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annual Amarnath Yatra, which begins on July 3 this year. He was briefed about the security measures for the yatra.

The meeting was attended by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi, the Union home secretary, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, and heads of various paramilitary forces, police, and intelligence agencies.

Earlier, Shah was received at the airport here by LG Sinha, Union minister Jitendra Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Chief Secretary Dulloo, and senior BJP leaders. The LG presented him with a picture of Mata Vaishno Devi.

After an overnight stay in Jammu, Shah will fly to Poonch on Friday to interact with families affected by Pakistani shelling.

He will also visit damaged religious places, including Singh Sabha Gurdwara, and hold a meeting with officers to assess the damage in the worst-hit district, the officials said.

The Home Minister will also visit the Border Security Force (BSF) camp in Poonch and interact with the jawans.

He will address civilians affected by Pakistani shelling at Dak Bungalow in Poonch and BSF personnel at their unit headquarters in Khanetar.

He is likely to distribute appointment letters to the next of kin of civilians killed in the shelling before returning to Delhi, the officials said.

This is the home minister's third visit to J&K since April 6, and the first after Indian armed forces struck terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on May 7 in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 people, mostly tourists, dead.

After a three-day tour beginning April 6, Shah had again visited Kashmir on April 23, a day after the Pahalgam attack.

‘Op Sindoor’ not...

While the PM did not spell out the details of the three instances, his remarks are being widely interpreted as a reference to the 2016 surgical strikes following the Uri terror attack, the 2019 Balakot air strikes after the Pulwama bombing, and the recent cross-border strikes as part of 'Operation Sindoor'.

"We destroyed cross-border terror infrastructure, which Pakistan had never thought of. We have hit Pakistan thrice inside their homes," he said.

In a direct rebuke to Islamabad's military establishment, the PM accused Pakistan of institutionalising terrorism.

"Terrorism and mass murder are the biggest expertise of the Pakistani army, because whenever there is an open war, they face defeat," he added.

Modi also invoked historical wounds, linking Pakistan's legacy of terrorism to the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.

"Ever since it came into existence, Pakistan has only nurtured terror: Pakistan, the country that nurtured terrorism since its inception, has been a breeding ground for terror and violence. It has carried out terrorist attacks on India ever since Partition in 1947. The terror it spread in our neighbourhood - present-day Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) - is also unforgettable," Modi said.

"No one can forget the way the Pakistan Army committed rapes and murders in East Pakistan (present day Bangladesh) and the terror it had unleashed there," he added.

Modi concluded with a stern warning, saying India would relentlessly pursue terrorists across the border and ensure that enemies of peace face the consequences.

"Pakistan has nothing positive to offer to the world. Since its very inception, it has been a breeding ground for terror and violence. But India has changed. We no longer tolerate such cowardly acts. And Operation Sindoor is our firm answer," he declared.

Two 'hybrid terrorists'...

two hand grenades, two pouches, Rs 5,400 in cash, a mobile phone, a smartwatch and an Aadhaar card were recovered from their possession.

A case has been registered and an investigation has been launched, the officials said.

Centre sanctions 581...

SSB. Each of these companies have an operational strength of about 70-75 personnel, he said.

The maximum units out of the 581 are drawn from the Central Reserve Police Force (219 companies), Border Security Force (9143), Sashastra Seema Bal (97), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (62) and Central Industrial Security Force (60), the officer said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will also review the security arrangements during his proposed visit to Jammu on Thursday.

CRPF Director General (DG) Gyanendra Pratap Singh had reviewed the preparations for the Amarnath Yatra over the week when he was in Kashmir.

BSF DG Daljit Singh Chawdhary too is expected to hold a review of border security and the yatra in Srinagar.

The 38-day yatra leads to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave housing a naturally formed ice-shivling.

The yatra is conducted via two routes -- the traditional 48-km route from Pahalgam in the Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in the Ganderbal district. The pilgrims can choose any of these routes.

MHA to confer...

and Assam Rifles on the day of their retirement," the release said.

This historic decision, taken under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, aims to boost the self-respect, pride and morale of the personnel retiring from the rank of constable to sub-inspector, it said.

Under this scheme, the personnel below officer rank in the Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles who retire after long and commendable service will be granted an honorary rank one level higher on their last day of service without any financial or pension benefits, the release said.

The main eligibility criteria, rules and conditions for granting the honorary rank shall be: the personnel must meet all promotion criteria at the time of retirement, must have a good and clean service record, the evaluation of annual performance appraisal report for the last five years must be at least 'good', must not have received any major punishment in the last five years and must have beyond doubt integrity.

BSF DG visits...

Singh Sabha and Geeta Bhawan, and inspected the damage caused to religious places and civilian areas.

He also interacted with the BSF troops and reviewed the ground situation following Operation Sindoor.

India carried out precision strikes under Operation Sindoor on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in the early hours of May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives.

Following the Indian action, Pakistan attempted to attack the Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. The Indian forces launched a fierce counter-attack on several Pakistani military installations.

India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the military confrontation after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

BJP leader Sirsa...

officials said. Sirsa flew by a chopper to Poonch and visited Gurdwara Singh Sabha, where he met the management committee and discussed the damage caused by the shelling.

The Delhi food and civil supplies minister assessed the situation on the ground and spoke about the upcoming visit of the Union home minister.

Sirsa also visited the damaged Geeta Bhawan and met with people who suffered major losses in the cross-border conflict. The minister met the families who lost their kith and kin.

Congress' dirty politics...

justice. "After 26/11, the nation expected retribution. Instead, Congress sent dossiers and love letters to Pakistan," he said.

Slamming Bhupesh Baghel, Chugh said, "If he truly believes that the BJP benefited from terrorism, then he is not just mocking the martyrdom of our brave soldiers - he is spitting on the pain of every Indian who has suffered from the horrors of terrorism. This is not politics; this is moral decay. For decades, Congress had the opportunity and the mandate to root out terrorism, but it chose silence and appeasement over action. Where there should have been strikes, there were excuses. Where there should have been resolve, there were dossiers. Rahul Gandhi must answer whether this shameful mindset is now Congress's official position."

Tarun Chugh expressed his strong support for the all-party delegation that has recently travelled abroad to expose Pakistan as a state sponsor of terrorism. He said this is a much-needed unified effort to present India's case to the global community. He emphasized that when it comes to national security and the threat of terrorism, political lines must disappear and the message must be clear: India will not tolerate cross-border terror; and the world must hold Pakistan accountable.

Referring to the recent targeting of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor by his own party colleagues - including Jairam Ramesh, Pawan Khera, and Udit Raj - for exposing Pakistan on global platforms, Chugh said, "In today's Congress, if you speak for India, you are branded a traitor: If you expose Pakistan, you're attacked by your own. Is this the Indian National Congress - or a confused club of Pakistan's blue-eyed boys?"

Chugh said, "Congress is no longer a mainstream national party. It has become a confused, compromised cartel that sees nationalism as a crime and treats Pakistan - a state sponsoring global terrorism - as a friend. That is the stark difference between the BJP's nationalism and Congress's directionless, anti-India politics."

Maybe not now...

is in the south where he has done most of his films.

"In a critical moment like that, we postponed even our celebrations. We didn't resume 'Thug Life' things (promotions) till we got a signal from our government and the Army," Haasan told PTI during a visit to the news agency's headquarters this week.

"We were waiting for that because we can't be celebrating while our boys are dying there. So that's my first feeling. I said art come later, that's what I thought... It might irritate even the locals....," he said.

Would he like to make a film in Kashmir to encourage tourism, which has taken a hit in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack?

"Maybe not now but I will do that because it's my place also... from Kanyakumari through Kashmir is my home. I still do believe it."

The 2001 film "Abhay", which featured Haasan in a double role, begins in Kashmir with the actor's character of a commando foiling a terror attack there.

"Amaran", starring Sivakarthikeyan and Sai Pallavi was based on Major Mukund Vardharajan, who was martyred during a counter terror operation in Kashmir in 2014.

Haasan's latest film "Thug Life" is a gangster drama and is set to be released in multiple languages on June 5. It also stars Silambarasan TR, Trisha Krishnan, Abhirami, Nasser, Joju George, Ashok Selvan, Ali Fazal and Sanya Malhotra.

People of PoK...

the elder brother towards his younger brother remains intact," Singh said.

"India always talks about connecting hearts, and we believe that by walking on the path of love, unity and truth, the day is not far when our own part, PoK, will return and say, I am India, I have returned," he said.

In a clear message to Pakistan, Singh also said the business of terrorism is not cost effective and it will come with a heavy price as Islamabad has realised now.

His comments came three days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it is for the youth of Pakistan to step forward and "free Pakistan from the disease of terrorism".

The defence minister described 'Make-in-India' as crucial for national security and prosperity, stating that the use of indigenous systems during Operation Sindoor has proved that India has the power to penetrate any armour of the enemy.

"We destroyed the terrorist hideouts and then the military bases. We could have done a lot more, but we presented a great example of coordination of power and restraint," he said.

In his remarks, Singh also highlighted India's domestic defence capabilities.

India's defence export was less than Rs 1000 crore 10 years ago but it has now reached a record figure of Rs 23,500 crore, he said.

Today, it has been proven that Make-in-India in defence is essential for both India's security and prosperity, he said.

Today, we are not just building fighter jets or missile systems and we are also preparing for new-age warfare technology, he said.

Singh also spoke about India's ambitious plan to build a fifth-generation stealth fighter jet -- the advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA).

The defence ministry this week cleared the "execution model" to design and produce the aircraft.

Singh emphasised that through the AMCA "execution model", the private sector will get an opportunity to participate in the project along with public sector companies for the first time.

"Under the AMCA project, the plan is to develop five prototypes, which will be followed by series production. It is a key milepost in the history of the Make-in-India programme," he said.

Op Sindoor was...

said. He was talking to reporters in the backdrop of arrival of two frigates of the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Operation ATALANTA -- Italian ship Antonio MARCEGLIA and Spanish ship REINA SOFIA -- along with their respective air assets. The European Union Naval Force and the Indian Navy will hold joint exercises in the Indian Ocean from June 1-3.

Earlier this month, India launched 'Operation Sindoor' and hit terror hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir after 26 people were killed in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes.

"Thana Diwas" observed at Police Station Dessa, SSP Doda addresses public grievances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In order to address the the public grievances and to listen to them at their door steps a "Thana Diwas" has been organized at PS Dessa which was chaired by SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta JKPS. He was accompanied Vishal Manhas DySP PC Kastigarh-Dessa and SHO PS Dessa among others.

The event saw huge participation from various sections of society, including members of civil society, shopkeeper associations and other respected individuals from the area. During the program, participants raised multiple concerns which were attentively heard by the police officers. The SSP assured the public that their grievances will be addressed on a priority basis, while issues requiring intervention from the civil administration will be promptly forwarded for necessary action with feedback to the participants.

Addressing the gathering, the SSP Doda, welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of community cooperation with the police and administration in maintaining law and order. He urged the public to assist police in identifying anti-national and anti-social elements, as well as drug peddlers operating in the area. Participants were also briefed about the growing terror threat, cyber-crime threat and various tactics being adopted by ANEs and cybercriminals. This initiative highlights the commitment of the Jammu and Kashmir Police in strengthening community policing and ensuring the safety and security of the residents.

Moreover, the SSP also conducted a review of VDGs of the area and briefed them about present security scenario. They were also directed to remain vigilant, maintain highest order of alertness in their areas and on noticing of any suspicious movement, inform nearest security establishment for taking timely action.

The SSP, during interaction with Police Station staff, stressed for effective use of e-Sakshaya, e-Summons and extensive use of ICJS & other CCTNS allied portals.

Over 5.7 kg poppy straw seized; 1 held

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KATHUA: J&K Police Kathua successfully arrested one person with approx. 5.7 kg of Poppy Straw like substance and seized one motorbike used in the commission of aforesaid crime at Ujh Bridge P/S Billawar area.

On 29/05/2025 a police party of P/S Billawar while Naka checking at Ujh Bridge Billawar intercepted one motorcycle bearing registration no. PB35A-8251 driven by Balvir Kumar S/O Ramesh Chand R/o Manwal, Baniyal Pathankot Punjab who was coming from Ramkot Towards Ujh Bridge . During checking police party recovered 5.7 Kg of Poppy straw like substance which he has kept on his motorcycle inside a bag(tora) . Further, he disclosed that he was carrying the contraband for selling purpose and for illegal smuggling. On this, a Case FIR No. 81/2025 U/S 8/15 NDPS Act was registered in P/S Billawar and the investigation is set into motion.

The overall recovery was carried out by police party headed by Insp Zaheer Mushtaq SHO PS Billawar under the supervision of Sh Neeraj Padyar SDPO Billawar with the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobit Saxena.

Hardcore absconder absconding arrest since last 8 years nabbed

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DODA: Continuing its efforts to nab the absconders and wanted criminals, Jammu and Kashmir Police in District Doda has made another breakthrough in their efforts to apprehend absconders and wanted criminals. arrested absconder who was evading arrest since long.

Official sources said that Doda Police successfully arrested an absconder namely Mukhtyar Ahmed S/o Abdul Gani R/O Katal Rahien District Udhampur who was involved in case FIR No. 80/2014 Under Section 279/337 RPC of PS Bhaderwah and challan of the case was produced in the court of law. During trial, the accused was absconded and Hon'ble Court issued warrant of arrest against him on 14-04-2017.

On the directions of SSP Doda, Sh Sandeep Mehta-JKPS, a police team was constituted from PS Bhaderwah under the supervision of SDPO Bhaderwah led by SHO PS Bhaderwah for the arrest of absconders. The Police team so constituted, during search utilized human and technical services and ultimately after hectic efforts the team arrested the absconder namely Mukhtyar Ahmed S/o Abdul Gani R/O Katal Rahien District Udhampur after 08 years and produced him before the court of law. Mentionable here that, special drive has been launched by Doda Police and special teams have been constituted at Police Station level for the arrest of absconders/wanted criminals.

2 bootleggers arrested with illicit liquor, vehicle seized

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DODA: Police apprehended two bootleggers with huge quantity of illicit liquor from their possession.

Giving details, officials sources has said that on 28-05-2025, a Police party of Police Station Thatthri was on naka checking duty near PS Thatthri, During naka checking at about 20:30 hrs one ECCO car bearing registration No. JK06A-9708 was intercepted and stopped for checking and found driver along with one co-passenger travelling in the said vehicle. On inquiry, both the persons identified as Bir Singh S/O Lekh Raj R/O Seri Bhalla Thesil Bhaderwah as driver and co-passenger Kartar Singh S/O Bajra Thakur R/O Bhalwana Tehsil Mohalla District Doda. During checking, 50 quarters of liquor of JK special whisky each 180 ml, and 01 quarter of JK special whisky 250 ml, 02 cane of beer Godfather of 500/500 ml each from the procession of driver of ECO namely Bir Singh S/O Lekh Raj R/O Seri Bhalla Thesil Bhaderwah and from the possession of co-passanger namely Kartar Singh S/O Bajra Thakur R/O Bhalwana Tehsil Mohalla District Doda ,34 quarters of JK special whisky of 250/250 ml each, 1 quarters of Imperial Blue each of 180/180 ml and 13 cane of beer Godfather were recovered. During questioning both the accused persons could not produce any permission and has purchased the said liquor illegally for selling purpose. Accordingly a case FIR No. 28/2025 US 48(A) Excise Act got registered at PS Thatthri and investigation of the case set into motion besides vehicle involved in the above said offence has been seized.

Drug peddler nabbed with 15 grams heroin like substance

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, Samba Police has arrested one drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered 15 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Vijaypur during naka checking near AIIMS Vijaypur, intercepted a pedestrian who was moving under suspicious circumstances. During frisking,15 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of the said person.

The drug peddler identified as Ranjeet Choudhary S/O Jasbir Singh R/O Sec.1, Model Twn Gangyal district Jammu has been arrested and contraband item has also been seized.

A case FIR No.58/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur 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 Station Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police team headed by Incharge PP Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in the jurisdictional area, have seized five vehicles including three dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK08K-8977, JK21E-8747, JK21J-0980 and two tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK21H-2733, JK21H-3318 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.

Kathua Police attaches property of drug peddler

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KATHUA: J&K Police Kathua today attached one single storeyed residential house with basement having plingth area of 1466 Sq. Ft cost approx. Rs. 20.03 laes, immovable property (land) approx. Rs 11 laes belonging to one drug peddler namely Raman Kumar S/o Parshotam Lal R/o Chak Sardar Desa Singh Tehsil and District Kathua under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act).

The property was identified as an illegally acquired property, during the course of the investigation and inquiry conducted by SHO PS Kathua Insp. Sandeep Singh Chib under the guidance of Addl. SP Kathua Rahul Charak JKPS & DySP Hqrs Kathua Ravinder Singh and overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxsena - IPS in presence of Executive Magistrate Kathua seized the immovable property of the drug peddler namely:- Raman Kumar S/o Parshotam Lal R/o Chak Sardar Desa Singh District Kathua (One Single Storeyed Residential House having basement 1466 Sq Ft. costs around 20.03 Laes and immovable land costs around 11 Laes under Khasra No. 177. As during investigation, it was surfaced that the property which he has been acquired is as a result of proceeds of Narcotics.The said person was also involved in the following cases:- 1) FIR No. 87/2022 u/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act of PS Lakhampur; (2) FIR No. 85/2024 u/s 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act of PS Kathua, (3) FIR No. 124/2024 u/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act of PS Lakhampur, and today protogy got attached under the provisions of Sub Section (1) of section 68-F of NDPS Act, 1985.It is pertinent to mention here that presently, said drug peddler is under judicial custody at District Jail Udhampur in PITNDPS. Moreover, necessary directions regarding Purchase/Sale/ Transfer of attached property imparted to his family members.

Notorious bovine smuggler/habitual criminal booked under Public Safety Act

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KATHUA: Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxsena apprehended 01 Habitual Criminal/ Notorious Bovine Smuggler involved in various criminal/ bovine smuggling activities (i.e against whom various FIR 's registered within Kathua & Samba District, and booked under J&K Public Safety Act 1978(PSA).

On dated 29/05/2025 Police team of PS Hiranagar led by SHO PS Hiranagar Insp. Ashish Sharma under the guidance of SDPO Border Sh. Dheeraj Katoch JKPS apprehended one Habitual Criminal/ Notorious Bovine Smuggler namely Talib Hussain @puppy S/o Alam Din R/o Rakh Sarkar Plai Hiranagar District Kathua.

The said person is a notorious bovine smuggler and habitual/recidivist offender. No. of FIRs registered against him in different Police Stations of Kathua & Samba District are FIR No. 02/2022 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act PS Hiranagar; FIR No. 13/2010 U/S 353/332/341/147/148 IPC PS Hiranagar; FIR No. 11/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act PS Hiranagar; FIR No. 298/2021 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act PS Kathua; FIR No. 185/2021 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act PS Samba; FIR No. 179/2021 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act PS Samba; FIR No. 78/2021 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act registered against him in various Police Stations of Kathua and Samba District.

In order to prevent the illegal activities within the district, "Dossier" was prepared against the accused person and sent to the District Magistrate Kathua for his detention under Public Safety Act- 1978 (PSA). Accordingly District Magistrate Kathua issued a detention warrant against the accused person under the Public Safety Act 1978. Accordingly, the warrant has been executed today and he has been lodged in District Jail Udhampur to curtail his illegal activities.