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discrimination and injustice, eliminate the terror ecosystem and to make sure that the benefit of central schemes reaches the lowest strata of the society.

"Those who say what was achieved over the past 5 years? I want to tell them that the practice of rewarding separatists and torturing patriots has been stopped completely.

By implementation of all provisions of Constitution, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ensured honour, pride and dignity for every brother and sisters of J&K," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The UT-level event commemorating the 75 years of adoption of Constitution was organised by Department of Culture, in collaboration with the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather; Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti, Shaleen Kabra; Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Shantmanu; Principal Secretary Culture, Brij Mohan Sharma; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Shri Ramesh Kumar; IGP Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti; Secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Achal Sethi, senior officials, prominent citizens and youth in large numbers attended the Constitution Day Celebrations.

CM stresses on...

Poonch, senior district officers, heads of departments and other concerned officials were also present.

Representatives from Poonch, including the DDC Chairperson and MLA Poonch-Haveli Ajaz Ahmed Jan and MLA Surankote Choudhary Mohammad Akram raised several issues and demands related to infrastructure gaps, public service delivery and sector-specific priorities of the district.

Responding to the submissions, the Chief Minister assured that all issues, grievances, and demands of the people of Poonch will be addressed on priority. He reiterated the government's commitment to inclusive development and stressed on the need to resolve administrative and procedural hurdles to ensure seamless progress.

He noted that the government's top priority is the holistic development of far-flung and remote areas and district-wise review meetings are being conducted to understand local needs and developmental expectations directly from stakeholders.

The Chief Minister emphasised that the government has intensified its focus on strengthening road connectivity, upgrading public infrastructure, improving educational facilities and boosting the economic growth of the region. These interventions, he said, are vital for ensuring equitable growth and improving the quality of life of the people.

He directed officials to maintain close interdepartmental coordination, regularly monitor progress and ensure accountability at all levels.

At the outset, Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma delivered a presentation on the status of projects under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), UT capex, and various flagship programmes. He highlighted some bottlenecks and issues affecting project completion.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that the district has recorded substantial progress under the District Capex Budget, including achievements in road connectivity, water supply, education, health, rural development, social welfare and power infrastructure. Key ongoing works include the NH-144A tunnel, RTS double-lane road, Parnai Hydroelectric Project, construction of girls' hostels and G&B hostels, Mini Secretariats at Poonch and Mendhar, Eklavya Model Residential School and major bridges at Mandi and Mendhar. The meeting was informed that over 1,100 bunkers have been completed, significantly enhancing border-area safety.

It was further informed that under social sector schemes, Poonch achieved 100% family coverage under Ayushman Bharat-Sehat scheme, full saturation under NSAP, and high progress in PMAY, PM-Poshan, PM SHRI, and PMMVY. Agriculture and allied sectors also reported notable achievements under HADP, including protected cultivation, mushroom units, bee-keeping clusters, mechanisation support, and soil-testing facilities.

The Chief Minister called for time-bound resolution of pending issues, including completion of the Mini Secretariat buildings, BRO-related road matters, and clearance of SDRF liabilities, to further accelerate the district's development momentum.

Later, the Chief Minister, along-with his Cabinet colleagues, e-inaugurated five key development projects worth Rs 13.54 crore for Poonch district, including a modern compost making unit at Mendhar and multiple Water Supply Schemes across Haveli and Surankote. These initiatives will strengthen agriculture, improve safe drinking water access and enhance quality of life for the people.

NIA arrests Faridabad...

(NIA) said the agency arrested Soyab, a resident of Dhauj in Haryana's Faridabad, for allegedly providing logistical support to "terrorist Umar Un Nabi" before the Delhi terror bomb blast.

Soyab is the seventh accused arrested by the NIA in the case, part of a 'white-collar' terror module busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces in a bid to identify and track others involved in the gruesome attack," the spokesperson said in a statement.

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India rejects Pak's criticism of flag ceremony at Ram temple

NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday strongly rejected Pakistan's criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's participation at a ceremony in Ayodhya's Ram temple and said the neighbouring country, with a deeply strained record of repression of minorities, has no moral standing to lecture others.

"We have seen the reported remarks and reject them with the contempt they deserve. As a country with a deeply stained record of bigotry, repression, and systemic mistreatment of its minorities," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. "Pakistan has no moral standing to lecture others. Rather than delivering hypocritical homilies, Pakistan would do better to turn its gaze inwards and focus on its own abysmal human rights record," he said.

Pakistan had criticised Modi's participation at the flag hoisting ceremony at the Ram temple on Tuesday that marked the formal completion of its construction.

The Pakistan foreign office expressed "deep concern" over the ceremony and referred to construction of the temple at the site of the Babri Mosque and alleged that it is a reflection of pressure on religious minorities in India.

J&K installs 3.81...

3,81,671 smart meters were installed, registering 40 per cent installation of the total 9,50,755 lakh meters targeted across Jammu & Kashmir.

A division-wise breakup showed Jammu Power Development Corporation Limited (JPDCL) has installed 1,87,894 meters out of the total sanctioned 7,62,872 meters, while Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (KPDCL) installed 1,93,777 meters against the target of 7,27,855 meters, marking steady progress towards a transparent and consumer-friendly power distribution mechanism across J&K.

Officials said works worth Rs 4,709 crore under loss reduction and Rs 1,053 crore under smart metering are targeted for completion under RDSS.

The works have been divided into multiple packages and awarded to four project

properties. The attached property includes a Residential house and land measuring 04 Kanals & 14 Marlas falling under Khasra Nos. 08, 12, 13 situated at Village Dhami Nagrota, District Jammu. In addition, eight vehicles linked to the accused have also been seized, which include Tipper (JK02CQ 3771); Tipper (JK02CD 1916); Innova (JK02CW 3204); Alto (JK02CN 6900); Load Carrier (JK02CC 4302); Motorcycle (JK02DL 5407); Motoreycle (JK02CE 8308) and Scooty (JK02DB 0356) During the course of investigation, three bank accounts belonging to accused persons-Majid Ali, Latief Ali and Sanjay Kumar have also been frozen, carrying a total balance of ₹1.57 Lakh. The attachment order was formally issued today by the investigation officer for further legal proceedings.

Cattle theft case solved; 4 arrested, 4 stolen cattle recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Samba Police has successfully worked out a cattle theft case registered at Police Station Samba within 24 hours, arrested four accused and recovered four stolen cattle.

On 25-11-2025, a written complaint was lodged at Police Post Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba by a person namely Jagtar Singh S/o Bara Singh R/o Sordi, Pangdour district Samba regarding theft of four bovines from his house during the intervening night of 24/25-11-2025 by some unknown miscreants.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 289/2025 U/S 331(4)/305(a) BNS was registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Taking prompt action into the matter, SSP Samba constituted a special team headed by Incharge PP Rakh Amb Talli assisted by Incharge BPP Pangdour under the supervision of SHO PS Samba and DySP DAR Samba to work out the said theft case. During the course of investigation, Police team after sustained efforts alongwith technical assistance, arrested four accused persons involved in the said theft case from Bari Brahmana (district Samba), Bishnah and Domana area of district Jammu and recovered all the four stolen bovines from their possession.

The arrested accused persons have been identified as 1. Mohammad Rakhman @Anu S/o Ibrahim R/o Kothey Sainian tehsil Bishnah district Jammu, 2. Ramjan Mohammad S/o Meenu R/o Dhraman tehsil Basholi district Kathua, A/P Raipur Domana district Jammu, 3. Abu Bilal S/o Mohammad Yusuf R/o Mathola Bhaderwah district Doda A/P Tanda Burj tehsil & district Samba and 4. Jhan Mohammad S/o Fathey Ali R/o Jhakhir Shivnagar tehsil & district Udhampur A/P Bari Brahmana district Samba. Further investigation of the case is going on.

Immovable property worth Rs 70 lakhs of drug peddler attached

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: During the investigation of Case FIR No. 135/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act registered at Police Station Rehambal, it was found that Tariq Hussain S/o Shah Mohd R/o Chak, District Udhampur; a notorious drug peddler; is linked to an immovable property- a residential house constructed on land Khasra No. 1624/1625 at Chak, Udhampur.

Based on the evidence gathered, the Investigating Officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the said property was raised through proceeds of narco trade. Accordingly, in compliance with the legal mandate, the property has been attached under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act for further legal proceedings.

The value of the attached property is ₹70 lakhs, which now stands attached as part of Udhampur Police's intensified action against narcotics offenders.

Notorious bootlegger arrested; 62 bottles of illicit liquor seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police achieved a significant success today by apprehending a notorious bootlegger involved in the illegal sale and supply of liquor in the Dessa Road area of Doda. During routine patrolling, a police team of Police Station Doda received specific information regarding illegal liquor being served inside a shop near the Juvenile Court, Doda. Acting swiftly, the police party conducted a raid at the location. On noticing the police presence, several individuals consuming liquor fled from the spot; however, the shopkeeper was apprehended and identified as Pardeep Singh S/o Panchhi Ram R/o Bijarni, Tehsil Bhagwah, District Doda.

A thorough search of the premises led to the recovery of 62 bottles of illicit liquor, including various quantities of whisky and rum, totalling 21.45 litres. As the accused failed to produce any valid permit or explanation for the possession and sale of the liquor, FIR No. 265/2025 under Section 48(F) of the Excise Act was registered at Police Station Doda, and investigation has been set into motion.

Doda police secures community service punishment for individual

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police have secured a community service sentence against an individual involved in creating public nuisance after consuming liquor in Bhaderwah. On 24-11-2025, one Shoket Ali S/o Ghulam Rasool, R/o Nalthi, Bhaderwah, created a nuisance in Passari Bazar; Bhaderwah. Upon receiving the information, Police promptly took cognizance of the matter; apprehended the accused under Section 355 BNS, and conducted his med-

implementing agencies, including JPDCL, KPDCL, Powergrid Energy Services Limited (PESL), and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), for their completion within deadlines, they said.

The progress in loss reduction and information technology and operational technology works stood at 74 per cent for JPDCL, 73 per cent for KPDCL, 57 per cent and 33 per cent for PESL in Kashmir and Jammu respectively, and 72 per cent and 31 per cent for NTPC, in these divisions.

HC commemorates Constitution...

High Court registry. Registrar The observance reaffirmed the commitment of the institution to the ideals of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity and underscored the foundational values embodied in the Constitution of India.

The Constitution Day serves as a reminder of India's identity as a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic and reinforces the collective duty of every citizen and institution to safeguard and uphold constitutional governance and the rule of law.

Shah stresses ‘zero...

reaffirm their commitment to combat terrorism.

In his message on X, Shah said terrorism is not a curse for just one country, but for the entire human race.

"I pay my respects to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives while facing the Mumbai terrorist attacks, and I offer my tributes to all the people who lost their lives in the cowardly attack. The Modi government's zero-tolerance policy against terrorism is clear, and the entire world is appreciating and providing broad support to India's anti-terrorism campaigns," he said.

"On the anniversary of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, I pay my humble tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the people of our country. The nation remembers their supreme sacrifice with gratitude," Murmu said in a post on X.

"Let us reaffirm our commitment to combat terrorism in all forms. Let us move forward together on the path of progress with a resolve to build a stronger and more prosperous India," the president added.

Freedom not only...

about rights but also about duties and a call for unity," the prime minister said.

"Today, we see the living embodiment of national unity in every initiative where citizens voluntarily participate, be it Digital India, Fit India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, or public participation initiatives like 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'," he noted.

The resolve to build a developed India by 2047 will be fulfilled through the energy of our youth, the solidarity of our countrymen, and innovation, the PM said.

Modi said he is confident that the 'Unity March' will prove instrumental in strengthening national unity.

"The Unity March will inspire people to align their goals with India's progress for the betterment of the country and society. On this occasion, I pay my respects to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel," he said.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel flagged off the march in the presence of several dignitaries, including Tripura CM Manik Saha. The 'padayatra' will culminate at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar on December 5, an official release said, adding that nearly 15,000 people will join the march each day.

Vishal Chopra elected...

efforts, youth engagement, and public vigilance.

Expressing gratitude, Chopra urged citizens especially youth to rise with national duty and support the vision of a terrorism-free India. Padma Bhushan Ghulam Nabi Azad handed over authority letter to Chopra.

ical examination. The medical officer certified that the accused was under the influence of alcohol.

On 25-11-2025, the accused was produced before the Hon'ble Sub-Judge Court, Bhaderwah. After hearing the case, the Hon'ble Court convicted him and sentenced him to community service, directing him to perform cleaning work at the District Court Complex, Bhaderwah, for two days.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Doda Police have successfully traced a missing lady, R/o Draina Chekka, Tehsil Bhalla, District Doda, whose missing report had been lodged at Police Post Bhalla vide DDR No. 22 dated 13-08-2025. Acting promptly on the report, Doda Police employed all available resources, including technical assistance, to locate the missing individual. After being traced and following the completion of all necessary legal formalities, she was safely handed over to her lawful heirs. Accordingly, the missing report has been closed vide DDR No. 05 dated 25-11-2025.

Drug peddler arrested with Chitta

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu (Rural) Police achieved a significant breakthrough by apprehending a drug peddler during routine Nakka checking at Maniwala Road, Jourian. During the checking, police intercepted an individual found in possession of a Chitta-like narcotic substance weighing approximately 14 grams.

During initial questioning, the accused identified as Abhi Sharma, son of Gharu Ram, a resident of Chaprial, Khour, currently residing at Kodelwala, Tehsil Akhnor.

Following the due legal procedure, a case has been registered against the accused under FIR No. 220/2025, Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act in PS Akhnor. The accused has been taken into custody, and further investigation is underway to trace the source of the contraband and identify any possible links to the drug network.

Criminal detained under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA A notorious criminal was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Kathua district, police said Wednesday.

Shammi Kumar, a resident of village Buddhi, is a habitual criminal involved in various illegal activities since 2018 and was slapped with PSA on the orders of the district magistrate after police prepared a detailed dossier, a police spokesperson said.

He said Kumar was named in separate FIRs -- one in 2018, second in 2024, and two more in 2025 -- in different police stations related to his criminal activities, including attempt to murder and drug trafficking. The criminal was lodged in Udhampur district jail, the spokesperson said.

Two drug trafficking attempts foiled in Kashmir; one peddler arrested, one absconding

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Two separate drug trafficking attempts were foiled and over 40 kilograms of narcotic contraband was seized in Anantnag and Pulwama districts of Kashmir, police said on Wednesday.

One drug peddler was arrested, while the other is absconding, said a police spokesperson. In Anantnag, a team of Pahalgam Police deputed for census duty in Awoora village was heading towards Awoora Nallah, when they noticed a suspicious individual pushing a wheel barrow loaded with multiple sacks. On spotting the police vehicle, the man abandoned the cart and escaped into the adjoining forest area, the spokesperson said. The police team immediately secured the wheel barrow and inspected the sacks, inside which they found half-dried bhang leaves weighing 24.50 kilograms. A case was registered and an investigation was initiated.

During the probe, police identified the accused as Ghulam Nabi Khatana, a resident of Awoora Nallah. He is currently absconding and efforts are underway to apprehend him, the police spokesperson said. Meanwhile in Pulwama, a police team deployed at a checkpoint in Nawa Pulwama intercepted a local, identified as Rafiq Ahmad Shah. During search, they recovered 16.5 kilograms of charas powder-like substance from his possession, the spokesperson said. Shah was arrested and a case has been registered, he added.

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