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I assure the terror victim families that the perpetrators will be punished," the Lieutenant Governor said.
The Lieutenant Governor narrated the heartrending incident of 21st July 2001 when Tara Devi, a resident of Cherji village, Kishtwar sacrificed her life while protecting her son from the Pakistan-sponsored terrorists.



"On 30th April 1998, Pakistani terrorists slit the throats of Gyan Devi and her one-and-a-half-year-old son Kikar Singh in Balgram village of Kishtwar.
On 5th April 2005, Shri Ashfaq Ahmed, from Doda, a member of the Village Defense Committee was martyred in an encounter with terrorists. His son Shamim Ahmed was only 7 years old at that time.

For decades, countless families and their loved ones lost to Pakistan sponsored terrorism, were reduced to mere statistics, their pain unheard, their tears un wiped. Finally, after all this time, justice has come knocking at their doors.

After years of grief and suffering, terror victim families of Kishtwar; Doda, Ramban Poonch, Rajouri, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Reasi get Justice.

Dharma's victory over Adharma is inevitable. We are committed to ensuring justice for every terror victim family, making their rehabilitation, jobs, financial assistance, and livelihood opportunities our foremost responsibility. This initial step towards justice has already brought a ray of hope to the terror victim families. It is the beginning of a new era of justice in Jammu and Kashmir.

For too long, Pakistan sponsored terrorists and its supporters, conflict entrepreneurs and separatist ecosystem suppressed the voice of thousands of victim families. "The fabricated narratives of separatist elements are now crumbling," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that an internal web portal has been launched and a centralized database of terror victim families is being developed to monitor and process all cases, ensuring timely relief. Additionally, helplines are now active in every district of Jammu and Kashmir for victims to register grievances. Further support is available through divisional helplines, staffed by trained employees, at the offices of the Divisional Commissioners.

Deputy Commissioners in every district are now receiving a steady flow of applications, which are being thoroughly scrutinized. We are also integrating a mechanism in the portal for extending self employment assistance to the members of terror victim families. Furthermore, appointment letters and other assistance will be handed over to Terror Victim Families in large numbers on 5th August, in Srinagar. This process will continue till every terror victim family gets justice, the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to all the officials for working with sensitivity and readiness to address the issues of Terror victim families.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the unfortunate incident that occurred in Jammu on the 24th July. "Don't touch the innocent and don't spare the guilty" is our policy. Police have taken effective action. SIT has been constituted and magisterial investigation has been ordered. Two officials have been suspended. Further action will be taken on the basis of the inquiry report," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also congratulated the Security Forces, J&K Police and all the personnel for eliminating Pakistan sponsored terrorists during the anti-terror operation in Srinagar.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; DGP, Shri Nalin Prabhat; Principal Secretary Home, Chandrakar Bharti; Commissioner Secretary, GAD M Raju; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; IGP Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti, Deputy Commissioners of various districts, senior officials and family members of victims of terrorism were present.

Chairpersons of District Development Councils, Members of Legislative Assembly, and members of various social organisations were also present.

Mastermind of Pahalgam...

Rifles and 4 Para unit had detected the group of three terrorists and neutralised them by springing a surprise on them, an official said.

Inspector General of Police (Kashmir Zone) V K Birdi said it was a long-drawn operation which was going on till the last reports.

"Three bodies have been sighted. It will be premature to comment on other details," Birdi said, adding that full details will be made public after the operation is over.

Earlier, Srinagar-based Chinar Corps in a post on X said three terrorists were killed under Operation Mahadev.

"Three terrorists have been neutralised in an intense firefight. Operation Continues," the Chinar Corps of the Army said.

Meanwhile, security forces arrested a terror associate in Kupwara district and recovered a cache of arms and ammunition from him, a police official said.

Forces launched a cordon and search operation at Marsary village in Chowkibal area of Kralpora in north Kashmir after specific intelligence inputs, he said, adding that Wali Mohanmad Mir, resident of Marsary village, was apprehended during the operation.

Upon search, a huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from his possession, which included an AK-56 rifle, three AK-56 rifle magazines, 1,150 rounds of AK-56 ammunition, and 17 UBGL (under barrel grenade launcher) grenades, the official said. Preliminary investigations reveal that Mir was working as an associate for proscribed terror outfits and was involved in facilitating the movement of arms and ammunition to active terrorists in the area, he said. A case has been registered and further investigation is underway, the official added.

Sunil relieved from...

been transferred and posted as DIG IRP Jammu; Sameer Sharma, IPS (2011), who was awaiting posting, has been posted as DIG Armed Jammu.

Vinod Kumar, IPS (2011), DIG Armed Jammu, has been transferred and posted as DIG IRP Jammu against an available vacancy. Sameer Sharma, IPS (2011), who was awaiting posting, has been posted as DIG Armed Jammu in place of Shri Vinod Kumar.

Kulbir Singh, JKPS (1999), SSP Ramban, has been transferred and posted as Director, Commando Training Centre, Lethpora; Randeep Kumar, JKPS (1999), SSP Security HQ, J&K, as SSP PTWS Jammu; Arun Gupta, JKPS (2001), SSP SB CID Jammu as SSP Ramban; Liaqat Ali, JKPS (2001), SO to Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K, as SSP PTWS Kashmir; Jameel Ahmad, JKPS (2001), Principal STC Sheeri, shall hold the charge of the post of Commandant IR-13, in addition to his own duties. Mohd. Rafi Giri, JKPS (2008), Dy:CO 2nd Border Bn., has been transferred and posted as SO to Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K; Sunil Kumar Kesar, JKPS (2011), Adtl. SP (Ops) Doda, as Dy:CO IR-15; Zahid Aziz Samoon, JKPS (2011), DySP (Ops) Pulwama as Dy:CO IR-17; and Devinder Singh Bhandral, JKPS (2012), Dy:CO IR-1, has been transferred and posted as Adtl. SP (Ops) Doda.

Shri Budha Amarnathji...

the country set off for the holy yatra of Shri Budha Amarnath Ji. Till yesterday, 3.77 lakh pilgrims have performed darshan at holy cave of Shri Amarnath ji. I hope that pilgrims from across the country will also arrive to pay their obeisance at Shri Budha Amarnath ji and pray to Bholenath for the peace and progress of J&K and the nation. Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of civil administration, Police, security forces, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present at the Flag-off ceremony.

Development must be...

inaugurated the Van Mahotsav 2025 celebrations organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department at Abhinav Theatre. Let's find joy in planting trees and gifting plants, he remarked, calling on people to transform the festival into a vibrant people's movement.

He was joined by Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology and Environment and Tribal Affairs; Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani; Commissioner and Secretary to the Government, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sheetal Nanda; Secretary Tribal Affairs, Prasanna Ramaswamy G; Principal Chief Conservators of Forests; DDC Member (Dansal) Shamima Begum; besides senior officers from various departments.

The event was marked by broad community participation including tribal members, students, and citizens across the Union Territory.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah emphasised that our actions today would have repercussions long afterwards. There needs to be a check on greed; only our needs must be met. Uncontrolled deforestation must stop. Genuine afforestation efforts are required to produce results that matter, not just statistics. He added that development is a need, but it should be judicious. There must be a balance, development carried out with sincere concern for the environment. For every tree uprooted, a hundred must be planted.

Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, reflected that forests are not just resources-they are living guardians that gift us firewood to warm our homes, fodder to feed our cattle, timber to build our shelters, and the very air we breathe to stay alive. The ceremony also witnessed Chief Minister Omar Abdullah handing over appointment letters to newly selected candidates in the Forest Department and felicitating individuals

and organizations for their environmental contributions.

Hit-and-Run case...

him. The incident took place near Allora Textiles, close to Green Belt Park, where the Thar (JK02DP-9594), being driven in a rash and negligent manner, collided head-on with a scooty (JK02BS-6435) coming from the opposite direction. The collision resulted in the rider Kamal Dutt being thrown off and seriously injured.

FIR (No. 163/2025) under Sections 281 and 125(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar soon after the incident. As part of the investigation, CCTV footage from the area was retrieved and eyewitness accounts were recorded. One witness revealed that the Thar driver, after the initial collision, reversed the vehicle and intentionally rammed the injured rider a second time before fleeing the scene. In light of this evidence, Section 109 of the BNS has also been invoked, pointing to a deliberate act of aggression.

The investigation is being conducted under the close supervision of SDPO South Sunil Jasrotia and SP South Ajay Sharma, with all procedural, legal, and forensic angles being thoroughly pursued.

Jammu Police have reiterated their commitment to a fair and timely investigation and have appealed to the public to come forward with any relevant information that could aid the probe.

Surey Chak incident...

endorsement No. DM/J/C/Magistrate Inquiry/13671372 dated 25.07.2025" into the circumstances that led to the death of one Parvez Ahmed @ Bachi S/o Rehmat Ali R/o Javed Nagar, Beli Charana Jammu.

In order to conduct a fair and transparent inquiry, any person having knowledge, information, evidence or any other input related to the incident is hereby requested to come forward and submit the same before the undersigned (SDM Jammu South).

Statements, information or evidence (oral or written) may be submitted in person or in writing to the Inquiry Officer (Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu South) in his office during office hours by or before 04.08.2025 (04:30 PM). Information can also be shared at email address (sdmsouthjammu@gmail.com) or at contact number 9484002110. The office address of Inquiry Officer is given as below:-

"Office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu South, Gadigarh, Tehsil Jammu South, District Jammu - J&K PIN: 181101."

The identity of individuals providing information or evidence, if desired, shall be kept confidential upon request.

This notice is issued in the interest of justice and to ensure that all relevant facts are brought on record for fair and transparent conclusion of inquiry of the incident."

After Op Sindoor...

leaders like P. Chidambaram and Gaurav Gogoi started raising doubts about the Pahalgam attack. They questioned whether the terrorists were even from Pakistan, casually calling them "homegrown" and demanding proof, as if the Army, intelligence agencies, and the victims' families needed a certificate from Congress."

Chugh hit out at these remarks, saying Congress leaders today sound less like the opposition and more like spokesperson and blue eyed boys of the Pakistani Army.

Chugh said the era of impunity in Jammu & Kashmir is over: He reaffirmed that the government will continue dismantling separatist and terror networks with full force. He saluted the valor of Indian security forces and reiterated that protecting sacred spaces like Shri Harmandir Sahib, Vaishno Devi, and the Anarnath Yatra remains the Modi Government's top priority. "Operation Mahadev is a clear message to any terror sponsor: We don't negotiate. We neutralize", he added.

ACB books Govt...

fraudulently withdrawn by the accused official in connivance with concerned bank officials from three accounts of the deputy commissioner's office in Poonch using fake invoices, either by forging the signatures of the drawing and disbursing officers or by using his signature, the spokesperson said.

Further, it was found that besides transferring the embezzled money to his own account, the accused had also transferred portions of the public money to the accounts of his close relatives and some unidentified persons.

The involvement of the concerned bank officials, who processed the fake invoices bearing forged signatures that did not match the specimen signatures provided to the bank, has also come to light, he added.

"In this way, Jameel abused his official position as part of a well-knit conspiracy with the concerned bank officials of the J&K Bank branch in Poonch city and others, fraudulently withdrawing public money amounting to Rs 55,99,947 from three accounts of the DC office, Poonch, causing a huge loss to the government exchequer," the spokesperson said.

Following the registration of a formal case under relevant sections of law, simultaneous searches were conducted with the help of local police in the presence of magistrates and independent witnesses at the premises of the accused in Poonch district, he added. A detailed and in-depth scrutiny of the seized records will be carried out during the further course of the investigation, the spokesperson said.

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be among the key speakers on Tuesday. There are indications that Prime Minister Modi will be the final speaker in the debate for which 16 hours have been allocated.

Singh said Pakistan used missiles, drones, rockets, including long-range rockets, among others, to target airports, military establishments and military cantonments.

"However, they failed to cause any damage to any establishment," he said.

Gandhi sought to know from Singh why Operation Sindoor was halted.

"Aapne roki kyun (why did you halt)," asked Gandhi, a question that had ruling party members on their feet.

The minister said he had already spoken about it and the Leader of Opposition should listen to his speech. "We targeted those who hurt us," Singh said quoting the couplet "Jinh mohi maara, te mai maare" from Hindu epic Ramcharitmanas.

"Just as Lord Hanuman in Lanka strategised and struck only those who wronged him," the defence minister said. During the discussion, Singh referred to an analogy used by poet Goswami Tulsidas that love and enmity should be among equals.

"Love and enmity should be on the same level. If a lion kills a frog, it does not give a very good message. Our armed forces are lions," Singh said.

He said India's history has been known as an aggressor and has never usurped an inch of others' land, and India knows that "war should be taken up against those who are on the same level as us". Singh asserted that India now believes in taking decisive action as peace overtures have not yielded desirable results.

"Today, dossiers have been replaced by decisive action. Today's India thinks differently and acts differently. We believe that if the adversary uses terrorism as part of strategy and does not understand the language of peace, then standing firm and being decisive is the only option," Singh said.

Jaishankar said the result of India's diplomatic efforts post-Pahalgam attack was that only three out of 190 nations which are part of the UN opposed Operation Sindoor. There was overwhelming support that the country which has been attacked has the right to defend itself, he said.

1635 pilgrims leaves...

convoy of 1,262 pilgrims in 62 vehicles, who are undertaking the yatra via the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in the Anantnag district, they said.

Chanting "Bum Bum Bhole" and "Har Har Mahdev" with enthusiasm, pilgrims braved heavy rains while leaving for the cave shrine.

With this, a total of 14,12,95 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp for the valley since July 2, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch. Last year, more than 5.10 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine, which houses a naturally formed ice lingam.

The pilgrimage is scheduled to end on August 9, coinciding with the Raksha Bandhan festival.

Govt bans six doctors for private practice during duty hours

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Monday ordered a ban on six doctors for allegedly engaging in private practice during official duty hours and making unethical referrals to private Empanelled Health Care Providers (EHCPs).

According to Government order issued by the Health & Medical Education Department, the action follows an evaluation conducted by the State Health Agency under the Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY/SEHAT Scheme, which revealed that these doctors had been violating norms and undermining the scheme's objectives. The doctors found involved in private practice during duty hours include Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bashir (Consultant Surgeon, GMC Anantnag) with 312 cases, Dr. Ishaq (Medical Officer, DH Pulwama) with 170 cases, and Dr. Younis Kamal (Associate Professor Orthopaedics, GMC Anantnag) with 185 cases.

Additionally, three doctors were found involved in unethical referrals to private EHCPs: Dr. Vikas Gupta (Medical Officer, CHC Hiranagar) with 19 cases, Dr. Manju Kumari (Medical Officer, EH Vijaypur) with 18 cases, and Dr. Raj Kumar Bhagat (Medical Officer, DH Samba) with 12 cases.

The order states that these actions "significantly outweighed their contribution to government service, thereby undermining the objectives of the AB-PMJAY/SEHAT Scheme.

CBI books DySP, 5 other officials for 'brutal custodial torture' on fellow constable

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The CBI has booked six officials of the Jammu and Kashmir Police following allegations of inflicting "brutal and inhuman custodial torture" on a fellow police constable two years ago.

In its FIR registered on the orders of the Supreme Court, the central agency has named Deputy Superintendent of Police Aijaz Ahmad Naiko and five others, who were then posted at the Joint Interrogation Centre, Kupwara, officials said.

Apart from DSP Naiko, Sub-Inspector Riyaz Ahmad and four other J&K Police officials-- Jahangir Ahmad, Imtiyaz Ahmad, Mohammed Younis and Shakir Ahmad-- have been named in the FIR for allegedly inflicting "brutal and inhuman custodial torture" over six days on Constable Khurshheed Ahmad Chohan.

The victim, who was posted in Baramulla, was summoned through a signal communication on February 17, 2023, to report before SSP, Kupwara ostensibly for investigation in connection with a narcotics case.

On arrival, he was handed over to the Joint Interrogation Centre, where Naiko, Riyaz Ahmad and others tortured Khurshheed for six days with iron rods and wooden sticks, besides inflicting heavy electric shocks on him, the wife has alleged in her complaint, now part of the FIR.

"...finally on February 26, 2023, the private parts of Khurshheed were cut off, besides iron rods inserted in his private part continuously for six days. Khurshheed was subjected to severe torture and red pepper were inserted in his rectum and also given electric shocks," the complaint said.

The CBI FIR registered on the basis of the complaint filed by Khurshheed's wife, who was running from pillar to post seeking a probe into the alleged atrocities against her husband, alleged that the then SSP, Kupwara on whose requisition the victim was sent from Baramulla to Kupwara for probe in a narcotics case, remained "a mute spectator".

The agency in its FIR has not named the SSP as an accused.

Khurshheed had approached the Supreme Court with a chilling petition describing his ordeal after the Jammu and Kashmir High Court rejected the plea seeking a CBI probe.

Handing over the case to the CBI, the apex court noted that the high court "grossly erred in failing to exercise its constitutional obligation of protecting the fundamental rights of a citizen, his dignity and right to life".

"It failed to consider the gravity of offences committed as well as the influence that could be exerted by accused persons being police officials," a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta said.

The apex court also ordered the payment of Rs 50 lakh in compensation to Khurshheed, which shall be recoverable from the officer(s) concerned, against whom a departmental proceeding shall be initiated upon the conclusion of the investigation by the CBI.

The Supreme Court outrightly rejected the claims of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir that the injuries were the result of a suicide attempt by the victim.

"It is admitted that between 20th February and 26th February, 2023, the appellant sustained numerous injuries, including castration of his genital regions and was admitted to SKIMS Hospital at 2:48 pm on 26th February, 2023. It is also undisputed that the dismembered genitalia were brought to the hospital in a separate plastic bag by a sub-inspector; a fact that shocks our conscience," the court had observed.

The police had maintained that Khurshheed tried to take his own life during the investigation and that his wounds were self-inflicted.

In a scathing judgment, the top court noted that the "unprecedented gravity" of this case involving "brutal and inhuman custodial torture", characterised by the "complete mutilation" of the appellant's genitalia, represents one of the "most barbaric instances of police atrocity which the State is trying to defend and cover up with all-pervasive power".

"The medical evidence conclusively establishes that such injuries are impossible to be self-inflicted. The respondent's (Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir) theory of suicide attempt crumbles under scrutiny when examined against the timeline and the medical evidence," it said.

It stated that Khurshheed was summoned to the Joint Interrogation Centre, Kupwara, on February 17, 2023, via a signal communication, which notably did not refer to any specific FIR.

The court noted that according to the police's claims, he was summoned for questioning in connection with FIR No. 1 of 2023 which is contradicted by the fact he was implicated in FIR No. 17 of 2023, registered six days later on February 23, 2023, and was based on the alleged disclosure made by co-accused Farooq Hussain, who was arrested following the recovery of a narcotic substance.

"This temporal anomaly exposes the fabricated nature of the respondent's case and conclusively establishes illegal detention of the appellant from February 20, 2023, to February 26, 2023," the court noted.

The Supreme Court said the medical evidence decisively rules out the theory of the harm being self-inflicted and demolishes the suicide theory.

"The complete surgical removal of both testicles, the extensive injuries to the appellant's palms and soles, consistent with custodial torture techniques such as falanga, the presence of multiple vegetative particles in the rectum, and bruising on the buttocks extending to the thighs -- all point to a pattern of sustained and systematic torture," it said.

It said these injuries are "medically impossible to be self-inflicted" particularly in the absence of fatal hemorrhage or loss of consciousness, as would have occurred had the mutilation been self-administered.

"The CBI shall also conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the systemic issues at the Joint Interrogation Centre, Kupwara, including examination of all CCTV systems, interrogation from all personnel present during the relevant period, forensic examination of the premises, and review of all protocols and procedures followed for detention and interrogation of suspects," the court said.

4 arrested with banned nylon thread

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In its ongoing efforts to curb the illegal sale and use of banned nylon thread (Gattu), which poses serious hazards to public safety and the environment, Police Station Pacea Danga successfully apprehended two individuals in separate operations.

In the first case, Vishushant Kuril S/o Anil Gupta Kuril R/o H. No. 292-F, Hari Singh Nagar, Pacea Danga, Jammu, was arrested and 09 rolls of banned nylon thread were recovered from his possession.

In this connection FIR No. 84/2025 U/S 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 has been registered at PS Pacea Danga.

In a separate incident, Ansh Gupta S/o Rajinder Gupta R/o Lane No. 08, House No. 202, Shakti Nagar, Jammu, was found in possession of 28 rolls of nylon thread, and FIR No. 85/2025 U/S 223 BNS has been registered accordingly.

A total of 37 rolls of banned Gattu were seized in both cases. It is pertinent to mention that nylon thread, popularly known as Gattu, is a non-biodegradable and dangerously sharp material, known to cause serious and even fatal injuries to motorists and pedestrians, kill birds by entangling and slashing their wings or necks, and contribute significantly to environmental pollution by clogging drains and harming water bodies. Its use is strictly banned under law and is also a violation of orders issued by the District Magistrate.

Meanwhile, Police Station Janipur arrested one person involved in its possession and sale. The accused namely Bajinder Singh son of Bikram Singh resident of Karan Nagar Jammu was apprehended with 10 rolls of banned gattu thread, which is notorious for causing serious injuries and even fatalities during kite flying.

The accused was using a new modus operandi - selling gattu thread through mobile-based orders and delivering it discreetly to customers, avoiding public attention and police checkpoints. In another case, team of Police Station R.S Pura led by PSI Sadam Bashir under the command of SHO PS R.S Pura Inspector Ravi Singh Parihar and supervision of SP headquarters Jammu and SDPO R.S Pura, conducted raids in the R.S Pura market falling within the jurisdiction of PS R.S Pura.

During the raid, Police party seized 09 rolls of Nylon thread (dour Gattu) who was engaged in selling Synthetic Nylon thread which is banned in District Jammu.

The seller identified as Puran Chand S/o late Piyara Lal R/o Ward No. 08 R.S Pura tehsil R.S Pura district Jammu. In this regard, FIR under relevant section of law stand registered against above said person and further investigation is underway.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 30 bovines rescued, vehicle

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu police tightening its nose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of Police Post Sidhra has foiled one bovine smuggling attempt in which total 30 bovines were rescued. One Truck bearing registration No. JK02DA/9886 loaded with 30 bovines seized by PP Sidhra. Driver of the truck fled away from the spot.

In this regard, a case FIR NO.169/2025,U/S 223 BNS/11 PCA Act has been registered in Police Station Nagrota. Further investigation is underway.