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Subrahmanyam said the historic victory of Operation Sindoor was a manifestation of adherence to the valour that the Bhagavad Gita preaches.

"As a proud Indian, I have always offered my salutations to our jawans, who are our national guardian angels," she said, congratulating Doval for his role in the operation.

At the event, Doval said the country could not afford to lose the technology battle and remain behind or fall decades behind others.

He acknowledged the role of IIT, Madras, and the private sector in developing 5G in two-and-a-half years' time, whereas the Chinese took over 12 years and spent 300 billion dollars to develop 5G technology.

"Even a screw that deals with anything related to data or security protection must come from a trusted source. It is either made in India or by somebody who is very close to India," he added, emphasising the need to totally insulate our system from the enemy.

A total of 3,227 students graduated. As many as 3,661 Degrees (including Joint and Dual Degrees) were awarded to the students on the occasion. A total of 529 PhDs were also awarded, which included PhDs, Joint Degree Ph.Ds with foreign institutions, and Dual Degree PhDs, the institute said.

## 6,400 pilgrims leave...

241 monks, left the Bhagwati Nagar camp here in 268 vehicles between 3:20 am and 4:04 am.

Officials said the first convoy, carrying 2,353 pilgrims in 107 vehicles, left for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The second convoy of 161 vehicles is carrying 4,129 pilgrims who are undertaking the journey via the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district.

With this, a total of 69,270 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp for the Valley since July 2, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

## Shri Amarnathji Yatra...

from the valley via twin tracks - the traditional 48-kilometre-long Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-kilometre shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The yatra will conclude on August 9.

"The Indian Army has launched Operation Shiva in close coordination with the civil administration and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to ensure the smooth and secure conduct of the Amarnath Yatra," said a defence spokesperson.

The spokesperson said this annual high-tempo operation aims to provide a robust security architecture along both the northern and southern yatra routes, particularly in light of the heightened threat from Pakistan-backed proxies in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

"As part of this year's enhanced security framework, over 8,500 troops have been deployed, supported by a wide array of technological and operational resources," he added.

The spokesperson asserted it is part of a multi-tier security setup, a dynamic counter-terrorism grid, prophylactic security deployment and corridor protection measures have been instituted.

"Comprehensive assistance to civil authorities is also being provided, particularly in disaster management and emergency response," he said.

Spelling out key deployments and tasks under Operation Shiva, the spokesperson said that a counter-UAS grid with more than 50 C-UAS and electronic warfare (EW) systems has been put in place to neutralise drone threats apart from regular UAV missions and live monitoring of the yatra routes and the holy cave.

He further said that engineer task forces have also been deployed for bridge construction, track widening and disaster mitigation, with more than 150 doctors and medical personnel, two advanced dressing stations, nine medical aid posts, a 100-bed hospital and 26 oxygen booths supported by 2,00,000 litres of oxygen.

In addition, signal companies for seamless communication, EME detachments for technical support and bomb detection and disposal squads have been put in place along with emergency rations for 25,000 persons, QRTs, tent cities, water points and plant equipments, including bulldozers and excavators.

"Indian Army helicopters remain on standby for any contingency response," said the spokesperson, adding the Army is harnessing advanced technology to ensure a robust security framework during the ongoing Amarnath Yatra.

"By implementing live tracking of yatra convoys between Jammu and the holy cave, the Army is maintaining constant situational awareness through high-resolution PTZ camera and drone feeds. Real-time updates on convoy movement are being monitored to pre-empt any threats, while seamless multi-agency coordination ensures swift response and effective security management across the entire route," he said.

Operation Shiva reflects the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to ensure a safe, seamless, and spiritually fulfilling yatra for all devotees undertaking the sacred pilgrimage, the spokesperson added.

## CB books SL...

"A written complaint was received from Khursheed Ahmed Naik of Khari, Ramban in which the complainant alleged that Ghulam Hassan Naik, son of Abdul Aziz Naik and Shakeela Bano, daughter of Ghulam Hassan Naik, both residents of village and Tehsil Khari, District Ramban are father and daughter in relation," official said and added, "Ghulam Hassan Naik having date of birth as December 6, 1966 is a government Teacher, Shakeela Bano having date of birth as January 1, 1976 is employed as Anganwadi Worker, father and daughter have an age difference of 09 years and 26 days only."

Official said that the complainant further alleged that Shakeela Bano is illiterate and in order to get her selected as Anganwadi Worker (AWW), her father Ghulam Hassan Naik manipulated, tampered the school records of Shakeela Bano thereby committing forgery.

CB has registered a case against individuals namely Ghulam Hassan Naik, Shakeela Bano and others on the basis of the contents of the complaint and preliminary verification report, official said.

Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh confirmed that three separate cases viz. case FIR No. 33/2025, case FIR No. 34/2025 and case FIR NO. 35/2025 have been registered at Police Station Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu and investigations started.

## NC will fight...

Jammu, Pathankot's fortunes, key business hub, declined. A similar concern exists today - that if trains begin running directly to Kashmir from Delhi, it could impact Jammu the way Pathankot was affected.

"We will fight for it (restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood). Whatever struggle is needed for statehood, we will fight that battle," Choudhary told reporters here.

Asked whether the party would contest elections again if statehood is restored, he said, "Why wouldn't we contest elections? After lakhs of sacrifices, we received this democracy. Dr Ambedkar gave us this Constitution and democracy. Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and hundreds of young martyrs laid down their lives for this democracy. Why shouldn't we contest elections? We will contest, but we will do so for the cause of restoring statehood."

He said the history of the National Conference is one of struggle.

"The very name National Conference is synonymous with sacrifice. We have laid down our lives for the survival of Jammu and Kashmir, for the nation, and for the national flag-and we will continue to do so," he said.

On apprehensions that Jammu may suffer business losses due to Kashmir's rail connectivity and end up like Pathankot, Choudhary said, "Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has always assured that Jammu will not be reduced to Pathankot. He has constantly expressed concern over this issue. He is a leader who represents all communities and all religions. He repeatedly said that he will never allow Jammu to become another Pathankot."

He said the chief minister had raised this concern many times with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi.

"The train was essential-it was a dream come true for the people of Kashmir. Many leaders in India had envisioned this, and that dream became a reality once the train reached Kashmir. After this connectivity, the Omar Abdullah government is making every effort to ensure that Jammu does not get sidelined like Pathankot. New schemes should be brought in for Jammu, and tourism must be invited and promoted in this region," he said.

Asked about the government's roadmap in this regard, he said the government always had a vision on it.

Replying to a question on the cancellation of the holiday on Martyrs' Day on July 13, he said, "What crime is there in remembering martyrs? Every community, every religion has the right to remember its martyrs. If we grant such holidays in other places, then what harm is there in declaring a holiday here too?" On the controversy involving National Conference MP Aga Syed Rahulla and the Lieutenant Governor, he said, "This is a matter for Rahulla and the Lieutenant Governor to answer. I have nothing to do with it."

On the regularisation of daily wagers, the deputy chief minister said the task had been assigned to a committee formed under the leadership of the chief secretary. "We have given them a task. When the chief secretary visits here, he will be asked what action has been taken on it," he said.

The National Conference on Friday paid tributes to Begum Akbar Jahan, wife of former chief minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and mother of Dr Farooq Abdullah, on her 25th death anniversary.

A commemorative event was held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here to mark the occasion, during which Choudhary and senior leaders addressed the gathering.

## ACB arrests PDD...

ACB team after following the due procedure of law and the bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team, official said adding that further investigation of the instant case is going on.

## Three locations raided...

The recovered articles and electronic devices are expected to aid the SIA Kashmir in identifying and apprehending co-conspirators and accomplices orchestrating these anti-national activities, he added.

The spokesperson said the SIA remains determined in its commitment to rooting out terrorism and its support systems.

"These search operations reflect the SIA's unwavering determination to safeguard the sovereignty and integrity of the nation while ensuring the safety and security of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

## SFs conducting operations...

in districts including Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, Doda and Udhampur, they said. "We are acting on specific inputs regarding terrorist movements. They are being tracked and are on the run," said the sources familiar with the ongoing operations.

The operations are focused on the hinterlands of Kishtwar, Basantgarh, Rajouri and Poonch, with ground-level intelligence playing a critical role in directing troop movements.

Security has been significantly stepped up, with reinforcements deployed across high-sensitivity areas and higher reaches in the region. "Higher reaches in the region have been brought under the effective control of forces and are being fully dominated. Night surveillance has been intensified using night vision devices and other modern equipment," a source said.

Routes previously exploited by terrorists to enter the Kashmir valley have been plugged and preventive measures are in place to block infiltration attempts. "Cross-border activity continues and reports suggest that terrorists are being staged along the border. However, our troops are fully alert to foil any such design," the source added.

The anti-terror strategy has been revised with increased emphasis on night operations and tactics aimed at denying terrorists the opportunity to regroup or seek shelter and carry out night movement in the hill ranges.

However, the sources maintained that there are no credible reports suggesting that Pakistani regulars are operating alongside terrorist ranks as of now.

The sources also cited a recent encounter in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar, where a terrorist group was caught off guard by Army personnel already dominating a strategic hilly area. The militants retaliated by hurling a grenade at the troops, confirming their growing unease in operating in the high-altitude belts now under tight surveillance.

"We are tightening the noose. They are finding it increasingly difficult to move and we will hunt them down, sooner or later," the sources said.

Dozens of attacks, operations and encounters have been witnessed in several hilly districts of the Jammu region during the past three years resulting in casualties to troops.

## Police attaches terror proceeds worth Rs 18.93 lakhs under UAPA

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SOPORE: In a step towards dismantling the financial infrastructure supporting terrorism, Police in Sopore have attached bank credits amounting to ₹18,93,426, identified as proceeds of terrorism, in connection with FIR No. 105/2024 registered at Police Station Sopore. The case is being investigated under Sections 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 38, 39, 40 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Section 7/25 of the Arms Act. The attachment was carried out following due approval from the competent authority under the UA(P) Act.

The action marks a crucial move in the ongoing crackdown against terror financing networks and logistical support systems aiding terrorist organisations and their affiliates.

## Illegal trafficking of firearms into Jammu: Bihar resident nabbed with illegal weapon

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: In a significant breakthrough, Samba Police has uncovered a criminal network involved in the illegal arms trade, following a tip-off from reliable sources in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur.

Acting on credible information regarding a suspect, identified as Kaif Ahmed, son of Shami Ahmed, resident of Barharia near Masjid Barharia, Siwan, Bihar, and a student at Central University Jammu (Rahya), has been orchestrating the illegal trafficking of firearms and transporting weapons-specifically pistols and katta-from Bihar and selling them to local criminals returning from Bihar with illicit arms, Police team of PS Vijaypur has arrested the said accused.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 71/2025 U/S 3/25 Arms Act has been registered at Vijaypur Police Station and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, police have successfully recovered one country-made pistol from the possession of said accused, based on his disclosure. Further investigation into the case is going on.

Samba Police remain committed to maintain law & order and continue to take strict action against those involved in illegal arms trade. Samba police urge its citizens to inform police about any criminal activity in their areas. The identity of the informer shall be kept secret.



## Theft case solved: Women among two nabbed with stolen jewellery worth Rs 1 lakh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Police have solved a theft case reported on July 3, 2007 by one Karnail Chand, son of Shiv Ram resident of Incha, Tehsil Ramnagar, who had reported theft and ransacking of his house during his absence.

Acting swiftly, a case was registered at Police Station Ramnagar and investigation was taken up. During the course of investigation, the Police team of PS Ramnagar rounded up several suspects for questioning. Two of the suspects, confessed to the crime during sustained interrogation/questioning. Both accused were identified as Sanjay Kumar, son of Bhagat Kumar, resident of Chakal, Tehsil Basantgarh (presently residing at Jakhani, Tehsil & District Udhampur and Kaushaliya Devi wife of Romesh Singh, resident of Marta, Tehsil Ramnagar.

Based on their disclosure, the Police team successfully recovered the entire stolen jewellery worth approximately Rs 1,00,000 from the possession of the accused. Both accused have been arrested and further investigation is underway.

## Two narco smugglers nabbed with heroin

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Continuing its crackdown against the menace of drugs, Reasi Police foiled a narcotics smuggling attempt and arrested two individuals with 6 grams of heroin (Chitta) at Kakryal naka on Dhirti road.

At around 1900 hours, during routine checking at a naka established by alert police personnel, a motorcycle bearing registration number JK02CP-5240 was intercepted. The two persons riding the motorcycle were identified as Jugal Kishore S/O Late Ram Prakash R/O Sool, Tehsil Katra and Mohd. Razak S/O Abdul Gafoor R/O Treen, Tehsil Katra, District Reasi.

During the course of checking, 6 grams of heroin (Chitta) was recovered from their possession. Both individuals were immediately taken into custody and the contraband was seized on the spot.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 198/2025 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Katra and investigation is underway to unearth the backward and forward linkages involved in the supply chain.

The entire operation was conducted under the leadership of SHO P S Katra Insp Khyatimaan Khajuria under the supervision of SDPO Katra Dr Bhishm Dubey and SP Katra Vipran Chandran.

Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi Paramvir Singh reiterated that strict action will continue against drug peddlers and anti-social elements under the zero-tolerance policy of Reasi Police towards drugs. He appealed to the general public to cooperate and share information related to drug abuse and trafficking so that this social evil can be eradicated from society.



## 4 bovine smuggling attempts foiled, 51 bovines rescued, 4 vehicles seized

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu Police continuing its crackdown on bovine smuggling under Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu Police has successfully foiled four smuggling bids in Sub-Division Nagrota, rescuing 51 bovines and seizing four vehicles.

This action follows the recent demolition of permanent structures used by bovine smugglers in Khanpur, Nagrota. Police teams from Police Post Sidhra and Police Post Manwal executed a coordinated operation leading to these recoveries.

The seized vehicles and rescued bovines including Mahindra Pickup(JK19A/1584), 04 bovines rescued. Driver Mohd Iqbal, son of Nazir Hussain, resident of Jora Farm, R.S. Pura, arrested on the spot; Tata Eco (JK02CX/3610), 04 bovines rescued. Driver Talib Hussain, son of Saif Ali, resident of New BSF Camp, R.S. Pura, arrested on the spot; Truck (JK02CQ-1123), 35 bovines rescued. Driver fled from the scene and Tata Mobile (JK14J-1971), 08 bovines rescued. Driver also fled from the scene.

In total, 51 bovines were rescued and four vehicles were seized during the operation.

In connection with these incidents, the FIRs have been registered including FIR No.151/2025,152/2025, and 153/2025 under sections 223 BNS and 11 PCA Act at Police Station Nagrota and FIR No. 83/2025 under sections 223 BNS and 11 PCA Act at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli.

## Two killed, four injured as vehicle falls into gorge in Ramban; LG expresses grief

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: A tragic road accident in the Senabathi Dabdrora area of Ramban district claimed two lives and left four others injured after a vehicle skidded off the road and plunged nearly 800 feet into a gorge on Friday evening. "The vehicle, bearing registration number JK14C 2038, was travelling from Senabathi towards Ukhral when the driver reportedly lost control on a curve, causing the vehicle to roll down a steep slope. Two occupants died on the spot. The deceased have been identified as Tawqeer Ahmed, son of Ghulam Bhat, resident of Gujpara Senabathi, and Abdul Latief, son of Ghulam Hussain, resident of Lalkhill Bhangara," officials said. The four injured persons were rescued by locals and police and later referred to GMC Anantnag for advanced medical treatment.

Police from Ramsu Police Station have registered a case and started an investigation. Preliminary findings suggest overspeeding or loss of control may have caused the accident.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has expressed deep grief over the loss of lives due to a tragic road accident in the Ukhral Senabathi area of Ramban.

In a condolence message, the Lieutenant Governor has said, "Saddened to learn about the loss of lives due to the tragic road accident in Ramban. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones. I pray for a speedy recovery of those injured in the accident".

## Unidentified male body found from canal head

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An unidentified male body, approximately 40 years of age and around 5'5" in height, was found at Canal Head in the Canal On July 6, 2025. The body is in a highly decomposed state, including the face, making visual identification difficult.

However, two tattoos bearing names are visible on the arm, which may aid in identification. The tattoos are partially smudged due to decomposition but can still be partially read.

Preliminary assessment suggests possible drowning, as the body appears to have been carried by the canal flow.

The body has been transported to GMC Jammu and placed in the mortuary. In view of the suspicious circumstances, inquest proceedings have been initiated under Section 194 BNSS at Police Post Canal Road.

# Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra from July 25

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma on Friday chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of developmental works and necessary arrangements for the upcoming Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025 commencing from 25th of July 2025 and shall culminate on 5th of Sept 2025.

The meeting was held at the VC Room, DC Office Complex Kishtwar.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed ongoing infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing facilities for pilgrims, including the completion of Yatri Bhawan, renovation of sanitary complexes, development of the area surrounding the Bhawan, uninterrupted power and water supply during the Yatra, medical facility, publicity, online and offline registration, construction of road from Chishoti to

Hamori, sanitation and ensure proper cleanliness



cleanliness, status of Chishoti Bridge and Traffic Plan.

Special emphasis was laid on the timely completion of Chishoti Bridge. The DC directed the Executive Engineer PMGSY to double the shifts for its timely completion.

The DC also instructed the ACD Kishtwar to

Kishtwar.

The meeting also reviewed the preparation of parking zones, including a parking zone at Gulabgarh Paddar that can accommodate about 2000 vehicles. Directions were issued to all concerned officers to expedite the works, maintain quality standards and improve all already established assets. They were also directed to prepare a list of their staff deployed during the Yatra period and share it along with their contact numbers with the Control Room and DC Office Kishtwar.

The meeting was attended by SSP Naresh Singh, ACD/CEO KDA Kaiser Bhawani, SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar, besides other concerned officers and Officials.

The District Administration Kishtwar is committed to ensuring a smooth and hassle-free experience for the pilgrims during the Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025.