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Making 'Made in Jammu Kashmir' creative products globally famous my dream: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that making 'Made in Jammu Kashmir' creative products famous and integral part of the households across the world is his dream.
 "Our aim is to also focus on global cooperation and improve people's connect for these priceless artistic and cultural heritage of India," the Lieutenant Governor said in his address while participating in the 60th anniversary celebration of the World Crafts Council (WCC) at Srinagar.
 He highlighted the significant steps taken by the government to unlock the tremendous potential of Handloom and Handicrafts sector in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
 He said, several key initiatives like notification of J&K Wool Processing, Handicrafts and Handloom



Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha speaking at 60th anniversary celebration of WCC.

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- ▶ Reiterates Government's commitment to integrated development with specific focus on increasing employment opportunities across UT, promote export of handloom, handicraft products

Policy 2020, Financial Support Scheme for Cooperatives and Self-Help Group, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers, Karkhandar Scheme, revival

of tradition of Craft Bazar, Initiative for seal of authenticity, QR code for carpets, modern packaging, Building craft clusters and promotion of cooperative societies etc are the testament to our strong resolve towards the holistic development and empowering our talented artisans, and entrepreneurs.
 The Lieutenant Governor reiterated the commitment of the government for integrated development with a specific focus on

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STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Tuesday transferred six JKAS among eight officers.
 According to the order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary General Administration Department, Mushtaq Ahmad, JKAS, Additional District Development

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Cop killed as car plunges into deep gorge in Kathua

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A policeman was killed when his private car skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Kathua district on Tuesday, officials said.

Selection Grade Constable Liaqat Ali of 2009 batch was on way to his home in Bani area when he lost control of his car, resulting in the vehicle plunging into a gorge near Kardoh village this afternoon, they said. The body was recovered by the rescuers and shifted to a sub-district hospital for post-mortem, they said.

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Constitution fully implemented in J&K: Modi

'Constitution 'guiding light', spirit of 'nation first' will keep it alive for centuries'

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Constitution on Tuesday as a "guiding light" at a time of transformation for India, asserting that his government has strengthened constitutional values by taking a host of welfare measures to bring social and financial equality.



Recalling the words of Rajendra Prasad in his concluding address to the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, Modi said he had stated that India does not need anything more than a group of honest people who will keep the country's interests above their own.

Addressing an event at the Supreme Court to mark Constitution Day, Modi described the Constitution as a "living stream" that has lived up to the needs and expectations of the country, including the challenge of Emergency, and said it will continue to guide the nation through the changing times.
 He also paid homage to the victims of the Mumbai terror attack, which occurred on this day in 2008, and said it is the country's resolve that all terror groups challenging its security will be given a

menting in Jammu and Kashmir and Constitution Day was celebrated there for the first time.
 "Our Constitution makers knew that India's aspirations, India's dreams will reach new heights with time. They knew that the needs of independent India and its citizens will change, challenges will change. That is why they did not leave our Constitution as just a mere book of laws. Rather, they made it a living, continuously flowing stream," Modi said.
 "Today every citizen of the country has only one goal -- to build a developed India," he said at the event.
 India is going through a period of transformation and at such an important time, it is the Constitution of India that is "showing us the way and is a guiding light for us", Modi said.
 The prime minister cited

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Chugh hails SC verdict on EVMs, calls it defeat of hoax spread by opposition

STATE TIMES NEWS
CHANDIGARH: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday welcomed the decision of the Supreme Court of India dismissing a PIL seeking the reintroduction of the paper ballot system in elections across India.
 The Apex Court rejected the petitioner's claims of EVM tampering and also pointed out the inconsistency of politicians who question the credibility of EVMs only after losing elections.
 Chugh said the frustration of the opposition parties in face of electoral defeat at the



hands of the BJP has been decisively nailed.
 Chugh hailed the observation of the Supreme Court which said that "EVMs are not tampered with when one wins elections. EVMs are tampered with only when one loses elections".

Panchayat polls will be held in J&K after formalities are complete: Dy CM

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Asserting that the Jammu and Kashmir government is committed to holding panchayati raj elections in the Union Territory (UT), Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Tuesday said the polls will take place once various formalities are completed.
 Choudhary emphasised the importance of teaching the Constitution in schools to educate the younger generation about the essence of the country's foundational guidelines.
 "The Jammu and Kashmir government wants to implement panchayati raj in this Union Territory. Voter lists are being prepared. There is also the issue of reservation.
 "Additionally, there are issues related to the delimitation of panchayats. Once this process is completed, panchayat elections will be held," Choudhary told reporters in Udhampur.
 The deputy chief minister, speaking at a function on Constitution Day, said,

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OGWs, suspects arrested following raids, searches on terror networks in Jammu region

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police carried out a massive crackdown on terrorist networks linked to the proscribed organizations Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), conducting 56 raids and searches in various locations across four districts of the Jammu region, officials said.
 The large-scale operation resulted in the arrest of several Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and terror suspects, along with the recovery of incriminating materials, including electronic devices, documents, unaccounted cash, weapons and ammunition.

"Investigations will continue based on the material and information gathered during the raids. Further operations are planned to target any remaining elements attempting to disrupt peace in the region," said Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain.
 The crackdown targeted terror networks and involved 56 raids and searches across the Jammu region, the officials said.
 "The operations aimed to identify, track and apprehend OGWs and other terror suspects involved in supporting

terrorist outfits by managing logistics, recruitment and facilitating the movement of arms, ammunition and funds," said a police spokesperson.
 The searches were conducted at multiple locations, including residential houses and hideouts, in Rajouri district based on specific intelligence inputs on Tuesday.
 "In the district, searches were conducted at nine locations, including Darhal, Kalakote, Manjakote and Dharamsal areas. Twelve similar search raids were conducted in different localities of district Poonch -

Surankote, Mandi, Poonch, Mendhar and Gursai," the spokesperson added.
 She said that these operations are part of investigations into two separate terror cases registered at Thanamandi Police Station in 2013 and Rajouri Police Station this year.
 "The cases involve a terrorist network active in the border district and linked to proscribed organizations like JeM and LeT, which are trying to activate OGWs to initiate, organize, and execute terror-related activities," she added. In Udhampur

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Modi Govt's 'zero-tolerance' policy against terrorism appreciated globally: Amit Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Narendra Modi government's "zero-tolerance" policy against terrorism has been appreciated by the entire world and India has become a world leader in anti-terror initiatives, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday as he paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the Mumbai terror attack.
 Shah said cowardly terrorists shamed humanity by killing innocent people in Mumbai on this day in 2008.
 "I pay my emotional tribute to the soldiers who attained martyrdom while fighting

terrorists in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks and pay homage to those who lost their lives," he said in a post on X in Hindi with the hashtag #MumbaiTerrorAttack.
 Terrorism is a blot on the entire human civilisation and the Modi government's "zero-tolerance" policy against terrorism has been appreciated by the entire world. Today, India has become a world leader in anti-terror initiatives, the home minister said.
 Ten terrorists from Pakistan carried out the worst-ever terror attack in India on November 26, 2008, in Mumbai that left 166 people dead.

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Dir Information leads Constitution Day celebrations at Media Complex Jammu



Director Information, Jatinder Kishore and others reading out Preamble of Constitution.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Director Information, Jatinder Kishore on Tuesday led the celebrations of Constitution Day at Directorate of Information

and Public Relations (DIPR) by reading out the Preamble of the Constitution at Conference Hall of Media Complex here.

(Headquarters), Veavik Puri; Deputy Director Information (PR), Deepak Dubey; Deputy Director Central, Sunil Kumar; other

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Four drug peddlers nabbed in Reasi, 2 in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Four drug peddlers were arrested in Reasi district on Tuesday and heroin was recovered from them, officials said.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team intercepted a vehicle at Sula Naka area during its journey from Katra, they said.
 The officials said that upon thorough checking of the vehicle, heroin was recovered from the occupants -- Anil Sharma, Shubham Singh, Vivek Raina and Kamal Kumar.
 All the accused are residents of Reasi, they said, adding that a case has

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HC of J&K and Ladakh, Srinagar Wing observes 75th Constitution Day

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: In an inspiring celebration of democratic principles and constitutional values, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Srinagar Wing on Tuesday on 26th November 2024 celebrated the 75th Constitution Day also known as also known as Samvidhan Divas in the Conference Hall of the High Court Complex, Srinagar.
 The sanctity of the auspicious occasion necessitates the rightful duty of the citizens to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution.

On the occasion, Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, led the reading of the preamble to the Constitution, in the presence of Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri.
 The event was also attended by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, Tasleem Arief, Registrar Vigilance, Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Registrar (Judicial) and Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi, CPC (e-Court) besides other officers/officials of the Registry of the High Court.

Meanwhile, the Constitution Day was also observed today across all District Courts of the division, marked by reading of the Preamble of Indian Constitution by Principal District and Sessions Judges to reaffirm commitment to uphold its ideology.
 This symbolic act aimed to reinforce and promote the core values enshrined in the Indian Constitution, emphasizing justice, equality, fraternity and the rule of law.
 Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan

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 Temperature (Jammu)
 Max: 24.6°C Min: 10.6°C
 Humidity
 Max: 86 Min: 72
 Temperature (Srinagar)
 Max: 14.8°C Min: 0.7°C
 Humidity
 Max: 89 Min: 69
 Sunset : 17:32 Hours
 Sunrise : 06:56 Hours

'If you win, EVMs aren't tampered; when you lose, they are tampered'

SC dismisses PIL to use paper ballots for voting

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by evangelist Dr. K.A. Paul seeking physical ballot voting in India. Other prayers included issuing directions to the Election Commission to disqualify candidates for at least 5 years if found guilty of distributing money, liquor and other inducements during elections.
 Appearing as petitioner-in-person, Dr. Paul at the outset submitted before a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and P.B. Varale: "This PIL, I have filed after much prayer..."
 Before he could complete, Justice Nath orally remarked: "You have filed PILs earlier. How do you get such brilliant ideas?"
 To this, the petitioner responded

that he is just coming from the Global Peace Summit in Los Angeles: "I just arrived from the great success of the summit on Saturday. This PIL, we have about 180 retired IAS/IPS officers and judges who are supporting me...I am Global Peace President and I rescued 3,10,000 orphans and 40 lakh widows. We have 5,000 widows in Delhi."
 Justice Nath asked why he wanted to be involved in the political arena, and to this he responded: "This is not political. See, I have been to 155 countries and every country in the world, if you see has [ballot paper voting]. Every democracy in the world, if you see [has physical ballot paper. Every country; 180 countries. Unless dictators, because they do not have elections. Like I have been to Russia with Putin, Syria with Assad and

Liberia with Charles Taylor-got him out of prison. He is in prison now. His wife also attended the summit on Saturday. So, we are protecting democracy."
 Dr. Paul further argued that Articles 14, 19 and 21 are in violation. He said: "Today is Constitution day, Your honour."
 To this, Justice Nath commented: "Very important day to hear this matter!"
 Dr. Paul continued his arguments that Article 32 allows him to approach the Court and present the facts. He pointed out: "The facts are very clear. Known to everyone but why there is no remedy? I have been there for 43 years in this humanitarian and political advisors to the Prime Ministers and Presidents of the world. Even the last 6 Chief Ministers and Prime Ministers here including the

present Prime Minister have attended my summit. Even you will be surprised, 18 political parties on August 8, New Delhi's Le Meridian supported this prayer: What is the prayer? Let us follow the rest of the world. 180 of the 197 countries..."
 Justice Nath orally asked if he did not want India to be different from the rest of the world to which he replied: "Because there is corruption"
 Justice Nath refuted this claim and said: "There is no corruption. Who says corruption?"
 Dr Paul stated that he has evidence of corruption. He said: "Election Commission announced this year in June that they have seized nine thousand crore, more than one billion dollars, cash and gold. What is the consequence?...I have already met last three Election Commissioners and pro-

vided the proof."
 He added that let all the political parties file counter. To this, Justice Nath remarked: "Political parties have no problem with this system. You have a problem."
 Dr. Paul further claimed that money is distributed during elections. He added that one businessman, he does not want to name, 12 hundred crores he has given to all major 6 parties including Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party.
 But to this, Justice Nath asked: "We never received money during elections. We have not received anything..."
 Dr Paul continued: "This recent election, I have seen mafia. I have been to the police. Of course, just because I am respected by the police and others, they let me go. You might have heard, a PIL is filed in Supreme Court by some

including Swamy where the MLAs went inside and literally broke the EVMs because of the unbelievable corruption...So, this is beyond imagination. Take expert Elon Musk who attended our summit. He clearly stated in writing that EVMs can be tampered. Chandrababu Naidu, former CM in 2018 tweeted that EVMs can be tampered and now Jaggan Mohan Reddy, I have enclosed his tweets, that EVMs are tampered."
 Justice Nath dismissed the PIL, not before adding: "What happens is, if you win the elections, EVMs are not tampered. When you lose elections, EVMs are tampered. When Chandrababu Naidu lost, he said EVMs can be tampered. Now, this time, Jaggan Mohan Reddy lost, he said EVMs can be tampered."

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