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2 OGWs held with arms, ammo

Two OGWs were today apprehended by police along with arms, ammunition and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) posters during a naka checking in Srinagar.

They were identified as Faisal Ahmad Bhat of Malpora Habba Kadal and Faisal Ahmad Guroo of Rajouri Kadal.

Officials said a police team intercepted them near Baba Dem area of Srinagar during routine checking while they were

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Boy dies in 'seminary' fire

A 12-year-old boy lost his life and three others sustained injuries in a fire that broke out in a 'madarsa' in Anantnag district of the valley today.

According to officials, the fire broke out in a seminary on court road, Anantnag, resulting in injuries to four boys.

All the four were evacuated to hospital, where one of them, who was identified as Bilal Ahmad, succumbed to his injuries, off

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Govt approves permanent advance for LA expenses

The government has approved sanction of permanent advance or imprest in favour of deputy commissioners functioning as competent authorities for land acquisition (LA) to meet urgent expenses related to land acquisition works.

An official order issued in this regard said: "In terms of Rule 322 of GFR, sanction is hereby accorded for permanent advance or imprest in favour of deputy commissioners (competent authority for land acquisition) to meet out urgent exexpenditures re

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CJI forms panel to assess court infra



NEW DELHI, MAY 12: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has decided to set up a high-powered committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Aravind Kumar to prepare a blueprint for the modernisation of courts across the country and secure a government allocation of Rs 40,000 to Rs

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India stocked with 2 months of fuel supply: Puri



NEW DELHI, MAY 12: With two months of fuel stockpiles, India faces no supply concerns despite disruptions to global energy flows, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday said, while warning that state-run fuel retailers face losses of as

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India slams China for supporting Pak during Op Sindoor

Says shielding terror hurts reputation

NEW DELHI, MAY 12: In a sharp message to China on providing support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor last year, India today asserted that such actions by global actors undermine their credibility and global reputation.

"Responsible nations must reflect on their attempts to support state sponsors of terror," MEA said in a pointed message to China after Beijing publicly admitted assisting Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. The remarks come days after a Chinese official suggested Beijing provided on-ground technical assistance to Pakistan during the three-day hostilities.

It, however, did not account for much as Islamabad scurried to Delhi for a ceasefire as the Indian military pounded air bases & terror hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied J&K.

"Such actions by global actors undermined their credibility and global reputation. We have seen reports that corroborate what was known earlier," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a weekly media briefing here.

"It is for nations that consider

themselves responsible to reflect on whether supporting attempts to protect terrorist infrastructure affects their reputation and standing," he said.

Jaiswal reiterated that Operation Sindoor was a "precise, targeted and calibrated response" to the terror attack in the valley's Pahalgam, which had left 25 Hindu tourists and a local dead.

"It was aimed at destroying state-sponsored terror infrastructure operating out of Pakistan," he said.

That China provided support to its all-weather friend Pakistan during the conflict was known all along.

In July last year, Lt Gen Rahul Singh first revealed that China had provided "live inputs on our deployment" to Pakistan.

Not only China, but Lt General Singh also disclosed that Turkiye also supplied Bayraktar drones to Pakistan. But such assistance had little impact on the conflict as India destroyed nine terror camps and struck 11 military sites deep inside Pakistan.

Last week, China, for the first time, confirmed that it had provided on-site technical support to

Pakistan during the four-day conflict with India, according to Chinese official media reports.

China's state broadcaster CCTV on Thursday aired an interview with Zhang Heng, an engineer from the Aviation Industry Corporation of China's (AVIC) Chengdu Aircraft Design and Research Institute, a key developer of China's advanced fighter aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicle design.

Zhang had provided technical support to Pakistan during the four-day war last May, a report said, quoting CCTV.

Pakistan's air force operates a fleet of Chinese-made J-10CE jets, produced by an AVIC subsidiary.

"At the support base, we constantly heard fighter jets roaring into the sky and air-raid sirens blaring," Zhang was quoted as saying.

"By late morning, temperatures were nearing 50 degrees. It was physically exhausting and mentally intense," he said.

Zhang emphasised their role was to ensure that their equipment could "truly perform at its full combat potential". He was likely referring to the J-10CE fighter jet, manufactured by the Chengdu Group.

Terrorist killed as Army foils infiltration bid along LoC

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Foiling an infiltration bid by heavily-armed terrorists along the Line of Control (LoC) alert Army troops today shot dead one of them in the forward Krishna Ghati area of Poonch in a gunbattle.

According to officials, troops picked up the movement of a group of terrorists after they entered the Indian territory at about 4 pm.

The movement was detected near the forward Bi-

cho Post in Krishna Ghati's Mankote area. The troops challenged them and engaged them in an exchange of fire, officials said.

In the exchange of fire that ensued, one terrorist was eliminated. Officials said the slain terrorist was suspected to be linked to the Pak-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terror outfit.

"Acting on persistent surveillance, suspicious movement was detected approximately 300 mt inside own territory in the general area of Krishna Ghati sector, Poonch, along the LoC at around 4

pm today," the White Knight Corps said on X.

White Knight Corps troops swiftly responded and foiled the infiltration bid, ensuring no breach of the LoC, Army said, adding that one intruder had been neutralised.

"The troops continue to dominate the area and maintain a high state of operational readiness across the sector," Army said.

While a massive search operation was continuing in the area when reports last came in, details were

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Prez confers Florence Nightingale Awards



NEW DELHI, MAY 12: President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2026 on 15 nursing professionals in recognition of their exemplary service and contribution to strengthening public healthcare delivery.

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Himanta takes oath as Assam CM



GUWAHATI, MAY 12: Himanta Biswa Sarma was today sworn in as the chief minister of Assam for the second consecutive term.

Four MLAs -BJP's Rameswar Teli & Ajanta Neog, AGP's Atul Bora and Charan Boro of BPF - took oath as ministers.

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Blast kills 10 in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, MAY 12: In the latest incident in the region that threatens to reignite fighting with neighbouring Afghanistan, a massive explosion at a crowded market in north-western Pakistan today killed 10 people and wounded dozens more.

The blast at the crowded Naurang Bazar caused panic on the streets as people rushed to help the wounded and emergency vehicles raced to the site. Visuals from the scene showed damaged shopfronts and a mangled vehicle.

The explosion follows a car bombing and ambush at Cont. on P9 >

LG asks religious bodies to dedicate 1 hr weekly to fight drug abuse

Joins 'padyatra' at Baramulla

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LG Manoj Sinha, who today joined 'padyatra' at Baramulla in the valley under the 90-day 'Drug-Free J&K Campaign', called upon religious organisations and leaders to spare one hour weekly to create awareness among people about drug abuse.

"I urge schools, mosques, temples, gurdwaras and NGOs to dedicate one hour weekly to strengthen this initiative through awareness. It will deliver real results, acting like an early warning system, monitoring hotspots while building them into fully drug-free zones," he said.

During the padyatra, he engaged with the citizens, and later in his address on the occasion, he announced the launch of two innovative pillars under the campaign for the next 69 days - the Community Immunization Programme against drugs and the Fam-



ily Fortress Initiative.

"Just as we have taught communities to vaccinate against bacteria or viruses, we will partner with religious leaders and social groups to create community immunization initiative against drugs in 5-10 high-risk hotspot areas per district," he said.

"Under the Family Fortress Initiative, we will rely on the strong family

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Govt launches e-auction for 12 limestone blocks in J&K

Sale of tender documents from May 18

NEW DELHI, MAY 12: The Union Ministry of Mines today launched the second tranche of e-auction for 12 limestone blocks in Jammu and Kashmir, marking another major milestone towards transparent, sustainable and investor-friendly mineral development in the Union Territory.

Ministry of Mines Secretary Piyush Goyal officially launched the tranche at a function here. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the transformative

reforms and amendments undertaken by the ministry to simplify processes, strengthen transparency and improve ease of doing business in the mining sector.

He emphasised that J&K possesses immense mineral potential and the auction and operationalisation of these blocks will significantly contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat, Viksit Jammu and Kashmir, and Aatmanirbhar Bharat through economic growth, employment gen-

eration and industrial development.

"A total of 12 limestone blocks, spread across the districts of Anantnag, Rajouri and Poonch have been put up for auction under Tranche II. These include both newly identified blocks and blocks being re-auctioned under a second attempt, in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 (as amended)," the PIB said in a handout.

It said the blocks were Cont. on P9 >

'Cyber fraud concerns'

Census 2027 adds QR code verification for door-to-door visits

NEW DELHI, MAY 12: Amid a rise in cyber fraud cases involving impersonation and fake government officials, authorities have implemented a QR code-based verification mechanism for enumerators and supervisors visiting households for Census 2027 in the capital.

This move aims to make the door-to-door enumeration in Municipal Corporation of Delhi areas, beginning May 16, more secure and effective.

Officials of the Office of the Registrar General and

Census said that all enumerators and supervisors (E&S) deployed for the exercise will carry an appointment letter and an identity card issued by the charge officer. Both documents will have embedded QR codes that residents can scan to verify their authenticity.

"If there is any doubt or suspicion, household members can verify the visiting personnel by checking their appointment letter and identity card. They can also scan the QR code printed on these docu-

ments to confirm authenticity," officials said.

The safeguard comes when several cyber fraud cases have surfaced across the country.

Fraudsters pose as law enforcement or government officials to dupe people using fake documents, impersonation and digital verification requests.

Officials said recent "digital arrest" scams and fake census-related messages circulated online have heightened concerns over impersonation-based

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India in talks with Russia to sign agreement on critical minerals

NEW DELHI, MAY 12: India and Russia are in advanced talks to sign a preliminary agreement on critical minerals covering exploration, processing and technological collaboration.

The deal is expected to focus on lithium and rare earths, with the two governments also set to facilitate corporate investments, sources said.

The agreement could be signed within two months, sources added.

"We have shared a draft of the proposed agreement with our Russian counter-

parts," sources said.

India is keen to cut its dependence on China, which dominates global supplies of several key minerals and has advanced mining and processing technology, and secure new overseas supplies to support its energy transition and infrastructure development.

New Delhi has signed critical minerals agreements with Argentina, Australia and Japan, and is in talks with Peru and Chile on broader bilateral agreements that also include critical minerals.

However, India has had limited success in securing overseas critical minerals assets and has so far signed only a single lithium exploration and mining project agreement, covering five blocks in Argentina in 2024.

India could also revisit Russian state nuclear corporation Rosatom's lithium exploration project in Mali if the political situation in the West African nation stabilised, one of the sources said. Earlier this year, it was reported that India with

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