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buy products made by Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
"Remember your roots and ageless spirit of India as you chart future course. Society and nature must exist in harmony. Focus on Research & Development. We should also ensure that Agriculture, industry and service sectors are working in harmony for a prosperous economy," he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also extended felicitations to the people on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri.

The event, organized by the Department of School Education and Department of Culture, also marked the closing ceremony of Sewa Parv.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the districts and schools for their excellent performance during Sewa Parv. He also felicitated members of Gandhi Global Family, Sant Nirankari Mission and Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign volunteers.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; President Gandhi Global Family, J&K, Padma Shri Dr SP Varma; Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Shantmanu; Principal Secretary Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma; Secretary, School Education, Ram Niwas Sharma; senior officials, heads of educational institutions, teachers, and students in large number attended the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations.

Terrorist handler's property...

in presence of police and revenue officials," the spokesperson said.
"Such measures aim to dismantle the support structures of terrorist outfits and deter others from unlawful activities besides strengthen the measures which promote peace and order in the district," he added.

Jammu region shows...

Yadav directed field teams to intensify operations in sensitive, waterlogged and densely populated areas where the risk of mosquito breeding remains high.

He appealed to residents to extend their cooperation by keeping their surroundings clean, avoiding water stagnation in household containers, overhead tanks and open drains and by covering stored water properly.

He further advised people to adopt preventive practices such as using mosquito nets, repellents and wearing full-sleeved clothing to reduce exposure to mosquito bites.

Doctors of the health department also urged people to use mosquito repellents and wear full-sleeved shirts to protect themselves from mosquito bites, adding that mosquitoes breed in stagnant water that accumulates during the monsoon.

The highest number of 460 cases has been reported from Jammu district, followed by Kathua with 342 cases. The cases are showing a rising trend particularly in Jammu and Kathua, they said.

As per official data, 105 cases have been reported in Udhampur, followed by 98 in Samba, 21 in Reasi, 42 in Rajouri, 12 in Poonch and 13 in Doda. Though fever in these districts, numbers are rising steadily, they added.

So far in 2025, 15,087 tests have been conducted, yielding 1,105 positives till September 30, they said. In comparison, 14,112 tests had been carried out by the same date in 2024, when 1,876 cases were recorded - indicating a lower positivity rate this year. Jammu and Kashmir recorded approximately 7,000 dengue cases in 2024, while 2023 saw 6,403 cases and 10 deaths. The year 2022 recorded the highest ever, 8,269 cases with 18 deaths. Earlier years saw lower figures, including just two cases in 2009, zero in 2010, and gradual increases in subsequent years, as per official data.

Bhagwat bats for...

"According to Bharatiya traditions, all are welcome...We look at them as ours rather than as the 'other'."

But distinct identities "should not cause division," he said, stressing that the larger identity-as society, a country, culture and nation-is supreme.

He condemned the tendency to "take the law into one's hands" or engage in violence for trivial reasons.

A "show of strength is deliberately done to provoke a particular community" and falling into such traps has evil consequences, he warned.

Stressing that the government should operate in accordance with law and without bias, Bhagwat called for the "good people of society" and younger generation to remain vigilant, intervening when necessary to maintain social order.

Bhagwat noted that the international response to the Pahalgam terror attack showed the true nature of India's friendships.

The attack on April 22, where cross-border terrorists killed 26 "Bharatiya" civilian tourists after specifically asking about their Hindu faith, "led to a wave of grief, sadness and anger across Bharat," he said.

He praised the government for delivering a "fitting response" which showcased the firmness of the leadership, valour of the armed forces, and determination and unity of society.

The Sarsanghehalak asserted that the episode made it evident that the country "must remain as vigilant as possible and further develop our security capabilities."

The responses of other countries were a test of "who our friends are in the global arena and to what extent they are willing to stand by us."

Bhagwat also expressed deep concern over the "turmoil" in neighbouring countries. He identified the immediate causes of this discontent as "disconnect between the government and society and lack of able and people-oriented administrators."

However, he asserted that violent outbursts do not have the power to bring about the desirable change, and if transformation is not achieved through democratic means, "dominant powers of the world try to find opportunities to play their own games".

"The regime change in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and more recently Nepal due to violent outburst of public anger is a concern for us. The forces wanting to create such disturbances in Bharat are active inside as well as outside our country," he said.

"Peace, stability, prosperity, and ensuring comfort and wellbeing in these countries is a necessity arising out of our natural affinity with them, going beyond the consideration for protection of our interests," he said.

On economy, Bhagwat said there is no substitute for 'swadeshi' (use of indigenous resources) and 'swavalamban'.

Bhagwat cautioned that flaws in the global economic system are being exposed, including the widening gap between rich and poor, concentration of economic power, environmental degradation, and growth of transactionalism over genuine relationships.

"We will need to reconsider our approach on some issues to ensure that these flaws and the tariff policy adopted by America, based solely on its self-interest, do not pose a challenge for us.

"The world operates through mutual interdependence. By becoming Aatmanirbhar and being cognizant of global unity, we must ensure that this global interdependence does not become a compulsion for us, and we are able to act according to our own will," he added.

On environment, he said the harmful consequences of the global "materialist and consumerist development model" are becoming evident. The current development model, based on a "materialist and compartmentalised approach," is directly linked to recent ecological disasters, he said.

Himalayas are facing intensified adverse effects including unpredictable rainfall, landslides and drying glaciers, he said, noting that the entire water supply of south Asia originates in the region.

Rajnath warns Pakistan...

the Sir Creek sector, the reply will be so strong that it will change both history and geography," the minister said.

"In 1965, the Indian Army showed courage by reaching Lahore and in 2025, Pakistan must remember that the road to Karachi also passes through the creek," he said.

Sir Creek is a 96-km-long tidal estuary between Gujarat's Rann of Kutch and Pakistan. It is considered a disputed region due to varying interpretations of maritime boundary lines by the two sides.

The defence minister drew attention to the fact that even after 78 years of independence, Pakistan "continues to create disputes" over the Sir Creek sector, despite India's repeated efforts to resolve the issue through dialogue.

Pakistan's recent expansion of military infrastructure in the Sir Creek sector reflects its ill intention, he said.

"Any misadventure by Pakistan in the Sir Creek sector will invite a decisive response," he said.

Singh also virtually inaugurated the tidal berthing facility and a joint control centre (JCC) in the strategic sector.

The facilities will act as major enablers for integrated coastal operations while significantly enhancing joint operational capability, coastal security coordination and rapid response to any threats, according to the defence ministry.

In his remarks, Singh lauded the Indian armed forces for "successfully thwarting" Pakistan's attempts to breach India's defence network during Operation Sindoor.

"Pakistan tried to penetrate India's defences from Leh to Sir Creek sector, but the swift and effective counter-action of the Indian forces not only exposed the weak-

nesses of Pakistan's air defence system but also sent out a clear message to the world that India can inflict heavy damage at a time, place and manner of its choosing," he said.

Singh underlined that despite having the capability, India demonstrated restraint as Operation Sindoor was aimed at countering terrorism and not provoking a wider conflict.

He expressed satisfaction that all military objectives of Operation Sindoor were successfully achieved and reaffirmed that India's fight against terrorism will continue with full resolve.

"Escalating it and starting a war was not the objective of Operation Sindoor. I am happy that Indian forces have successfully achieved all the military objectives of Operation Sindoor. But our fight against terrorism continues," he said.

In response to the Pahalgam terror attack, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan. The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes that ended on May 10 with an understanding on stopping military actions.

Lauding the success of Operation Sindoor, Singh said it was possible due to the seamless jointness of the armed forces.

He congratulated the soldiers and officers for their strategy, courage and capability that proved India's ability to defeat its adversaries under any circumstances.

"It was the jointness of our armed forces that executed Operation Sindoor in record time. On this occasion today, I also want to extend special congratulations to our brave soldiers and officers for the success of Operation Sindoor," Singh said.

"Your strategy, your courage and your capability have proven that India is capable of defeating the enemy in every situation. I am fully confident that the courage of all of you, the valour of all of you will continue to protect India's sovereignty and integrity," he added.

The defence minister described the Army, the Air Force and the Navy as "three pillars" of India's strength.

"When these three services work together, only then can we effectively face every challenge," he said.

Singh has been performing 'shastra puja' on Dussehra for the last several years, including during his tenure as the Union home minister in the previous NDA government.

Modi pays homage...

people. He also paid homage to India's second prime minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, whose birth anniversary, too, fell on Thursday.

He lauded him as an extraordinary statesman whose integrity, humility, and determination strengthened India.

"He personified exemplary leadership, strength and decisive action. His clarion call of 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan' ignited a spirit of patriotism among our people. He continues to motivate us in the endeavour of building a strong and self-reliant India," the prime minister said.

Modi, who has been passionately promoting swadeshi, said buying products made by Indians will be a true tribute to Gandhi and Shastri.

Swadeshi is the foundation of a self-reliant and developed India, he added.

Born in Gujarat in 1869, Gandhi is considered the most influential Indian of his era as he shaped the country's freedom movement through truth and non-violence, winning worldwide following.

Shastri was born in Uttar Pradesh in 1904 and rose to become the country's prime minister after the death of Jawaharlal Nehru.

His honesty and leadership of the country in his short stint as prime minister during which India fought a war with Pakistan earned him universal praise.

Centre analysing data...

level of exams is in sync with the difficulty level of class 12 curriculum, which is the basis of these exams. Some parents and faculty members of coaching institutions feel that there is a mismatch between the two, which ultimately increases dependence on coaching," a source said.

"Based on the panel's feedback, it will be considered to review the difficulty level of these entrance exams," the source added.

In June, the Ministry of Education set up a nine-member panel to examine issues related to coaching, emergence of 'dummy schools' as well as effectiveness and fairness of entrance examinations.

The panel headed by Higher Education Secretary Vineet Joshi will suggest measures to reduce the dependency of students on coaching centres for transition to higher education.

"The committee is examining the gaps in the current schooling system that contribute to students' reliance on coaching centres, particularly the limited focus on critical thinking, logical reasoning, analytical skills and innovation and the prevalence of rote learning practices," the source said.

Evaluating the awareness levels among students and parents regarding multiple career pathways and the impact of this lack of awareness on the over-dependence on a few elite institutions, assessing the availability and effectiveness of career counselling services in schools and colleges, and suggesting measures for strengthening career guidance frameworks, are among other terms of reference of the committee.

Members of the panel include the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) chairman; joint secretaries from school education and higher education departments; representatives of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Trichy, IIT Kanpur and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT); and principals of schools (one each from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya and a private school).

Coaching centres in the country have been at the centre of several controversies and the move comes following complaints received by the government about rising cases of student suicides, fire incidents and lack of facilities in coaching institutes as well as teaching methodologies adopted by them.

CB files chargesheet...

scam involving an amount of Rs 1.27 crore on the written complaint of nine victims, they said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh, said that further investigation is underway as the chargesheet has been filed before the court of law for judicial determination.

Tradition, religious fervour...

conduct of the Yatra. Prominent members present on the occasion included Sanatan Dharma Natak Samaj President Anil Massom, General Secretary Kulbhushan Sharma, along with other members of the organization.

The celebrations concluded with a pledge to uphold the values of truth, peace, and harmony as propagated by Lord Rama.

Similarly, Dussehra was celebrated at Dussehra Ground, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, under the aegis of Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, led by Th. Gulchain Singh Charak (Former Minister and President of the Trust). The celebration has been a tradition for nearly 50 years.

A beautifully adorned Rath carrying idols of Lord Rama, Lakshman, and Ma Sita moved through AB Block, Gole Market, Shiv Mandir, Last Morh, and Higher Secondary School backside road, before entering the ground via Gate No. 2.

After a ceremonial Puja, the grand effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakaran, and Meghnath were set ablaze, symbolizing the destruction of evil. The program was organized by S.C. Rekhi, General Secretary of the Trust.

Prominent participants included S.C. Rekhi (General Secretary), Harish Malhotra, Ramesh Thakur, Prem Sharma, V.K. Abrol, K.B. Magotra, Kapil Shathia, P.C. Gupta, Suresh Damral, Kiran Rajput, Uma Sharma, Gambir Dev Singh Charak, Krishan Gupta, Sandeep Singh, Parshant Sharma, Ved Verma, Pankul Vaid, Tarun Gupta, Kulbir Singh Chib, Ashok Gupta, Col. Pushap Hass Sharma, Ashok Khajuria, Indu Bhushan Sharma, among other trustees, special invitees, and a large number of devotees.

FIR lodged over...

Deepfake AI with malicious intent and has the potential to disturb peace and harmony in the region. On this, FIR 148 at Police Station Leh under sections 353(2), 356 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and 66C and 66D of the IT Act, 2000 has been registered," the Cyber unit of the Leh District Police said in a statement.

It added that further investigation is underway.

"District Police Leh appeals to the public to always verify the content before sharing such videos. Such misinformation shall be strictly dealt with as per law," the statement said, adding, "If any individual comes across such misleading posts or videos, it is requested to immediately inform Cyber Cell Leh."

On September 30, the PIB's Fact Check unit said a digitally-altered video of the Ladakh DGP is doing the round of social media, in which he is shown making claims that Wangechuk was arrested on the defence minister's directions.

Police arrested Wangechuk on September 26, two days after protests demanding Ladakh's statehood and Sixth Schedule status left four people dead and 90 injured in the Union Territory.

Wangechuk was taken into custody by a police party led by Jamwal.

Two missing persons traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An information was received at PS Jhajar Kotli about the missing of Lady (Name withheld R/O Jammu, whose missing report was entered at PS Jhajar Kotli on 01-10-2025.

Acting upon this, a Police Team of PS Jhajar Kotli led by SHO PS put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing Lady and after completing all legal formalities the said Lady has been handed over to her legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

Doda Police successfully traced a missing person and reunited him with his family, whose missing report had been lodged at Police Post Goha Marmat under the jurisdiction of Police Station Doda.

On 14.08.2025, a missing report regarding Santosh Kumar S/o Jameet Ram R/O Muthi, Tehsil Marmat was entered at Police Post Goha Marmat of PS Doda.

Soon after registration of the missing report, search of the said missing person was started, on the directions of SSP Doda, a special team was constituted from PS Doda led by IC PP Goha Marmat, under the supervision of SHO PS Doda and DySP Headquarters Doda. The team utilized all possible means, including technical assistance, and after developing certain leads, successfully traced the missing person on 02.10.2025 from Bhargran.

After completion of all necessary legal formalities, the missing person was handed over to his family. Accordingly, the missing report has been closed at PP Goha Marmat of PS Doda.

Three theft cases solved, stolen property recovered, 4 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Police achieved a breakthrough by solving a recent theft case in Miran sahab area and arresting one accused person.

On 27.09.2025 at about 2000 hours, one applicant appeared at Police Station and lodged a written complaint against unknown accused.

Acting swiftly, FIR No.128/2025 U/S 303(2)BNS was registered, and investigation set into motion. Upon receiving the complaint, the Investigating Officer under the supervision of SHO Miran Sahib, Inspector Azad Manhas rushed to the spot, conducted an on-the-spot inspection, and collected vital clues and with the help of CCTV and others sources, acting on these leads, one accused was apprehended within a day, scooter and mobile were recovered.

The arrested accused have been identified as, Varun Kumar S/o Yash Paul R/O Bagga Morh Railway line R S Pura.

The accused is presently under police remand for sustained questioning, and further investigation is in progress.

Achieving one more success against property related crimes, Police Station Jhajar Kotli has achieved a breakthrough in a theft case registered under FIR No. 120/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS. The case lodged on the written complaint of Sanedra Solanki C/O APCO Infra Tech Pvt. Ltd.

Acting swiftly on investigative leads apprehended the involved accused person namely Ajid Hussain S/O Abdul Rashid R/O Kheri Tehsil Janipur Distt Jammu and on the crucial disclosure by the accused, a police team of Police Station Jhajar kotli led by Insp. Vikas Dogra SHO P/S Jhajar Kotli under the supervision of SP Rural Jammu & *SDPO Nagrota conducted a targeted recovery operation and successfully recovered the stolen property worth Rs. 1,30,000 within 24 hours.

The accused led the police to the location of concealment and identified the exact spot. The recovery was carried out in the presence of independent witnesses and a formal seizure memo was prepared at the scene. On the written complaint of one person namely Kuldeep Kumar S/O Uttam Kumar R/O Channi Morh, Tehsil & District Udhampur, regarding theft of two batteries from vehicle Truck No. JK14B-8272 attached with PHE Civil Udhampur, a case FIR No. 153/2025 U/S 305(e) BNS was registered at Police Station Rehambal. During the course of investigation, the police team of PS Rehambal led by its SHO, two accused persons namely Pritam Singh S/O Kali Dass R/O Garhi, Udhampur and Mohd. Salim S/O Shah Mohd. R/O Garhi, Udhampur were arrested. On their disclosure, both the stolen batteries are worth approximately ₹20,000/- were recovered.

5 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, J&K police have arrested 05 drug peddlers in Baramulla & Budgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Baramulla, acting on credible inputs, J&K Police laid naka checkpoints at Wussan and Chichlora crossings. During checking at Wussan, a vehicle (Wagon-R) bearing Reg. No. DL6CL-4065 was intercepted with 03 persons onboard. During their personal search, heroin-like substance weighing 19 grams was recovered. They have been identified as Intiyaz Ahmad Magray, son of Bashir Ahmad Magray, Furkaan Ahmad Lone, son of Manzoor Ahmad Lone, Danish Ahmad Lone, son of Mohammad Shamim Lone all residents of Merchipora, Tangmarg. They have been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of the crime was also seized.

Moreover, one suspicious individual, identified as Vinod Kumar son of Ram Lal resident of Rawsar, Rajasthan (presently residing at Qamarwari Barthana, Srinagar), was intercepted at Chichlora crossing. During search, 46 grams of Charas-like substance was recovered from his possession and was subsequently arrested. In Budgam, a police party of Police Station Chadoora, at a checkpoint established at Durbugh Crossing intercepted a suspicious vehicle (Mahindra Thar) bearing Reg. No. DL4CNA7913 driven by Mohammad Ashraf Nath son of Mohammad Ismail Nath resident of Parnew, Wazir Bagh, Budgam. During search, contraband was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of the crime was also seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation is going on.

2 vehicles involved in illegal extraction of minerals seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, J&K Police seized 02 tippers involved in illegal excavation and transportation of minerals in Khrew. A Police party of Police Station khrew headed by SHO Police Station Khrew seized two tippers bearing registration numbers JK08C-8815, JK03H-8035 involved in illegal excavation and transportation of minerals in Khrew. Accordingly, case vide FIR NO. 74/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Khrew and further investigation has been initiated.

5 dumpers seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized five dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba, Ghagwal and Purmandal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material. Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Purmandal, Incharges of Police Posts Supwal & Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba and Incharge of Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized five dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK14D-9133, JK21C-2988, JK21G-9245, JK21G-0151 and JK21D-0133 which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

Inter-state drug peddler arrested, heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against drug menace, Police party of PS Udhampur led by its SHO during traffic checking at Naka Point Jakheni apprehended one person identified as Shamim Hassan S/o Mohd Ali R/O Gangtak, Diskit, Tehsil & District Leh for checking purposes. During his search, 6.61 grams of hero-in was recovered from his possession who has been arrested on spot. In this regard, a case FIR No. 351/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Udhampur and investigation has been taken up.

Unknown accused identified, arrested in Bari Brahmana FIR Case

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARI BRAHMANA: In a swift breakthrough, Bari Brahmana Police have identified and arrested the suspect involved in a case registered earlier under sections 64/126(2) and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The FIR, initially lodged against unknown accused persons, marked the beginning of an intensive investigation that combined both human intelligence (HUMINT) and technological inputs (TECHINT).

According to official sources, the coordinated investigation led to the identification of the suspect as Anoop M, son of Mohana B, a resident of Bhabanam Bakkanda, Tehsil Kottarakkar, District Kullar. Acting on the intelligence gathered, a dedicated police team from Police Station Bari Brahmana traced and apprehended the accused.

Following his arrest, Anoop M was subjected to a thorough enquiry, during which he voluntarily confessed to the offences listed in the FIR. The confession is considered a significant step forward in the case.

Police officials have confirmed that further investigation is ongoing to uncover additional details and determine the full scope of the accused's involvement.