

If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on.
—Sheryl Sandberg

Inking the Truth

Op Sheruwali enters day 28 in Dorimal forests

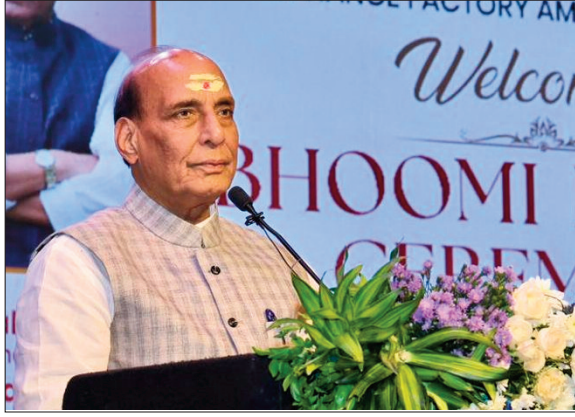
RAJOURI: One of the longest ongoing counter-terror Operation Sheruwali entered 28th day on Friday in the dense Dorimal forests of the Gambir Mughlan area in the Manjakote sector of Rajouri district.

Security forces have intensified search and cordon operations across the challenging forest terrain. The operation is being carried out in the rugged and densely forested hills of Dorimal, where steep slopes, rocky mountains, and thick vegetation continue to pose significant challenges to troops on the ground.

Despite the difficult conditions, security personnel remain on high alert and are conducting extensive searches in the forest belt to track down any suspicious movement. Additional surveillance and area domination measures are also continuing as part of the operation. ▶ P11

Conventional 'warfare' and its means as relevant today as they were in 1947: DM

Rajnath meets Bhagwat at RSS headquarters



NAGPUR: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said conventional warfare and its means are as relevant today as they were in 1947 and that is why a military-industrial base will continue to hold importance in future as well.

When supply systems get affected during wars, every country wants essential items to be manufactured domestically, he said,

adding that a country that is able to meet its own needs can move forward with great confidence.

Speaking after performing the ground-breaking ceremony for the state-of-the-art 10,000-tonne Aluminium Extrusion Press (AEP) at Yantra India Limited (YIL), Ordnance Factory at Ambajhari in Nagpur, he also said that India has now set the target of Rs 3 lakh

crore defence production and Rs 50,000 crore defence exports in the next couple of years.

"Conventional warfare and its means remain as relevant now as they were in 1947 and their relevance will remain almost the same in 2047. We often say that the nature of war is changing. Borders are getting blurred. Enemies cannot be identified. Armies may stand in place and countries become destabilised. Much of this is true, but equally true is that conventional warfare and its means remain as relevant now as they were in 1947," he said.

"More than that, their relevance will remain almost the same in 2047 as it is today. We must accept this reality as well. Therefore, the importance of the military-industrial base will continue for a long time to come. What I want to say is that its significance, ▶ P11

Modi disburses incentives valued Rs 2,400 Cr under PM-VBRY Sinha expresses gratitude to PM for giving impetus to job creation in J-K

SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday disbursed incentives amounting to Rs 2,400 crore to more than 15 lakh beneficiaries across the country, under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana. As part of a nationwide outreach effort, regional programmes were organized simultaneously at 200 locations across the country.

The main programme was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. It was attended by Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviyar; Minister of State for Labour & Employment,



Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, senior officials, employer representatives, employee beneficiaries and other distinguished guests.

The Prime Minister addressed the gathering and gave his valuable guidance to youth. He noted that India's youth are receiving unprecedented recognition globally

for their talent, skills, and potential. He remarked that the world increasingly acknowledges the capabilities of young Indians and emphasized that the Government is committed to ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to transform their potential into success.

"Prime Minister Viksit

Bharat Rozgar Yojana is much more than an employment scheme. It is an initiative designed to strengthen the aspirations of young people entering their first jobs while creating a robust bridge between industry and the workforce", Shri Modi remarked.

Further, the Prime Minister, expressed his unwavering faith in India's youth by extending his heartfelt best wishes.

Ministry of Labour & Employment, organized a special programme at Convention Centre, Jammu and Bari Brahmamana Industrial Association, Samba as part of the national event for disbursing benefits under the ▶ P11

India calls Pakistan a "Frankenstein state"

UNITED NATIONS: India has slammed Pakistan at the United Nations (UN), calling it a "Frankenstein state" that gets shocked when its "own monster bites back", as it accused Islamabad of "hosting, training and deploying" terrorists.

The remarks were made by Anupama Singh, First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, on Wednesday, after Pakistan and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) raised the issue of Jammu and Kashmir during the Interactive Dialogue on the UN High Commissioner's

annual report.

"India is compelled to exercise this right of reply in response to references made to it by Pakistan and the OIC. We categorically reject the baseless and malicious allegations made by Pakistan," Singh said.

The diplomat further said: "We also categorically reject the references to Jammu and Kashmir made by the OIC... For the record, Jammu and Kashmir was, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India. The only unresolved issue is Pakistan's illegal occupation of Indian ▶ P11

Terror support network dismantled, 5 arrested

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police has arrested two suspected terror associates in Kishtwar district as part of an ongoing crackdown on anti-national elements and support networks aiding local terrorists, officials said on Friday.

With two more arrests, the total number of the arrests in the case has gone up four, they said.

The arrests were made in connection with a case registered at police station Kishtwar.

The action forms part of a sustained effort to dismantle

terror support structures operating in the Dachan area of Kishtwar district.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar, Naresh Singh, said that following a meticulous investigation, police arrested Tariq Ahmed Gino, a government employee in the forest department, and Mohammad Iqbal, both residents of Tander in Dachan, for their alleged involvement in facilitating terrorist activities.

The SSP said the duo is suspected of providing support to local terrorists operating in the region.

Earlier in the same case, Muneer Ahmed ▶ P11

Pak national who crossed LoC deported

SRINAGAR: A Pakistani national has been repatriated six days after crossing the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, the Army said on Friday.

The Pakistani national had inadvertently crossed over into India on June 12.

"A Pakistani national, Asad Khan, a resident of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), who was apprehended in Simari village, Kupwara, on 12 June 2026 after crossing the Line of Control, was repatriated to Pakistan on 18 June 2026," the Army's Chinarr Corps said in a post on X.

The Army said that ▶ P11

SANJY 2026 Army Cmdr reviews security along Baltal DG RPF visits railway stations Kathua

SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Northern Army commander Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma on Friday reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness along the Baltal route of the Amarnath Yatra which begins July 3.

During the visit, Lt Gen Sharma was briefed on the current security environment, measures undertaken to strengthen vigilance and operational readiness of troops.

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, #ArmyCdrNC, visited the

forward areas of #KiloForce and #Baltal to review prevailing security situation and evaluate the operational preparedness of troops deployed for #OpSHIVA2026," the Army's Northern Command said in a post on X.

"Interacting with commanders and troops, the Army Commander underscored the importance of sustained alertness, effective coordination, and mission-oriented execution to remain prepared for all challenges," the Northern Command said.

It added the Army remains committed to ▶ P11

MHA collaborating with SC to address case pendency: Shah

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said his ministry is working in "collaboration with the Supreme Court and High Courts" to prepare a blueprint to reduce the number of pending cases.

He said efforts are also underway to establish evening courts and create mechanisms to clear pending criminal cases in the two courts.

The minister said the objective of the new criminal justice codes is clear—Whenever a crime is registered in the country, the entire judicial process, including appeals up to the Supreme Court, must be completed and "guilt established" within three years.

The ministry will not tolerate

100-DAY NASHA MUKT JK ABHIYAAN

DAY 70

The EARTH NEWS joins the campaign launched by Honourable Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Ji to eradicate drug menace from union territory of J&K.

Police attach drug peddler's assets worth over Rs 2.08 Cr

SAMBA: Police on Friday attached assets worth over Rs 2.08 crore of an alleged drug peddler in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district as part of the ongoing drug-free campaign.

The drug peddler has been identified as Narayan Sharma alias Shunna, a resident of Vijaypur in Samba district, officials said.

The action was taken under Section 68-F of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act after investigations established that the assets were allegedly

acquired through proceeds generated from illicit drug trafficking.

The attached properties include a house valued at approximately Rs 48.50 lakh, a car worth around Rs 10 lakh, and land valued at nearly Rs 1.50 crore, they said.

The total value of the attached assets has been estimated at about Rs 2.08 crore.

According to police, detailed investigation and enquiry revealed prima facie evidence that the properties were acquired through proceeds of illegal narcotics trade, following which the assets were seized and attached

under the relevant provisions of the NDPS Act.

Officials said further legal proceedings are being initiated in accordance with law.

Sharma is presently lodged in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu, under the provisions of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act, they said.

Meanwhile, as part of its continued crackdown on narcotics-related activities, police in Shopian have attached a residential house valued at Rs 28,91,526/- belonging to Bashir Ahmad Sofi ▶ P11

Licences of 2 shops cancelled

SAMBA: In line with the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, enforcement staff conducted surprise checks of drug sale establishments across Samba district to ensure that medicinal preparations prone to addiction are sold strictly for licit use, with no diversion for drug abuse.

Drug sale licences of two establishments, Sonu Medicos Kothi Vijaypur and Vishal Medical ▶ P11

Collective efforts essential to eliminate drug menace: Sheetal Nanda

REASI: The District Administration Reasi today organized a mega awareness event under Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra, reaffirming its commitment to build a drug-free society through awareness, prevention, rehabilitation and collective action.

Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sheetal Nanda, graced the occasion as the chief guest. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from senior district administration officers, police officials, representatives of various departments, ed-



ucational institutions, civil society organizations, youth groups and citizens, including students.

A major highlight of the programme was the active participation of students from schools across the

Reasi district, who engaged in a range of awareness activities aimed at sensitizing the public about the harmful effects of substance abuse. Through symposiums, students eloquently expressed their views on the devastating impact of drug addiction on individuals, families and society. They also presented thought-provoking nukkad natak, while local artists performed songs carrying strong anti-drug messages, reinforcing the campaign's objective of promoting a drug-free lifestyle.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek reiterated the district administration's unwavering ▶ P11

Divisional Fund Office holds awareness session at NZATI

JAMMU: Divisional Fund Office Jammu, in collaboration with the Directorate of Health Services Jammu and Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute (NZATI) Jammu, today organised a workplace awareness session on the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan at NZATI Jammu.

The session was conducted under the guidance of Director Finance/Principal NZATI Rajesh Talwar and Joint Director Divisional Fund Office Jammu Deepshikha Sharma and was

attended by officers and officials of Funds Organisation Jammu and trainees of NZATI Jammu.

Expert lectures were delivered by State Epidemiologist Dr Rashmi Sharma, Medical Officer Epidemiology Office Directorate of Health Services Jammu Dr Prem Lata and Divisional Nodal Officer Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu Dr Akhil Menia, who addressed the physical, psychological and social consequences of drug abuse, along with preventive ▶ P11

Shopian emerges leading force in 100-day campaign

SHOPIAN: Fight against substance abuse is not merely a law enforcement challenge—it is a social mission that demands collective action, sustained awareness and community participation.

It is with this vision that the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, launched the ambitious Nasha Mukta Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyaan on 11 April 2026, calling upon every section of society to join hands in building a

healthier and drug-free future. Responding with remarkable commitment and enthusiasm, District Shopian has emerged as one of the leading districts across the Union Territory in implementing the campaign, transforming the anti-drug initiative into a mass public movement that has touched lives across villages, schools, institutions and communities.

The district-level campaign was formally launched from Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Shopian, on 11 ▶ P11

SPO disengaged over corruption, absence

KATHUA: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday disengaged a Special Police Officer (SPO) from service over allegations of corrupt practices, accumulation of disproportionate assets, and prolonged unauthorised absence from duty, officials said.

According to an order issued by Kathua Senior Superintendent of Police Mohita Sharma, SPO Rishi Sharma, a resident of Keerian in Kathua district, was found to be involved in "immoral and corrupt practices" based on information received from the district special branch.

The order stated that the SPO had allegedly amassed significant movable and immovable assets through such activities.

It further noted that he had failed to perform his assigned duties satisfactorily and had remained absent from duty without authorisation.

"In view of the findings, SPO Rishi Sharma has been disengaged from service in Kathua district with effect from June 12, 2026, the date on which he was marked unauthorisedly absent from Sarla outpost," the order said.

The post held by the disengaged SPO has been declared vacant, it ▶ P11