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with the security forces, the NIA said.

In the second case, the agency attached the immovable property of accused Fayaz Ahmad Magray, an OGW of JeM and currently lodged in district jail Jhajjar,

The property consisted of six shops constructed over land measuring 5.5 marlas at Lethpora, Pulwama, the NIA said.

Magray was chargesheeted on August 1, 2018 for conspiring, along with ocal/Pakistani terrorists of JeM, to execute a fidayeen attack on CRPF Group Centre Lethpora, Pulwama. He carried out a recce of the CRPF centre and provided logistic support to JeM terrorists before and after the attack, it said.

During the attack, two terrorists Fardeen Ahmad Khandey and Manzoor Ahmad Baba, along with one Pakistani Abdul Shakoor, were killed inside the CRPF Group Centre Lethpora. Other key conspirator terrorists, namely Mudassir Khan and Sajjad alias Mufti Waqas (Pakistani), were killed in subsequent encounters, the agency said

The NIA launched investigations in February 2018 into the criminal conspiracy to commit acts of terror and violence in Kashmir.

The investigations led to the busting of a module of OGWs of JeM. Besides Magray, other accused arrested in the case were identified as Nissar Ahmad Tantray, Syed Hilal Andrabi and Irshad Ahmad Reshi, the agency said, adding all of them were subsequently chargesheeted.

Security forces launch...

been shut, the sources added. Acting on the information, security forces launched cordon and search operation in Khakha Nawan, Purani Poonch, Jernally Mohalla of Poonch, they said.

The operation was going on when the last reports came in from the area. Security forces are already on high alert and setup is fully activated following terror attack in Bhatta Dhurian in which five soldiers were killed on April 20.

Security forces are also undertaking Operation Trinetra in neighbouring border district of Rajouri's Kandi forests following killing of five paratroopers in explosion triggered by terrorists during a CASO last Friday.

Police asks people...

"People should check their vehicles, report any unclaimed object around houses, shops, or on roads," a policeman announced.

The announcement was made on the directions on top police officials, he said.

APPEASEMENT: Congress Govt...

five years. Instead of the interest of the public, the game of looting and saving the chair is going on here," he said.

"What kind of government is this where the chief minister does not have faith in his own MLAs and they also do not have faith in their chief minister. Everyone is competing to humiliate others," he said at the rally in Sirohi district, around 400 km from the state capital Jaipur.

Modi's remarks came as a festering power tussle between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot again spilled into the open, with both accusing each other of colluding with BJP leaders.

The two Congress leaders have been at loggerheads over the CM's post since the party formed the government in December 2018. With the assembly elections approaching in the state, Pilot, who lost his post of deputy CM and PCC chief after revolting against Gehlot in 2020, has now intensified his attacks.

On Sunday, Gehlot said he survived the 2020 revolt as BJP leaders Vasundhara Raje and Kailash Meghwal refused to support a conspiracy to topple an elected government through money power. He even said that the rebel MLAs should return any money they have taken from the BJP.

Pilot on Tuesday rejected the charge that the dissidents - whom he had led -- took any money from the BJP. He also said that Gehlot's remarks had made it clear why his government was not probing the allegations of corruption against the previous Raje government.

At the rally on Wednesday, Prime Minister Modi said that the chief minister's chair was in trouble for five years and there was no one to care about the development of Rajasthan.

He also alleged that there was a complete breakdown of law and order under the Congress rule and crimes against women had increased.

He said that the Congress government in Rajasthan is afraid to take action against criminals because of vote bank politics and for the appearement of some people. He alleged that because of this thinking, the Congress government presented a weak prosecution in the Jaipur bomb blast case because of which the accused were acquitted.

"No matter how much the Congress tries to cover it up, its truth has come before the country," he said, adding that Dalit, backward and tribal communities have suffered to its policies.

He said that the tribal people had trusted the Congress for years, but got no relief.

LG participates in...

Pandit community; Office bearers of Zeashta Devi Prabandhak Committee and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

Two terrorist associates...

IED and two hand grenades, were recovered from their possession, the spokesman said. A case has been registered and further investigation is in progress, he added.

CJ administers oath...

the Notification received from Government of India, Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Justice (Appointments Division) and the Letter of Authorization issued by the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, authorising Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, to administer the Oath of office to the newly transferred Judge.

The ceremony was also attended by the Former Judges of High Court, Advocate General, Secretary Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Additional Solicitors

General of India, Srinagar/Jammu, Additional Director General of Police Security, President Bar Association, Jammu/Srinagar, Senior Advocates, Principal District Judge Srinagar, Officers and functionaries of the Civil Administration and Police Officers and Staff of the Registry, family members and guests of Justice Atul Sreedharan. With the transfer of Justice Atul Sreedharan as Judge of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the strength of Judges of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has risen to 16 Judges including the Chief Justice against the sanctioned strength of 17.

Police rescues family...
than 100 sheep were rescued and shifted to a safer place, they said. The driver and the motorcyclist too were rescued, they added.

Union Home Secy...

home secretary regarding the working of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and measures taken for maintaining peace in the Union Territory, officials said.

Bhalla's visit to the police headquarters comes a day after he chaired a security review meeting at SKICC.

Besides reviewing the preparedness for the upcoming G20 working group meeting scheduled from May 22 to 24, he also reviewed the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of Rajouri and Poonch attacks.

Imran Khan sent...

fabricated. In his statement, Khan told the accountability court that he was fearful for his life.

"I have not been to the washroom in 24 hours," he said.

"I am afraid I will meet the same fate as 'Maqsood Chaprasi'," Khan said, referring to a witness in Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's money laundering case who died due to a cardiac arrest last year. Khan's party had termed the witness' death 'mysterious'.

Separately, the District and Sessions Court indicted Khan in the Toshakhana

Judge Humayun Dilawar conducted the hearing in the makeshift court set up in the New Police Guest House along with the ATC No. 1.

Khan was present in the court and pleaded not guilty when the charges were read. He also refused to sign the court documents, according to Geo News chan-

The case was filed last year by the Election Commission of Pakistan and Khan had skipped several hearings in the past months. The charges are about the allegation that Khan concealed the proceeds of sale from the state gifts.

The New Police Guest House located in the high security premises of Police Lines Headquarters at Sector H-11/1 area of Islamabad was declared as a court for the purpose of hearing two cases against the former cricketer-turned-politi-

Citing sources, Geo News said that a medical report submitted to the NAB showed that Khan has been declared fit.

PTI Senior Vice President Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Secretary General Asad Umar went to the Islamabad High Court to file a plea against the police decision to stop them from seeing Khan.

However, before any legal process was launched, Umar was arrested by the antiterrorism squad of Islamabad police as two new cases have been launched against him for the violence after Khan's arrest. Later, media reports said Qureshi and former Punjab governor Omar Sarfraz Cheema were also arrested.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Army warned Khan's supporters against taking the law into their hands and said it showed "patience and restraint and exercised extreme tolerance," not even caring about its reputation, in the larger interest of the coun-

In a terse statement, the army said that May 9 will be remembered as a "black chapter", referring to the protests "targeting army property and installations."

'This group wearing a political cloak" has done what enemies could not do in 75 years, all "in the lust for power," the army said.

It warned that any further attack on the army, including all law enforcement agencies, military and state installations and properties will be severely retaliat-

Meanwhile, clashes between protesters and security forces in the last 24 hours have left at least seven people dead and nearly 300 others injured across Pakistan as the army was deployed in the country's capital, Islamabad as well as in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces to maintain law and order.

Prime Minister Sharif on Wednesday warned those taking the law into to their own hands to abide by the law otherwise they will be dealt with an iron fist.

"Imran Khan and PTI caused severe damages to sensitive installations of the country. Such scene had never been witnessed in 75 years. Many lives were endangered. Even ambulances were set on fire. Like enemy, installations of armed forces were attacked," he said in a televised address to the nation.

"I urge miscreants to abide by law otherwise they will face strict action. No one will be allowed to conspire against Pakistan. We will never let this conspiracy succeed," he warned.

According to Khan's party, one person has been killed each in Lahore, Faisalabad and Burewala cities of Punjab. It said over 150 protesters have been

In Peshawar, at least four persons were killed and 27 others injured in clashes between protestors and police, a spokesperson of Lady Reading Hospital con-Protestors also set fire to the building of state-run Radio Pakistan, causing

severe damage to the studios, auditorium and other facilities, Director General Radio Pakistan Peshawar Tahir Hassan said. The office of state-owned Associated Press of Pakistan located in the buildin

was ransacked and damaged. In Islamabad, the protestors clashed with police and the Srinagar Highway link-

ing the national capital with its international airport remained blocked for sever-IG Islamabad Akbar Nasir Khan told the media that at least five police person-

nel were injured. In Sindh, the government imposed Section 144 to control the situation and

police arrested around 270 people.

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority said that internet services across the country will remain suspended for an indefinite period. The services were shut down as protests erupted after Khan's arrest

Terror groups involved... credit. When Prime Minister came here, two terrorists of a Fidayeen group were

neutralised. Two operations to neutralise terrorists at Nagrota were successful. Those involved in the IED blasts were arrested. Those involved in the blasts in Katra, Rajouri, Poonch were arrested".

The DGP spoke of security agencies exposing the dropping of weapons and narcotics through drones.

He added that Pakistan-sponsored conspiracies of sending weapons and narcotics have been exposed.

Referring to the G20 event in Srinagar, he said it would highlight the change brought in Jammu and Kashmir and help attract more tourists.

"Huge infrastructure projects are going on. Peace is prevailing in the area. Schools are not closed due to strikes. Tourism is on a high pitch. ... All arrangements have been finalised. It will be a good event. This event will help people further", he said. He termed Pakistan as "the mother of the narcotics trade in the world".

"The entire trade is coming from Pakistan. Pakistan has been using narcotics for terrorism, All this came through drones from Pakistan. Police have cracked several cases among them. Action has been taken against those involved in the narcotic

"There is a conspiracy to destroy society and police are undertaking measures to counter it," he said.

Meanwhile, while reviewing situation of border district Rajouri and Poonch with officers, Dilbag Singh said that Jammu and Kashmir Police and forces are working hard to maintain the prevailing peace and added that in both regions operations are being carried regularly to foil all evil attempts of terror groups who are pushed by Pakistan to disrupt the peace and order in the Union Territory.

He said that various conspiracies of Pakistan to supply arms, ammunition and drugs through drones have been detected and exposed by Jammu Police along with security forces besides stringent actions were taken against the people involved in the anti national activities.

DGP chaired a joint security meeting with the Army and Police officers at Sector 11 Army headquarters Chanderkot, here.

The meeting was attended by Spl. DG CID R.R Swain, ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh, GOC CIF (D) Maj. Gen. Ajay Kumar, Dy. GOC CIF (D) Brig S. K. Saul, 11 Sec. CDR Brig Joe Sabby, DIG DKR range Sunil Gupta, SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma and other army and Police officers

During the meeting the overall security and security measures in the DKR range and along the strategic highways was discussed.

Earlier, the DGP J&K visited Ramban District where he inaugurated transit accommodation and newly constructed JIC.

He also reviewed the security scenario of the district with jurisdictional officers. Accompanied by Spl. DG CID, J&K, R.R Swain, ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh, the DGP was received by DIG DKR range Sunil Gupta and SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma.

The DGP first inaugurated transit accommodation at Kowbagh Ramban for police personnel travelling through the district.

He also inaugurated the newly constructed JIC, which is equipped with the latest gadgets and technology to achieve better results in investigation and operational

Chairing officers meeting at the transit camp, the DGP emphasized that local and highway security grids need to be kept fully geared up at all levels and joint efforts of all security forces must continue to ensure that elements inimical to peace are not given any space to disturb peace. He stressed on enhancing the functioning of model Nakas on the National

Highway and directed to ensure that these model Nakas are functional round the clock. He said that the working with devotion and dedication in the right direction has to continue for the peace and stability of the Union Territory. He directed for keeping a strict vigil on attempts of transportation of drugs

through National Highway. He also emphasised upon the officers to make adequate use of modern security gadgets including CCTVs and drones to further augment the security of the district. He also directed for ensuring smooth traffic management on National Highway.

The meeting besides, the visiting officers, was attended by DIG DKR Range, SSP Ramban, CO IR 16th Bn Pawan Parihar, ASP Ramban and other jurisdictional officers. SSP Ramban briefed the DGP regarding the measures taken for securing the District particularly National Highway from any anti-peace activity.

She also apprised regarding implementation of traffic management for smooth vehicular movement on National highway.

Exit polls predict... winning 104 seats out of total 224, followed by the Congress at 80 and JD(S) at 37. There was one independent member, while BSP and Karnataka Pragnyavantha Janata Party (KPJP) had one legislator each.

With no party having a clear majority and as the Congress and JD(S) were trying to forge an alliance, B S Yediyurappa of BJP staked a claim and formed the gov ernment. However, it had to resign within three days ahead of the trust vote, unable to muster the required numbers. Subsequently, the Congress-JD(S) alliance formed the government with Kumaraswamy as CM, but the wobbly dispensation collapsed in 14 months as 17 legislators resigned and came out of the ruling coalition and defected to the BJP, facilitating it to come back to power. In the by-polls held subsequently in 2019, the ruling party won 12 out of 15 seats. In the outgoing Assembly, BJP has 116 MLAs, followed by the Congress at 69, and JD(S) at 29.

Destabilised Pakistan dangerous...

are still suffering. In such circumstances, the situation turning like this is more dangerous," he said. The three-time chief minister of J-K said while the situation in the neighbouring country was dangerous, it had a history of such events.

"If you look at Pakistan's history, since independence, the first PM was assassinated, then (Zulfiqar Ali) Bhutto was hanged, then his daughter Benazir Bhutto fell to bullets. Now, Imran Khan is the fourth former PM, who has been now jailed. I hope to God that his life is saved," he added.

Kidnapped girl traced, reunited with family STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: Police on Wednesday traced a kidnapped girl and reunited her with family-members.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station R S Pura by father of a girl, stating that her daughter was kidnapped by some unknown persons. Accordingly, FIR 67/2023 under sections 363/109 of IPC was registered and investigation started. A team of Police Station R S Pura led by SDPO R S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO R S Pura Inspr Pawan Kumar and SI Abdul Khaliq with help of CCTV footages, generated input regarding location of girl and recovered her. The girl was handed over to her family members after completing all medico-legal

Fire damages Jamia Masjid at Tral STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Fire damaged roof of Jamia Masjid 'Noor-ul-Islam' in Tral township of Pulwama district on Wednesday.

As per details, fire broke out in the mosque early morning following which fire tenders rushed to the spot to douse the flames. A portion of the roof of the mosque was completely damaged in the incident while locals and firefighters brought the blaze under control. Meanwhile, all the students putting up in the Dar-ul-Uloom located adjacent to mosque were rescued safely. The cause of the fire is being ascertained.

Two die in accidents

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons died in separate accidents on Wednesday.

According to information, one Sandeep, son of Tej Krishna, resident of Jagti got hit by a car in Nagrota area and got injured. He was taken to the hospital where he died during treatment. Police said that further action has been started by registering a case in this context. Meanwhile, two people riding a scooty were injured in a motorcycle collision on late Tuesday evening near Lakhanpur. The police took both injured to GMC Kathua for treatment, where one was declared as brought dead. The deceased has been identified as Balkar Singh (45) while injured was identified as his brother, Jagdev Singh, both sons of Prakash Singh, resident of Jagatpur Matandi, who is under treatment. Police has registered a case and started investigation. According to information, both the brothers were going towards Lakhanpur on scooty (JK 08L-5851) which collided with a bike (JK-08H-3226). The bike rider also suffered serious injuries after the collision. After getting conducted postmortem of deceased, Police handed-over the body to family for last rites.

Police rescues 272 bovines, arrests 15 smugglers

UDHAMPUR: Police has rescued 272 bovines and arrested 15 smugglers in past few days. Acting on specific inputs of transportation of bovine animals, different police parties of Police Station Udhampur, Police Station Majalta and Police Station Chenani, Police Station Rehambal and Police Station Panchari intercepted 6 vehicles and some groups of boyine smugglers who were taking boyines on foot from Udhampur towards Srinagar, and after checking/enquiring of vehicles and bovine smugglers, it was found that 272 bovine animals were being transported to Valley without valid permission of competent authority. In this regards, 3 bovine smuggling cases were registered at Police Station Udhampur, 1 case has been registered at Police Station Majalta, 3 cases at Police Station Chenani, 7 cases at Police Station Rehambal while 1 case has been registered aty Police Station Panchari of district Udhampur under Sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PC Act. The overall rescue operation was made by police parties under the command of Insp Raghubir Singh SHO Udhampur, Insp Pushpinder Singh SHO Majalta and Insp S D Singh SHO Chenani, Insp Rajesh Sharma SHO Rehambal and Insp Rakesh Kumar SHO

4 gamblers involved in 'Matka Satta' apprehended ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARI BRAHMANA: Continuing intensive drive against anti-social elements, police on Wednesday apprehended 4 gamblers involved in playing Matka Satta gam-

recovered pens, notebook, paper-sheets and Rs 1890 cash from their possession. Acting on specific tip off regarding gambling, team comprising of SHO Police Station Bari Brahmana Sunil Sharma, Incharge District Special Inspr Sumit Sharma and SI Nanak Chand raided a gambling spot at Teli Basti Bari Brahmana and apprehended 4 gamblers playing Matka Šatta. The appre-

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hended gamblers were identified as Sarvan Kumar, son of Bhoi Ram, resident of Chhattisgarh; Rajesh Sharma, son of Jugal Kishore; Mohd Hamid son of Khursheed Mohd and Pinky Gogel, son of NandLal all residents of Teli Basti Bari Brahmana Samba. Legal action under section 13 of Gambling Act has been taken by police against gamblers.

Principal arrested for giving corporal punishment to class 4th student

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Wednesday arrested Principal of a private school for inflicting corporal punishment on a minor class 4th student on written complaint lodged by family members of kid

The news regarding meting out physical punishment by the Principal to 9-year old student, whose father has passed away, went viral on various social media platforms. Meanwhile, family members also lodged a complaint against the Principal of Saffron Nightingale Public School Rajinder Pura (Bagoona) Vijaypur at Police Station

FIR No. 55/2023 under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Juvenile Justice Act was registered at Police Station Vijaypur, after which raids were conducted at suspected locations to arrest accused. Further investigation of the case is underway. The arrested Principal has been identified as Kuldeep Jallu alias Bablu, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Rajinder Pura (Bagoona), tehsil Vijaypur district Samba. The arrest was made by team consisting SHO Police Station Vijaypur

Tribhawan Khajuria and PSI Sohail Munir. Scooterist nabbed 38 bottles of banned syrup

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: Acting sternly against drugs menace, Kathua Police on Wednesday

recovered 38 bottles of Phosphate) like contraband from his possession and seized a scooter involved in crime. As per details, on reliable input that one Kuldeep Kumar, son of Puran Chand resident of Changran Kathua is involved in smuggling of Corex (Codeine Phosphate) like contra-



band and coming from Changran towards Housing Colony Kathua on a Scoote carrying intermediate quantity of contraband Corex (Codeine Phosphate), a party of Police Station Kathua led by PSI Rameez Ahmed laid a Naka at Housing Colony Kathua and apprehended accused. On checking, 38 bottles of Corex (Codeine Phospate) were recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested and FIR No. 200/2023 under sections 08/21/22 of NDPS Act registered against him at Police Station Kathua