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Operation Sheruwali — a large-scale multi-agency counter-terrorism operation — entered a critical phase in the **Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla forest belt, Manjakote sector, Rajouri district, Jammu & Kashmir**. The operation, launched since **May 23, 2026** by the **Indian Army, J&K Police (Special Operations Group), and CRPF**, has been using **drones, helicopters, sniffer dogs, and grenade launcher (MGL) attacks** on suspected hideouts, with **five terrorists reported encircled**. It was widely covered by UPSC aggregators on June 1.

OPERATION DETAILS

PARAMETER	DETAIL
Name	Operation Sheruwali
Location	Dorimal-Gambhir Moghla belt, Manjakote sector, Rajouri district, J&K
Launched	May 23, 2026
Agencies	Indian Army (primary), J&K Police (Special Operations Group / SOG), CRPF
Assets deployed	Helicopters, drones (UAV-ISR), sniffer dogs, MGL (Multiple Grenade Launchers)
Objective	Track, isolate, and eliminate militants; prevent infiltration; restore security in Pir Panjal

THE RAJOURI-POONCH SECURITY CHALLENGE

The **Rajouri-Poonch forest belt** in the **Pir Panjal range** (J&K) has been an active terror corridor since the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, with Pakistani-backed infiltration networks operating through dense forest cover.

- Pir Panjal range** — a sub-Himalayan ridge separating the Kashmir Valley from the Jammu region; provides forest concealment for militants.
- Dorimal forest** — dense, hard terrain; limited road access; makes cordon-and-search difficult.

- Operations here are distinct from the Kashmir Valley — the **Jammu region** faces a different infiltration pattern (overland, not valley-based).

MULTI-AGENCY COUNTER-TERROR ARCHITECTURE

AGENCY	ROLE
Indian Army (Rashtriya Rifles / RR units)	Primary operational force; cordon, search, engage
J&K Police — Special Operations Group (SOG)	Intelligence-led operations; local network familiarity
CRPF	Area domination, road opening, area denial
NSG	Deployed for counter-terrorism in urban scenarios; less prominent in jungle ops

Technology Tools

- Surveillance drones (MALE-class / tactical)** — real-time ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance) over forested areas.
- Helicopter gunships** — fire support and rapid insertion.
- Sniffer dogs** — detect explosive caches and track movement.
- MGL (Multiple Grenade Launcher)** — area suppression in dense cover.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

- J&K is a Union Territory** (since October 31, 2019, under the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019).
- Internal security** falls on the **Union List** (Entry 2A); central agencies operate directly.
- AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act)** — applicable in J&K; provides legal immunity and special powers to security forces in “disturbed areas.”
- Operations in J&K fall under the **Unified Command Structure** (Chairperson: J&K LG) coordinating Army, Central Forces, and J&K Police.

UPSC RELEVANCE

PAPER	RELEVANCE
GS3	Internal security — insurgency, counter-terrorism, multi-agency coordination; AFSPA; drone use in COIN operations
GS2	Governance — J&K as UT; Unified Command; CRPF; centre-state security cooperation
Mains	“Effective counter-terrorism requires integrating intelligence, law enforcement, and military operations under a unified command. Examine with examples.”
Prelims	AFSPA; Rashtriya Rifles; SOG (J&K Police); CRPF mandate; J&K as UT from Oct 31, 2019

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RAJOURI-POONCH BELT:

Pir Panjal range — sub-Himalayan; dense forest; active infiltration corridor

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COUNTER-TERROR GOVERNANCE:

AFSPA — applies in J&K; legal immunity for armed forces

Unified Command (J&K LG chairs) coordinates all agencies

Internal security on Union List (Entry 2A)

Rashtriya Rifles — Army’s dedicated COIN/CT force in J&K

Sources: *The Hindu*, *PIB*, *Indian Army*

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