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foreign policy were taken aback when they learned I had invited all SAARC heads of state and our then President Pranab Mukherjee beautifully captured that historic gesture in his memoir," Modi said.

"This was a testament to how clear and confident India's foreign policy had become. This sent a clear message to the world about India's commitment to peace and harmony, but we didn't get the desired outcome," he said.

In the podcast, the Prime Minister said he shares a bond of mutual trust with US President Donald Trump and they connect well because they believe in putting their respective national interests above everything else.

Modi hailed Trump as a man of courage, who took his own decisions, was unwaveringly dedicated to the United States and the same spirit was on display when he was shot at by a gunman on the election campaign trail last year.

The prime minister said President Trump appeared far more prepared than before in his second term.

"He has a clear roadmap in his mind with well-defined steps, each one designed to lead him toward his goals," Modi said on Trump's second term as President.

The prime minister said he had the chance to meet members of Trump's team during his recent visit to the US.

"I truly believe he has put together a strong, capable group. And with such a strong team, I feel they are fully capable of implementing President Trump's vision," Modi said.

He recalled his meetings with Vice President J D Vance, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, Vivek Ramaswamy and Elon Musk.

The prime minister recalled the 'Howdy Modi' community event at the packed NRG Stadium in Houston in September 2019 and how Trump listened to his speech by sitting among the audience.

"Now, that's his humility. The President of the United States sitting in the audience while I spoke from the stage, that was a remarkable gesture on his part," Modi said.

The prime minister also recalled how the US security detail went into a tizzy when he casually asked Trump to take a round of the packed stadium to greet the audience and he had agreed without hesitation.

"His entire security detail was thrown off guard, but for me that moment was truly touching. It showed me that this man had courage. He makes his own decisions, but also he trusted me and my lead in that moment enough to have walked with me into the crowd," he said.

"It was that sense of mutual trust, a strong bond between us that I truly witnessed on that day. And the way I saw President Trump that day walking into a crowd of thousands without even asking security, it was truly amazing," the prime minister said.

Modi said he saw the same resilient and determined Trump when he was shot at during the US election campaign.

"Even after being shot, he remained unwaveringly dedicated to America. His life was for his nation. This showed his America First spirit, just as I believe in nation first " India first," the prime minister said.

"I stand for India first and that's why we connect so well. These are the things that truly resonate," Modi said.

The prime minister said politicians across the world get so much media coverage that people mostly perceive them through its lens.

"People rarely get the chance to truly meet or personally know one another and perhaps third-party intervention is the real cause of tensions," Modi said.

PM to inaugurate...

also attending the deliberations reflecting growing cooperation between the two sides in the last few years, people familiar with the matter said.

The Raisina Dialogue is being hosted by the leading think-tank Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

It will witness the participation of representatives from about 125 countries including ministers, former heads of state and heads of government, military commanders, captains of industry, technology leaders, academics, journalists, scholars on strategic affairs and experts from leading think tanks, the MEA said on Sunday.

Officials said foreign ministers from 20 countries are attending the deliberations. The visit to India of the Ukrainian foreign minister comes as the US is stepping up efforts towards a temporary ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia to end their conflict.

New Zealand PM Luxon will deliver the keynote address at the inaugural session on Monday.

Foreign ministers of Slovenia, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Latvia, Moldova, Georgia, Sweden, Slovak Republic, Bhutan, Maldives, Norway, Thailand, Antigua and Barbuda, Peru, Ghana, Hungary and Mauritius are among the attendees.

Cuban Deputy Prime Minister Martinez Diaz and Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines Enrique A Manalo are also attending the conference.

The theme of this edition of the Dialogue is "Kalachakra - People, Peace and Planet".

Over the course of three days, decision-makers and thought leaders of the world will engage each other across conversations in various formats, over six thematic pillars.

The pillars are: Politics Interrupted: Shifting Sands and Rising Tides; Resolving the Green Trilemma: Who, Where, and How; Digital Planet: Agents, Agencies and Absences; Militant Mercantilism: Trade, Supply Chains and the Exchange Rate Addiction; The Tiger's Tale: Rewriting Development with a New Plan; and Investing in Peace: Drivers, Institutions, and Leadership.

In various sessions, the participants will discuss the state of the world and explore opportunities for cooperation on a wide range of contemporary matters.

Over 3,500 participants from about 125 countries will be joining the dialogue in person, according to the MEA.

In the past nine years, the Raisina Dialogue, whose name has been derived from Raisina Hill, an area in New Delhi housing the most important government buildings and used as a metonym for the seat of the Government of India, has grown in stature and profile.

Mata Vaishno Devi...

to the query about the total value of jewellery or ornaments like gold offered by the pilgrims at the shrine, the board said over 9.075 kgs gold was received in the FY 2020-21, 26.351 kgs in FY 2021-22, 33.258 kgs in FY 2022-23, 23.477 kgs in FY 2023-24 and 27.717 kgs in FY 2024-25 (up to January this year).

Similarly, 753.630 kgs silver was received in FY 2020-21, 2400.705 kgs in FY 2021-22, 3756.582 kgs FY 2022-23, 4072.486 kgs in FY 2023-24 and 3424.538 kgs in FY 2024-25 up to January this year, the board said.

The board said the metals are received in impure form and the value cannot be ascertained until refined.

The yellow metal appearing like gold and the white metal appearing like silver after melting, assaying, refining and fabrication into coins of .995 and .999 purity is put for sale at the souvenir shops, it said.

LeT terrorist Abu...

had a wide network of Over Ground Workers in Poonch and Rajouri through his old contacts, they said.

In the various investigations conducted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) into the gruesome terror incidents in Poonch-Rajouri region, his involvement was found, officials said.

He was charge-sheeted by the NIA under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and other sections for an attack on Hindu minorities in Dhangri Village of Rajouri District in 2023, they added.

Terrorists struck Dhangri village on January 1, 2023, and targeted villagers before fleeing the scene, leaving behind an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). While five people were killed in the firing by terrorists, two others died in the IED explosion the next morning. As many as 14 villagers were injured in the twin attacks.

The officials said Rehman is also the mastermind of the Reasi Bus Attack which was orchestrated on the day of the oath-taking ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government on June 9, 2024.

In this attack, terrorists killed nine pilgrims and injured 41 by firing on a bus carrying pilgrims to Shiv Khori temple.

He was also involved in the Bhatta-Durian terror incident on April 20, 2023, in which five Army personnel were killed. He is also accused in the Kandi attack on officers and personnel of the 9 Para Special Forces on May 5, 2023. The attack claimed the lives of five personnel, officials said.

They said Rehman, along with Saifullah Sajid Jutt, another Pakistan-based terrorist, was the main handler of terrorists of the outfit operating in the Poonch-Rajouri belt of Jammu and Kashmir.

Born on February 4, 1982, in the Sanghar district of Sindh province of Pakistan, Rehman was in charge of LeT's Khairatta detas (small group of terrorists ready to infiltrate) located in Kotli district of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

He was the main link between the LeT cadres and its operators in PoK and Sindh

Province of Pakistan, the officials said, adding he was the most trusted handler of Saeed.

On several occasions, the LeT founder tasked Rehman with ensuring control over the detas in PoK, the officials said. Rehman's associates -- Riyaz Ahmed alias Abu Qasim and Hanzla Adnan -- were killed in separate incidents in Pakistan in September and December 2023.

Over a dozen terrorist commanders of different outfits, including the LeT, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Hizbul Mujahideen, have been eliminated by unidentified gunmen in Pakistan and PoK over the last three years. (PTI)

Over 200 investors...

and procedures. Meanwhile, the Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary said the focus sectors for the Industrial Policy 2021-30 included manufacturing, IT and ITeS, agriculture and food processing, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, infrastructure and real estate, skill development, tourism and hospitality, film tourism, horticulture and post-harvest management, renewable energy, handloom and handicrafts.

Various policy initiatives are being taken up by the government to boost the industry sector and make it an investor-friendly destination, he said.

Any business enterprise having 51 per cent stake held by women entrepreneurs shall qualify to apply for allotment in the designated industrial estate, he added.

30 injured as...

officials said. They said 30 passengers, including 22 women, were injured in the accident and were hospitalised. Two of the seriously injured persons -- Razaqat Ali and Goutam Sharma -- were referred to Government Medical College hospital Jammu for specialised treatment, the officials said.

CS directs for...

and their affordability, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need to onboard services from key departments including Revenue, Housing & Urban Development (H&UDD), Agriculture, Rural Development (RDD), Labour & Employment, Power Development (PDD), Jal Shakti, Industries & Commerce, and the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (BOCWVWB). This integration, he observed, would not only enhance the service delivery but also boost the earnings of CSC operators.

Dulloo underscored the significance of the 'Digidost' feature of CSCs, allowing the citizens to avail government services from their homes at regulated rates. He directed the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to enhance the capacity of CSC operators, ensuring they efficiently serve both the citizens and the businesses. He also instructed the SPV to provide dashboard access to the IT Department for better monitoring of transactions and service delivery.

To further strengthen the role of CSCs, the Chief Secretary urged the banks to explore the feasibility of transforming these centres into Business Correspondents (BCs) or Unbanked Rural Centres (URCs), given their widespread presence and infrastructure in J&K. He also enquired about the establishment of new touchpoints in government offices and the challenges faced in their smooth operations there.

During the meeting, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar, proposed creation of model CSCs in each block to serve as one-stop centres for multiple services, encouraging replication across the region. He stressed the importance of expanding outreach and integrating CSCs with other government portals to provide seamless and efficient services.

Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, emphasized the need for auditing data privacy measures at CSCs to safeguard the citizens' credentials. He also called for an assessment of commission structures and documentation of success stories to showcase the CSCs as viable business ventures capable of delivering an extensive range of services.

He said that the CSCs could play a critical role in improving access to the digital services and bridging the digital divide across the districts of J&K.

Commissioner Secretary, IT Department, Saurabh Bhagat, highlighted the critical role of CSCs as last mile access points for e-governance and business services under the Digital India initiative. He reported that out of 18,618 CSCs in J&K, 12,602 are currently active.

The Commissioner Secretary revealed that there are 313 BCs, 20 District ASKs, 90 Block ASKs, 70 UCLs and 733 new touch points established across the Tehsil offices, BDO offices and Degree Colleges across the districts of J&K to bring services close to the doorsteps of public.

Presenting key statistics, he informed that 3.2 lakh Aadhaar service transactions, 4.1 lakh micro ATM transactions, 13 lakh G2C and B2C service transactions, 11.9 lakh Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPs) transactions, 32,212 appointments with 'Digidost' besides thousands of transactions related to money transfer, tele-law, skilling and banking services have been accomplished by these CSCs.

Additionally, the role of CSCs in implementing various welfare schemes, such as PM Surya Ghar, Vishwakarma Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, PM-KISAN and PMFBY, was discussed.

The meeting concluded with a call for strategic interventions to maximize the potential of CSCs and enhance their contribution to governance and service delivery across both the rural and urban areas of the UT.

Baloch rebels crash...

Sarfraz Bugti, the chief minister of Balochistan, condemned the attack.

No one immediately claimed responsibility, but suspicion is likely to fall on the outlawed Baloch Liberation Army, which days ago ambushed a train, took about 400 people on board hostage and killed 26 hostages before security forces launched an operation and killed all the 33 attackers.

Oil-and mineral-rich Balochistan is Pakistan's largest and least populated province.

Ethnic Baloch residents have long accused the central government of discrimination - a charge Islamabad denies.

Baloch Liberation Army has been demanding independence from the central government. (PTI)

BJP holds core...

Sethi, Spokesperson Girdhari Lal Raina, and others participated in the meeting. Tarun Chugh, while addressing the meeting, led the threadbare discussions on the current socio-political situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

He prompted the senior party leaders to discuss the Budget session presented by the NC government and its social and economic consequences on various sections like youth, and needy as well as on tourism, business, industry and investments in the region.

He also discussed the issue of Daily Wagers, need based workers, NYCS and others in detail.

Shrikant Sharma discussed the importance of an inclusive society which cares for all with the participation of all and suggested the observance of 'Bihar Diwas' with enthusiasm.

Sat Sharma led the discussion on ongoing programmes like 'One Nation, One Election', programmes on Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee and pressed for the stupendous and vigorous role of party cadre in carrying the message to the various sections of society.

Ashok Koul discussed the future party programmes to be held in these days. Earlier, senior party leaders also head meetings with the Presidents of organizational Districts prompting them to hold all the organizational programmes at the ground level.

Over 3,000 athletes...

including M.K. Sinha, Additional Director General of Police, Headquarters/Coordination PIQ, J&K, who was the chief guest at the event.

Along with the Chief Guest, senior police officers and retired officials distributed medals, certificates, and cash prizes worth Rs. 1,84,000 among the winners across various categories.

Sinha, during his address, expressed his appreciation for the massive participation of athletes from across Jammu and Kashmir, as well as from other states.

He emphasized that such events are crucial in fostering community engagement and in keeping the youth away from harmful activities like drugs. He stressed the importance of continued sports initiatives in the future.

Earlier, Anand Jain, ADGP Armed, in his speech, highlighted the long-standing commitment of J&K Police in serving the community through programs like the Civic Action Programme.

He thanked all the officers, sports authorities, and agencies for their role in ensuring the success of the event and emphasized the need to involve more youth in such activities to help them stay engaged in positive pursuits.

The marathon was flagged off by Anand Jain, ADGP Armed Police J&K, along with other dignitaries, including Sarah Rizvi, DIG IRP Jammu, Shiv Kumar, DIG JSK Range, Rajesh Kumar, SSP Security Jammu, and Joginder Singh, SSP Jammu, Dalip Kumar, SSP, SO to ADGP Armed along with senior officers from the Jammu-based battalions.

The Jammu Marathon-2025 is part of the J&K Police's ongoing efforts to promote fitness, foster community spirit, and encourage healthy lifestyles among the youth. Through such events, J&K Police aims to continue its efforts in engaging the com-

munity, building strong bonds with the public, and ensuring the active participation of citizens in activities that promote peace and well-being.

10-year-old...

registered at Police Station Boniyar vide FIR No. 3/2016 under section 420 of RPC was solved with the arrest of Manoj Das resident of Deoghar Jharkhand, involved in an online Bank Fraud case amounting of Rs 90,000.

Further investigation is underway.

Police remain committed to ensuring public safety and urges citizens to cooperate with police and report any suspicious activities to help maintain peace and order in the community.

Police registers first-ever e-FIR via WhatsApp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: In a major step in digital policing, making the complaint registration process more efficient and accessible for citizens, Police in Kulgam has registered its first electronic First Information Report (e-FIR) at PS Qazigund, following a complaint lodged via WhatsApp.

The complaint was filed by Bashir Ahmad Khanday, wherein he stated that on 12/03/2025 one unknown person after monitoring his transition activity within ATM at Chowgam quickly took out my ATM card and exchanged it tactfully. After that, I received messages of deduction of amount of Rs 22,000/- from my bank account. The complainant requested for legal action against the said unknown person and for recovery of his stolen money.

After examining the complaint, the Police took cognizance of the matter and registered an e-FIR under case FIR No. 38/2025 under section 303, 318 BNS at Police Station Qazigund. The investigation of the case has been initiated.

Pertinently, to strengthen public safety and justice, the government has introduced new criminal laws that enable citizens to register First Information Reports (FIRs) through social media platforms as this innovative initiative aims to make the process of reporting crimes more accessible, efficient, and citizen-friendly. With the rising popularity of social media, this move is expected to revolutionize the way people interact with law enforcement agencies.

Police arrests drug peddler, contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested a drug peddler in Srinagar and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A police party during patrolling from Bemina Chowk to Boatman Colony intercepted a vehicle coming from Bemina Chowk to Boatman colony was noticed driving suspiciously and recklessly, who tried to flee however the vehicle was tactfully stopped. Upon stopping, the driver immediately jumped out and fled from the spot. While the other co-passenger remained inside and was apprehended on the spot who disclosed his name as Sameer Ahmad Bhat son of Ali Mohammad Bhat resident of Woyan Pampore.

During questioning the arrested accused disclosed the name of the driver/the person whom the vehicle belongs as Mudasir Ahmad Pir son of Shareef-U-Din Pir resident of Firdous Colony Bemina. During search, substantial quantity of Brown Sugar like substance was recovered from the Dash board of vehicle. Moreover, one weighing machine and a mobile phone was also seized on spot. Besides, vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 18/2025 under relevant section of law has been registered in Police Station Bemina. Search for other accused person who fled from the spot is underway.

Citizens are encouraged to support police efforts in rooting out the drug menace from society. We assure the public that the police will take strict action against offenders in accordance with the law.

Police arrests 3 drug peddlers; contraband substances recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts against the menace of drug trafficking, police have arrested three drug peddlers in Baramulla & Budgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party at a checkpoint established at Kanthbagh near DPL Baramulla intercepted two suspicious persons who tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully. During search, about 100 grams of Charas like substance was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Javid Ahmed Sheikh son of Abdul Majeed Sheikh and Sameer Ahmed Sheikh son of Mohd Subhan Sheikh, both residents of Khawajabagh Baramulla. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Similarly in Budgam, a Police Party of Police Station Khansahib at a check point established at Bugroo crossing, intercepted a Scooty bearing registration number JK04-5815. During search, heroin-like substance was recovered from scooty rider, identified as Adil Showkat Khan son of Showkat Ahmad Khan resident of Nilsar Mohallah Wavoora Baramulla A/P Ompora Budgam. Subsequently, he has been arrested on the spot. Moreover, Scooty used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been initiated.

Police remain committed to eradicating drug abuse and trafficking from the district. Public is urged to cooperate and report any suspicious activity to the nearest Police Station or dial 112.

Missing minor girl traced & reunited with family members

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxena has recovered a missing minor girl within 5 days whose missing case was registered at Police Station Billawar and reunited her with family members after completing all legal formalities.

On March 9, 2025, a written complaint was lodged at PP Ramkot (Police Station Billawar) by the uncle of missing girl resident of Makwal Tehsil Ramkot & District Kathua, stating therein that his niece, whose age and Name (withheld) had gone missing from home who was residing at his uncle's home since 2 months. As per her uncle, on dated 06/03/2025 she went to attend the marriage at Village Makwal and did not return back. All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing girl could not be ascertained.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 33/2025 U/S 137(2) BNS got registered at Police Station Billawar and search was started to trace the missing minor girl. Today Police team led by Incharge PP Ramkot PSI Ranbeer Singh under the guidance of SDPO Billawar Sh. Neeraj Padyar and SHO PS Billawar Insp. Zaheer Manhas after hectic efforts coupled with technical analysis, has succeeded in recovering the said missing minor girl from the jurisdictional area of PP Ramkot and handed over to her legal heirs upon completing all legal formalities.

Notorious drug peddler arrested, heroin like narcotics substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
THANNAMANDI: In a continued action against drug peddlers, Rajouri Police has achieved a major success by apprehending a notorious drug Peddler in Thanamandi area. A Police Team from Police Station Thanamandi led by SHO Thanamandi arrested Mohd Tahir Naik S/O Abdul Salam Naik resident of Kote Behrote Thanamandi. During his Personal search 6.30 grams of heroin like Narcotics Substance recovered from his possession. In this regard a case FIR No. 34/2025 under Sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Thanamandi and further investigation is underway to uncover any links to a larger drug network in Rajouri.

Wanted absconder apprehended

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: A police team of PS Rajbagh under the guidance of SDPO Border Dheeraj Singh Katoch JKPS & SHO PS Rajbagh Insp. Ajay Singh SHO PS Rajbagh under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxena IPS has successfully apprehended one Absconder namely Mohd Habib son of Mohd. Saleem resident of Jugval Tehsil Marheen District Kathua who had been evading arrest for three years.

Moreover, Absconder namely Mohd Habib was wanted in connection with Case FIR No. 216/2022 U/S 457/380/IPC & FIR NO. 288/2022 U/S 457/380/IPC at Police Station Nagrota.

The accused had been absconding since 2022, but the relentless efforts of the police team of PS Rajbagh led by SHO PS Rajbagh finally led to his capture. He will be handed over to the concerned police station for further proceedings.