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The Lieutenant Governor called upon J&K Police Force to utilise the modern technology like Artificial Intelligence to enhance its capability of data collection and analysis to counter security threats, prevent radicalisation and triumph over adverse situations.

"Complete eradication of terrorism from the soil of Jammu Kashmir is our top priority. Our mighty warriors of J&K Police must adopt a multi-pronged approach and harness the power of intelligence, community engagement, technology, and inter-agency collaboration.

Despite remarkable changes in technology, there is no alternative to beat policing and area policing. Therefore, we have to bring beat policing to the centre of the security apparatus. We must strike a fine balance between Techint and Humint to strengthen overall counter-terrorism efforts," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor further asked the police personnel to focus on fostering collective vigilance in the communities.

He said this collective vigilance will not only enable the police force to ensure a coordinated response against terrorists but will also strengthen the trust with all sections of society.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, emphasised on Intelligence-Driven Anti-Terror Operations.

"I have given a free hand to the Jammu and Kashmir Police Force and security forces to deal with the terrorists and terror eco-system within J&K. I want the mighty police force, the most powerful Indian Army and the valiant CAPF to work together to wipe out the terrorists and their support system.

We must intensify targeted strike on the OGWs network and the elements providing logistical and financial support to the terrorists should be brought to justice," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also extended his felicitations to all the trainers and officials of Police Academy Udhampur and the family members of the passing out DySsP and PSIs.

Garib Dass, Director, Udhampur Police Academy briefed about the program and various activities conducted during the Training course.

The training program equipped recruits with high proficiency in New Criminal Laws, Artificial Intelligence, cybercrime, narc-terrorism, general warfare, field craft and tactics, counter-terrorism, counter-insurgency, human rights, and law & order.

The Lieutenant Governor took the ceremonial Salute and inspected the parade. He also felicitated the new recruits who excelled during their training.

An oath was administered to the passing out DySsP and PSIs for performing their duties with dedication and honesty.

Nalin Prabhat, DGP J&K; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Saloni Rai, Deputy Commissioner Udhampur; senior officials of Police, Security Forces and civil administration and family members of the passing out DySsP and PSIs were present.

Lal Chand, Chairman, District Development Council, Udhampur; Pawan Gupta, Balwant Singh Mankotia, RS Pathania and Sunil Bhardwaj- Members of Legislative Assembly, and prominent citizens in large number were also present on the occasion.

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This is his first foreign visit after India carried out Operation Sindoor in May during which it destroyed terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir in retaliation to the Pahalgam attack.

"We are thankful for Cyprus' support to India's fight against cross-border terrorism," Modi, the first Indian prime minister to visit Cyprus in over two decades, said while addressing a joint press conference with Christodoulides after their talks.

A joint statement issued after their talks said Cyprus and India "unequivocally condemned terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations, including international and cross-border terrorism, and reaffirmed their shared commitment to countering hybrid threats that undermine peace and stability".

They reiterated their "zero-tolerance approach" to terrorism, rejecting any justification for such acts, under any circumstances, as they emphasised that those responsible for the attacks should be held "accountable".

"We both expressed concern over the conflicts going on in West Asia and Europe. Their negative impact is not just limited to those regions. We both consider that this is not an era of war. Resolution through dialogue and restoration of stability is the call of humanity," Modi said, without naming any country.

Christodoulides said, "We have a historic friendship, and there is trust in ties".

He recalled the horrific Pahalgam terror attack of April 22 and asserted that Cyprus stands in "full solidarity" with India.

Cyprus "stands with India in its fight against terrorism" in all forms and manifestations, he said.

In his remarks, Christodoulides also referred to the June 12 Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad and said the people of Cyprus are with India in this time of grief.

Christodoulides also said the two sides also discussed the Cyprus issue and added that Cyprus wants to end the "illegal occupation" by Turkiye, referring to the disputed northern region.

"We extend the gratitude of the Republic of Cyprus to India and its people for their support. The support for the territorial integrity of Cyprus, our reunification," he said, and cited India's contribution to the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

Cyprus and India "expressed their strong commitment to the resumption of UN-facilitated efforts to achieve a comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Cyprus Question on the basis of a bizonal, bicommunal federation with political equality, in accordance with the agreed UN framework and the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions," said the joint statement.

"India reiterated its unwavering and consistent support for the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and unity of the Republic of Cyprus. In this regard, both sides emphasized the need to avoid unilateral actions as essential for creating a conducive environment for the resumption of meaningful negotiations," it added.

The island nation located in the eastern Mediterranean Sea, and neighbouring Turkiye, share an uneasy past.

Modi conferred with...

Dedicating the award to the 1.4 billion people of India, Modi said it was an award to the trusted India-Cyprus friendship.

"I am confident that in the time to come, our active partnership will touch new heights. Together, we will not only strengthen the progress of our two nations but also contribute towards building a peaceful and secure world," the prime minister said.

"President @Christodulides conferred PM @narendramodi with the 'Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III' of Cyprus. The honour reflects the enduring India-Cyprus bilateral partnership and shared commitment to work together for the common vision for peace, progress and prosperity," the Ministry of External Affairs posted on X.

Cyprus' award brings the total tally of international honours conferred upon the prime minister to 23.

Modi noted the award was a recognition of India's age-old philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "The World is one Family" that guides its vision for global peace and progress, an MEA statement said.

Police review security...

Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, conducted a security review of key lodgement centres including Saraswati Dham, Vaishnavi Dham and Kalika

Dham Railway Station here, a police spokesman said.

During the review, he said the DIG inspected the guards deployed in and around the three centres, en route checking, installed CCTV cameras and parking area.

He imparted the necessary directions to officers for making foolproof security arrangements in and around the venues, the spokesman said, adding necessary briefing has also been given to the deployed personnel on the venue with regard to the sensitivity and nature of duty. They were directed to remain extra alert on their points, the spokesman said. Strategies to manage the expected high influx of pilgrims, including traffic regulation, emergency services and disaster management plans to address health-related issues and emergencies during the Yatra were also reviewed, he said. Ramban Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan visited Banihal to inspect the civic facilities at key Yatra campsites and maintenance work on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kulbir Singh and other civil and police officers accompanied the deputy commissioner. During the inspection, Khan directed the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to deploy additional manpower and machinery to clear debris and improve road shoulders and blacktop key stretches along Nashri to Banihal stretch of the highway. He also asked for speedy completion of the Canopy (Cut and Cover) Tunnel at Mehar-Cafeteria Morh to minimise traffic congestion, an official spokesman said.

At Lamber Ground, another key Yatra campsite, the Deputy Commissioner instructed the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply. Emphasising safety, the deputy commissioner discussed the security measures with the SSP and directed to ensure the flawless functioning of all CCTV cameras and joint control rooms.

NDMA, NDRF strongly...

Shah said in the last two years, work has been done to create a platform of ideas with a whole of government approach by bringing together workshops and meetings of all the agencies related to relief and disaster management.

"When the heads of all the disaster relief teams discuss on a single platform, many shortcomings are removed and the country also benefits in being prepared to deal with a disaster," he said.

The home minister also suggested that every year, some districts and tehsils sensitive to disasters should be included in this conference so that the disaster management being considered at the national level gradually reaches the tehsil and district levels as well.

He also praised the role of NDMA, saying it has effectively carried out policy, subject structure, research work, dissemination of various exercises to the public, development of several applications and overall coordination and policy-related work.

SIA attaches properties...

sections 13, 17, 18, 21, 39 and 40 of the UAPA and Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, according to the officials.

Iran's state-run...

over Tehran's skies," said Israeli military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin. The military said it had destroyed more than 120 surface-to-surface missile launchers in central Iran, a third of Iran's total.

Israeli military officials also said fighter jets had struck 10 command centres in Tehran belonging to Iran's Quds Force, an elite arm of its Revolutionary Guard that conducts military and intelligence operations outside Iran.

The Israeli strikes "amount to a deep and comprehensive blow to the Iranian threat," Defrin said.

Iran's state-run news agency reported that state-run television abruptly stopped a live broadcast after an Israeli strike.

During the broadcast, an Iranian state television reporter said the studio was filling with dust after "the sound of aggression against the homeland." Suddenly, an explosion occurred, cutting the screen behind her as she hurried off camera. The broadcast quickly switched to prerecorded programs.

Iran, meanwhile, announced it had launched some 100 missiles and vowed further retaliation for sweeping attacks on its military and nuclear infrastructure that have killed at least 224 people in the country since Friday.

One missile fell near the American consulate in Tel Aviv, with its blast waves causing minor damage, US Ambassador Mike Huckabee said on X. He added that no American personnel were injured.

So far, 24 people have been killed in Israel and more than 500 injured, Israeli officials said, after Iran launched more than 370 missiles and hundreds of drones.

CEO lauds media's...

election-related communication and ensuring prompt coordination with media houses for press notes and releases, supplemented with relevant visuals provided by the Election office.

Chairman emphasis PAC's...

members ability to work in coordination and contribute effectively to the Committee's performance.

The members actively participated in the discussions, sharing their suggestions and feedback on various issues.

Under PM Modi...

J&K, 5 August and 6 June will always be remembered. While abrogation of Article 370 on 5 August 2019 paved the way for J&K's complete integration, 6 June physically connected Kashmir to Kanyakumari and its citizens' aspirations with national mainstream.

This coffee table book is an attempt to present before the nation the transformation that has taken place in Jammu and Kashmir in the last five years," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, highlighted the efforts made by the J&K Administration, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, to build a Jammu and Kashmir, which is free from all kinds of discrimination, fear and insecurity.

"My message from day one was very clear - we do not believe in buying peace but want to establish peace. I had given another vision to the security agencies - do not harass the innocent, do not spare the guilty.

The administration has been successful to a large extent in realising the vision of 4 Ps - Peace, Progress, Prosperity and People First. Our infrastructure has transformed to an unprecedented pace and economy is showing impressive growth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated that the administration, while transforming urban landscape and developing our cities, has paid special attention to facilities, sustainability and quality living for the common citizens.

"Nightlife for any city is not just a clock but a symbol of the liveliness and the cities of Kashmir valley have regained their vibrancy now. Jammu and Kashmir's relationship with lakes and rivers has been revived after decades.

Our industry, Startups and Agriculture sectors witnessed rapid growth over 5 successive years. Youth are fulfilling their dreams through entrepreneurship and around one million availed the opportunity of self-employment within 4 years and it has been ensured that no section of society is left behind," he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also lauded the significant efforts behind the coffee table book, which remarkably showcases J&K's extraordinary journey and unprecedented growth across all sectors.

Books are documents of time, especially coffee table books present progress through captivating photographs. We can see J&K is on the move through Ashish's Camera, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also cautioned the people against the fear mongers who are making misleading statements, without any substance, and threatening the peace. "People should do their politics but not at the cost of unity and integrity of our great nation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Meenakshi Lekhi, former Union Minister of State; Ram Bahadur Rai, President IGNCa; Dr Sachechidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCa; Prof. Ramesh C. Gaur, Director & Head, Kala Nidhi, IGNCa and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

Highlights...

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UPI transactions become...

As per another NPCI circular, customers will soon be able to check their account

balance 50 times a day through their UPI apps.

As of now, there is no limit to check account balance in a day and threshold of 50 has been introduced keeping in mind system efficiency and ease load, according to an expert. The number of transactions through UPI increased 33 per cent in May to 1,868 crore while the amount involved rose 23 per cent to Rs 25.14 lakh crore.

To instil confidence in customers that they are sending money to the correct beneficiary and to avoid potential risk, NPCI has mandated that UPI apps display only the ultimate beneficiary's name for transactions. Moreover, it has also been mandated that UPI apps should disable any feature allowing users to modify their 'beneficiary name' for transaction purposes in the app interface. All the stakeholders in the UPI ecosystem should follow the norms by June 30.

GDC Poonch gets renovated Indoor Cultural cum Sports Complex

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: An exhibition badminton match was conducted to mark the inauguration of the renovated Indoor Cultural cum Sports Complex (Sadbhavna Hall) at Degree College, Poonch. The inauguration was done by Brigadier Mudit Mahajan, Commander, 93 Infantry Brigade and Jasbir Singh, Principal Degree College, Poonch in the presence of senior civil and military dignitaries.



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The event was attended by DDC Chairperson Tazeem Akhter, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, SSP Shafaqat Hussain and renowned media personnel. The match featured enthusiastic participation from college students and NCC cadets, reflecting the spirit of youth engagement and sportsmanship.

Originally constructed in 2006 under the initiative of the Poonch Brigade, Sadbhavna Hall has served as a key venue for cultural and community activities. Given its location in the heart of Poonch city and the increasing needs of the student community, the requirement for renovation was clearly felt.

Renovation work was undertaken by the Poonch Brigade since February 2025 and damage sustained during Operation Sindoor in May 2025 was also restored during the process.

The hall now stands revitalised as a modern, multi-purpose indoor facility dedicated to promoting sports, fitness and constructive youth engagement.

This initiative reflects the Indian Army's continued commitment to fostering civil-military cooperation and supporting local development. The efforts were well appreciated by all present.

Promotions to various Faculty Positions in GMC Jammu CAT modifies orders clearing desks for promotions against Posts of Asso. Prof./Profs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant order, a Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu comprising Member (J) Rajinder Singh Dogra and Member(A) Ram Mohan Johri modified its earlier order dated January 29th, 2025 whereby the process of promotion against all faculty positions in all the departments/disciplines of GMC, Jammu had been stayed.

The CAT Bench at Jammu after hearing Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed appearing for ten aggrieved members of various faculties of GMC, Jammu who had sought modification of CAT Order dated January 29th, 2025 whereas Sr Advocate Abhinav Sharma for the applicants (Petitioners) and AAG Sudesh Magotra appearing for Health and Medical Education Department modified its interim order dated January 29th, 2025 by providing that the Govt. of J&K shall be at liberty to make promotions to the posts of Associate Professors and Professors in GMC, Jammu, however, the Govt. of J&K shall not place/promote/appoint any Professor confirmed by D.P.C./P.S.C after 01-01-2016 as Professor; to the post of Principal GMC, Jammu or by lateral entry in any of the newly established Govt. Medical College i.e. GMC Doda, GMC Kathua, GMC Udhampur, GMC Rajouri or any other newly established Govt. Medical College.

When this matter came up for hearing, Advocate S S Ahmed appearing in Miscellaneous Application No. 790 of 2025 moved on behalf of Dr. Mohammad Farooq Butt (Associate Professor; Orthopedics), Dr. Manish Singh (Assistant Professor; Orthopedics), Dr. Anuj Bhatti (Associate Professor; Pediatrics), Dr. Remu Wakhloo (Associate Professor; Anesthesia), Dr. Suman Kumar Kotwal (Assistant Professor; Endocrinology), Dr. Jang Bahadur Singh (Assistant Professor; Medicine), Dr. Shahzad Ahmed Qureshi (Assistant Professor; Medicine), Dr. Gurmeet Singh (Associate Professor; Medicine), Dr. Sanjeev Bhat (Associate Professor; Medicine) and Dr. Showkat Mahmood Chowdry (Assistant Professor; Medicine) contended that the petitioners/applicants namely Dr. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Sandeep Kour and Dr. Swaran Singh Katoch belong to Department of Radiation Oncology (Radiotherapy) GMC, Jammu and by virtue of interim order dated 29-01-2025, the promotion of all the Disciplines in GMC, Jammu have been stayed and the applicants and other faculty members of GMC, Jammu have been prejudiced and their promotions have been stalled without hearing them.

Advocate S S Ahmed vehemently argued that no case was set up for stalling the promotions in all the Disciplines by the three applicants/petitioners and for securing the ends of justice, the interim order dated 29-01-2025 is required to be modified.

On the other hand, Sr. Advocate Abhinav Sharma appearing for the three applicants belonging to Discipline of Radiation Oncology (Radiotherapy) vehemently argued that Juniors to Dr. Rahul Sharma, who were confirmed as Associate Professors w.e.f. 01-01-2013 have been posted as Principals in various Govt. Medical Colleges in UT of J&K thereby causing irreparable loss to the service career of the three faculty members of Radiation Oncology (Radiotherapy). The Senior Counsel further submitted that for balancing the equities, the promotion to the post of Principal GMC, Jammu and other Medical Colleges is required to be stayed particularly of those Professors who have not been confirmed by D.P.C./P.S.C after 01-01-2016 as Professor, because Dr. Rahul Sharma was confirmed as Associate Professor on 01-01-2013.

After heated arguments from both the sides, a Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal comprising Member(J) Rajinder Singh Dogra and Member(A) Ram Mohan Johri modified its interim order dated January 29th, 2025 by providing that the Govt. of J&K shall be at liberty to make promotions to the posts of Associate Professors and Professors in GMC, Jammu, however, the Govt. of J&K shall not place/promote/appoint any Professor confirmed by D.P.C./P.S.C after 01-01-2016 as Professor, to the post of Principal GMC, Jammu or by lateral entry in any of the newly established Govt. Medical Colleges i.e. GMC Doda, GMC Kathua, GMC Udhampur, GMC Rajouri or any other newly established Govt. Medical College. With these observations cat disposed of application.

Two vehicles with illegally transported Khair Billets, Tunu Wood seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Acting on specific information, a team of the Forest Department, under the close supervision of the Range Officer (RO) Jammu and under overall supervision of Divisional Forest Officer, Jammu, successfully intercepted and seized a Maruti SX4 (Reg No. JK02AM - 5101) and truck (Reg No. PB06BH-2502 for illegally transporting Khair Stuff and tunu wood in Block Manawar.



The operation was executed during night hours on 15.06.2025 by Block Officer Manawar Vikram Charak with the assistance of Beat Guard Vipan Jamwal, Rajeshwar Singh, Tarun khajuria and staff of Nagrota-I Raiz Ahmed, Ashok Kumar and Mohd Akbar. Upon inspection, the vehicles were found loaded with Khair billets and tunu wood, which were being transported without valid documentation, in violation of the Indian Forest Act (IFA). As per legal provisions, confiscation proceedings have been promptly initiated against the offenders. The seized vehicles and illicit forest produce have been taken into official custody for further legal action.