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and Kulgam districts of south Kashmir on Friday night. The houses belonged to Ahsan ul Haq (Pulwama) who was "trained in Pakistan" in 2018 and had recently "infiltrated" into the Valley; top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Shahid Ahmad Kuttay (Shopian) who was active for the past three to four years and been involved in many anti-national activities; and Zakir Ahmad Ganie (Kulgam), who has been active since 2023 and was under surveillance for his alleged involvement in multiple terror-related activities, the officials said.

The fourth house was blown up by security forces in Kalaroos area of Kupwara district in north Kashmir, they said. It belonged to Farooq Ahmad Tedwa and Miskeen Ahmad Tedwa, who are currently operating from Pakistan.

The security forces have also rounded up hundreds of overground workers (OWGs) and their supporters -- mostly in four south Kashmir districts -- in their bid to track down the terrorists who carried out the attack on Tuesday.

One alleged OWG was killed in firing by terrorists during one such operation in Bandipora district on Friday, officials said.

Altaf Lalli was killed when security forces took him to a terrorist hideout in the Kulnar area of Bandipora district after he pointed out the location of the ultras.

Two policemen were also injured in the firing by the terrorists, who managed to escape, the officials said.

On Saturday, the action shifted to Srinagar where raids were carried out at more than 60 places, including Safakadal, Soura, Pandach Bemina, Shalteng, Lal Bazar and Zadibal areas, they said.

The police spokesman said extensive searches were conducted at multiple locations across the city at the residences of OGWs and terrorist associates of proscribed terrorist outfits and in the furtherance of investigations into cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

"In its relentless efforts to dismantle the terrorist ecosystem, Srinagar Police conducted searches across the length and breadth of the city at the residences of OGWs and terrorist associates involved in cases registered under UAPA," the spokesman said.

He said the searches were conducted in accordance with proper legal procedures in the presence of Executive Magistrates and independent witnesses under the supervision of the officers of J-K Police.

They were carried out to seize weapons, documents, digital devices, etc. with the objective of evidence collection and intelligence gathering to detect and deter any conspiratorial or terrorist activity against the security of the nation.

"This decisive action of J-K Police aims to dismantle the terrorist ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir by identifying and taking legal action against individuals engaged in such anti-national and criminal activities," he added.

The spokesman said the police remain committed to maintaining peace and security in the city.

"Any individual found furthering the agenda of violence, disruption, or unlawful activities will face strict legal consequences under the law," it warned.

Meanwhile, the Pakistani military carried out unprovoked firing all across the Line of Control for a second consecutive night and Indian troops effectively responded to them, military sources said on Saturday.

No casualties were reported in the firing.

"On the night of April 25 and 26, unprovoked small arms firings were carried out by various Pakistan Army post all across the LoC in Kashmir," a source said, adding, "Indian troops responded appropriately with small arms."

The Pakistan military has been put on high alert following India's assertion that it would hunt down the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam strike.

Omar questions Pakistan's...

about Sharif's remarks, Abdullah said, "I do not want to comment much on their (Pakistani leaders) statements. I regret the incident, which should not have happened."

On the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 with Pakistan, which India put in abeyance for the cross-border links to the Pahalgam attack, and the dams constructed over the Chenab River, Abdullah said, "Why are you linking the two? What does the water treaty have to do with these things? Whether the Indus Water Treaty is suspended or not, what does it have to do with these projects?".

CM visits Ramban...

that despite the tragic incident in Pahalgam, the government continues to prioritize relief and rehabilitation work in Ramban.

"My primary purpose in coming here was to assure the people of Ramban that, although there was a very serious incident in Pahalgam, we have not forgotten Ramban," Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said.

He said that he didn't want the people of Ramban to feel that all our attention is now focused only on Pahalgam, and that Ramban has been neglected. "Therefore, as soon as my work in Srinagar eased, I immediately came to Ramban, met my colleagues, met the administration, and reviewed the situation here," he said.

The Chief Minister lauded the efforts of the District Administration, particularly Deputy Commissioner Ramban, and Senior Superintendent of Police, for their swift and coordinated response, which led to the restoration of traffic on NH-44 within 24 hours alongside the simultaneous launch of rescue and restoration operations.

He noted visible improvements along the National Highway and other affected regions, resulting in smoother vehicular movement and relief to stranded and affected populations.

Stressing the importance of long-term rehabilitation, the Chief Minister directed the District Administration to identify land for resettling displaced families and to allot five marlas of land to each affected family. He further stated that disaster management planning for Jammu and Kashmir will be reoriented to address the climatic changes witnessed in recent years.

"I have instructed the administration and the Deputy Commissioner that many people have not only lost their houses but also the land on which their houses stood. I have directed the DC to identify an alternate site, and once that is done, we will provide plots of five-marlas of land to the affected families," the Chief Minister said.

Responding to concerns raised by public representatives, the Chief Minister directed the Deputy Commissioner to submit a proposal for the provision of three months' free ration to residents of affected areas.

He also instructed officials to assess the need for a special relief package for individuals who have suffered commercial losses and damages to shops and business establishments, supplementing the assistance available under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

"Under the SDRF norms, commercial losses are not compensated. Nevertheless, I have asked the DC to prepare a proposal under SDRF provisions, whether for relief to commercial establishments or for providing free ration to those who have suffered the most. We are committed to approving these proposals once submitted," CM Omar Abdullah said.

The Chief Minister informed that funds under the SDRF have already been released and assured liberal financial support for relief, rehabilitation, and restoration activities in Ramban. He emphasized that the government is working through a phased approach focusing on rescue, recovery, restoration, and rebuilding to restore normalcy in the affected areas.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by DDC Chairperson Dr. Shamshad Shan, MLA Banihal Sajad Shaheen, MLA Ramban Arjun Singh Raju, Additional Chief Secretary to CM Dheeraj Gupta, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, SSP Ramban Kulbir Singh, SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Hamid and other senior officers.

During the review meeting, DDC Chairperson, MLAs, and other officials flagged several urgent issues requiring immediate attention.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner briefed the Chief Minister on the situation and the measures undertaken. He reported that three human lives were lost, over 1,000 livestock perished, and 11 key locations along the National Highway were severely affected. A total of 93 vehicles were recovered, and 496 structures sustained damage. Of the 27 Jal Shakti Department schemes affected, nine have been partially restored. Approximately 80,498 kanals of agricultural land and 46 schools also suffered damage.

To respond effectively, the District Administration established control rooms and camp offices near affected sites under the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), set up multiple relocation centres equipped with basic amenities, and relocated 45 families from Dharmkund to NHPC Colony and 24 families from Kow Bagh and Pernote to Maitra Community Hall. Teams from NDRF, SDRF, Civil QRT and various NGOs were mobilized for immediate assistance. Twenty-six ambulances were deployed for emergencies, and ration was distributed among stranded truck drivers.

In addition, ration supplies were transported on ponies along the Sencha-Bhagna road to ensure delivery to remote households. Adequate manpower and machinery have been deployed for restoration work across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner further informed that ex-gratia relief of Rs 1 lakh each has been disbursed to the families of all three deceased individuals from Red Cross

funds.

Terrorist hideout busted...

arms and ammunition, including five AK-47 rifles, eight AK-47 magazines, a pistol, a pistol magazine, 660 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, a pistol round and 50 rounds of M4 ammunition, was seized from the site, the official said.

This was a major success, especially in view of indications that terrorists were preparing to carry out activities aimed at disturbing peace and order in the region, he added.

The timely action by the security forces has dealt a major blow to such nefarious designs and averted potential threats to civilian lives and public safety, he said.

Twenty-six people, mostly tourists, were killed and several injured when terrorists opened fire at a meadow near the popular tourist town of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday afternoon.

Traffic to remain...

dead. In his order, the deputy commissioner Ramban said granted sanction to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for taking the 24-hour traffic haltage to undertake the widening of damaged road portion in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the commuters.

The four-km Maroog-Seri stretch of the highway was worst-hit in the natural fury, burying dozens of vehicle including trucks and damaging the retaining walls and vehicle parapets.

ACB books cop...

costly electronic items etc. During the course of investigation, official said, search warrant was obtained from the Court and searches were conducted at the residential and commercial premises of the accused located at Gadigarh and Miran Sahib, Jammu in the presence of independent witnesses and Magistrates.

Further investigation of the case is going on, official added.

Gataru murder case...

He said the investigation has resulted in the seizure of four pistols along with several magazines and ammunition, three vehicles and two sharp-edged weapons from various locations associated with the accused.

In total, the role of 13 accused persons has surfaced. Police are committed to giving justice to the victim and ensuring public safety. Further investigation in the case is underway, the spokesperson added.

Centre plans study...

follow up on them. Shah made several suggestions at the meeting for their effective implementation.

"We will ensure that not a single drop of water flows into Pakistan from India," the Jal Shakti Minister had said after the meeting.

Sources said the government is working on a long-term plan to ensure the effective implementation of its decisions.

According to an official, the ministry has been asked to conduct a study to look at ways to utilise the water from the three western rivers.

Experts have spoken about the lack of infrastructure that may limit India's capability of completely utilising the water it gets from the decision to suspend the treaty.

"The real issue is with the western rivers where infrastructure limitations prevent us from immediately stopping water flows," Himanshu Thakkar of the South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP) said.

"We have several projects underway in the Chenab basin that will take five to seven years to complete. Until then, water will continue to flow to Pakistan by gravity. Once these are operational, India will have control mechanisms that currently do not exist," Thakkar had told PTI.

Shripad Dharmadhikary, an environmental activist and the founder of Manthan Adhyayan Kendra, has also cautioned against assuming that India could rapidly divert water flows. "At present, we lack the major infrastructure needed to stop water from flowing into Pakistan," he said.

In response to India's decision on the water-sharing agreement, Pakistan's Senate, in a resolution, has said the move amounted to "an act of war".

India, China decide...

"Therefore, applicants do not need to send letters or fax to seek information. The feedback options on the website can be used for obtaining information, registering observations or making suggestions for improvement," it said.

Nearly 80 families...

were severely affected by multiple landslides triggered by heavy rains in the district.

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He said the district administration has established control rooms and camp offices near affected sites and set up multiple relocation centres equipped with basic amenities.

Forty-five families from Dharmkund have been relocated to NHPC Colony, and 24 families from Kow Bagh and Pernote have been sent to Maitra Community Hall, the DC informed.

Teams from NDRF, SDRF, Civil volunteers and various NGOs were mobilised for immediate assistance, he said, adding that 26 ambulances were deployed for emergencies, and the ration was distributed among stranded truck drivers.

In addition, adequate manpower and machinery have been deployed for restoration work, he said. Separately, ration supplies were transported on ponies along the Sencha-Bhagna road to ensure delivery to remote households, Chaudhary added.

He also said ex-gratia relief of Rs 1 lakh each has been disbursed to the families of all three deceased individuals from Red Cross funds.

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He said the disaster management planning for Jammu and Kashmir will be reoriented to address the climatic changes witnessed in recent years.

CAT issued decision in favour of Jal Shakti (PHE) employees against Panch-Sarpanch certification: Som Nath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and Workers Association held a press conference at the PHE Complex, Udhampur, under the chairmanship of Som Nath, District President Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees & Workers Association and a senior trade union leader of Jammu Province.



Addressing the media, Som Nath shared the details regarding the case filed in the High Court, in which a stay decision was earlier granted in favour of the Water Works PHE Employees Association.

He clarified that the association has now been officially recognized as the Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees and Workers Association.

While the Udhampur Wing initially benefited from the stay order, the fruits of this legal victory have been extended to all employees across the Jammu Province, marking a major win for the workforce.

Som Nath recalled that the case dates back to 2012, when the Government issued an order stating that the salaries of the field staff of the PHE Department would be released only after certification from the respective Panch/Sarpanch of the field area.

Strongly opposing this, the association challenged the order in the High Court, which promptly granted a stay on the Government's decision during the very first hearing in October 2012.

Despite continued attempts by the Government to contest the stay, it remained intact until 2021, when the case was transferred to the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

In a landmark judgment, the Central Administrative Tribunal quashed the Government order, delivering a resounding victory for the PHE Employees and Workers. This judgment not only safeguards the dignity of the field staff but also strengthens the voice of employees across the province who had long awaited justice.

The press conference was also graced by several senior leaders, including Vijay Kumar Sharma, Suraj Parkash, Dinesh Kesar, Karan Singh, Mohan Singh, Prabu Lal, Makhhan Chand, and Shanker Dass, who stood in solidarity, celebrating the outcome that reinforced the rights of thousands of employees.

SWD distributes seven motorised tricycles among specially abled persons

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: The Department of Social Welfare, Reasi, distributed seven motorised tricycles among specially abled persons of the AAY/PHH category with a benchmark disability of 40% or more. The beneficiaries hailed from different parts of District Reasi. The distribution ceremony was held at the DC Office Complex, Reasi, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik.

In the inaugural session, District Social Welfare Officer Reasi, Sachin Sharma, gave a detailed account of the motorised tricycle scheme for specially abled persons and stated that the Department is committed to providing maximum benefits to enhance the hassle-free mobility of specially abled persons. Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik, appreciated the efforts of the Social Welfare Department and said that this initiative will benefit the needy and deserving specially abled persons of District Reasi. She added that it will help create an inclusive society where they have equal access, opportunities, and rights in all aspects of life. This initiative will help integrate specially abled persons into mainstream society by making them independent and empowered. ADDC Reasi, Sukhdev Singh Samyal; ADC Reasi, Rakesh Kumar; Deputy DEO, Rakesh Kumar; ACR Reasi; and DIO were also present.



Two drug peddlers arrested, contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to root out drug menace from society, police on Saturday arrested two drug peddlers in Sopore and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police team from Police Station Sopore and PP Fruit Mandi, intercepted a vehicle (Load Carrier) bearing registration number JK05M-9529 at Vijbal crossing with two persons on board, police official said.

During search, 203 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from their possession, official said adding that the accused has been identified as Mohsin Manzoor Soliha and a lady (name withheld), both residents of Arampora Baramulla.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 66/2025 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Sopore and investigation has been initiated, official said.

Three criminals arrested with sharp edged weapons

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police on Saturday arrested three criminals and recovered two sharp edged weapons (Tokas) from their possession.

A police party headed by Incharge Police Post Supwal of PS Samba during patrolling near Barian, intercepted a motorcycle bearing registration No JK21HI-2243 coming from Vijaypur sidem police official said.

During checking, two sharp edged weapons (Tokas) have been recovered for the possession of three persons riding on the aforesaid motorcycle, official said adding that the accused identified as Rajeev Gill, son of Jasbir Singh Gill, Jon Massi, son of Subash Massi and Dawan Massi, son of Subash Massi, all residents of Vijaypur, have been arrested and two sharp edged weapons (Tokas) have been seized. The aforesaid motorcycle has also been seized.

A case FIR No. 121/2025 U/S 4/25 Arms Act was registered at Police Station Samba and further investigation is going on.



Interstate drug trafficking module busted, Husband-wife, son arrested with commercial quantity of Charas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHENANI: Police team from Police Station Chenani led by its SHO while performing routine naka/checking duty at Motor shed area apprehended three suspicious persons (including one lady) who were coming from Udhampur side towards Chenani side on a motorcycle bearing registration number PB02DG 9329.

Upon conducting a thorough checking, police team recovered 01 KG 25 grams of Charas-like banned contraband from the possession of the above apprehended persons namely Shanker S/O Sajjan; Shambu S/O Shanker and Reena W/O Shanker, all residents of Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

On this, a case vide FIR No. 45/2025 U/S 8/20/29 NDPS Act stands registered in Police Station Chenani and further investigation was set into probe.

Jammu South Police intensifies public outreach, crackdowns on crime: PCPG Meetings, raids, recoveries, and preventive actions conducted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Police South Zone, under the dynamic supervision of SP City South Jammu, SDPO East and SDPO South continues its commitment to proactive policing, effective law enforcement, and community outreach. In a series of notable actions and engagements, the police conducted community policing meetings, executed successful raids, made arrests, recovered stolen property, and carried out preventive actions across various jurisdictions.

In a sustained effort to strengthen police-public relations and promote cooperative policing, SP City South along with SDPO South, SHO Satwari, and ICPP Phallian Mandal convened a PCPG meeting at Makwal village.

The meeting witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local community including members of Village Defence Groups (VDGs), senior citizens, panchayat representatives, and youth. The officers listened to public grievances, addressed concerns related to local crime trends, and sought community assistance in maintaining law and order. Emphasis was placed on enhancing vigilance, reporting suspicious activities, and fostering a safe environment through active citizen-police collaboration.

Jammu Police Conducts Major Raid in Narwal, Seizes Flammable Oil in Illegal Possession

On April 24, 2025, acting on reliable inputs, Jammu Police South Zone under the supervision of SDPO East and SP South Jammu conducted a targeted raid at Yard No. 06, Narwal.

The operation led by PS Bahu Fort, PP Narwal, assisted by EMIC Bahu, resulted in the seizure of four oil tankers bearing registration numbers PB03-BP-3377, JK02D-4813, JK02BU-2185, and JK02BT-0875, loaded with approximately 40,000 kilolitres of low-density flammable oil. The oil was found to be transferred illegally from tanker PB03BP-3377 to the others.

Two accused were apprehended on the spot Kuldeep Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Bathinda, Punjab and Pawan Kumar S/O Som Dutt R/O Ghagwal, Samba.

FIR No. 135/2025 under Sections 125 BNS and 3/7 Essential Commodity Act has been registered and investigations are ongoing. Jammu Police reiterates its firm resolve to act against all forms of illegal trade and endangerment to public safety.

Swift Action by PS Channi Himmat: Theft Case Solved, Lady Arrested, Stolen Gold Recovered

In a significant breakthrough, PS Channi Himmat under the supervision of SDPO South and SP South, successfully solved a theft case with the arrest of one female accused and recovery of stolen items.

The arrest was made in connection with FIR No. 68/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS. During interrogation, the accused confessed and led to the recovery of stolen gold items. Investigations are underway to trace her involvement in similar incidents.

Preventive and Enforcement Actions Across South Zone Units

Jammu Police South Zone has also undertaken decisive preventive actions and crime control actions across various units:

PP Narwal & PP Bhatindi: A community meeting was held by both PPs with the Rohingya community to emphasize lawful conduct and abstention from anti-national or illegal activities. A medical shop inspection was also conducted in the Narwal jurisdiction by PP Narwal.

PP Gadigarh: Under operation Cleanup, three drug addicts detained while roaming suspiciously near Sakinder Pur Kothay, Chitta Hot Spot Jasdeep Singh S/O Gurmeet Singh; Rishab Kumar S/O Naginder Kumar and Sikander Kumar S/O Suresh Kumar. One scooter JK02DJ-6598 seized U/S 207 MV Act.

PP Nehru Market: One motorcycle seized and 03 vehicles challaned under MV Act.

PP Greater Kailash: A drug addict Mehraj Din Gani S/O Gulam Mohammed Gani, R/O Pampore detained, and his vehicle seized. Preventive action taken.

PP Digiana and others: Multiple preventive actions and MV Act enforcements carried out, showcasing the zone's commitment to sustained vigilance.