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India free ...

the entire process is formally completed, but I can say that we have become Naxal-free," he announced on the floor of the House.

"It is the policy of our government that talks are held only with those who lay down their arms and a bullet is answered with a bullet," he said.

The Home Minister said 12 states had turned into the Red Corridor with no rule of law, 12 crore people lived in poverty for years and 20,000 people, including 5,000 security personnel, were killed due to the Naxal violence.

"In the end, who is responsible for this. I want to ask, in 75 years, you ruled for 60 years, why have the tribals still been deprived of development? The development of tribals is now being done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he told the opposition.

He alleged that for 60 years, the Congress "did not give the tribals houses, didn't give them water, didn't build schools, didn't extend bank facilities".

"So first look a little into your own reign and see who is at fault," he said in response to some opposition members blaming the Modi government for the violence.

Shah said the then prime minister Manmohan Singh had acknowledged that Naxalism was a bigger challenge than the Kashmir and North-East problems before the nation, but the "Congress did nothing about it".

Be it in Naxal-affected areas, Jammu and Kashmir or the Northeast, the Modi government will not tolerate any kind of violence and will take strong action against anyone indulging in such acts, the Home Minister asserted in the Lok Sabha.

The Home Minister made it clear that the Modi government will not spare anyone who picks up arms.

"The biggest achievement of the Modi government is a Naxal-free India; any researcher will accept this," he said.

He said those advocating Naxalism should know that people who take up arms will have to pay a price.

The solution for addressing injustice is prescribed in the Constitution. Taking up arms is not the answer, he said.

Claiming that several frontal organisations of the Maoists participated in Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' (in 2022-23) and he has records on this, the Home Minister alleged that the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha has been seen multiple times with Naxal sympathisers in public platforms.

"When (Naxal leader) Hidma, who killed 172 soldiers, was eliminated, slogans were raised at India Gate... 'How many Hidmas will you kill, a Hidma will emerge from every home', and Rahul Gandhi himself tweeted this video," he said, adding the Congress supported the Naxals from 1970 up to March 2026.

"I just want to ask those people who were advocating for Naxalism here, why was it not resolved from 1970 until now," he said.

He said that the development in Bastar had stalled because the shadow of red terror loomed there. "Now this shadow is lifting and Bastar is developing," he said while lauding security forces and tribals for the success against the Naxals.

Shah also said that all credit for the success against the Maoists goes to the Central Armed Police Forces personnel, especially the brave soldiers of Cobra and CRPF, security agencies, Chhattisgarh Police, DRG personnel and tribal inhabitants.

He said after the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014, "every poor person in the country got a house, got gas, got clean drinking water, got health insurance up to 5 lakh, got 5 kg of free grain per person per month but why were those living in Bastar left out".

"I am saying this because the truth is being denied. These people in Bastar were left out because the shadow of red terror loomed there, so development could not reach there.

"In the Modi government today, that shadow has been lifted, and therefore Bastar is developing today. This is the Narendra Modi government, which will settle the score with anyone who picks up arms," he said.

The Home Minister said he had said it many times to the Naxals that they should lay down arms and complete arrangements for their rehabilitation would be made.

"It is the policy of our government that talks are held only with those who lay down their arms and a bullet is answered with a bullet," he said.

Shah said many innocent villagers were labelled as 'enemy informers' by them and killed.

The Naxals set up a system called 'people's court', where they themselves would pass judgments and also give punishments, he said, adding, in this country, the rule of the Constitution prevails and justice can only be administered in the courts.

The Home Minister said the Maoists established a parallel government in Bastar, had their own 'home minister' and a separate 'food supply minister' to distribute the looted grain.

"Some people do not yield to discussions. Force has to be used against them. Innocent citizens have to be protected from their atrocities.

"They planted bombs in the farmers' fields, crippling them. Raids were conducted in schools and children were recruited as Naxals. Under the Modi government, the security of every citizen has been ensured. If someone understands this, that is fine. Otherwise, the forces are created for this very day," he said.

'Vande Mataram' ...

(January 19-26, 2026), 6 were from Jammu Kashmir, led by Poonch.

The Lieutenant Governor said the overwhelming participation of people of Jammu Kashmir in the previous two phases of Vande Mataram event and embrace of its values signal a transformative power for the future.

"I firmly believe a region's greatest strength lies in its ability to envision its future. In Jammu Kashmir, I'm witnessing that potential flourish.

It's vital to spread the message that true patriotism is the bedrock of peace and progress. It's a sense of responsibility, a spirit of contribution, assuring us that we can better the world together," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that Vande Mataram symbolized the dream, goal, and resolve generations fought for and the special week-long phase offered moments to reflect at the confluence of history and aspiration, paying tribute to countless sacrifices that grant us today's freedom, unity, and pride.

"Vande Mataram inspires us to honor our past, empower our present, and pledge a bright future. This was a UT-level introspection, reviving cultural roots through public participation and enlisting every citizen in nation-building," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the past decade brought global turmoil and crises from Ukraine to West Asia plagued most nations, yet, under the able leadership and guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India has emerged resilient, sustaining its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy.

"Hon'ble Prime Minister works tirelessly, round-the-clock, for the nation's welfare. Let us draw strength from his resolve and stride shoulder-to-shoulder toward a strong, prosperous India," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also called upon the political parties, civil society members and all sections of society to join the fight against drug menace and transform Nasha Mukta campaign into People's Movement in Jammu Kashmir.

Earlier, the Lieutenant Governor paid tribute to the great freedom fighters and visited a photo exhibition depicting their historic contributions.

The atmosphere was further enriched by the enthralling patriotic performances by the artists of J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages and students of Cluster University of Jammu.

Members of Legislative Assembly, Yudhvir Sethi, Vikram Randhawa and Arvind Gupta; Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; Additional Chief Secretaries, Shaleen Kabra and Shailendra Kumar; Principal Secretary Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma; Commissioner Secretary, School Education, Ram Niwas Sharma, Vice Chancellors of various universities and senior officials were present.

Padma Shri Dr Jitendra Udhamपुरi; Padma Shri Dr SP Varma; prominent citizens from different walks of life and youth in large number also attended the closing ceremony organised by Culture department.

LeT handler ...

"The module was being run at the behest of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), with Lone acting as a key conduit between handlers based abroad and operatives on the ground in India," the officer said.

Lone had a long history of involvement in terror activities and had been previously arrested in 2007. At that time, an AK-47 rifle and a hand grenade were recovered from his possession. He was again arrested in 2015 in Srinagar under the jurisdiction of Parimpora Police Station.

The officer also said that even during his earlier arrest, Lone had come to Delhi with the intent to carry out targeted killings. He is a highly trained operative who has undergone terror training "Daura-e-Aam" (basic terror training) and "Daura-e-Khaas" (advanced terror training) from the Muzaffarabad LeT camp in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Following his release, he allegedly fled to Bangladesh and began rebuilding a fresh terror network targeting India.

During his stay in Bangladesh, Lone reportedly established links with new handlers affiliated with LeT. These handlers, identified by their code names Abu Huzaifa and Sumama Babar, were operating on behalf of the ISI.

Lone's task was to resume terror activities in India by activating sleeper cells and recruiting fresh operatives. He used Bangladesh as a base to facilitate infiltration and coordination, the officer added.

Investigations revealed that Lone had set up an operational base in Kolkata, which served as a launching pad for activities across multiple states.

From this base, the module carried out a "test run" by pasting pro-Pakistan and anti-national posters at prominent locations in Delhi and Kolkata, assessing their operational capabilities and response mechanisms.

The operatives also conducted reconnaissance of several sensitive locations across the country, including temples and high-footfall public places.

Videos of these reconnaissance missions were recorded and transmitted to handlers in Pakistan, police said.

The police officer said that Lone had created a structured network involving foreign nationals, particularly from Bangladesh, and was attempting to expand it further by identifying recruits and locations for future operations.

Police said that he is currently being interrogated to identify other associates, financial links, and potential targets.

Possible hawala channels and cross-border funding mechanisms connected to the recovered foreign currencies are also being probed, police said.

"The arrest of Lone marks a significant breakthrough in the ongoing investigation into the metro poster case, which had triggered security concerns," the officer added.

On February 22, the Special Cell busted a pan-India LeT module and arrested eight operatives, including seven Bangladeshi nationals, following coordinated raids in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

Those arrested were allegedly acting under Lone's direction and were involved in pasting pro-terror posters and conducting reconnaissance of sensitive installations. Investigators had found that Lone was operating as their handler from Bangladesh and had been actively directing their activities.

"The module had been formed with the objective of reviving terror operations in India by exploiting illegal immigration networks and forged identity documents," a police source said.

The operatives were tasked with recruiting people and arranging logistics, including safe houses and weapons, the source said.

The February crackdown had exposed the broader network and laid the groundwork for tracing Lone's movements and eventual arrest.

The timely apprehension of Lone (43) has averted recruitment of vulnerable youths into the ranks of LeT, a Pakistan-sponsored terror outfit banned under UAPA and UNSC resolution.

ACP (Special Cell) Pramod Singh Kushwah said that during the interrogation of the accused arrested on February 22, the name of Shabir Ahmad Lone had emerged.

The ACP said that according to central agencies' inputs, Lone had entered India through the Nepal border and was preparing to recruit like-minded people for LeT on Indian soil. He was also in contact with Tehrik-Ul-Mujahideen commander Abu Talha and a UAPA-designated terrorist, Asif Dar.

Sharing his profile, the officer said that Lone is the main handler of the recently busted Lashkar-e-Taiba module, operating out of Bangladesh. He has studied till Class 8 and completed a two-year Islamic Madrasa course from Salafia Arabic College, Batamaloo in J&K.

"In the year 2004-2005, his locality was frequently visited by LeT terrorists, namely Abu Huzaifa, Abu Bakar and Faisal, for food and other logistic support. Abu Huzaifa had recruited him in the LeT cadre during that time. In the year 2016, he was arrested along with Sajjad Gul in Parimpora, Jammu and Kashmir, with the recovery of five live rounds of AK47.

His co-accused Gul, after being released from the case, shifted to Pakistan and is currently operating 'The Resistance Front', a LeT offshoot," said Kushwah.

Lone had been in contact with Huzaifa through encrypted apps and started radicalising and recruiting youths into the LeT cadre. Huzaifa introduced him to Pakistan-based LeT commander Sumama Babar through an encrypted app. Babar is responsible for radicalising, motivating and recruiting youth in India, primarily in the Kashmir valley, into terrorist ranks through different social media apps.

"In 2025, Sumama Babar asked Shabir to recruit Bangladeshis and Indian youths from the states/UTs other than Jammu and Kashmir to carry out terrorist operations in India," the ACP said. Further investigation into the matter is underway.

Private members' ...

proposal reaches the government—whether through the Assembly or any other route—it is scrutinised in detail.

"We examine its feasibility and weigh its advantages and disadvantages. If the benefits outweigh the drawbacks, we do not oppose it," the chief minister said.

Nearly a dozen of the 33 private members' bills listed in the Assembly were introduced, with most later withdrawn by their sponsors and some rejected by voice vote following the government's response.

Referring to Bhat, Abdullah said his private member's bill, after examination, appears to have more disadvantages and potential problems than advantages.

Acknowledging the genuine concern of the MLA, the chief minister said confining recruitment or postings to the local level would create administrative difficulties, including additional cadres, shortage of suitable candidates at the block level and the need for relaxations, which could lead to arbitrariness.

It would also make it difficult to meet reservation requirements and limit promotion avenues in smaller blocks, leading to disparities among employees recruited at the same time, Abdullah said.

He said while the issue raised by the member requires attention, the bill was not an appropriate solution and urged its withdrawal, adding that the government would explore alternative measures to address the concern.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said his government cannot permit indiscriminate felling of walnut trees as it could severely impact the region's economy and identity.

He said the Union Territory is contributing nearly 3.5 lakh tonnes—over 90 per cent of the country's total walnut production.

Opposing the private members' bill moved by National Conference legislator Altaf Ahmad Wani seeking amendment in the Jammu and Kashmir Preservation of Specified Trees, Act, to grant owners the free will to cut Walnut trees on their land, Abdullah said, while land and trees may belong to individuals, restrictions on cutting them exist for valid reasons, including conservation and long-term economic interests.

He said, similar to protections extended to chinar trees, several other species are safeguarded under existing frameworks.

Highlighting the economic stakes, he said walnuts form a significant component of the region's economy.

"If unrestricted permission is given, people may cut walnut trees, but may not replant them. Instead, there is a risk of land being diverted for construction, which would reduce walnut production to negligible levels," he said.

The chief minister acknowledged concerns about corruption in the permission process, stating that such issues arise wherever restrictions exist.

He suggested that bringing permissions for tree felling under the Public Services Guarantee Act with fixed timelines could help reduce delays and curb corruption.

However, he made it clear that any relaxation must be linked to

safeguards and proposed that if old or non-productive trees are to be cut, it should be mandated through legislation that only high-density walnut plantations be raised on that land, with no alternative land use permitted.

"Until such safeguards are in place, we cannot allow indiscriminate cutting of trees or diversion of land. This would endanger a key identity and economic asset of Jammu and Kashmir," he said, urging the member to withdraw the Bill.

The chief minister assured that a well-structured proposal ensuring replantation with high-density varieties could receive the House's approval in future.

Satisfied with the response of the chief minister, the MLA later withdrew his bill.

Omar tables ...

These include Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Public Health Infrastructure and Management of Health Services for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 2 of 2025, Performance Audit—Civil); Report on Working of University of Jammu for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 3 of 2025, Performance Audit—Civil); Report on Conservation and Management of Lakes in Jammu and Kashmir for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 4 of 2025, Performance Audit—Civil); Report for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 05 of 2025, Compliance Audit Report—Revenue and Public Sector Undertakings); Report for the period ended March 2022 (Report No. 06 of 2025, Composite Audit Report—Civil); Report for the period ended March 2023 (Report No. 7 of 2025, Compliance Audit Report—Civil-1); and Report for the period ended March 2023 (Report No. 1 of 2026—UT Revenue).

In addition, the Chief Minister also laid the Finance Accounts (Volume I and II) for the financial year 2024–25 and the Appropriation Accounts for the year 2024–25 before the House.

Govt notifies ...

Government Gazette.

The rules formally constitute the "Jammu and Kashmir Secretariat (Subordinate) Service" and provide for the inclusion of existing employees holding substantive posts within the sanctioned cadre, subject to eligibility conditions. It clarifies that only those holding regular posts under competent authority will be considered, excluding ad-hoc, deputation, or stop-gap arrangements.

The notification elaborates key definitions including "Government," "Union Territory," "Cadre," "Post," "Administrative Department," and "Board," with the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board designated as the primary recruitment agency. It further states that undefined terms shall carry meanings as per the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Rules and Regulations, 1956.

Regarding cadre strength and composition, the Government will determine the number and nature of posts as specified in Schedule-I, with the provision to create temporary posts as required. A mandatory review of cadre strength and composition will be undertaken every five years or earlier if deemed necessary.

The rules clearly outline that appointments to the service shall be made either through direct recruitment or by promotion. All vacancies under direct quota will be referred to the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, while promotions will be processed through the Departmental Promotion Committee in accordance with existing rules.

Eligibility criteria for appointment and promotion have been prescribed in Schedule-II, making it mandatory for candidates to fulfil qualifications and other recruitment conditions as specified.

The notification mandates a probation period of two years for direct recruits, during which their performance and confirmation will be governed by the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956. Pay and service conditions shall be regulated under the Civil Services Regulations and other applicable rules.

Reservation in appointments will be implemented strictly in accordance with the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act and the rules in force.

Further, all appointees—whether through direct recruitment or promotion—will be required to undergo prescribed training and pass departmental examinations during the probation period as determined by the Government.

The rules also provide for maintenance of seniority strictly as per the Civil Services Rules, while matters not specifically covered shall be governed by general service regulations applicable to UT employees.

In case of any ambiguity or interpretation issues, the matter will be referred to the General Administration Department, whose decision shall be final and binding.

The notification also includes a repeal and savings clause, stating that all previous corresponding rules stand repealed; however, any appointments or actions taken under earlier rules will be deemed valid under the new framework.

The introduction of these rules is aimed at streamlining recruitment, ensuring transparency, and strengthening administrative functioning within the Civil Secretariat.

J-K transitioned ...

He added that the intensified enforcement measures aim to improve road discipline and enhance overall traffic safety in Jammu and Kashmir.

To strengthen enforcement, he said a range of equipment has been procured, including 213 motorcycles, 19 mobile vehicle interceptors, 16 highway patrol vehicles, 685 body-worn cameras, 64 breath alcohol analysers and more than 1,600 traffic safety belts, among other items.

CB files ...

in Doda district, officials said.

The chargesheet has been presented before the court of Mobile Traffic Magistrate, Doda, he added.

Senior Superintendent of Police, SCW Jammu, Sanjay Parihar, reiterated the Crime Branch's commitment to taking strict action against fraudsters and advised the public to remain vigilant against schemes offering unrealistic returns or government jobs in exchange for money.

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of Specified Trees, Act, 1969, to grant owners the free will to cut Walnut Trees standing on their land while ensuring environmental sustainability (L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 13 of 2025)".

Similarly, MLA Mubarak Gul, introduced a bill which reads, "A Bill to provide for the Salaries, Allowances and other benefits of the Chief Whip of the majority party in the Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 19 of 2025)".

Likewise, Legislator, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Shah Veeri introduced a Bill which reads, "A Bill to restore and safeguard River Jhelum and to protect from further degradation, ensuring its ecological sustainability through waste management measures and strict penalties for pollution (L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 23 of 2025)".

After discussion in the House, the Legislators withdrew these bills after assurances from the Government that the existing legal and regulatory framework is addressing these concerns.

Meanwhile, Legislator Waheed Ur Rehman Para moved a bill which reads, "A Bill to provide for establishment of a residential and technical University in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to offer higher learning in various streams. The University will be set up by utilizing the surplus funds of Kashmir Creative Educational Foundation, a Society (L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 9 of 2025)".

Legislator Balwant Singh Mankotia moved a bill which reads, "A Bill to provide for the protection of temples and retrieval of illegally occupied land in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (LA Private Members' Bill No. 16 of 2025)".

After the discussion in the House, the Members pressed for their introduction, which was subsequently rejected through voice voting in the House.

MLA, Pawan Kumar Gupta, also introduced a bill which reads,

"A Bill to provide compassionate appointments to the next of kin of deceased government employees, security personnel and civilians affected by militancy or enemy action (L.A. Private Members' Bill No. 27 of 2025)".

Phase one ...

said. Data on possession of items such as radio, television, internet access, laptop/computer, telephone/mobile/smartphone, bicycle/scooter/motorcycle/moped, and car/jeep/van will also be collected, along with the main cereal consumed and a mobile number for census-related communication, he said.

Citizens can also give information through self-enumeration in 16 languages during the 15-day window preceding the start of HLO in their respective state or Union Territory. For instance, in NDMC and Delhi Cantonment, where HLO is scheduled from April 16 to May 15, self-enumeration will be available from April 1 to April 15, he said.

To self-enumerate, the head of the household or any family member can register on the official portal—se.census.gov.in—using a mobile number and other basic details, select the district, mark the house location on a map, and submit the information at their convenience.

A 16-digit unique Self-Enumeration ID will be generated, which must be shared with the enumerator during the field visit for verification.

"Citizens can make corrections during the verification field visit...The option will save a lot of time," Narayan said, adding that individual data will remain confidential and cannot be used in courts or for availing government benefits.

Meanwhile, Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan today advised citizens to give accurate information to Census enumerators, asserting that the individual data will remain confidential and cannot be used as evidence or to get benefit under any scheme.

Addressing a press conference, as the first phase of the country's 16th Census is all set to begin in April in some states, including Delhi, the commissioner said under Section 15 of the Census Act, all individual data remains confidential.

The Census will be conducted in Delhi from April 16 to May 15. "All the individual data collected during the exercise remains confidential. It cannot be shared under the Right to Information Act, used as evidence in a court and cannot be shared with any organisation, be it government or private," he said.

Only statistical aggregate data will be used for tabulation purposes, he added.

Asked about caste being included in the Census and the apprehension that people may not give correct information, the Registrar General said the data related to caste will be collected during the second phase, and the questions will be decided after exhaustive discussions.

Since the individual data shared by any person with a Census enumerator will be strictly confidential and cannot be used to derive benefit from any government scheme, he said the apprehension that it will be misused is misplaced.

PM should ...

end the war, be it from Pakistan, must not be resisted. "Pakistan is using its good relations with Iran and the United States to its advantage, and it has done so. How can we object to that? If that angle helps in stopping the war, would you want them not to act and let the war continue? We want the war to stop. If any country can play a role in that, it should. And if we can play an even better role, then we should do so," he said.

On unemployment in J-K, the chief minister said the issue cannot be resolved overnight, and government jobs alone are not the solution.

He stressed the need to explore alternative avenues, highlighting the importance of Mission Yuva in promoting entrepreneurship.

"Mission Yuva provides not just funding but also support in preparing DPRs and post-startup assistance, such as marketing. In just nine months, distributing Rs 1,000 crore and approving numerous schemes is a significant achievement," he said.

Abdullah credited the coordination between the government and Jammu and Kashmir Bank for the scheme's progress.

Omar Abdullah also said that he would want the opposition to win next month's Assembly elections in four states and one Union territory, but added that the final decision rests with the people.

Assembly elections will be held in West Bengal (April 23 and April 29), Tamil Nadu (April 23), Assam (April 9), Kerala (April 9) and the UT of Puducherry (April 9). All results will be announced on May 4.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of an event here, Abdullah said alliances are a common feature across the states and that the outcome of the elections will be clear on the counting day.

"Our BJP colleagues from Jammu and Kashmir are travelling to other states for campaigning, while we are sitting here. What should happen and what will happen— we will see," the chief minister said when asked about the likely outcome of next month's polls.

Stressing alliance politics, Abdullah said in Assam, the BJP is aligned with the Asom Gana Parishad, while in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, alliances between BJP-AIADMK, DMK-Congress and Left groups shape the electoral landscape.

"We would want the opposition to win all five elections, including Puducherry, though the final decision rests with the people," the chief minister said.

Two BSF ...

A group of locals assaulted the two personnel, leaving them injured. They have been shifted to a nearby medical facility for treatment, they said.

The reason behind the attack was not immediately known. According to the officials, police have taken cognisance of the incident and initiated an investigation to ascertain the circumstances leading to the attack.

Security has been tightened in the area and efforts are underway to identify and apprehend those involved, the officials said.

LG, CM extend ...

atmosphere of unity and harmony.

He called upon the people to further strengthen this cherished tradition, adding that such occasions offer an opportunity to deepen mutual bonds of love, reinforce communal harmony and promote brotherhood across society.

Omar Abdullah prayed for sustained peace, prosperity and progress of Jammu and Kashmir and the nation.

Additionally, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today extended his warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Mahavir Jayanti.

He said that the festival holds immense religious and cultural significance, especially for the Jain community, and is celebrated with deep devotion to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Mahavira.

The Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the timeless teachings of Lord Mahavira, emphasizing non-violence, compassion, truth, and peaceful coexistence as guiding principles for a harmonious society.

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the Kashmir divisional commissioner.

Officials said a formal inquiry has been initiated to examine the allegations and ascertain the facts surrounding the officer's conduct. The administration has appointed an inquiry officer to submit findings within a stipulated timeframe. During suspension, the officer will not handle official responsibilities. Authorities reiterated that strict action will be taken