report," the ACB official said. Unwilling to succumb to corruption, the complainant approached the Anti-Corruption Bureau for legal action under the provisions of law.

The spokesperson further stated that upon receipt of the complaint, the ACB conducted a discreet verification, which confirmed the demand of bribe by the accused public servant. Accordingly, FIR No. 05/2025 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered at Police Station ACB Anantnag, and a formal investigation was initiated. During the course of investigation, a trap team was constituted. "The team laid a well-planned trap and caught the accused red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount from the complainant," the official added. The accused was immediately arrested on the spot, and the tainted bribe money of Rs 25,000 was recovered from his possession in the presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap proceedings.

Following the arrest, the ACB team conducted a search of the residential premises of the accused Patwari, which was carried out in the presence of Executive Magistrates and independent witnesses, as per legal procedure.

The ACB spokesperson confirmed that further investigation is underway to ascertain whether the accused was involved in similar corrupt practices. The Anti-Corruption Bureau has reiterated its commitment to zero tolerance against corruption and urged citizens to report instances of bribery and misuse of official position without fear.

Man arrested for trying to enter Srinagar airport with fake ticket

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A person was arrested for allegedly attempting to enter the Srinagar International Airport here using a forged air ticket, Jammu and Kashmir police said on Saturday. During a routine security check at the airport's drop gate, Syed Khurshid Ahmad, a resident of Bugro in Budgam district, was stopped for verification, a police spokesperson said.

He said that upon checking his ticket, it was found to be fake.

The airline staff immediately alerted the authorities, and the accused was handed over to personnel at the Hunhama police post, the spokesperson said, adding that the man was subsequently arrested.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused had been duped by a travel agent who allegedly forged the ticket, the official said. A case has been registered at the Budgam police station, and an investigation has been initiated, he added.

Anti-terror ops intensified along IB over inputs on possible infiltration in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Security forces have intensified anti-terror operations across the Jammu region following intelligence inputs about a possible infiltration attempt by terrorists from across the border amid dense fog, officials said on Saturday.

Search operations by police, Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Army personnel are underway at various locations near the International Border (IB) in Kathua, Samba, Jammu and Rajouri districts, besides the Chatroo forest belt in Kishtwar, they said.

According to intelligence inputs, movement of suspected terrorists has been reported at launch pads along the border opposite Hiranagar; Ghagwal, Ramgarh and Akhnoor areas in the Kathua-Samba-Jammu sector over the past two days, officials said.

To counter a possible infiltration attempt, search and cordon operations are on in Bobiya border outpost, Tappan, Mareed, Paharpur; Pansar, Maniyari, Tarnah Nallah, Bein Nallah, Kishanpur Kandi, Chak Chabbey, Dolka Samyal, and Rukh-e-Sarkar areas in Kathua district.

Besides, security forces are conducting search operations at Babar Nallah, Palooora, Treyal, Mansar, and Chilla Danga in Samba, and Pragwal and adjoining areas in Akhnoor sector, they added.

According to officials, the searches are also part of area domination in view of the prevailing harsh weather conditions accompanied by dense fog cover.

Security forces have also intensified search operations in Rajouri district to thwart any infiltration bid by terrorists, officials said, adding that four grenades were recovered during one of the combing operations on Friday.

In Kishtwar district, security forces conducted searches in over a dozen forest villages for the second day on Saturday after locals reported movement of suspected terrorists. However, there has been no contact with any suspects so far, they said, adding that the anti-terror operation was ongoing when last reports were received.

Police launch 'Kirayedar' portal to strengthen tenant verification, security in Jammu

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday launched an online verification portal, 'Kirayedar', to address gaps in tenant reporting that have persisted despite



SSP Jammu Joginder Singh briefing media on Saturday.

enforcement action, including FIRs against defaulting landlords.

The web portal aims to ease compliance and streamline tenant verification, according to officials. Jammu SSP Joginder Singh launched the 'Kirayedar' for general public here,

expressing hope to witness a significant increase in tenant reporting and verification, which, he said, will strengthen internal security and help in providing a safe and secure Jammu to its citizens. "Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed incidents of anti-social activities by anti-national elements in the past. Ensuring internal security and providing a safe and secure environment for citizens is the prime responsibility of the police so that peace and prosperity may flourish in every nook and corner of the UT," he said. The SSP said Jammu, being the winter capital, witnesses a continuous inflow of people from different regions of the UT, especially during the winter months. A large number of such people reside in Jammu in rented accommodation. Besides this, several large infrastructure projects are underway in Jammu and adjoining areas, due to which labourers, contractors and technical staff are also residing in rented premises, Singh said, adding that the anti-national elements may exploit this large influx of people by taking rented accommodation under false cover.

He said the tenant reporting and verification has been made mandatory, and the deputy commissioner has also issued orders conveying the rule.

However, it has been observed that many landlords are elderly, out of station or unable to visit police stations due to their busy schedules or job constraints.

"In many cases, people are also reluctant to visit police stations. These factors were hampering the process of tenant reporting and subsequent verification. In this regard, 12 FIRs were registered against defaulting landlords, while police conducted more than 10,000 tenant verifications," the SSP said.

To address these challenges, he said, Jammu police has taken a proactive initiative by developing the online portal. "It has been developed with the collaborative efforts of three students from IIT Jammu and one local youth from Kathua, under the guidance of SDPO City West Jammu. The portal is user-friendly, accessible anytime and from anywhere, and acts as an effective communication bridge between landlords and police for the benefit of the public," he said.

Man arrested with posters of banned outfit in Pulwama

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A person was arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday and the posters of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) were recovered from his possession, police said. During routine checking at Gudoora area near New Circular Road in the south Kashmir district, the accused -- identified as Hilal Ahmad Bhat, resident of Khadermooh Kakapora -- was arrested, an official said.

During a search of his personal belongings, some posters of the JeI were recovered, police added.

CBI nabs MoD officer in Rs 3 lakh bribery case, recovers huge cash

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI on Saturday arrested Lt Col Deepak Kumar Sharma, posted in the Department of Defence Production under the Defence Ministry, for alleged taking Rs three lakh in bribe from a Bengaluru-based company, officials said. During searches at the premises of the Sharma, the CBI seized Rs 2.23 crore cash, they said. The CBI had registered the case against Sharma, Deputy Planning Officer, International Cooperation and Exports, Department of Defence Productions and his wife, Col. Kajal Bali, CO, 16 Infantry Division Ordnance Unit (DOU), Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan.

It was alleged that Sharma "habitually indulges in corrupt and illegal activities" in criminal conspiracy with representatives of various private companies dealing in defence products manufacturing, export, etc, the CBI Spokesperson said in a statement. Sharma obtained bribes from companies in exchange for providing undue favours to them, the agency alleged.

The CBI received inputs about a possible bribe payment from a Bengaluru-based company. Rajiv Yadav and Ravjit Singh were looking after its affairs, they said.

"They (Singh and Yadav) have been in regular contact with Lt. Col. Deepak Kumar Sharma and are, in connivance with him, pursuing various undue favours by illegal means for their company from various government departments and ministries. One Vinod Kumar delivered a bribe of Rs. 3 lakh, on the behest of the said company, to Lt. Col. Deepak Kumar Sharma on 18.12.2025," CBI Spokesperson said in a statement. Vinod Kumar was also arrested in the case, it said.

During searches at the premises of the Sharma, the CBI seized Rs 2.23 crore cash and Rs three lakh bribe money from the Delhi residence, while Rs ten lakh was seized from his wife's residence in Sri Ganganagar, the statement said.

Both the arrested accused -- Sharma and Vinod Kumar -- were produced before a Special Court here which sent them to CBI custody till December 23. (PTI)

FCI's first foodgrain freight train to reach south Kashmir goods terminal today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The first foodgrain freight train of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from Punjab is scheduled to reach the newly developed south Kashmir goods terminal on Sunday, marking a key step in strengthening the region's supply and logistics network, railway officials said. The FCI's grain freight train was recently flagged off from Ajitwal Railway Station in Firozpur division for the Anantnag Goods Terminal in Jammu Division and will reach its destination on December 21, the officials said.

It is loaded with approximately 1,384 tons of cargo in 21 BCN wagons, they said. The Anantnag Goods Terminal in south Kashmir, under the Jammu Division of Northern Railway, was inaugurated on August 9. This was a significant achievement in connecting Kashmir to India's national freight network.

In the initial phase of this goods terminal's operation, the first 21 BCN cement rake was transported from Rupnagar in Punjab to the Anantnag Goods Terminal.