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MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq; Additional Secretary, Tribal Affairs (Government of India); Secretary, Tribal Affairs (J&K); and Director, Tribal Affairs also spoke on the occasion.

Later, he also inaugurated and witnessed a polo match and flagged off a trekking group from Gurez, promoting the region's potential for adventure tourism. Additionally, he planted saplings at the Tourist Reception Centre in Gurez as part of a green initiative.

Earlier in the morning, the Chief Minister held a grievance redressal camp at Wampora, Dawar, where residents from various areas including Chorwan, Kanzalwan, Tulail, Markote, and Bagtore raised issues concerning road and mobile connectivity, upgradation of educational institutions, banking facilities, ATM services, community bunkers, and employment opportunities. The Chief Minister patiently listened to all grievances and assured timely redressal.

He said that since the time of Sher-e-Kashmir, has remained committed to delivering justice to the people of Gurez. "We understand the hardships faced by the people of this region. Our government has empathy and commitment to address these concerns," he remarked.

Vehicle falls into...

possible help being ensured", he added.
Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharmaalso expressed profound grief and sorrow over the tragic demise of CRPF personnel.

In his condolence message, the Minister said, "The loss of our brave CRPF jawans in this unfortunate road mishap is deeply painful. These personnel were dedicated to the service of the nation and their untimely demise is an irreparable loss."

He extended heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families and prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls.

The Minister also wished speedy recovery to those injured in the accident and assured all possible assistance from the administration. Sharma urged the authorities to ensure the best possible medical care for the injured.

Anti-terror operation...

a cordon and search operation in a forest area at Akhal in the south Kashmir district, following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there.

After an initial exchange of fire between the two sides on Friday last, the operation was halted for the night, but the cordon was strengthened, and additional reinforcements were rushed to the area, officials said.

Firing resumed on Saturday, during which two terrorists were killed, the officials said.

The identity and group affiliation of the slain terrorists has not been ascertained so far, they added.

This is the longest anti-terror operation in the Kashmir valley so far this year.

Director General of J-K Police (DGP) Prabhat reached Kulgam to review the ongoing operation, the officials said.

They said the police chief was accompanied by Inspector general of Police Kashmir; V K Birdi, and other senior officials.

Prabhat was briefed about the latest developments, operational strategies and the deployment on the ground, the officials added.

Army commander, Northern Command, who visited south Kashmir; reviewed counter-terrorism grid there, where he was briefed upon the security situation, operational readiness and ongoing operations, the army's Northern Command said in a post on X. The army said Lt Gen Sharma complimented all ranks for their steadfastness and resilience enabling Indian Army's resolute commitment in ensuring peace and security in the region.

EC notifies VP..

of India or a state government or any subordinate local authority. The ruling NDA has a comfortable edge in the vice presidential elections.

The vice president is elected by the members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, with nominated members of the Upper House also eligible to vote.

The 543-member Lok Sabha has one vacant seat -- Basirhat in West Bengal -- while there are six vacancies in the 245-member Rajya Sabha.

Of the six vacancies in Rajya Sabha, four are from Jammu and Kashmir; and one each from Punjab and Jharkhand. The seat from Punjab fell vacant after AAP leader Sanjeev Arora quit following his election to the state assembly in a byelection last month.

The demise of JMM leader Shibui Soren has created a fresh vacancy in the Upper House from Jharkhand.

The effective strength of both the Houses together is 781 and the winning candidate will require 391 votes, considering that all eligible voters exercise their franchise.

SCW registers case...

and Lucknow, citing the need to complete job-related formalities such as medical tests and verifications."

The official revealed that the complainant ended up transferring Rs 9 lakhs into the accused's J&K Bank account at Residency Road Branch, Jammu, and paid an additional Rs 3 lakhs in cash.

"After receiving the complaint, a Preliminary Verification (PV) was initiated. During enquiry, the accused's fraudulent conduct was substantiated by the complainant's statement and documentary proof. It became clear that he had obtained the money through deliberate misrepresentation," the CB official stated.

The offence has been registered under Section 420 of the IPC for cheating. A formal FIR was lodged on August 6, 2025, at Police Station SCW Jammu. The official confirmed that Inspector Deepak Thakur has been assigned to carry out the investigation.

The Crime Branch official concluded, "We are committed to bringing such fraudsters to justice. The public is advised to remain vigilant and verify all job offers through official channels to avoid falling prey to such scams."

Chugh hails HC...

all moral authority to continue as Chief Minister.
"AAP government tried to trample farmers' rights by bypassing every legal and ethical boundary. They've been caught red-handed. If the AAP government refuses to withdraw this anti-farmer scheme, the BJP will launch a full-scale agitation across Punjab and stand shoulder to shoulder with every farmer betrayed by this regime," Chugh said.

GoC reviews security...

Insurgency Force (Delta), conducted an operational review in Doda and Kishtwar. He was briefed on the internal security situation, threat assessment and force deployment for counter-terrorism operations," the Corps said on X.

It further stated that focus was laid on maintaining area domination, enhancing surveillance and ensuring a coordinated and proactive response to emerging threats.

The Corps commander had earlier reviewed the security situation in the border district of Poonch on Wednesday, reinforcing the focus on operational dominance and integrated threat response to thwart the

"nefarious designs" of the enemy.

CS reviews issues...

agricultural, also participated.

During the deliberations, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of timely intervention and seamless coordination between universities and line departments. He emphasized that institutions of higher learning deserve the utmost seriousness in addressing their issues, given their critical role in shaping the educational and innovation ecosystem of the UT. He directed the Higher Education Department to document all innovative practices, including research projects, patents, start-ups and other unique academic initiatives, being undertaken across these institutions. Such documentation, he said, would help in knowledge sharing and replication of successful models elsewhere in the UT.

In a significant push for human resource development, the Chief Secretary also urged the universities to design crash courses for capacity building of government employees across departments. He further directed for mapping of all skill development and vocational courses being offered, to help align academic offerings with market and governance needs.

The ACS, Higher Education, provided an overview of the key issues affecting the universities. He also highlighted the problems that have already been addressed through inter-departmental coordination.

Taking a university-wise assessment, the Chief Secretary engaged directly with each Vice Chancellor to understand institution-specific bottlenecks. These included issues related to land transfers, creation of academic and non-teaching posts, allocation of additional funds, infrastructure augmentation, delays in ongoing construction works and other operational challenges.

The Chief Secretary issued on-spot directions to the concerned departments for resolving these issues in a time-bound and mission-mode manner, underscoring the need for expedited action.

The participating universities included University of Kashmir, University of Jammu, Cluster University Srinagar; Cluster University Jammu, Central University of Kashmir; Central University of Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University; Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) and Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Kashmir /Jammu.

The Chief Secretary concluded the meeting by reiterating the government's commitment towards strengthening the higher education and research infrastructure in the UT. He directed all the stakeholders to ensure continuous engagement and monitoring to overcome any hurdle faced by these vital institutions.

NIA court frames...

couriers camouflaged as pilgrims, expatriates, and businessmen, thereby camouflaging illicit financial flows under the guise of religious and commercial travel," the spokesman said.

During the investigation, he said, it was conclusively established that Bhat was in constant and secure digital communication with a Pakistan-based LeT handler using encrypted messaging applications.

"While in Saudi Arabia to perform 'Umrah', Bhat, on the instructions of the handler, received large sums of Saudi riyals from known LeT conduits in Madina.

"Additionally, he coordinated with other Kashmiri residents who travelled for 'Umrah', instructing them to collect money from specific individuals whose identities and locations were shared by him," the spokesman said.

"Upon returning to Kashmir; these couriers handed over the funds to Bhat, who then converted the foreign currency into Indian rupees and further distributed the funds among active terrorists and their families, following directions from the LeT handler," he added.

The investigation also revealed the pivotal role of Yatoo in facilitating and establishing contact between Bhat and the LeT handler in Pakistan.

"His involvement was instrumental in enabling the functioning of this trans-national funding module," the spokesman said.

He said two more individuals -- Mohammad Ayoub Bhat, a resident of Kothipora Chattergam, Budgam, and Mohammad Rafiq, a resident of Qamarvari, Srinagar -- were recently arrested in the case.

Further investigation led to the seizure of electronic devices, bank statements, transaction logs, and other documents, which exposed a deeply-embedded and covert 'hawala' infrastructure used to fund terrorism.

These recoveries have further corroborated the existence of a well-structured, underground financial network sustaining terrorism in the region, the spokesman said.

Arrests of additional co-conspirators are likely as the investigation continues, he added.

Not mere post...

administrative/non-judicial or official duties in a manner attracting a possible complaint of not abiding by the restatement of values of judicial life (widely regarded now as the Code of Conduct for Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts) has to be shunned."

While frivolous complaints of disgruntled litigants, lawyers among others couldn't be avoided, the top court said, the path of probity also could never be abandoned by a judge.

"Any thought of there being absence of disciplinary measure other than removal by impeachment (which has never fructified over the years despite occasions calling for it) and therefore escaping unscathed despite committing a misbehaviour or indulging in bad conduct/misconduct, is what is normal, should be eschewed," it added.

The apex court said with the advancement in science and technology and all other spheres of work, it was quite possible to bring to the CJI's notice how a particular judge might have conducted themselves inappropriately, attracting strict action.

"Withdrawal of judicial work from a judge is an extreme measure that the procedure expressly permits. There are other measures too, which could be explored if judges are found to deviate from the Code of Conduct. The judges should, therefore, act cautiously and exercise their discretion wisely, to evade creation of a situation where initiating action becomes imperative," the verdict opined.

The bench further pointed out that the judiciary in India was characterised by judicial independence, but such independence signified flexibility of judicial thought and the freedom to adjudicate without external and internal pressure and not unfettered liberty to act as one might wish.

"Just as judicial independence is fundamental, so too is judicial accountability, compromising one compromises the other," the verdict added.

JK Govt bans...

false narratives and glorifying terrorism".

"It has come to the notice of the Government, that certain literature propagates false narrative and secessionism in the Jammu and Kashmir," an order issued by the Home Department on Wednesday said.

It said available evidence based on investigations and credible intelligence "unflinchingly indicate" that a significant driver behind youth participation in violence and terrorism has been the "systematic dissemination of false narratives and secessionist literature by its persistent internal circulation, often disguised as historical or political commentary".

It plays a critical role in "misguiding the youth, glorifying terrorism and inciting violence" against India, the order said.

It said this literature would deeply impact the psyche of the youth by "promoting culture of grievance, victim hood and terrorist heroism".

"Some of the means by which this literature has contributed to the radicalisation of youth in J&K include distortion of historical facts, glorification of terrorists, vilification of security forces, religious radicalisation, promotion of alienation, path-way to violence and terrorism etc.," it added.

In this context, 25 books have been identified that propagate "false narrative and secessionism" in J&K and need to be declared as "forfeited" in terms of Section 98 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the order said.

The identified 25 books have been found to "excite secessionism and endangering sovereignty and integrity of India", thereby, attracting the provisions of sections 152, 196 and 197 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, it said.

"Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 98 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, the government of Jammu and Kashmir hereby declares publication of 25 books and their copies or other documents to be forfeited to the government," the order said.

The books include 'Al Jihadol fil Islam' by Islamic scholar and founder of Jamaat-e-Islami, Moulana Moudadi, 'Independent Kashmir' by Australian author Christopher Snedden, 'In Search of a Future (The Story of Kashmir)' by David Devadas, 'Kashmir in Conflict (India, Pakistan and the unending War)' by Victoria Schofield, 'The Kashmir Dispute (1947-2012)' by A G Noorani, and 'Azadi' by Arundhati Roy.

Special drive conducted against overloading in passenger vehicles

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: A special enforcement drive against overloading in passenger vehicles was conducted today in Traffic Sub Division Ramban, under the supervision of DySP Traffic NHW Ramban, Sajjad Khan, and in strict compliance with the directions of SSP Traffic NHW Ramban, Sh. Raja Adil Hameed. The drive was carried out across various strategic points along the National Highway within the Ramban jurisdiction, focusing on passenger safety and ensuring strict adherence to Motor Vehicle norms. Several vehicles found violating permissible load limits were challaned on the spot, and awareness was also raised among drivers and conductors regarding the dangers of overloading and its potential consequences on road safety.

6 vehicles seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized six vehicles including five dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Ghagwal, Vijaypur and Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal, SHO PS Vijaypur, Incharge of Police Posts Rakh Amb Talli & Mansar of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized five dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21J-9085, JK21K-9917, JK20B-3146, JK02CW-5013, JK21J-8689 and a tractor trolley bearing registration No. JK21E-3277 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

Drug peddler detained under PIT NDPS Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its crackdown on drug trafficking in the district, Udhampur Police has booked another notorious drug peddler namely Tarun Gupta @ Kaka S/O Ved Parkash R/O Ward No. 01, Jakhani Near Gujjar Hostel, Tehsil and District Udhampur under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority. The said accused has been actively involved in promoting the drug trade in Udhampur and was found to be supplying narcotic substances to the local youth, posing a serious threat to public health and societal well-being. Several cases stand registered against him at different police stations across the district.

Theft case cracked, stolen items recovered, 2 arrested

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DODA: In a significant breakthrough, Doda Police has successfully solved a theft case under FIR No. 16/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS registered at Police Station Assar; pertaining to the theft of crash barriers.

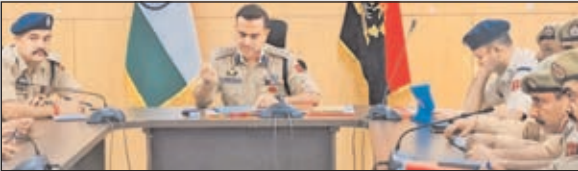
An investigation team headed by SHO PS Assar DySP (P) Wasim Shah under the supervision of Dy SP DAR Doda Sh Adil Rishu and overall supervision of SSP Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta was constituted. Acting swiftly on leads, the police team of PS Assar rounded up several suspects for questioning. During sustained interrogation, two individuals-Amir Hussain, son of Nazir Hussain, resident of Nagrota Subhash Nagar; District Udhampur; and Bablu Ram, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Dharmpur, Tehsil Batote, District Ramban-confessed to their involvement in the crime.

Based on their disclosure, the police team successfully recovered the stolen crash barriers, including space barriers and posts.

SSP Kishtwar holds crime review meeting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Continuing the proactive policing efforts ahead of the upcoming religious festivities and Yatras, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar, Naresh Singh



chaired a crime and security review meeting at the Conference Hall of DPO Kishtwar. He was accompanied by Addl. SP Kishtwar Pardeep Singh Gorla. This meeting comes as a continuation of earlier strategic reviews and aimed at taking stock of the implementation of previous directives, reassessing the current security landscape, and ensuring readiness for upcoming events. The meeting was attended by Dy. SP Hqrs Dr. Ishan Gupta-JKPS, SHO, IC PP's, Investigating Officers (IOs), and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, SSP Kishtwar took detailed feedback on Compliance with Previous Instructions: Assessment of action taken on the directions issued during the last crime review meeting; recent Crime Trends and Investigations: Review of fresh cases and status updates on pending investigations; readiness for Yatra and Festive Season: Special focus was laid on deployment planning, route security, crowd management, and coordination with civil administration; beat System and Surveillance Measures.

SSP Kishtwar stressed the importance of field presence of officers, enhanced community engagement, and strict adherence to law-and-order protocols to ensure a peaceful atmosphere in the district.

He reiterated that officers must remain extra vigilant, particularly in sensitive areas, and generate real-time, actionable intelligence to thwart any potential threat posed by anti-national or disruptive elements.

Absconder evading arrest since long nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a commendable effort, a team of Police Station Satwari led by SHO PS Satwari under the close supervision of SDPO South and overall direction of SP South, Jammu, has apprehended an absconder who had been evading arrest for several years. The arrested individual has been identified as Mohd Hanief S/o Mohd. Shafi R/o Babiliana, near MBS College, who was wanted in connection with FIR No. 110/2013 U/S 341/323/34 RPC registered at Police Station Satwari. He had been absconding since the year 2020 and was evading the due process of law. The arrest was made by a dedicated police team led by SHO Police Station Satwari, following sustained efforts and human intelligence inputs.

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