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officials to remain on alert and ensure all necessary arrangements for a hassle-free journey of the pilgrims, a spokesperson of the Raj Bhavan said.

The LG applauded the swift response of the district administration and health officials.

Earlier, the Ramban Deputy Commissioner said the last vehicle of the Pahalgam convoy lost control and hit stranded vehicles at the Chanderkote Langer site, damaging four vehicles and causing minor injuries to 36 pilgrims.

He said the government officials already present at the site rushed the injured to the district hospital.

Several senior police officers visited the hospital to monitor the treatment of the injured and directed the chief medical officer to ensure the best care.

"The yatris were later shifted to other vehicles for their onward journey," the Deputy Commissioner said.

Union minister Jitendra Singh said he spoke to the Ramban Deputy Commissioner after learning about the road accident.

".... There is no reason for concern. All arrangements for the pilgrims are in place and are being constantly supervised by the administration," Singh said in a post on X.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, expressed deep concern over the accident.

Upon receiving reports of the mishap, Sharma closely monitored the situation, coordinating with Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Alyas Khan and Managing Director JKRTC, Rakesh Sarangal.

Sharma directed the Regional Transport Officer Jammu, S. Jasmeet Singh and other senior officers, to work with health officials and emergency services to provide immediate relief and medical attention to the injured pilgrims. "It is with profound concern that I have been following the developments related to the unfortunate collision involving our Yatris," Sharma said.

"My thoughts and prayers are with all the injured. I am relieved that most injuries are minor and all the affected individuals have received prompt medical attention, added the Minister."

Sharma has ordered a thorough investigation to determine the exact cause behind the tragic accident. "The safety and well-being of our pilgrims remain our topmost priority. Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, the government of Jammu and Kashmir is committed towards ensuring a safe and smooth Yatra experience for every devotee, maintained the Minister."

Sharma assured that the administration and the concerned departments would remain vigilant and responsive throughout the Yatra period, with heightened coordination between transport, health and law enforcement agencies for welfare of the pilgrims.

Ramban Medical Superintendent Sudarshan Singh Katoch said 10 of the injured pilgrims were discharged after being administered first aid and the rest after the conduct of necessary tests.

"The district administration arranged special vehicles for their onward journey to Pahalgam after they expressed their desire to continue the pilgrimage," he said.

The convoy left for its destination early in the morning after the damaged buses were replaced, the officials said.

The fourth batch of 6,979 pilgrims -- 5,196 men, 1,427 women, 24 children, 331 sadhus and sadhvis, and one transgender -- left the Bhagvati Nagar base camp in two separate convoys between 3:30 am and 4:05 am.

While 4,226 pilgrims left in 161 vehicles for the Nunwan base camp for the 48-kilometre traditional Pahalgam route, 2,753 pilgrims were headed for the shorter but steeper 14-kilometre Baltal route in 151 vehicles.

Meanwhile, a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) spokesperson said the injured pilgrims hailed from Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Along with the Ramban district administration, the mobile medical team of the 84 Battalion of the CRPF rushed to the spot, provided immediate medical attention and helped in the evacuation of the injured pilgrims, he said.

## 6,900 Amarnath pilgrims...

as usual, albeit in tighter security, despite the April 22 Pahalgam attack in which 26 men were gunned down.

The Bhagvati Nagar base camp has been put under a multi-tier security cover. More than 3.5 lakh people have registered online for the pilgrimage so far.

Thirty-four accommodation centres have been set up across Jammu, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags are being issued to the pilgrims. Twelve counters have been set up for an on-the-spot registration of pilgrims.

## 3 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police in Baramulla arrested 03 drug peddlers and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police team headed by SHO Police Station Tangmarg at a checkpoint established at Tangmarg intercepted a Vehicle (Maruti van) with 02 persons onboard. During the search, 84 grams of charas-like substance was recovered from their possession.

They have been identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Parray son of Mohd Sultan Parray resident of Druroo and Mohd Shafi Lone son of Gh Mohiuddin Lone resident of Gund Maqsood. Moreover, another drug peddler namely Riyaz Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Ahmad Mir resident of Ratnipora was apprehended alongwith 86 grams of charas-like substance. All the accused persons have been arrested and a vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized.

Accordingly, cases under relevant section of law have been registered and investigation has been initiated. Further investigation is underway to trace other individuals involved in the drug trade.

## Bovine theft attempt foiled; accused arrested

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HANDWARA: In a swift operation, Police in Handwara apprehended an individual involved in bovine theft at Mawer Crossing on the evening of July 4, 2025.

A police team from Police Station Qalamabad, while conducting night patrolling duty, intercepted a suspicious person leading a group of bovines near Mawer Crossing. Upon noticing the police party presence, the suspect attempted to flee, but the police team swiftly responded, effectively apprehending him on the spot. He has been identified as Mohd Ismaiel Badana, son of Gulam ud Din, a resident of Lahikote Monabal. Further investigation revealed that Mohd Ismaiel Badana had stolen the bovines from the Puthwari Nowgam area and was attempting to transport them illegally towards Qalamabad for sale.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 20/2025 has been registered under Section 303(2) BNS at Police Station Qalamabad and further investigation is underway.

## Doda police reunites mentally unsound person from Rajasthan with family

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police team of PP Kahara falling under the jurisdiction of PS Gandoh successfully identified and reunited a mentally unsound person, Manish Kumar, with his family. Manish Kumar, son of Kana Ram, resident of Nimaj, Tehsil Jaitaran, District Pali, Rajasthan, had been roaming in the jurisdiction of PP Kahara of PS Gandoh in district Doda.

The police team spotted Manish Kumar roaming in Kahara area. He was taken to nearby police establishment and his verification was done. Finally it was established that the person belongs to Rajasthan.

After proper verification and hectic efforts Police could reach his family members at Rajasthan and they were informed and contacted. Accordingly father of Manish Kumar Sh Kana Ram, son of Mohan Lal, resident of Nimaj, Tehsil Jaitaran, District Pali, Rajasthan reached at PP Kahara and Manish Kumar was handed over to him.

The police team's prompt action and diligence ensured Manish Kumar's safe reunion with his family.

## 13 vehicles including 4 dumpers seized for illegal mining

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized four

## Terrorist hideout busted...

evening when security forces confronted a group of hiding terrorists and engaged them in an encounter which went on for several hours. However, the terrorists fled the scene, taking advantage of darkness, thick foliage and challenging topography. A search is underway for them.

## Every party had...

the enumeration forms will be distributed and taken back," he said.

The CEC said the exercise is going on very smoothly and all political parties are cooperating in this.

"More than one lakh booth-level officers are engaged. More than 1.5 lakh booth-level agents have been nominated by political parties and all are doing this work honestly and hard," he said.

The CEC said the exercise will be conducted in a transparent manner and "every eligible citizen will be a part" of the voters' list.

Kumar also stressed that people whose names were on the voters' list as on January 1, 2003, don't have to submit documents of birth for themselves or for their children when they are enrolled as voters.

"Like in Bihar, whoever is in the voter list of 01.01.2003 will be considered eligible from the primary point of view under Article 326 of the Constitution. In other words, the people whose names are in that list need not submit any document, and when voter IDs are to be made for their children, they too will not need to give any document for their parents," the CEC told reporters.

He added that as far as the time frame is concerned, when the voter list of Bihar underwent an intensive revision in 2002, it was from July 15 to August 14, a total of 31 days.

This time also the revision is being held from June 24 to July 25, which is 31 days, he said.

The Election Commission had on June 28 said that the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar has begun and stressed that all citizens, political parties and the Election Commission of India follow the Constitution."

The poll authority reminded that Article 326 specifies eligibility to become an elector -- only Indian citizens, above 18 years and ordinary residents in that constituency are eligible to be on the voters' list.

The poll authority is carrying out an intensive review of electoral rolls this year in five states and Puducherry, beginning with Bihar, to weed out foreign illegal migrants by checking their place of birth.

Bihar is going to the polls this year, while assembly polls in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are scheduled in 2026.

The move, which would be later expanded to other states, assumes significance in the wake of a crackdown in various states on illegal foreign migrants, including from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

On June 29, the Election Commission informed that it will soon upload the 2003 Bihar electoral roll on its website to facilitate the nearly 4.96 crore voters whose names figure on it to extract the relevant portion to be attached with the enumeration form for the special intensive revision of the voters' list.

According to the instructions issued by the poll authority to its Bihar poll machinery, the 4.96 crore voters -- 60 per cent of the total electors -- who were listed in the 2003 special intensive revision need not submit any supporting document to establish their date or place or birth except the relevant portion of the electoral roll brought out after the revision.

The other three crore -- nearly 40 per cent -- will have to provide one of the 11 listed documents to establish their place or date of birth.

Asked about attacks from the opposition on the EC alleging that their complaints on Bihar are not heard, Kumar said on Saturday, "The Election Commission keeps having a regular dialogue with various political parties.

"In the last four months, all-party meetings were organised in every assembly constituency, in every district and also with every state chief electoral officer.

"In all, 5,000 such meetings were held in which 28,000 people, including leaders of political parties, participated."

The CEC said that not only this, the Election Commission itself has been meeting all national and state parties.

"Five national parties and four state parties have met. If there is any issue, then all-party delegations also come, and the EC meets them," he said.

The Chief Election Commissioner also said that in the electoral process, the voters are the most important, but after them, "our political parties are the most important stakeholders."

Bihar has 7.9 crore voters. The EC has said 4.96 crore electors, whose names figured in the electoral rolls after the last intensive revision on January 1, 2003, have to fill up and submit the enumeration form.

The remaining 2.93 crore voters will have to submit documents to establish their eligibility, and of these, those born after 1987 will have to provide documents for their parents. However, if the parents of such voters figured in the 2003 roll, the rel-

dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Ghagwal and Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal and Incharge Police Post Mansar of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized four dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21G-8585, JK21-8772, JK02BV-2458, JK20C-5556 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.

During naka checking at Naka point Jakhani, the 5 vehicles were found transporting mining material (Bajri, Sand) without any valid permission which include JK02CX-8436; JK02CX-2949; JK21K-1717; JK21J-5393 and JK21K-8488.

Accordingly, all 05 vehicles were seized by the police team of PS Udhampur and the matter was brought to the notice of DMO Udhampur.

In a similar incident, During naka checking at Naka point Roun Domail, Udhampur, 4 vehicles were found loaded with mining material (Bajri) without any valid permission which include JK08L-2577; JK21K-8445; JK02CJ-1841 and JK08K-9721.

All 4 vehicles were detained on the spot and DMO Udhampur was informed accordingly.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled; 5 bovines rescued

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Sh. Shobhit Saksena IPS rescued 05 bovines in the J/D of PS Billawar.

An information received through reliable sources that one person namely Suraj Din S/O Mow Din R/o Ward No.8 near mobile school lower thammal Tehsil Billawar dist.kathua is transporting bovines animals by foot without the Permission of worthy DM Kathua from distt.Kathua to other district for his financial gains . In this regard. Police team of PS Billawar led by SHO Billawar Insp Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Sh Neeraj Padyar apprehened the said person and rescued 05 Bovine animals. The said person violated the order of worthy DM Kathua and committed an offence.

As per information, a case FIR No.105/2025 U/S 223/BNS has been registered in Police station Billawar Further investigation is underway.

## Three theft cases solved; 6 arrested, stolen property recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Continuing its proactive approach against theft and property-related crimes, Reasi Police successfully solved three separate theft cases registered at Police Station Reasi, arresting six accused and recovering stolen motorcycle, ₹50,000 cash, note garlands, ration items including rice, wheat and oil.

On 05-11-2024, Police Station Reasi received a written complaint from Sanjay Kumar S/O Bansilal R/O Mari, Reasi, reporting that his motorcycle (Splendor JK20B-1226) parked outside his shop on 31-10-2024 was stolen during the night. Accordingly, FIR No. 199/2024 U/S 303 BNS was registered.

During investigation, through sustained efforts and use of both technical and human intelligence, the main accused who stole the motorcycle was identified and arrested as Baldev Singh @ Kaka S/O Sher Singh R/O Bhaga, Saladi, Tehsil-Katra, District-Reasi. Along with two receivers of stolen property Abdul Razak S/O Saraj Din and Mohd Muneer S/O Mirza Mohd both R/O Karua, District-Reasi.

Upon their disclosure, the stolen motorcycle was recovered on 27-05-2025 by the team of P/S Reasi.

On 27-03-2025, Babu Din S/O Attar Din R/O Dangakote, reported that unknown thieves broke into his shop and stole several ration items during the intervening night of 26-03-2025. Based on his report, FIR No. 55/2025 U/S 331(4)/305(a) BNS was registered at P/S Reasi.

After thorough investigation, police arrested the two accused Anwar Hussain S/O Shidhan R/O Gran Morh, Reasi and Liyakat Ali S/O Bagh Hussain R/O Dangakote, Tehsil Bhomag. On their disclosure, stolen items

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## Several illegal structures...

was revealed that the accused had illegally constructed permanent sheds on land belonging to the JDA in Khanpura, the officials said, adding that the unauthorised structures were being used as hubs for the illegal storage and transit of cattle.

Acting promptly and following due legal process, a joint team of JDA officials and police conducted a demolition drive at the site and razed more than half-a-dozen illegal structures, besides retrieving the encroached land, they said.

## Interpretation of law...

merit is maintained while there is diversity and inclusiveness, Gavai said.

He complimented the Bombay High Court -- where he once practiced as a lawyer and served as a judge -- for its work, and said he feels proud when people appreciate its judgements.

The CJI also said that lately he has been "receiving a lot of complaints about the rude behaviour of some of the colleagues."

"Being a judge is not a 10 to 5 job, it's an opportunity to serve society. It is an opportunity to serve the nation," he stressed, and urged the judges to be "true to their oath and commitment."

"Please do not do anything which brings disrepute to this august institution, whose reputation has been so laboriously built by the devotion and dedication of generations of lawyers and generations of judges," he said.

## Hizbul supremo among...

Gandhi Nagar, Jammu; Mohd. Shokit, son of Mohd. Latief, resident of Village Phambranar Gursai, Mendhar; Pooneh; Javid Ahmed Rather, son of Abdul Rehman Rather, resident of Thokarpura, Budgam; Manzoor Ahmad, son of Noor Mohammad, resident of Pamposh Colony, Palpora, Tehsil Eidgah, District Srinagar; Chain Singh, son of Late Angrez Singh, resident of Chak Chua, Bishnah; Sahil Kumar, son of Sudesh Kumar, resident of H. No. 21-A, New Rehari, Jammu; Asif Rehman Reshi, son of Abdul Rehman Reshi, resident of Banapora, Batmaloo, Srinagar; Sandeepak Singh, son of Raj Singh, resident of Green Avenue Lane, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu; Basharat Ahmad Bhat, son of Ghulam Ahmad Bhat, resident of Chowdhry Bagh, Kremshore, Khan Sahib, Budgam - Presently based in Rawalpindi, Pakistan; identified as a Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorist; and Syed Mohammad Yusuf Shah alias Syed Salahudeen, son of Ghulam Rasool Shah, resident of Banapora, Soibugh, District Budgam - Head of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen," official said.

The SIA official said, "The investigation revealed a systematic modus operandi wherein narcotics were smuggled from Pakistan into the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The proceeds from the sale of these drugs were deposited in the account of one the the accused, on the instructions of a Pakistan based terrorist Basharat Ahmad Bhat, a known Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorist operating from Pakistan."

Accused individuals were allegedly key drug dealers responsible for distributing narcotics among local youth, the official said adding that some reportedly employed the other accused for selling narcotics to their clientele.

The investigation points to a larger conspiracy spearheaded by Pakistan-sponsored Hizb-ul-Mujahideen to destabilize the peaceful atmosphere of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir by facilitating terrorist activities", the officials said adding that further investigation is going on to identify and apprehend additional individuals involved in the network.

This chargesheet reflects SIA's firm commitment to dismantling terror-financing ecosystems and preserving peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir", the official said.

## Police attaches property...

crippling the financial networks of terrorist organisations, Jammu and Kashmir Police aims to curb acts detrimental to the security and integrity of the nation.

## Case registered over...

the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the spokesperson said.

The accused have been identified and legal proceedings are underway, he added.

## Srinagar experiences hottest...

maximum temperature of 34.6 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, Kokernag recorded a maximum temperature of 34.0 degrees Celsius, marking its second-hottest July day ever.

Kupwara in north Kashmir also witnessed its hottest July day since 2006, with a maximum temperature of 35.9 degrees Celsius on Saturday.

All weather stations across the Valley are currently experiencing heatwave as day-time temperatures hover several degrees above normal.

including rice, wheat and oil were recovered.

On 04-07-2025, Mohammad Hussain S/O Siraj Din R/O Garan, Reasi, reported that while he was away from home, Maqbool Ahmad @ Tiyan S/O Alam Din R/O Gran, who often visited his house, stole ₹3 lakh including 7 note garlands and cash. A case was registered as FIR No. 118/2025 U/S 331(3)/305(a) BNS at P/S Reasi.

The accused Maqbool Ahmad, having a criminal past, was arrested after sustained efforts. During police custody, he confessed the theft and ₹50,000 cash and 3 note garlands were recovered on his disclosure.

All the operations were conducted under the leadership of SHO Reasi Ranjeet Singh Rao under the supervision of DySP Hq Reasi Vishal Singh Janwal and Addl SP Reasi Iftikhar Ahmed.

## Multiple vehicles involved in illegal sand transportation seized across Jammu south zone

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In continued efforts to curb illegal mining and enforce environmental regulations, Jammu Police, South Zone, has detained and seized multiple vehicles found transporting sand without valid documents under Operation Plothing.

In one such action, Police Post Greater Kailash detained a dumper bearing registration number JK02BF-7268, which was loaded with sand and found operating without mandatory Form-F. The vehicle was intercepted during routine checking, and necessary verification procedures were initiated.

In a separate case, Police Post Belicharana seized a dumper bearing registration number JK02CR-7222, which was also found transporting sand without any form or valid permission. The District Mineral Officer (DMO), Jammu has been intimated accordingly for further necessary action. In another instance, Police Post Gadigarh intercepted and seized a tractor along with a trolley (Registration No. NIL) carrying illegally mined sand. The vehicle details are Chassis No.: MBNC449ANRJ129859; Engine No.: GL229539. The matter has been referred to the Mining Department for appropriate follow-up action as per law. These actions have been taken under the overall supervision of SSP Jammu with direct supervision of SP City South and under the jurisdictional oversight of SDPO South.

## LG's message on eve of Ashura

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: On the eve of Ashura, the 10th day of Muharram, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha recalled the sacrifices made by Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS).

In his message on Saturday, the Lieutenant Governor said: "The sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions at Karbala, and their steadfast commitment to the universal ideals of justice and human dignity continue to inspire the humanity to uphold the values of unity, social harmony and righteousness.

On this solemn occasion, let us imbibe the eternal ideals of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) and rededicate ourselves to build a just and equitable society.

## Insp Sandeep Singh Katoch assumes charge of SHO Gharota

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Inspector Sandeep Singh Katoch assumed charge of SHO P/S Gharota Jammu on Today . The said Inspector remained posted in PHQ J&K/NIA /Incharge ESU Jammu/SHO Miran Sahib and being Law graduate he was deputed to NIA Chandigarh where he solved number of heinous cases of different states and for his hectic efforts and sincerity he has already been awarded with DGP Commendation Medal and other Medals from time to time.

The officer is hard working, intelligent and performs his duties with great zeal and zest. Wishing him all the best for new posting as SHO P/S Gharota Jammu. The officer is son of Retired Dy.S.P. Shri Jaswant Singh Katoch (one of the best investigation officer/SHO/SDPO of his times and remained reputed officer of the department).

