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People of J&K...

also highlights the strong resolve to dismantle terror ecosystem and affirmed the commitment to maintaining peace, justice and equity. "We are determined for strengthening socio-economic development and to turn the dreams of our youth into reality," he said. The Lieutenant Governor said that within five years, our brave forces and J&K Police have created a Jammu Kashmir in which the sound of ragas and new enthusiasm has replaced the sound of bullets and grenades. "We have created a Jammu Kashmir, in which the walls of schools are echoing not with the clash of stones but with the laughter and innovation and education of children. We have created a Jammu Kashmir, in which towns like Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam, once shrouded in silence, have transformed into cultural and literary centres for the youth. Markets like Lal Chowk and Polo View are no longer deserted but are glowing with new vitality. We have created a Jammu Kashmir, in which new aspirations are floating on the waves of Vitasta," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor said the people of Jammu Kashmir are the very heartbeat of peace. He called upon all sections of society to work as a single, unified force against elements attempting to disrupt peace, and to counter the threats of drug addiction and youth radicalization. He said everyone must follow rule of law for peace, progress and prosperity. Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board; Swami Jitendranand Saraswati; Prof Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir; Prof. (Dr.) Geeta Singh, National President, Vishwagram; heads of educational institutions, senior Officers of Civil & Police Administration, members of Vishwagram, thinkers, academicians and youth in large number were present.

All wings of...

with more practical-oriented training and hence infrastructure plays a very important role. He refuted criticism that Maharashtra government was found lacking when it comes to judiciary infrastructure and said the notion was based on incorrect facts. Gavai lauded the state government and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for always being proactive when it comes to infrastructure for the judiciary. "The infrastructure provided to judiciary in Maharashtra is one of the best," Gavai said. Law is an evolving and organic branch, Gavai said. There has been a paradigm shift in legal education, he added. The infrastructure we are providing today is comparable to the best universities in the world, he said. "Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar used to say that a lawyer is also a social engineer who brings the promise of social justice into reality," he said. Fadnavis said there are three national law universities in Maharashtra and Gavai has been very supportive in creation of these universities. "I am sure that very soon the MNLU will be recognised as an international university," he said. The Educity educational hub in Navi Mumbai will host 12 of world's best ranking universities, Fadnavis said, adding seven of those will be setting up campuses in two to three years.

JKAS officer files...

platforms to blackmail businessmen, government officials, and common citizens under the pretext of news reporting," Manu stated, adding that such practices have brought disrepute to the noble profession of journalism. "The Lieutenant Governor's firm stance against fake journalists is a welcome step. It is essential to distinguish between true journalists committed to public service and those exploiting digital media for personal gain," former PCJ President Manu Shrivats said.

No locus standi...

by peddling disinformation against India. We wish to set the record straight," Mandaviya asserted. On the Indus Waters Treaty, he said Pakistan has undermined its spirit through "sustained hostility and cross-border terrorism". The minister noted that Pakistan has also "repeatedly misused the Treaty mechanisms to obstruct India's legitimate projects." With regards to the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Mandaviya said Pakistan has no locus standi to comment on India's internal affairs. "This is particularly so when it indulges in acts of cross-border terrorism against the citizens of India," the Minister said. He advised Pakistan to introspect and address its own serious challenges related to development. Due to these internal challenges, Mandaviya said Pakistan has become dependent on handouts by the international community.

"It should stop abusing international forums," he emphasised. Talking about the country's economic growth and social progress, Mandaviya said India's development story is one of transformation at scale. "In the last 10 years, through persistent reforms, convergence of welfare programmes, and digital innovation, approximately 250 million Indians have been lifted out of multidimensional poverty," he highlighted. India is empowering the very last person in the line, following the philosophy of 'Antyodaya'. Mandaviya said 118 million schoolchildren receive nutritious mid-day meals, and over 800 million citizens have been provided with food security. Health security has been provided to 425 million Indians, and over 37 million houses have been provided to those with low income, he said. "Between 2017-18 and 2023-24, our unemployment rate has declined from 6 per cent to 3.2 per cent, and women's employment rate has nearly doubled," Mandaviya said. "India's social security coverage has increased from 19 per cent in 2015 to 64.3 per cent in 2025," he said. In view of these efforts, Mandaviya listed out that The International Social Security Association has conferred India with the "ISSA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Security" this year. India is focusing on the seamless delivery of these programmes. "Through a network of bank accounts, mobile internet ownership and unique citizen IDs, we have ensured efficient last-mile delivery through Direct Benefit Transfer," the Minister said. Mandaviya noted that the Political Declaration being adopted in this summit resonates with the global priorities, especially recognition of women-led development, traditional medicine systems, digital public infrastructure, and cooperatives, as engines for inclusive growth. "Our economic growth and social development pathways are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and our commitments regarding climate change. We remain steadfast on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals agenda of the UN," Mandaviya told the global leaders. India believes that social progress is achievable when people remain at the core of policy, when innovation meets inclusion, and when development becomes a shared endeavour, the Minister said. He stressed that this forum should recognize and acknowledge the distinct circumstances, economic needs, and social requirements of every country. "India's development trajectory offers an emulative development model for the Global South," the Minister said. Mandaviya said India is ready to share its best practices on social development in order to strengthen global partnerships.

Rahul trying to...

while addressing public rallies in Bihar on Tuesday, claimed that lower castes, tribal communities and minorities have little representation in private firms, the judiciary, the bureaucracy and the armed forces, and that 10 per cent of the population controls these institutions. Singh claimed that Gandhi should know that "running the country is not a child's game". The defence minister hailed the armed forces for their success in Operation Sindoor, a retaliatory strike following the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 people in April. "Operation Sindoor has been halted, not stopped. If terrorists attempt to attack India again, we will retaliate strongly," Singh said. "Our soldiers didn't kill terrorists based on religion but because of their deeds. Indian forces completely destroyed the hideouts of terrorists during Operation Sindoor... I don't want to reveal the number of terrorists killed during Operation Sindoor. It is much more than in three-digit marks," he said. India does not provoke anyone, but if anyone provokes the country, they will not be spared, he said. The defence minister asserted that India is no longer a weak country, and "we are now known as a powerful nation in the world". During his address at the Gayaji rally, he claimed, "Rahul Gandhi is targeting constitutional bodies, like the Election Commission, without any basis. He knows his party's defeat is certain." His comment comes hours after Gandhi alleged that the Haryana assembly polls last year were "stolen", and cited electoral list data to claim that "25 lakh entries were fake and the Election Commission colluded with the BJP to make the party win". Earlier in the day, addressing another rally in Banka, Singh said, "There is a clear wave in favour of the NDA and the ruling alliance will form the next government in the state with a two-thirds majority," he asserted. Singh accused the RJD of threatening people during its rule in the state. "We talk about development, but the RJD tells people about 'katta' (unlicensed country-made handgun). The RJD leaders are shameless, indulge in corruption, and are now seeking your support during the polls," Singh alleged at the Jamui rally. There has not been a single corruption case against Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, he said. The BJP leader also alleged that the Congress had "never wanted better roads in border areas". Singh claimed that the NDA never creates discrimination among people on the basis of caste, creed and religion, and the alliance can only work for 'Vikshit' (developed) Bihar. He also alleged, "RJD leaders used to threaten people and had never worked for Bihar's development." The BJP leader also asserted that the NDA keeps its promises.

Two long-time...

was finally arrested by a team of Surankote police station on Tuesday. The spokesperson said that after completing all necessary legal formalities, the arrested individual is produced before the competent court of law for further proceedings. Another long-time absconder Mohd Rayaz of Gursai was arrested from Mendhar, he said, adding that he was wanted in a case registered in 2017 at Gursai police station under sections various sections of RPC, primarily related to criminal trespass, rioting, and causing hurt.

Postal, home voting...

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has introduced the facility of home voting to ensure inclusive electoral participation, enabling eligible senior citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to cast their votes from the comfort of their homes. The facility is available to voters aged 85 years and above, and PwD electors with 40% or more benchmark disability. As part of the exercise, dedicated polling teams comprising Presiding Officers, polling officials, and security personnel visited the homes of eligible voters to facilitate the process as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India. The initiative received widespread appreciation from the beneficiaries, who expressed gratitude towards the Election Commission of India and the District Election Officer for extending such an accessible and citizen-friendly facility. The voters who utilized the facility, expressed happiness over being able to cast their vote from home, and expressed gratitude towards the ECI and District Election Officer Budgam for providing such an empowering facility.

Tourism Deptt showcases...

hand feel of the authentic and exquisite cuisines of the region, said the release. The festival celebrated India's unity in diversity with J&K Tourism showcasing the Union Territory's rich tourism potential, vibrant art, craft, and authentic cuisines at the event, it said. The tourism department's pavilion drew large crowds of visitors eager to explore Jammu and Kashmir's breathtaking destinations, adventure offerings, and traditional culture, according to the release. The fortnight-long event, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi late last month, brought together diverse states and UTs to celebrate India's cultural mosaic under the theme of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'. Speaking on the occasion, Quaiser said J&K's participation in Bharat Parv is an opportunity to highlight the UT's cultural depth and sustainable tourism efforts. "Our focus is on showcasing the evolving tourism identity, one that blends heritage, ecology, and community engagement in alignment with the ethos of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat," he said. "It also reflects the department's sustained efforts to promote the Union Territory as a year-round destination while strengthening the message of unity in diversity. Such national events provide an excellent opportunity to highlight the region's unique blend of natural beauty, adventure, and cultural heritage," the J&K official emphasised. Such initiatives underscore the department's commitment to promote J&K on national platforms, fostering cultural exchange, and strengthening tourism-led national integration, he noted. The J&K Tourism Pavilion also featured live demonstrations of traditional performances by the Department of Culture, and displays of Kashmiri and Dogra cuisines, symbolizing the spirit of harmony and inclusivity that defines National Unity Day, the release said.

3 drug peddlers held...

spokesperson said the police attached property worth Rs 50 lakh belonging to drug peddler Amit Singh under the provisions of the NDPS Act. Quoting investigations, he said Singh, from Sonthan village, had acquired a residential house with land in his native village and a motorcycle from proceeds of narcotics trade. "On the basis of material evidence and the investigations, both the properties of Singh were attached for further legal proceedings," he said.

Three bovine smuggling attempts foiled; 3 smugglers arrested, 21 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled three



bovines smuggling attempts in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, arrested three bovine smugglers and rescued twenty one (21) bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers. The vehicles used in the illegal transportation of bovines were also seized. Acting on reliable information, a Police team of PP Supwal of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty, intercepted a truck bearing registration No. HP71-2533 near NanakeChak for its checking. During checking, 07 bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The bovine smuggler identified as Kasim Ali S/o Mussa R/o Bhadholi, Sillaghrat district Chamba (HP) has been arrested and the vehicle has also been seized. A case FIR No. 269/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started. Acting on reliable information, a Police team of Police Station Samba while performing vehicle checking duty near MansarMorh, intercepted a truck bearing registration No. HP52C-5325 for its checking. During checking, 07 bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The bovine smuggler identified as Sher Ali S/o Hasan Din R/o Dhangra Saho district Chamba (HP) has been arrested and the vehicle has also been seized. A case FIR No. 270/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started. Acting on reliable information, a Police team of Police Station Samba while performing vehicle checking duty near Bargawa College Samba, intercepted a truck bearing registration No. JK08E-5524 for its checking. During checking, 07 bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The bovine smuggler identified as Ghulam Mohd. S/o Din

Mohd. R/o PashallaBunjwah district Kishtwar has been arrested and the vehicle has also been seized. A case FIR No. 271/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Absconder wanted since 2017 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a major breakthrough, Jammu (Rural) Police have arrested an absconder who had been evading arrest for the past nine years.



The accused has been identified as Mohd. Zubair, son of Nazir Hussain, caste Gujjar, resident of Rajouri. He was wanted in connection with a case registered under FIR No. 58/2017 under Section 279 RPC at Police Station Nagrota. A warrant under Section 512 Cr.PC had been issued against him by the Hon'ble Court of Munsiff JMJC Jammu, as he had been absconding since 2017. Acting on specific inputs and persistent efforts, a police team from Police Station Nagrota, led by SHO PS Nagrota, successfully traced and apprehended the accused, ensuring his production before the Court for further legal proceedings.

Bootlegger nabbed; 67 bottles of illicit liquor seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In its ongoing drive against the menace of illicit liquor, Jammu Police in Bishnah area achieved another success today as Police Station Bishnah apprehended a bootlegger and recovered 67 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession.

Acting on a reliable input regarding illegal stocking of liquor for sale on the occasion of Guru Purab, which is observed as a dry day, a police party from Police Station Bishnah conducted a swift raid at a shop in the area. During the search, 67 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from the spot. The accused, who was about to sell the illicit liquor, has been identified as Daleep Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o Bishnah, District Jammu. He was arrested on the spot, and the recovered liquor was seized accordingly. The entire operation was carried out by the team of Police Station Bishnah led by SHO Bishnah, Inspector Rakesh Jamwal under the close supervision of SDPO RS Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu. A case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Bishnah, and further investigation is underway.

Two interstate women drug peddlers arrested; 14 Kgs poppy straw recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Continuing its relentless drive against narcotics smuggling and substance abuse, R.S. Pura Police Station



achieved a major success by arresting two lady drug peddlers and recovering 13 kg 778 grams of Poppy Straw (Bhukki) like substance from their possession at Kotli Shah Doula near Shiv Mandir under the jurisdiction of Police Station R.S. Pura. A police team led by PSI Majid Shafi, Incharge BPP Chakrohi, assisted by officials of Police Station R.S. Pura, carried out the operation under the supervision of SHO Insp. Ravi Singh Parihar and overall supervision of SP Headquarters Jammu and SDPO R.S. Pura. The accused have been identified as 1) Simranpreet Kour D/o Sukhdev Singh and 2) Jasmine Kour D/o Nirmal Singh, both residents of Beas, Amritsar (Punjab). During checking, the duo was found carrying poppy straw concealed in pithu bags packed inside plastic sandbags. In this connection, FIR No. 216/2025 U/S 8/15/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station R.S. Pura. Both accused have been arrested and further investigation is underway to unearth the backward and forward links of the consignment.

Public intoxication offender sentenced to community service

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a landmark move under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the new criminal laws, Jammu Police at Police Station Gharota secured the conviction of one individual, namely Amrik Singh S/o Jaswant Singh R/o Bhalwal. He was found guilty of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. The Hon'ble Court delivered the verdict on 04-11-2025, marking a progressive step toward reformatory justice. The incident occurred within the jurisdiction of Police Station Gharota, where the accused was found intoxicated and creating a public disturbance, causing discomfort and fear among locals, especially women and children. He was prompt-

ly arrested, subjected to medical examination, and produced before the Hon'ble Court of 2nd Addl Munsiff Judge (JMJC), Jammu.

Instead of traditional imprisonment, the Court opted for community service as a corrective measure. The accused was convicted for the commission of an offence under Section 355 BNSS and directed to render six days of community service at Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Bhalwal from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM by cleaning, mopping, and sweeping, along with a fine of Rs 1000.

Drug peddler booked under PIT-NDPS Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: In a major success against drug peddlers, Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Ms. Mohita Sharma IPS has booked one habitual drug peddler under the PITNDPS Act following multiple involvements in serious NDPS-related offences.

On the directions of Divisional Commissioner Jammu, a detention warrant was issued against the accused namely Rashid @ Tegu S/o Shatu R/o Jandrai Tehsil Rannagar District Udhampur A/P Korepumu Tehsil Marheen District Kathua a habitual drug peddler. On dated 04/11/2025 a Police party of Police Station



Lakhanpur led by SHO PS Lakhanpur Insp. Tariq Ahmed under the supervision of Addl. SP Kathua Rahul Charak JKPS and DySP DAR Kathua Ritesh Sambyal arrested the accused and executed the said warrant under Section 3 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988, after the approval of the competent authority. The said accused has been found involved in the cases include FIR No. 74/2024 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act of PS Lakhanpur and FIR No. 52/2025 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act of PS Hiranagar. The accused is a repeated offender and had created a sense of fear among the public by his illegal activities. His detention under PITNDPS will send a strong message to other drug peddlers and anti-social elements. After completion of necessary legal formalities, the accused has been lodged in District Jail Udhampur.