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LG hands over appointment letters to 80 NoKs of terror victims in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday handed over the appointment letters to 80 Next of Kins (NoKs) of terror victims, at Jammu.

Following the historic event in Baramulla, where 40 terror-victim families received appointment letters, this marks yet another significant step in delivering justice to those who have suffered from terrorism in Jammu Kashmir.

The families of terror victims courageously spoke out, sharing their harrowing experiences and exposing the role of Pakistan-sponsored terrorists and their sympathizers.

The Lieutenant Governor paid homage to civilian martyrs and shared the pain and grief of the families of victims of terrorism.

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LG Manoj Sinha speaking at an event in Jammu on Monday.

sored terrorists and the terror ecosystem that was pulling the strings. Terror victim families were threatened into silence. Their sufferings were ignored to shield the perpetrators and those aided them.

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Sinha hands over Job Assurance letter to daughter of martyred ADDC Rajouri

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday met Maresa Thapa, daughter and Meenakshi Kundan Thapa, wife of ADDC Rajouri, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who was martyred during unprovoked shelling by Pakistan in Rajouri.

The Lieutenant Governor handed over an assurance letter to the daughter of the martyr ADDC that she will be appointed as an Assistant Law Officer after completion of her studies.

The Lieutenant Governor expressed his solidarity with the family of Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa and reaffirmed the commitment of the Administration to providing all possible assistance. Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu was also present on the occasion.

Mastermind of Pahalgam attack among 3 terrorists gunned down

Terror associate nabbed in Kupwara

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a major breakthrough, the Army's elite para commandos on Monday shot dead the alleged mastermind of the Pahalgam terror attack along with two of his associates in an encounter in a forest area on Srinagar's outskirts in Kashmir; officials said here.

The officials said Sulieman alias Asif, who is believed to be the mastermind of the April 22 attack, was killed after the security forces launched a surprise operation following a technical signal indicating the use of a satellite phone that was also used by the perpetrators of the Pahalgam attack.

The other terrorists killed in the Army action, code-named 'Operation Mahadev', have been identified as Jibran -- who was allegedly involved in the Sonamarg Tunnel attack last year -- and Hamza Afghani.



As many as 26 persons -- mostly tourists -- were martyred by terrorists at Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam, which prompted the armed forces to launch Operation Sindoor on May 7 against the terror infrastructure in Pakistan.

The slain terrorists also included one involved in last year's attack at the Sonamarg tunnel project, officials said here.

According to officials, the Army launched the operation in the forests of Harwan following a technical signal that

was similar to the device used by terrorists in Pahalgam.

One of the slain terrorists has been identified as Jibran, who, officials said, was involved in the attack on the Sonamarg Tunnel project at Gagangir in October last year. Seven people, including a doctor, were killed in the attack.

One M4 carbine rifle, two AK rifles and other munitions were recovered from the site. At around 1130 hours, one party comprising personnel from 24 Rashtriya

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Development must be judicious: Omar

"Let's find joy in planting trees, pass on better environment to future generations"



CM Omar Abdullah speaking at the inaugural function of Van Mahotsav 2025 in Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Climate change is real, and the signs are all around us. The earth and our environment are a heritage we must pass on to the

next generations-if not improved, at least preserved in our lifetime, asserted Chief Minister Omar Abdullah as he

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Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra begins; LG flags off first batch

Extends best wishes to pilgrims for safe, spiritually-fulfilling journey

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of devotees for the holy Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas on Monday.

The Lieutenant Governor extended his best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually-fulfilling journey.

"The sacred journey to the abode of Mahadev is an enlightening experience. I strongly believe this pilgrimage is the greatest alchemy and unveils secrets of life before the devotees," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor appreciated the meticulous work done by Baba Amarnath and Budha Amarnath Yatri Nyas, tourism department, district administration, other stakeholders and



LG Manoj Sinha flagging off first batch of devotees for Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra from Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas on Monday. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

organisations serving langar.

All the arrangements have been made for the annual pilgrimage and Budha Amarnath Ji Mela, the annual festival.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said: "In the first batch, more than 1000 pilgrims from across

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Sunil relieved from J&K, Sujit gets addl charge of IGP Crime

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Home Department on Monday transferred two Indian Police Service (IPS) officers and nine Jammu and Kashmir Police Service (JKPS) officers and

Sunil Gupta, IPS (2007), IGP Crime J&K is relieved from the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, with effect from July 28, 2025 (A/N), to take up his new assignment." read an order issued by

2 DIGs, 9 SSPs, SPs transferred

relieved Dr. Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary, Home Department, J&K UT.

Consequently, Sujit Kumar, IPS (2007), IGP Security J&K, shall hold the charge of IGP Crime J&K, in addition to his own duties, it added.

As per another order, Vinod Kumar, IPS (2011), DIG Armed Jammu, has

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1635 pilgrims leave Jammu for Amarnathji Yatra

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Braving heavy rains, more than 1600 pilgrims left Jammu on Monday for the twin base camps of the cave shrine of Amarnath in the south Kashmir Himalayas amid tight security arrangements.

The 38-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high shrine, which commenced on July 3 from the valley, has recorded darshan of the ice lingam of Lord Shiva by more than 3.77 lakh pilgrims.

Escorted by CRPF and police personnel, the 23rd batch of 1,635 pilgrims, which included 1,303 men, 286 women, four children, and 42 sadhus and sadhvis, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here in 59 vehicles for the twin base camps in Kashmir between 3:25 am and 4:00 am, the officials said.

The first convoy, carrying 374 pilgrims in 17 vehicles, left for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in the Ganderbal district, followed by the second

After Op Sindoor, PM's Op Mahadev to deliver decisive blow to Pak sponsored terrorism: Chugh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Monday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new initiative, Operation Mahadev "to pin down the Pakistan sponsored terrorists".

In a statement, Chugh saluted the Indian Army, CRPF, and J&K Police for the success of Operation Mahadev near Mahadev Peak in Srinagar which resulted in the elimination of three foreign terrorists, reportedly including the mastermind behind the Pahalgam attack.



Chugh emphasized that this is not a one-off action but part of the Modi Government's decisive anti-terror doctrine - in which Pakistan ISI has been a key factor. He went on to high-

light Operation Sindoor, which delivered precision strikes on nine terror launchpads deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir. These camps belonged to Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hizbul Mujahideen. Over 100 terrorists were neutralized, proving India's strategic superiority, he said.

Referring to the ongoing discussion over Operation Sindoor in Parliament and controversial remarks made by opposition leaders, Chugh said, "Instead of backing our forces, senior Congress

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Surey Chak incident: IO invites information, evidence

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JAMMU: The Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Jammu South, the inquiry officer into the Surey Chak incident, through a public notice, has invited any person(s) to submit relevant information, evidence, or statements concerning the events of July 24 that resulted in the death of Parvez Ahmed (alias Bachi).

A Public Notice issued by the SDM states "It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that a Magisterial Inquiry has been ordered by the competent authority vide

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Hit-and-Run case in Gandhi Nagar: Driver mows down scooty rider twice

FIR registered; Thar owner detained; man on wheels on run

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JAMMU: In a shocking incident of road rage and reckless driving, a Mahindra Thar SUV struck a scooty near Green Belt Park in Gandhi Nagar and, in a disturbing turn, reversed to hit the injured rider second time before fleeing the scene.

The victim, identified as Kamal Dutt (65), resident of Gandhi Nagar sustained grievous injuries and was rushed to Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu by locals. He is still unconscious and is undergoing treatment.



Police has seized the SUV and detained its owner Rajinder Anand, resident of Nanak Nagar for questioning. Manan Anand, the Thar

driver, son of Rajinder Anand, however, is absconding and a manhunt has been launched to apprehend

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Can go to any extent to uproot terror; Op Sindoor could resume: Govt

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The government on Monday asserted that it can go to any extent to uproot terrorism and warned that Operation Sindoor launched to target terror sites in Pakistan is on pause as the armed forces achieved the desired objectives, but could resume in case of any misadventure by Islamabad.

Initiating the debate on Operation Sindoor in the Lok Sabha, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh peppered his nearly hour-long speech with spiritual references to drive home the message that the new India, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has learnt to respond in a language its adversary understands better.

"We have learnt from Lord Krishna that when the time comes, one must pick up the 'Sudarshan Chakra' to defend dharma. After the 2006



Parliament attack and 2008 Mumbai attacks, we said 'enough is enough' and picked the Sudarshan Chakra," Singh said.

Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also dismissed the claims made by the Congress and other opposition parties linking the cessation of hostilities with Pakistan to alleged media-

tion attempts by US President Donald Trump, who linked it to a trade deal.

Jaishankar asserted that at no stage in any conversation with the US was there any linkage of trade with halting of Operation Sindoor and said there was no call between Prime Minister Modi and US President Trump between April 22

and June 17.

The Opposition targeted the government on "security lapses" that led to the Pahalgam attack, asking Home Minister Amit Shah to take responsibility for it and also demanded answers on the number of Indian jets that were allegedly downed during Operation Sindoor.

"Trump has made the claim 26 times that he used the threat of trade to bring a ceasefire between India and Pakistan. He says five to six jets have been downed. One jet is of crores (of rupees). That is why we want to know from the defence minister, the country has the courage to listen to the truth, he must answer as to how many fighter jets were downed," Gaurav Gogoi, Deputy Leader of the Congress, said.

Home Minister Shah and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi are expected to

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ACB books Govt employee for embezzling Rs 55.99 lakh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday booked a multi-tasking staff (MTS) employee for alleged embezzlement of Rs 55.99 lakh from government accounts in Poonch district, officials said.

"A formal case has been registered against multi-tasking staff Mohammad Jameel, previously posted in the office of the collector, agrarian reforms, in Poonch," an ACB spokesperson said.

The case was registered following a miscellaneous verification conducted by the ACB, based on a complaint lodged by Tahir Mustafa Malik, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, against Jameel for embezzling an amount of Rs 55,99,947 from government accounts, he said.

The verification revealed that an enquiry into the matter had already been conducted by a committee headed by Poonch Additional District Development Commissioner Sandesh Kumar Sharma and constituted by the deputy commissioner in 2023, he added.

The verification further revealed that Mohammad Jameel, during his posting in the office of the Collector Agrarian Reforms, Poonch, had embezzled Rs 55,99,947 from the accounts of the deputy commissioner, Poonch, between January 7, 2019 and October 21, 2023.

It also surfaced that the amount was

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Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 34.3°C Min: 25.5°C

Humidity
Max: 92 Min: 69

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 34.0°C Min: 22.0°C

Humidity
Max: 73 Min: 56

Sunset: 19:32 Hours
Sunrise: 05:42 Hours