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‘Goli Ka Jawab...

the November 6 voting day," the union minister alleged. Shah claimed that the NDA under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership could only lead Bihar to all-around development. "Altogether, Rs 26,000 crore will be spent to harness the Koshi river water to irrigate 'Mithilanchal' and prevent floods in the area if the NDA is voted to power in Bihar..Water of the Ganga, Koshi and Gandak rivers will be utilised for irrigation and to prevent deluge in the state," the former BJP president said. If the NDA retains power in Bihar, people from Mithila, Koshi, and Tirhut will not be required to go to Patna or Delhi for treatment, as they will get quality medical facilities at AIIMS-Darbhangha, he said. Shah claimed, "As many as 3.60 er people have been covered with free health insurance up to Rs 5 lakh crore, while the IT park at Darbhanga will employ the youth."

He slammed the RJD for its complaint to the Election Commission, seeking a pause on the Rs 10,000 benefit for 'Jeevika Didis', alleging that "three generations of Lahu won't be able to snatch funds transferred" to the self-help groups. Reiterating that the RJD-Congress insulted 'Chhathi Maiya', the prime minister and his mother, Shah said people of Bihar will 'avenge the insult by showing the exit door to such political parties' in the upcoming elections. "Bihar people never forgive those who insult 'Chhathi Maiya'. The RJD-Congress will be wiped out in the Bihar polls," Shah claimed. If NDA retains power in Bihar, each district will get one engineering, one medical college in the next five years, he promised. Asserting that real development could take place only under the Nitish Kumar and Narendra Modi regimes, he said, "As many as 423 companies inked pacts for Rs 1.80 lakh crore investment in Bihar during the business summit. Approval for a new airport at Raxaul has been given, while an auditorium will be built at Motihari." He said the land of Champaran is linked to Goddess Sita and Lord Ram, and "we will boost religious tourism here". Shah announced from Mahatma Gandhi's 'karma bhoomi' Champaran that Naxalism will be wiped out from the country on March 31, 2026. He also announced reviving sugar mills in Bihar, saying, "Over 20 sugar mills closed during the RJD rule in Bihar. We will not only revive these units, but also set up five more."

SIR of electoral...

of SIR will be conducted are the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Among these, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and West Bengal will go to polls in 2026. In Assam, another state where polls are due in 2026, the revision of electoral rolls will be announced separately as a Supreme Court-supervised exercise to verify citizenship is underway in the state. Also, a separate provision of the Citizenship Act was applicable to Assam. After Bihar, this is the second round of SIR. The state's final voter list with nearly 7.42 crore names was published on September 30. The SIR began in West Bengal amid soaring political temperatures over the exercise in the state. The exercise turned into a political battleground, pitting the BJP's clout and the poll body's push for "transparency" against the Trinamool Congress' grassroots resistance ahead of the 2026 assembly polls. While the BJP has welcomed the SIR as a step towards ensuring greater transparency in the electoral rolls, the ruling TMC has questioned its timing and intent, alleging that the EC is acting under pressure from the saffron party to manipulate the voter list ahead of the state elections next year. With both parties treating the SIR as a prelude to the 2026 assembly elections, the contest has morphed into what many in political circles describe as "the battle of two forces, the administrative and the organisational". TMC leader Derek O'Brien termed the SIR exercise a "con job organised by the Extremely Compromised body". Separately, the DMK, in its plea before the Supreme Court against the SIR, has dubbed it a "de facto NRC" and has challenged its constitutional validity. The ruling party in Tamil Nadu has sought the quashing of the EC's notification on SIR dated October 27, 2025. However, the main opposition, AIADMK, an ally of the BJP, supports the exercise. In Uttar Pradesh, the exercise was launched under the theme 'Shuddh Nirvachak Namavali - Majboot Loktantra' (Clean Electoral Roll - Strong Democracy).

8 vehicles involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS GANDERBAL: Continuing its special drive against illegal mining and transportation of minerals, Police in Ganderbal have seized 08 vehicles involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from different areas falling under the jurisdiction of PS Ganderbal, Gund & PP Nagbal. The vehicles were found transporting minerals without valid permission and were subsequently seized on the spot by concerned police teams in coordination with the Geology and Mining Department. Illegal extraction of minerals not only causes loss to the public exchequer but also leads to severe environmental degradation. Police has reiterated its firm resolve to take strict action against those involved in such unlawful activities.

4 drug peddlers arrested, contraband substances recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Continuing its unwavering crackdown on drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police have arrested four drug peddlers in Pulvama and Shopian and recovered contraband substances from their possession. In Pulvama, during naka checking at Gudoora Crossing, a police party intercepted two individuals carrying nylon bags. During search, about 7Kgs of Poppy Straw were recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Mohd Ashraf Naik, son of Gh. Ahmad Naik, resident of Ghat Gulzarpora and Abdul Qayoom Mir son of Wali Mohd Mir resident of Gudoora Pulvama. In another operation at Singo Narbal, police apprehended one individual carrying charas-like substance (weighing 77.5 grams). He has been identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Hafiz son of Mohd Ashraf Hafiz resident of Pricho Pulvama. Similarly in Shopian, a police party of Police Station Zainapora at a checkpoint established at Heff Kuri intercepted a suspicious person, identified as Tariq Ahmad Sheikh resident of Heff Zainapora. Upon search, 3,600Kgs of charas-like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been initiated.

Theft case cracked in record time; Goldsmith among three arrested, cash, gold recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a swift and effective action, Jammu Police have solved a theft case reported from Pooja Colony, Lower Thather within days of the incident. The accused had entered

Together we can...

path of selfless- service and work towards a just and equal society as envisioned by Baba Jitto. He also exhorted the officials and public representatives to work collectively to provide markets to local artisans, craftsmen, and traders. "Together we can make a strong, secure, prosperous and self-reliant Jammu Kashmir," he further said. The Lieutenant Governor also praised the farming community of Jammu Kashmir for their resilience and contribution to the society and reaffirmed his commitment for their welfare. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor dedicated a pilgrim community hall and 4 modular bus stops and laid foundation stone for the first 'Indoor Sports Complex' under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Marh Sub-Division. He visited the stalls put up by the government departments, Agri-entrepreneurs, SHGs and farmers, and also felicitated progressive farmers. The event also featured vibrant cultural performances highlighting the rich culture and artistic heritage of Jammu Kashmir. The pilgrim community hall inaugurated today will continue to function as a dedicated Pilgrim Rest Hall throughout the year. It will also host religious, cultural, and community awareness programmes, making it a hub for social and spiritual engagement. To improve transportation and ease of access for devotees, four modular bus stops have been constructed at Jhiri Chowk, Rajpura Chowk, Bawa Talab Chowk, and Kanachak Chowk. It will also strengthen the connectivity and accessibility to the Jhiri Temple and other adjoining rural clusters. The Indoor Sports Complex in Marh Sub-Division is expected to be completed within four months, marking a new era for sports promotion and talent development in the area. The facility will include two Badminton Courts, dedicated Judo, Taekwondo, and Karate Rings, two Ten-Metre Air Rifle Shooting Ranges, two Table Tennis Tables, facilities for Chess and Carrom, a Reading Room and Recreation Zone. Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, District Development Council Jammu; Surinder Kumar, Member of Legislative Assembly from Marh; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Shiv Kumar Sharma, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Jammu-Samba- Kathua Range, Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, senior officials, devotees and people from all walks of life in large number attended the inaugural ceremony.

Film shootings resumes...

the coming days, more tourists come here," Krishna said. The filmmaker said he was looking for a beautiful location for the movie and found it in Kashmir. "I thought why not Kashmir? Right now it is completely safe. We came for a reece in July and did not find any problem. We have treated very well by the government, the security forces and especially locals who have treated us like their family members," he added. Krishna said that after completing the Pahalgam schedule, the crew will continue shooting in Srinagar.

LG, CM greet...

humanity and inspire people across the world. He underlined the importance of embracing these universal values to build a society founded on mutual respect, harmony, and inclusivity. Omar Abdullah expressed hope that the divine message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji would continue to guide Jammu and Kashmir towards greater unity, peace, and prosperity.

Snowfall in Gulmarg...

were lashed by rains, the officials said. They added the wet weather spell continued till last reports. The Meteorological Department has said snowfall in the higher reaches and rains in plains would continue till Wednesday morning. The weather is likely to improve around the Wednesday noon and is likely to stay dry till November 15.

Mini bus overturns...

persons, including 26 students to the Government Medical College (GMC) Associated Hospital, Rajouri. Two of the critically injured students -- 15-year-old Aliza and 11-year-old Saqib - were later referred to the GMC Hospital Jammu, the officials said.

Two criminals detained...

serious threat to public peace and security," the official said, adding that his preventive detention was deemed necessary to protect public order and prevent further

convicted for the commission of an offence under Section 355 BNSS and directed to render three days at Jhajjar Kotli Park, PS Jhajjar Kotli and PHC Dansal w.e.f. 04-11-2025.

11 vehicles including 4 dumpers seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized eleven (11) vehicles including four (04) dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Samba and Ghagwal which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material. Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Ghagwal, Incharges of Police Posts Supwal, Rakh Amb Talli, Goran & Mansar of PS Samba and Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized four dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21G-7817, JK02BF-1931, JK08F-1273, JK19-6026, two tractors trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK21D-3815, JK21J-0863 and five tractor trolleys without registration Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

Drug peddler arrested with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a determined and strategic move to clamp down on the rising threat of narcotics in the region, the Miran Sahib Police Station has scored one more success by apprehending a known drug peddler and seizing a significant quantity of contraband. The arrest underscores the police department's continued efforts to root out the drug trade and protect the community from its harmful impact. The operation, led by a vigilant team from Police Station Miran Sahib, resulted in the arrest of Murad ali s/o Nek alam R/o Kadyal R.S.Pura, District jammu was apprehended at Tinday kalan and recovery of approximately 29.60 grams heroine like substance from his possession." This marks a notable seizure in the ongoing crackdown on illicit drug trafficking in the area. A case has been registered under FIR No. 143/2025, in accordance with Sections 8, 21, and 22 of the NDPS Act, and a detailed investigation has been launched. Inspector Azad Manhas, SHO Police Station Miran Sahib leads the Police team under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu that leads to successful operation and ensured immediate legal action was initiated against the accused.

Missing woman along with two children traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS DODA: Doda Police have successfully traced a missing lady along with her two children and reunited them with their family. As per reports, one lady namely Printu Devi W/o Jeewan Lal R/o Wanda Beoli, along with her two children, had gone missing from her home at Wanda Beoli since 20/10/2025. In this regard, a missing report was registered at Police Station Doda vide DDR No. 04 dated 25/10/2025. On the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Shri Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), a special team was constituted at Police Station Doda, led by SHO Police Station Doda, to trace the missing lady and her two children. The police team, by using all possible means and technical assistance, developed leads and continued search operations to locate them.

criminal acts. Multiple FIRs are registered against the accused for indulging in criminal activities, the spokesperson said. Saleem Javed of Kishtwar's Zewar village was also detained in connection with drug peddling, and he was lodged at Kot Bhalwal Jail in Jammu. "Javed was identified as a key supplier of drugs to youth in Kishtwar town. His repeated involvement in drug peddling cases was revealed through sustained investigations, necessitating his detention under PSA to curb his activities and safeguard the future of the youth," the spokesperson said. Meanwhile, police on Tuesday arrested notorious drug peddler Murad Ali from Miran Sahib area of Jammu and recovered 29.60 grams of heroin from his possession. A case under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered against the arrested accused, and an investigation was underway, the spokesperson said.

DPRs invited for...

scheduled for November 2025. These ropeway projects includes Sonmarg-Thajwas, Dodhpathri-Diskhal, Bhaderwah-Seojhdar, Baltal-Amarnath, Pahalgam-Amarnath, Nasri Tunnel-Sanasar, Shankaracharya ropeway project. The Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of timely DPR finalization, stating that these projects hold immense potential for promoting tourism and providing last-mile connectivity to major pilgrimage and scenic destinations. The Chief Secretary reviewed the progress of the Inter Modal Station (IMS) at Katra, a flagship project of strategic importance for pilgrims visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. The project aims to provide seamless integration of various modes of transport to enhance passenger convenience and travel efficiency. The meeting discussed the financial model of the project, covering both Phase-I and the comprehensive development plan, and the ongoing consultations between NHML, H&UDD, and the Finance Department to finalize the modalities. The Chief Secretary called for accelerated action to resolve all pending financial and administrative issues to ensure timely commencement of the project. Reviewing the status of the MMLP Jammu, the Chief Secretary stressed the need to expedite the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the project to facilitate the start of DPR-related works, including topographical and geo-technical surveys and demand assessment. It was Informed that a financial model based on normative costing has been submitted by NHML to the Industries & Commerce Department, which is presently under examination for its viability and implementation framework. The Chief Secretary directed the concerned authorities to ensure early finalization of land availability to enable NHML to initiate on-ground activities without delay. Reiterating the administration's commitment to fast-tracking transformative infrastructure projects in the UT, the Chief Secretary directed all concerned departments to maintain close coordination with NHML and ensure time-bound grounding and execution of all works. He further stressed that these projects are of socio-economic importance, significantly contributing to improved connectivity.

India on way...

they faced 7-8 years ago. She exuded confidence that the government would meet the ambitious fiscal deficit target of 4.4 per cent for the current financial year. The Centre estimates the fiscal deficit during 2025-26 at 4.4 per cent of the GDP, or Rs 15.69 lakh crore.

Drug peddler's property...

from the proceeds of the narcotics trade, they said. Based on the material evidence and investigation, police found that the said properties were acquired through illicit earnings from drug trafficking, they said. Accordingly, the movable and immovable assets were attached under the NDPS Act for further legal proceedings, they added. The total value of the attached properties, including the house, land, and vehicle, is estimated at Rs 50 lakh. In Udhampur, the police said they have so far attached properties worth Rs 10.50 crore in NDPS-related cases during the current year, reaffirming its resolve to make the district drug-free.

Drone recovered from...

officials said. The SOG team was rushed to the village following information about the presence of a drone-like object in an open field. The drone was subsequently seized, the officials said, adding police have launched an investigation into the origins of the drone.

After sustained efforts and continuous search, the said lady along with her children was finally located today, i.e., on 03/11/2025, at Bus Stand Doda and brought safely to Police Station Doda.

After completing all necessary legal formalities, the missing lady and her children were handed over to their legal heirs. Accordingly, the missing report has been closed.

Approx 1000 litres of Lahan destroyed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: In continuation to stringent actions against illicit liquor menace, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Ms. Mohita Sharma -IPS cracked down on illicit liquor, conducted a series of raids in the jurisdictional area of PP Nagri at Mirpur Jagoo Nagri as well as its adjoining area of PS Kathua, destroyed approx. 1000 litres of Lahan as well equipments used for making illicit liquor (Desi) were also seized on spot. On 02/11/2025, police team led by IC PP Nagri under the close supervision of Addl SP Kathua Sh. Rahul Charak JKPS and DySP Hqrs Kathua Ravinder Singh raided at Mirpur Jagoo Nagri as well as its adjoining area of PP Nagri. During checking the police team was able to recover approx. 1000 litres Lahan. Thereafter the said team destroyed approx. 1000 litres of lahan from the spot as well as destroyed makeshift production units used for manufacturing of illicit liquor was also destroyed on spot and further investigation is underway.

Notorious thief arrested, stolen property worth Rs 4 lakhs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a major success against theft-related crimes, Jammu (Rural) Police have arrested a notorious thief and



recovered stolen property worth approximately Rs 4 lakhs in the jurisdiction of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. Acting swiftly on reliable information, a special team of Jhajjar Kotli Police station led by SHO Insp.Vikas Dogra apprehended one Sultan Mohd @ Kaka, son of Noor Mohd, resident of Domail Badola, who was involved in case FIR No. 125/2025 under section 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). During sustained interrogation, the accused confessed to his involvement in thefts from various locations, leading to the recovery of stolen goods including iron plates, iron pipes, shuttering plates, and a cutter machine, collectively valued at around ₹4 lakhs. The prompt action of the police team has been widely appreciated by the local populace. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the involvement of the accused in other similar theft cases.