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should be the norm to resolve all underlying issues, and how there should not be any targeting of civilians who have nothing to do with this," said Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs P Kumaran at a media briefing.

Following his phone conversation with the Saudi crown prince, Modi said, "India condemns the recent attacks on Saudi Arabia in violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity."

"We agreed that the earliest restoration of regional peace and stability is of utmost importance. I thanked him for looking after the well-being of the Indian community in these difficult times," Modi said on X.

In his conversation with Al Khalifa, Modi said India stands in solidarity with the people of Bahrain in this "difficult hour".

"India condemned the attacks on Bahrain and stands in solidarity with its people in this difficult hour. I thank him for the steadfast support extended to the Indian community in Bahrain," he added.

Iran has carried out a wave of attacks mainly targeting Israel and American military bases in several Gulf countries, including the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, after the US and Israel attacked Iran on Saturday.

The Iranian retaliation increased after Tehran announced early Sunday that the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had been killed in the Israel-US strike.

GOC directs all...

Commanding of Counter-Insurgency Force (Delta) Maj Gen Ajai Singh Dabas who recently took over the command from Maj Gen A P S Bal.

"...the GOC lauded Delta Force for their unwavering dedication, sharp operational focus and steadfast commitment to duty. He directed all ranks to remain alert, proactive and mission-focused, and to uphold the highest standards of professionalism in every action," the White Knight Corps said in a post on X.

Three Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists including self-styled commander Saifullah were killed in a day-long operation in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar on February 22.

Saifullah had escaped over a dozen encounters in the past one year during various operations in the high-altitude areas.

"In the hinterland, vigilance is victory; firm resolve, proactive dominance and relentless action will secure lasting peace and stability," the army said in the post.

Meanwhile, police have intensified their crackdown to identify and apprehend the overground workers (OGWs) who allegedly provided logistical and material support to Saifullah and his group, enabling them to remain active and evade security forces in the higher reaches over the past couple of years. Officials said that multiple teams have been constituted to track down suspects believed to have facilitated the movement of the group by arranging food supplies, shelter, communication channels and financial assistance.

Police maintained that action will be taken against anyone found involved in providing direct or indirect support to terrorists, reiterating their commitment to curb militancy and ensure lasting peace in the region.

New J&K Houses...

clearances, finalisation of Detailed Project Reports and approval of executing agencies, the officials of Housing and Protocol Department said.

After the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of erstwhile state of J&K into two Union Territories, assets were divided between J&K and Ladakh under the Reorganisation Act, 2019. Major allocations include the division of corporations, staff, and properties in Delhi, Chandigarh, and other locations.

The officials said the government intends to augment accommodation infrastructure on its land assets belong to the UT of J&K at various location including New Delhi, Mumbai, Amritsar and Chandigarh.

An amount of Rs 36.61 crore (revised estimates) have been allocated for FY 2025-26 for seven projects in Delhi, Chandigarh, Mumbai and Amritsar in Punjab, the officials said, adding major allocations include Rs 20.90 crore for Dwarka, Rs 6.40 crore for Chandigarh, Rs 2.50 crore for Amritsar and Rs 1.25 crore for Mumbai, they said.

In Mumbai, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of J&K Bhawan at Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, is under formulation, while construction of additional structures on available vacant land is under consideration in Amritsar.

In Chandigarh, conversion of the existing SCO building into a J&K House has commenced, the officials said.

At J&K House (5 Prithviraj Road New Delhi), a redevelopment and upgradation project of the existing structure is being taken up, they said, adding drafting of Expression of Interest (EoI) is at an advanced stage of preparation.

However, the officials said as the property falls under the Lutyens' Bungalow Zone (LBZ), construction of any new structure requires approval from the Prime Minister's Office.

The main building, being a heritage structure, cannot be altered, and any new structure cannot exceed its height as per norms. Other existing structures within nine metres of the boundary wall will have to be demolished once formal approvals are applied for, the officials said.

They said the matter is being taken up with the executing agencies to come up with the best possible execution models keeping in view the issues and the need for adequate accommodation within the complex.

At J&K House, Chanakyapuri (New Delhi), the officials said construction of new structures is not feasible due to space constraints, though redevelopment and upgradation have been carried out.

For Kashmir House, Rajaji Marg (New Delhi), redevelopment within prescribed height and zoning norms is permissible. Reconstruction of staff accommodation is being undertaken in a phased manner, and work has commenced.

In Dwarka (Delhi), construction of a new Jammu and Kashmir House on acquired land has been proposed. Various execution models are under examination and a comprehensive proposal is under preparation, the officials said.

Illegal transportation of minerals: 10 vehicles seized, 5 arrested

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AWANTIPORA: In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, J&K Police have arrested 05 persons and has seized 02 Loaders ,02 Tractors and 01 Dumper involved in illegal transportation of minerals in Datpora and Reshipora areas of Awantipora.

Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, a Police party of Police Post Reshipora headed by Incharge Police Post Reshipora under the supervision of SDPO Awantipora seized five Vehicles. The persons involved in the said crime have been identified as Jahangeer Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Ayoub resident of Chakoor Pulwama, Nadeem Ahmad Mir son of Ab khaliq resident of Litter Pulwama, Sajad Ahmad Dar son of Ab Razaq Dar resident of Reshipora, Ali Mohd Dar son of Ab khaliq resident of Reshipora & Zubair Ahmad Mir son of Ab khaliq resident of Reshipora.

Police has seized 05 vehicles in the unauthorized extraction and transportation of minerals in Shopian & Kulgam.

During routine patrolling, a police party from Police Post Keegam intercepted a dumper, tractor and JCB engaged in illegal mining activities without valid royalty documents. In this regard FIR No. 25/2026 under relevant provisions of law has been registered at Police Station Shopian and further investigation has been initiated.

In Kulgam, Police has seized two vehicles (Tippers) involved in the unauthorized extraction and transportation of minerals in the Khudwani Qaimoh area of the district Kulgam. During Naka Checking, a police party from Police station Qaimoh intercepted twoippers engaged in illegal transportation of mining minerals without valid royalty documents. In this regard FIR No. 19/2026 under relevant provisions of law has been registered at Police Station Qaimoh and further investigation has been initiated.

Police files charge sheet in fake government job fraud case

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AWANTIPORA: Police Station Awantipora has filed a charge sheet in FIR No. 09/2026 under Sections 318(4), 61(2), and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) before the Hon'ble Court of the Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Awantipora, in a case pertaining to cheating and fraud on the false pretext of providing a government job.

The accused persons have been identified as Showkat Ahmad Dar, son of Gh. Mohd Dar @ Mom Dar, resident of Panzang & Ajaz Ahmad Shah, son of Ali Mohd Shah, resident of Tral Payeen.

During investigation, it was established that the accused induced the complainant to part with Rs 7,00,000/- by falsely assuring appointment in a government department. The investigation, supported by bank transaction records and documentary evidence etc, has substantiated the involvement of the accused persons.

The investigation was headed by the Incharge Police Post Reshipora, SI Meheraj-ud-Din, under the supervision of the SHO Police Station Awantipora, Inspector Ajaz Ahmad. The case was investigated in a professional manner and concluded on the basis of material evidence.

2 drug peddlers arrested with 22.23 grams heroin

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers & peddlers, Samba Police has arrested two drug peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and recovered approximately 22.23 grams heroin like substance (Chitta)alongwith three mobile phones from their possession.

Acting on specific information, a team of Police Post Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration No. JK21K-6229near Kalibari, Rakh Amb Talli for its checking. During checking, approximately 22.23 grams of heroin-like substance (Chitta) and three mobile phones were recovered from the possession of rider and pillion rider of the said motorcycle.

The drug peddlers identified as Rohit Bhagat S/o Swaran Das R/o Ranjri tehsil Vijaypur district Samba and Sahil Kumar S/o Ghara Ram R/o Sum tehsil & district Jammu have been arrested. The contraband item alongwith mobile phones has been seized. The motorcycle involved in the crime has also been seized by the police.

A case FIR No. 54/2026 u/s 8/21/22/25/29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at PS Samba and investigation started.

5 vehicles including 3 dumpers seized for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized five vehicles including three dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba, Ramgarh and Purmandal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS SAMBA, SHO PS Ramgarh, SHO PS Purmandal and Incharge Police Post Utterbehani of PS Purmandal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas have seized three dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK14D-6152, JK21E-2946, JK02CT-5866, a tractor trolley bearing registration No. JK21J-3780 and a tractor trolley without No. 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.

Missing lady traced, reunited with family

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DODA: Doda Police has successfully traced a missing lady and reunited her with her family. The missing report was lodged at Police Station Baderwah.

On 29.09.2025, a missing report regarding a lady was entered at Police Station Baderwah.

Soon after receiving the information, police swung into action and, on the directions of SSP Doda, a special team was constituted from PS Baderwah to trace out the missing lady. The police team, using all possible means and technical assistance, and after developing specific clues, succeeded in tracing her out on 02.03.2026 from Billawar, Kathua.

Accordingly, after completing all codal and legal formalities, the lady was safely handed over to her family. The missing report has been closed vide DDR No. 08 dated 02.03.2026.

Illegal liquor seized, bovine smuggling bid foiled; accused arrested

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DODA: Continuing its sustained drive against illegal activities, and acting on the directions of SSP Doda under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Doda and SHO Police Station Doda, Doda Police achieved significant success by busting an illegal liquor sale and foiling a bovine smuggling bid in two separate operations. Multiple accused persons have been arrested and cases registered.

On March 1, 2026, during routine patrolling in Nagri, Tondwah, and adjoining areas, a police party of Police Station Doda busted an illegal liquor sale. The police observed Swaran Singh, along with his associate Pancham Singh, consuming and selling liquor inside Swaran Singh's chicken shop without any valid licence or permission.

On noticing the police presence, both individuals attempted to flee from the spot but were swiftly apprehended. A thorough search of the premises led to the recovery of 11 bottles of JK Special Whisky (370 ml each); 1 bottle of JK Special Whisky (750 ml), half consumed; 1 bottle of JK Special Whisky (375 ml), half consumed and 2 empty used glasses.

During questioning, accused Swaran Singh failed to produce any valid licence or satisfactory explanation regarding the possession and sale of the recovered liquor.

Accordingly, FIR No. 47/2026 U/s 48(f) of the Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Doda. Both accused persons have been arrested, and further investigation is underway.

On March 1, 2026, acting upon reliable information, a police team of Police Station Doda led by PSI Rahul Singh intercepted a vehicle involved in illegal bovine smuggling.

During the operation, one Tata Mobile bearing registration No. JK06B-5565, driven by Mohd Irfan S/o Mohd Iqbal Shah and Sajad Ahmed S/o Nazir Ahmed, both residents of Shoran Dhar, was intercepted.

Upon inspection, two bovine animals were found loaded in the vehicle, mercilessly tied with ropes, without any arrangement for food and water, and were being transported for selling purposes without the permission of the District Magistrate, Doda, in violation of existing laws.

Accordingly, FIR No. 48/2026 U/s 223 BNS and 11 P.C. Act has been registered at Police Station Doda. The vehicle has been seized, both accused have been arrested, and further investigation is underway.

Crackdown on Bovine Smuggling Intensified: 250 bovines rescued, 38 arrested, 1 detained under PSA; property worth Rs 50 lakh attached

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UDHAMPUR: District Police Udhampur continued its sustained and focused drive against bovine smuggling during the months of January and February 2026, reaffirming its firm commitment to curb illegal activities in the district.

During this period, 34 cases related to bovine smuggling were registered, resulting in the rescue of 250 bovines from unlawful transportation attempts.

As part of stringent enforcement measures 39 persons were arrested/detained, including 38 individuals arrested in bovine smuggling cases, while 01 habitual offender was booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

Further, 28 vehicles used in the commission of bovine smuggling offences were seized.

In a major financial crackdown, moveable properties linked with bovine smuggling cases were attached under Section 107(5) BNSS.

The attached properties include 02 vehicles (Tata Mobile and Tanker) with a combined attachment value of ₹50 lacs, aimed at dismantling the financial network of habitual offenders.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled; vehicle seized, accused held

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JAMMU: Jammu Police during routine vehicle checking at the Ballol naka point, a team from Police Station Miran Sahib successfully foiled a bovine smuggling attempt today.

In the operation, six bovine animals were rescued, and a Mahindra load carrier bearing registration number JK21H-3068 was seized. The driver disclosed his identity as Mohd. Shafi@Surmu S/o Faqir Ali R/o Paryote Ramban,A/P Sounkha,Ramgarh who was taken into custody for illegal transportation of bovines.

Accordingly, FIR No. 36/2026 under Sections of law has been registered at the police station Miran Sahib. Further investigation into the matter is underway.

India, Canada seal USD 2.6 bn uranium deal

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NEW DELHI: India and Canada on Monday inked landmark pacts on supplies of Uranium and critical minerals and vowed to seal a comprehensive economic partnership agreement this year with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney finalising an ambitious roadmap of cooperation to shore up ties including taking bilateral annual trade to over USD 50 billion by 2030.

In their wide-ranging talks, the two leaders also pledged to ramp up cooperation in defence, critical technologies, small and modular nuclear reactors, education, artificial intelligence and renewable energy, demonstrating that the relationship has moved beyond turbulence into a more stable and forward-looking phase.

The ties between the two countries hit rock bottom following then-PM Justin Trudeau's allegations in 2023 of a potential Indian link to the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada.

The two sides initiated a series of measures to rebuild the relations after Carney became the prime minister in March last year.

To leverage their strengths as complementary economies, India and Canada announced a new strategic energy partnership, including in LNG, LPG, uranium, solar and hydrogen.

As the first step, a USD 2.6 bil-

lion agreement was signed between the government of India and Saskatoon-based Cameco to supply nearly 22 million pounds of uranium to India for nuclear energy generation from 2027 to 2035.

Besides the pacts on uranium and critical minerals, India and Canada signed six other MoUs, including one on the terms of reference for the India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

"Our goal is to reach USD 50 billion in trade by 2030. Unlocking the full potential of economic cooperation is our priority. Therefore, we have decided to finalise the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement soon."

"This will create new investment and employment opportunities in both countries," Modi said in his media statement.

The volume of two-way annual trade at present is around USD 13 billion.

"Canada's pension funds have invested USD 100 billion in India. This symbolises their deep belief in India's growth story," Modi said.

The prime minister said the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on critical minerals will strengthen resilient supply chains. Canada is known for its significant reservoir of critical minerals and rare earth materials.

"In the energy sector, we are building a next-generation partnership, which will focus on hydrocarbons as

well as renewable energy, green hydrogen and energy storage," Modi said.

"In civil nuclear energy, we have signed a landmark deal for long-term uranium supply. We will also work together on small modular reactors and advanced reactors," he said.

The prime minister said both sides agreed that terrorism, extremism, and radicalisation are common and serious challenges not only for India and Canada but for all humanity. "Our close cooperation against these is crucial for global peace and stability."

A Canadian readout said the two leaders agreed to advance bilateral cooperation on security and law enforcement and it includes issues of mutual concern to Canada and India, such as the illegal flow of drugs, particularly fentanyl precursors and transnational organised criminal networks.

Prime Minister Carney also underscored that Canada will continue to take measures to "combat transnational repression", the read-out said without elaborating.

Secretary (East) in the external affairs ministry, P Kumaran, said at a media briefing that the process for normalisation of India-Canada ties has already begun translating into "tangible economic outcomes".

"The relationship has clearly moved beyond turbulence into a more stable and forward-looking phase," he said.

Will 'remove infiltrators from WB'; Hindu refugees have nothing to worry: Amit Shah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MATHURAPUR (WB): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday escalated the BJP's "infiltration" pitch in West Bengal, declaring that while "only names are being deleted now" from the state's electoral rolls under the SIR, infiltrators would be "removed from the state" once the party comes to power, raising the stakes ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls.

Launching the BJP's

'Poroborton Yatra' from Mathurapur in South 24 Parganas district in the state, his first visit since the publication of the post-SIR rolls on Saturday, Shah sought to draw a clear distinction between "infiltrators" and "Hindu refugees", assuring the latter that they have "nothing to worry" and would not lose citizenship under a BJP government.

The Union minister slammed the TMC govern-

ment over what he described as years of unchecked infiltration under Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's watch, signalling that border security and citizenship will anchor the BJP's final electoral push in the run-up to 2026.

Shah also rolled out a string of promises, including the implementation of the Seventh Pay Commission for state government employees within 45 days of the BJP coming to power, filling up all

vacant government posts by December, and restoring abolished permanent posts within two months.

"Right now, only names are being deleted from voter rolls, and Mamata Didi is nervous. Once the BJP forms the government, we will identify and remove every infiltrator from Bengal," he said, addressing a gathering in the coastal belt abutting the Sundarbans and close to the porous Indo-Bangladesh frontier.

J&K Bank & LFO-BHF's Project RISE Empowers Youth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Bank, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative Project RISE (Respecting Identities | Promoting Equality), organized a series of gender sensitization and self-defence awareness programmes in Jammu district. The initiative was implemented by Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) as part of its outreach across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, with the objective of promoting equality, dignity, and personal safety among students.

The awareness sessions were conducted at Government Girls Higher

Secondary School, Mubarakh Mandi, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Canal Road, Government High School, Deeli, and Government High School, City Chowk. The sessions were conducted by Stuti Abrol, who actively engaged students through interactive discussions and practical demonstrations.

On speaking with Vivek Parihar, Director & CEO LFO-BHF, he stated, "Special emphasis was placed on self-defence training, where students were introduced to basic practical techniques aimed at enhancing personal safety, building confidence, and enabling effective response in challenging situations. The sessions also

addressed gender sensitivity, respectful behaviour, and the importance of inclusive and responsible social conduct."

Through these interactive engagements, a total of 2561 students were sensitized across various educational institutions in Jammu district. The programme highlighted the importance of empowering youth by integrating awareness with practical skills for real-life preparedness.

The initiative witnessed active participation from students, teachers, and school authorities, who appreciated the relevance, clarity, and hands-on approach of the sessions, reinforcing the message of safety, sensitivity, and self-empowerment.