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Modi’s Jakarta Landing Opens Six-Day Indo-Pacific Push, With Fighter Jets and a Temple as the Backdrop

The first leg of a three-nation tour signals New Delhi’s deepening bet on Southeast Asia and the Pacific as the next frontier of strategic partnership

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JAKARTA, July 6: Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in Jakarta on Monday to begin a three-nation, six-day tour of Indonesia, Australia, and

New Zealand, received personally at the airport by Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto — a gesture accompanied by an escort of Indonesian Air Force fighter jets from the moment Modi’s aircraft entered the country’s airspace. It is Modi’s fourth visit to Indonesia, and notably his first bilateral trip since the two nations elevated ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2018.



“I’m touched by President Prabowo Subianto’s gesture of welcoming me at the airport,” Modi wrote on X shortly after landing, adding that the two leaders would hold discussions aimed at adding momentum to the partnership “across diverse sectors.” The visit’s agenda spans defence and security cooperation, trade and investment, food and energy security, critical minerals develop-

ment, and capacity building in health and education — reflecting an ambition to broaden a relationship long anchored primarily in trade, given Indonesia’s position as India’s largest ASEAN trading partner and its location astride the strategically vital Malacca Strait.

Beyond the formal diplomacy, the visit carries a distinctly civilisational undertone. Modi and

Prabowo are scheduled to travel together to Yogyakarta on July 8 to visit the Prambanan Temple complex, Indonesia’s largest Hindu temple and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where India’s Archaeological Survey has been supporting restoration efforts under a 2025 joint statement between the two countries. The Prime Minister will also address a gathering of the Indian diaspora in

Jakarta. The tour’s remaining legs carry their own historical weight: Modi travels next to Melbourne for the India-Australia Annual Leaders’ Summit, before arriving in Auckland — marking the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in nearly four decades, and underscoring how central the Indo-Pacific has become to India’s strategic calculus.

Five Years On, Amit Shah Charts a New Course for India’s Cooperative Movement - From Grain Silos to Life Insurance

At Bharat Mandapam, the Ministry of Cooperation’s anniversary event becomes a showcase of digital reform, rural infrastructure, and an unmistakably political retelling of the sector’s history

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NEW DELHI: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah presided over the 5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation at Bharat Mandapam on Monday, using the occasion to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate a sweeping array of initiatives while announcing that a new cooperative life



insurance company would be established to further expand the sector’s footprint.

The programme’s scale was considerable: the transfer of 135 grain storage godowns with a capacity of 75,000 tonnes, the inauguration of 85 more, and the foundation-laying for 47 additional godowns

under what officials describe as the world’s largest grain storage scheme. Shah also performed the Bhoomi Pujan for a 64-acre Sahakar Van afforestation project undertaken jointly by Amul and the National Cooperative Consumers’ Federation, alongside tissue culture facilities in Uttar Pradesh

and Maharashtra aimed at strengthening the seed sector. Perhaps the most consequential announcement, from a governance standpoint, was the transformation of 50,000 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies into e-PACS — a digital push aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “Sahakar Se Samriddhi” vision.

Shah also confirmed plans for a “Tribhuvan” Sahkari University in Anand, Gujarat, intended to address the sector’s persistent human resource gap, and said the popular Bharat Taxi cooperative venture would expand to 500 cities within two years.

The event was not with-

out its political undertones. Shah described the Ministry’s creation as a “lifeline” for a movement he characterised as neglected under previous Congress governments — a framing echoed by Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, the only chief minister present, who alleged the co-operative sector had once been “a hotbed of corruption” under Congress rule.

Whether the digitisation of grassroots institutions translates into genuine transparency, or merely modernises existing inefficiencies, remains the open question the sector’s next five years will have to answer.

Ram Mandir Trust Accepts Resignations Amid Donation Row, Orders Accountability Over Alleged Irregularities

Ayodhya: In a significant development amid the controversy over alleged irregularities in donations received at the Ram Temple, the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust on Monday accepted the resignations of its General Secretary, Champat Rai, and trustee Anil Mishra, following a specially convened meeting held ahead of schedule.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Trust Treasurer Swami Govind Dev Giri Maharaj said the institution was deeply distressed by the allegations surrounding the handling of devotees’ contributions. He stressed that the monetary value of the alleged loss was not the principal concern; rather, the greater tragedy was that circumstances had arisen within the temple premises that could erode public faith.

Reaffirming his confidence in Champat Rai, the treasurer described him as “blameless” and credited his contribution to the Ram Janmabhoomi movement as invaluable. According to him, Rai chose to step down voluntarily, believing that remaining in office while investigations were underway would be inappropriate until justice was delivered and those responsible were brought to book.

Rupee Slides to Three-Week Low

A Currency Caught Between a Strengthening Dollar and Its Own Fragility

Even falling oil prices and foreign inflows couldn’t shield the rupee from Monday’s slide — a sign that the underlying mood in currency markets remains far from settled

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MUMBAI: The Indian rupee depreciated 20 paise to close at 95.38 against the US dollar on Monday, its weakest level in three weeks, as a strengthening greenback weighed on emerging market currencies across the board. At the inter-bank foreign exchange market, the currency opened at 95.25 and traded in a range of 95.22-95.48 through the session, ultimately extending losses from Friday’s close of 95.18.

The immediate trigger was straightforward enough — a firming dollar, with markets pricing in expectations that the US Federal Reserve could hold rates higher for longer. But the deeper story lies in what didn’t happen: despite softening crude oil prices and continued positive sentiment in domestic equity markets, the rupee found no meaningful support. Analysts noted that when a currency fails to rally on genuinely favourable news, it is often a signal



that underlying sentiment remains fragile rather than merely reactive to daily headlines.

Compounding the pressure, India’s forex reserves dropped by USD 5.654 billion to USD 666.933 billion for the week ended June 26, according to the Reserve Bank of India — a reversal from the previous week’s gain, and a reminder of how far the reserve kitty has retreated from its all-time high of USD 728.494 billion recorded in February, before the West Asia conflict forced sustained central bank intervention in the forex market. Traders also pointed to a structural dynamic likely to persist: whenever fresh foreign inflows enter the country, the RBI appears inclined to use the opportunity to rebuild reserves rather than allow the rupee to appreciate meaningfully — a policy stance that, whatever its prudential merit, leaves the currency perpetually tethered rather than genuinely strengthening.

Land in Jaipur Set to Get Pricier: Second DLC Rate Hike in Four Months Signals a Real Estate Reckoning

In-principle approval for increases of up to 49% will push up the cost of buying, registering, and financing property across the Pink City

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JAIPUR: Buying land and homes in Jaipur is set to become significantly more expensive after the district administration granted in-principle approval to raise District Level Committee (DLC) rates by between 5 per cent and 49 per cent, with the revised rates scheduled to take effect this month — marking the second such hike within four months.

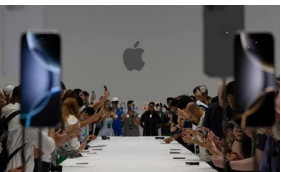
The decision emerged from a meeting chaired by Jaipur Collector Sandesh Nayak at the Collectorate on Monday, where sub-registrars from across the district presented proposals after assessing current market values of land in their respective jurisdictions. Most recommendations for urban localities sought increases of up to 40 per cent, while several rural areas proposed hikes as steep as 35 per cent — figures that, in some pockets, were pushed even higher during deliberation, with in-principle clearance now standing at up to 49 per cent.

Apple’s \$25-Billion Foldable Bet: Can the iPhone Ultra Rewrite Smartphone History — or Become Cupertino’s Costliest Gamble?

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CUPERTINO: Apple is preparing to make its boldest smartphone gamble in years, with reports indicating the tech giant has instructed suppliers to gear up for 10 million units of its first foldable iPhone in 2026—a dramatic increase from earlier estimates of 7-8 million devices.

The move signals extraordinary confidence in a product category that has yet to win over the mass market. Expected to debut as the iPhone Ultra alongside the iPhone 18 Pro lineup, Apple’s foldable could



become the company’s most expensive handset ever, with industry estimates placing its starting price near \$2,500, while premium variants may approach \$3,000. Apple’s scale gives it a formidable edge. Reports suggest it has already reserved components for around 80 million iPhones for the second half of 2026, including the foldable, even as rivals such as Xiaomi, Oppo, and Vivo reportedly scale back production amid a global memory shortage. Yet the numbers raise eyebrows. While some supply-chain reports point to a 10-million-unit launch, others suggest Apple may have quietly cut initial manufacturing plans to just 3 million units, underscoring uncertainty over whether consumers are truly ready to embrace foldable smartphones at luxury-car prices. The company, however, appears convinced it has solved the engineering headaches that have plagued foldables, including hinge durability and display reliability.

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Chief Secretary’s Delhi Meetings Spotlight Rajasthan’s Reform and Development Agenda

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HEMRAJ TIKAMCHAND

NEW DELHI: Rajasthan Chief Secretary V. Srinivas on Monday held a series of high-level meetings with senior officials of the Union Government, with discussions spanning the HPCL Rajasthan Refinery project, regulatory reforms, fiscal management and Centre-State coordination.

In his meeting with Prime Minister’s Advisor Tarun Kapoor, Mr. Srinivas reviewed the progress of the HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) project, as-



sessing implementation milestones and the roadmap for the project’s next phase. The refinery is expected to emerge as one of Rajasthan’s most significant industrial investments, with implications for employment gener-

ation and the State’s downstream petrochemical sector. The Chief Secretary also met Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, while subsequent discussions with Secretary (Coordination) Dr. Manoj Govil focused on Ra-

jasthan’s performance under the Deregulation and Compliance Reduction Phase-II initiative. The review examined measures aimed at simplifying regulatory processes, reducing compliance burdens and improving the ease of doing business.

Fiscal issues figured prominently during meetings with Expenditure Secretary Vumlunmang Vualnam, where the progress of centrally sponsored schemes and expenditure management were reviewed. Discussions with Revenue Secretary Arvind Shrivastava centred on GST administra-

tion, revenue mobilisation and the use of data analytics to strengthen tax compliance.

Taken together, the meetings reflected Rajasthan’s emphasis on maintaining close engagement with the Union Government on infrastructure, administrative reforms and public finance. The visit also underscored the importance of institutional coordination in advancing large development projects and ensuring the timely implementation of policy initiatives with long-term implications for the State’s economic growth.

Rajasthan appoints Cooperative Service officer as Joint Director in Revenue Intelligence Directorate

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JAIPUR, : The Rajasthan government has appointed senior Rajasthan State Cooperative Service officer Ranveer Singh Parihar as Joint Director in the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Economic Offences (DoRIO), strengthening the State’s capacity to investigate revenue leakages and economic offences.

Mr. Parihar, a Deputy Registrar in the Cooperative Department, is currently serving as Registrar, Institution Registration, Jaipur. He will assume his new responsibilities on deputation under the administrative control of the Finance (Revenue) Department. The Directorate of Revenue Intelli-



gence and Economic Offences, headquartered at Jhalana Doongri in Jaipur, was established after restructuring the erstwhile State Directorate of Revenue Intelligence into a broader investigative agency. Headed by a Director General-rank officer, the directorate is responsible for intelligence gathering, investigation and prosecution of cases involving tax evasion and financial crimes across sectors. Its mandate covers

offences related to Goods and Services Tax (GST), excise, transport, mining and minerals, registration and stamps, besides investigating real estate fraud, illegal land transactions, irregularities in cooperative institutions, shell companies and fraudulent insolvency cases. A 2015-batch Cooperative Service officer, Mr. Parihar has previously served on deputation in the Higher Education and Energy Departments, including assignments as Private Secretary to Cabinet Ministers. Before joining the Cooperative Service, he secured the sole selection in the Rajasthan Public Service Commission’s 2008 College Lecturer Examination in Public Administration.

States Focus



PERMISSION MANDATORY FOR RSS MARCH: PRIYANK KHARGE

Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge on Monday said prior permission is mandatory for the RSS to hold its route march in the state, as long as he remains a minister. He asked, if permission is required even for a small Ganesh pandal to be erected during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, shouldn't an organisation, which is called "world's biggest NGO" and receives donations from foreign countries, seek permission when hosting mega events? "It (permission) is required because, as we (the Government) submitted to the High Court following the stampede incident (outside Chinnaswamy Stadium during RCB IPL victory celebration in 2025) the criterion for seeking permission for mega events applies. Accordingly, let them seek permission; whether to grant it or not is left to us," he said.



MANJHI ROOTS FOR SEPARATE ELECTORATES FOR SCs, STs

Union minister Jitan Ram Manjhi on Monday lamented the condition of Scheduled Castes in the country, and called for separate electorates for SCs and STs where only people belonging to these communities would vote. Addressing party workers during the State council meeting of Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), the party chief said, "Had Dr BR Ambedkar's views prevailed in the 1932 Poona Pact, leading to separate electorates for SCs and STs where only voters belonging to these communities would vote, the outcome would have been entirely different." He claimed that since universal voting is allowed in seats reserved for SCs and STs, voters belonging to "dominant" castes exert influence over elected candidates. "In reserved constituencies, our people do vote, but when it comes to earning a livelihood, they are the ones who are left to till the land and earn wages. It is the influential people who take it all," the former CM said. He alleged that Mahatma Gandhi's fast-unto-death before the Poona Pact had forced Ambedkar to concede his demand. The ideological tussle between Gandhi and Ambedkar on separate electorates for SCs and STs had culminated in the Poona Pact wherein the latter conceded to allowing separate electorates where all voters.

Bharat Taxi to expand to 500 cities in 2 years: Shah

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

Union Minister Amit Shah on Monday announced a cooperative life insurance company and said 'Bharat Taxi' services will expand to 500 cities within two years. Speaking at the 5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation in New Delhi, Shah said the ministry has revitalised the cooperative movement, which he described as neglected under previous Governments.

He also stressed the need to eliminate corruption in professional appointments to strengthen credibility in the cooperative sector.

India has around 8.5 lakh cooperatives with more than 30 crore members. Shah said the ministry has introduced several policy measures to modernise the cooperative system, making it more transparent, technology-driven, and competitive. He noted that 'Bharat Taxi', a ride-hailing platform under a cooperative model, will expand to 500 cities over the next two years.

Shah added that the cooperative sector will establish a life insurance company to support growth in the insurance industry. He noted that IFFCO-TOKIO, a joint venture involv-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressing the 5th Foundation Day ceremony of the Ministry of Cooperation at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Monday

ing fertiliser cooperative IFFCO, is already active in this sector.

In India, there are 26 life insurance companies.

Bharat Taxi, operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Ltd, is a driver-focused mobility platform under the cooperative model. It has 6.37 lakh registered drivers and 35.77 lakh registered customers.

Bharat Taxi operates under Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Ltd in Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Jaipur, and Kanpur. It is scheduled to launch in Ranchi, Patna, Guwahati, Bhopal, Kolkata, Indore, and Nagpur in the coming months.

Shah noted that cooperatives have expanded into sectors beyond

dairy, sugar, fertiliser, and banking. Shah mentioned that model byelaws allowing Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to undertake over 25 business activities have been adopted by all states.

These PACS now function beyond credit, covering retail, storage, healthcare, fuel, and digital services.

A total of 394 PACS have applied to operate retail fuel outlets, with 3 outlets already commissioned. Over 54,000 PACS are functioning as Common Service Centres, and 4,248 PACS have been approved for Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

Shah said that 'Tribhuvan' Sahkari University is being set up in Anand, Gujarat, to address human resource needs in the cooperative sector.

He stated that the university will train professionals in banking, dairy, marketing, agriculture, fertilisers, and other cooperative fields. He added that appointments will be based on merit. Professional management will be implemented in phases, from primary cooperative societies to top institutions. This will increase transparency, improve work efficiency, and check corruption related to appointments.

Referring to the initial apprehension that the Union Ministry would interfere in the functioning

of State Governments, since cooperation is a State subject, he said that even the Congress-ruled states have not complained about this in the last five years.

Shah said the Union Ministry is not meant to interfere in State subjects. He added that it was created to help states and for policy-making. He expressed confidence that the cooperative sector would play a key role in making 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

Shah said he is fully confident that when the country celebrates the centenary of independence in 2047, the strong foundation of Viksit Bharat will be the cooperative movement. He said the NDA and BJP Governments have always worked for all-around development for the benefit of the poor and rural population. He cited many new ministries created by the NDA Government.

During the event, Shah laid foundation stones and inaugurated several major projects and initiatives.

These included the transfer of 135 godowns with a total capacity of 75,000 tonnes, the inauguration of 85 godowns, and the laying of the foundation stone for 47 grain storage godowns.

Amarnath cave's ice stalagmite shrinking rapidly

FAIR REPORT
Jammu

The naturally formed ice stalagmite in the Amarnath cave shrine is melting fast, raising concerns among devotees and shrine board authorities.

Since the beginning of the pilgrimage on July 3, more than 65,000 pilgrims have already performed *darshan* inside the holy cave till late Monday evening. Each day, a large number of pilgrims reach Pahalgam and Baltal base camps to undertake the pilgrimage.

According to ground reports, it is the second consecutive year that a naturally formed ice stalagmite has begun melting in such a short period. The pilgrimage is scheduled to culminate on August 28, coinciding with Shravan Purnima and Raksha Bandhan.

A devotee from Jammu who performed *darshan*



inside the cave shrine on July 4 told *The Pioneer* that the ice stalagmite was fast shrinking due to the heavy influx of pilgrims in the cave area.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who is also the Chairman of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board, said an overwhelming number of devotees are arriving for the Amarnath pilgrimage, including many without prior registration.

He urged unregistered pilgrims to wait for their turn, noting that the number of pilgrims allowed on both routes is capped in accordance with Supreme Court guidelines and cannot be increased. The LG said the administration is making every effort to ensure a safe and smooth pilgrimage and appealed to devotees to cooperate with authorities and follow prescribed directions.



INS Mahendragiri to Join Navy on July 11

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi

Indigenous stealth frigate 'Mahendragiri', endowed with state-of-the-art weapons, including surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile systems, and a cutting-edge sensor suite, is set to be commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 11, officials said on Monday.



Designed by the Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by MDL Mumbai, 'Mahendragiri' is the sixth ship of the Nilgiri-class (Project 17A). It is capable of undertaking anti-air, anti-surface and anti-submarine operations, and is equally suited for maritime security, power projection, humanitarian assistance and

disaster relief (HADR), search and rescue, and sustained presence missions, a Navy spokesperson said.

"The frigate is equipped with an advanced suite of indigenous and state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile systems, sophisticated elec-

tronic warfare capabilities, comprehensive anti-submarine warfare systems and an integrated combat management system," the official said.

Incorporating advanced stealth features, enhanced survivability, reduced radar signature and a high degree of automation, the frigate is

powered by a modern Combined Diesel or Gas (CODAG) propulsion system, enabling high-speed operations with "exceptional endurance across the full spectrum of maritime missions".

"With over 75 per cent indigenous content, 'Mahendragiri' exemplifies the Government of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative," the Navy said.

Named after the Mahendragiri mountain range in the Eastern Ghats, the frigate embodies resilience, strength and unwavering resolve, the Indian Navy said.

It will serve as a "formidable force multiplier, safeguarding nation's maritime interests and contributing to a

secure, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific," the Navy said.

The frigate was delivered on April 30 at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL), Mumbai. Its construction has brought together a vast network of Indian industries, including numerous Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), generating employment while strengthening the nation's defence industrial base, it said.

The commissioning of this frigate marks another significant milestone in the successful execution of the Project 17A programme. The ships under this programme are fitted with an advanced weapon and sensor suite as compared to the P17 (Shivalik-class).

Adani Group to build ₹2,500-crore defence manufacturing hub in MP

FAIR REPORT
Ahmedabad

In a major boost to India's defence manufacturing ambitions, the foundation stone for Adani Group's proposed ₹2,500-crore defence manufacturing facility was laid in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, on Friday. The project is expected to emerge as South Asia's largest private missile ecosystem and strengthen the country's indigenous defence production capabilities.

The ceremony was attended by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, along with senior officials from the Adani Group, including Jeet Adani and Karan Adani.



According to the company, the integrated facility will support the entire missile manufacturing value chain — from sourcing raw materials to producing mission-ready systems at a single location. The plant is also expected to manufacture a range of modern defence equipment, including assault rifles,

pistols, sub-machine guns and other military hardware for the armed forces.

The investment is projected to generate over 2,000 direct and around 10,000 indirect employment opportunities, while contributing to infrastructure and industrial development in the Shivpuri region.

Punjab Police Counter-Intelligence wing busts 8 terror modules in 2026, arrests 117

FAIR REPORT
New Delhi/Chandigarh

In the first five and a half months of 2026, the Punjab Police's Counter-Intelligence (CI) Wing acted against several terrorist groups in the State. Official data shows that between 1 January and 19 June 2026, the Wing dismantled eight terrorist modules, arrested 117 suspects, and solved nine terror-related cases. These results show the Wing is becoming more effective, with faster responses and important recoveries of weapons, explosives, and drugs.

Punjab is still a main target for Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Khalistani extremist groups such as Babbar Khalsa International (BKI). Handlers based in Pakistan, Europe, or the Gulf continue to send weapons and explosives and spread radical ideas. By working with State Special Operations Cells (SSOCs), district police, central agencies, and other states, the CI Wing has stopped several plots before they could become major attacks.

Several major operations in early 2026 highlight this trend. In

April, the CI Wing and Gujarat's Anti-Terrorism Squad broke up a terror group backed by the ISI. They arrested three people from Amritsar and Tarn Taran and seized hand grenades and a modern pistol. The group was connected to handlers in Pakistan and planned to disrupt peace in Punjab.

Shortly after, SSOC Amritsar, SSOC Mohali, and the CI Wing worked together to break up another ISI-backed group. They arrested one person who had four hand grenades and two foreign pistols. Early investigations connected this person to a recent grenade attack in Chandigarh. Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said the accused was acting on orders from foreign handlers.

Quickly solving attacks has been another important achievement. In early June, Gurdaspur Police and the CI Wing solved a grenade attack in Kalanaur in only six hours. They arrested the main suspect using both technical tools and information from people. The investigation pointed to a handler based abroad. In another case in May, three suspects were arrested in a different



Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav

Gurdaspur grenade case, and another grenade was found at a suspect's home. Both cases involved UAPA and Explosive Substances Act charges and were linked to foreign handlers. has also handled overlapping threats.

In May, CI Amritsar broke up a group linked to BKI, arrested two associates of foreign handlers, and seized two hand grenades intended for attacks on Government offices. Other operations led to the recovery of five Glock pistols in Ferozepur, several pistols and

heroin in Amritsar and Tarn Taran, and weapons connected to terror-gangster networks with handlers in Germany and Dubai.

The CI Wing responded quickly to a new ISI tactic involving SIM-enabled, solar-powered spy cameras placed near sensitive military and police locations to monitor movements and send footage. The Wing noticed early signs of this threat in late March and early April 2026, before similar detections were made elsewhere.

The Punjab Police stopped recruits before they could use the cameras. State-wide checks and warnings to other agencies prevented several attempts. This proactive approach also helped wider efforts, as information from Punjab led to the identification and arrest of Pakistan-linked suspects in 17 states and union territories since mid-2025.



Drug and arms smuggling groups, often linked to terror funding, have also faced major crackdowns. CI units in Amritsar, Ferozepur, and other areas seized

large amounts of heroin, foreign pistols, and cash, all connected to handlers across the border. In total, eight modules were busted, 117 people were arrested, and nine incidents were solved, resulting in improved security. Several planned grenade attacks on police and infrastructure were stopped. Investigations have often traced these networks to foreign handlers and built connections to support more arrests.

The CI Wing's work shows strong teamwork with other

agencies and effective use of technology, including CCTV, call records, digital evidence, and human sources in border areas. DGP, Punjab Police, Gaurav Yadav, has often emphasised "a zero-tolerance approach to terror, organised crime, and narco-terror links". "Operations usually result in quick FIRs at SSOC police stations and thorough investigations. Because of this, the CI Wing has been able to resolve cases in hours or days rather than weeks, which has increased deterrence and public trust", the DGP told *The Pioneer*.

ISI still targets radicalised youth and diaspora groups and uses hawala channels. Foreign handlers keep changing tactics, moving from direct attacks to hybrid threats like spying, fake currency, and using gangsters. Even so, Punjab Police's CI Wing has shown it can keep up with these changes through speed, accuracy, and determination. In a border state with a complex history, these results in just five and a half months are impressive. They show that proactive intelligence, strong action, and teamwork are the most effective ways to fight terrorism.

