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nation. "We must work on preservation of knowledge and accurate history, propagation of moral values in society, promotion of social change, building bridges between diverse perspectives, promote critical thinking, inspire progress in the science and technology sector, strengthen the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, inculcate a sense of pride among the people for shared heritage, empower youth with new ideas, focus on innovation, foster emotional unity, good governance and Jan-Bhagidari," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also released a publication "Bhojipuri KahavatokiDuniya" by Sanjeev Kumar Gupta.

## Police raids multiple...

In Sopore, police launched a crackdown against Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and associates of terrorist handlers operating from across the border in Pakistan. As part of the ongoing operation, a large number of suspected OGWs and sympathisers have been picked up for questioning from different areas, an official said.

"These individuals are being thoroughly interrogated to trace their linkages, financial conduits, and communication channels with handlers based in Pakistan," he said.

The officials said the action forms part of a sustained strategy to dismantle the terror ecosystem, which provides funding, logistics, and local facilitation to active terrorists and cross-border handlers.

"Many suspects have been booked and lodged in sub-jail under preventive detention laws, while security proceedings have been initiated against others to prevent them from aiding or abetting anti-national activities," he said.

According to officials, searches are continuing at multiple locations across the Sopore police district, as teams work to identify and disrupt local support networks of terror outfits.

A police spokesperson said similar raids were carried out in Shopian, Pulwama, Ganderbal, Budgam and Awantipora police districts as well.

Meanwhile, in Jammu's Doda district, police called scores of suspected people for questioning amid a massive crackdown on OGWs and terror associates.

The searches are continuing at multiple locations across the hilly district amid intelligence reports that terrorists operating in the higher reaches are looking for safe hideouts in the plains during the ensuing winter, officials said.

"Police in Doda have initiated a major crackdown against OGWs, former terrorists and associates of terrorist handlers from across the border, and a significant number of suspects have been called for questioning to uncover their connections and funding channels linked to terrorist networks," a police spokesperson said.

He said the crackdown is part of the broader strategy to disrupt the support system for local terrorists.

"Several suspects have been booked under preventive laws, while security actions are underway against others involved in anti-national activities," the spokesperson said.

He said the ongoing searches are targeting multiple suspected locations, including those of terrorists who were killed or their houses where the encounter took place, to identify local support networks of terror outfits.

"Enhanced technical and human surveillance has been implemented to monitor potential sleeper cells and online propagandists targeting local youth. The operation aimed at safeguarding the community from extremist influences and ensuring peace," he said.

The spokesperson said the joint operations are being coordinated with Central Armed Police Force units for effective counter-terrorism efforts.

"Police remain committed to dismantling the terror ecosystem and maintaining public safety across the district," the spokesperson said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Doda, Sandeep Mehta, said the force would continue to act firmly against all those involved in aiding or abetting terror activities.

"No individual associated with anti-national elements will be spared. Our focus remains on ensuring peace, security, and the well-being of every citizen in the district," he said.

## SIA arrests narco...

on a three-day transit remand from Mumbai, he said.

A total of eight accused were found involved in the case, out of which two were absconding. One absconder, Laqit Ahmed, was earlier arrested by SIA-Jammu from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Gujarat's Ahmedabad in March 2025, who had absconded soon after the incident to Dubai, the spokesperson said. Arshad had facilitated the travel of co-accused Ahmed to Dubai and also organised a secret meeting in the Surankote area of Poonch for reviving terrorism and narco-terror activities in the Pir Panjal region under his guidance, he said.

"The arrest marks a significant success for the SIA, Jammu and Kashmir in its sustained efforts to dismantle networks involved in narco-terrorism and cross-border subversive activities," the spokesperson said.

## Rahul Gandhi's 'dukaan'...

worried about their sons, Tejashwi Yadav and Rahul Gandhi, respectively, while asserting that no seats were vacant for them either in Bihar or Delhi.

"Half of the state has already shown the door to the Congress-RJD combine," he claimed, referring to the first phase of the polls held on November 6.

Hitting out at the RJD, he said, "I agree with Tejashwi that Prime Minister Narendra Modi can't do in 'seven births' what Lalu did... He can't indulge in multiple scams."

Shah accused the RJD of trying to restore 'jungle raj' and alleged that the party wants the late gangster Mohammad Shahabuddin's terror back as Lalu Prasad gave ticket to his son Osama Shahab.

He claimed that "terror would reign supreme if such forces were elected".

Shah said the RJD rule in the state two decades back saw murders, rapes, massacres, acid attacks, anarchy and terrorism, while asserting that only an NDA government can bolster development in the state.

Taking a jibe at the Congress, Shah said that earlier, biryani used to be served to terrorists, but the Modi government launched operations and neutralised terrorists in their own lands after attacks in India.

He said that in any event of future military conflict with Pakistan, cannons manufactured in the proposed defence corridor in Bihar will be used.

A roadmap is ready to establish Bihar as an industrial centre through petroleum refinery and other projects, he said, adding that closed sugar mills in the state will also be revived.

Waters from Nepal's rivers, which wreak floods and destruction in Bihar, will be used to irrigate farmers' fields, Shah added.

"Bihar will be developed as a major centre of tourism by connecting places of religious importance to the Ramayan circuit," he said.

## Justice not privilege...

reaches even the last person standing at the margins of society," Gavai said.

The CJI noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence reaffirms the shared responsibility of the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary in advancing the cause of legal aid and access to justice for all.

Gavai said the real measure of success is not in numbers but in the trust of the common person, in the belief that someone, somewhere, is willing to stand by them. "And that is why our work must always be guided by the spirit that we are changing lives," he added.

"Even your presence for a single day, your visit to a village or a jail, your conversation with a person in distress, can be life-changing for someone who has never had anyone come for them before," he said.

At the event organised by NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) to mark its 30th year, the CJI said that legal aid must not be envisioned as a reactive system, but as a living movement.

"We must not wait for distress to knock on our doors. Instead, we must continuously reflect on how society is changing in the new challenges, the new forms of exclusion, and the emerging needs of the people we serve.

"The strength of a just society lies in our ability to foresee where injustice may arise, and to reach there before it does," he said.

Gavai said as India celebrates the 75th year of its Constitution, the legal aid movement must keep carrying forward the vision embedded in the Preamble: the assurance of justice, social, economic, and political.

"The Constitution's promise will be truly fulfilled only when every person, regardless of caste, gender, language, or circumstances, feels that the system of justice belongs to them," he said.

Modi was the chief guest at the event, which was also attended by Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Gavai's successor Surya Kant, as well as other judges from the Supreme Court and high courts.

Justice Vikram Nath delivered a vote of thanks and said the prime minister's presence has given renewed direction and energy to the collective endeavour to make access to justice efficient, inclusive, and technology-driven.

NALSA was constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, to provide free legal services to the weaker sections of society and to organise Lok Adalats

for amicable settlement of disputes.

The CJI acts as its patron-in-chief, and the next senior-most Supreme Court judge is the Executive Chairman.

## Justice Wasim Sadiq...

this project a reality. The inauguration ceremony was attended by, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bandipora, Khalil Ahmad Choudhary; Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bandipora, Sushel Singh, SSP Bandipora, Ajaz Ahmad Zargar, Sub Judge/CJM, Bandipora, Iqbal Ahmad Akhoo, Incharge Secretary DLSA, Bandipora, Sheikh Babar Hussain, Munsiff/ JMJC, Bandipora, Munsiff Gurez incharge ASMM Bandipora, President District Bar Association, Bandipora, Superintendent Engineer, Executive Engineer and other officers of Police Housing Cooperation, executing agency; officers from Judiciary/District Administration Bandipora, members of the Bar Association Bandipora, and representatives from the legal fraternity.

Upon his arrival, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal was given a guard of honour by the contingent of District Police Bandipora.

After the inauguration, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal inspected various sections of the new Court Complex Bandipora, including Court Rooms, E-Court Room, Record Room, staff rooms, and other facilities. He took a detailed tour of the complex, examining the infrastructure and amenities provided.

The Administrative Judge gave necessary instructions to the concerned officers to ensure that the facilities are utilized optimally and maintained properly.

He also interacted with the staff members and enquired about their working conditions, directing the authorities to address any issues or concerns raised.

Later, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal attended a function held at the Conference Hall of the new Court Complex Bandipora, where he addressed a gathering of judicial officers, lawyers, and other dignitaries.

The ceremony began with the rendition of the National Anthem, marking a proud and historic moment for the people of Bandipora.

In his address, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal expressed his gratitude to the Chief Justice, Arun Palli, for providing him the occasion to inaugurate the court complex and put the building for public use in his absence. He said, "I am grateful to the Chief Justice, Arun Palli, for providing him the privilege to inaugurate this magnificent project, a testament to the unwavering commitment to justice and the rule of law." He also highlighted the serene district's extraordinary natural beauty and cultural richness.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal emphasized the significance of the judiciary in Jammu and Kashmir, which has a glorious history and rich traditions. He acknowledged the tireless efforts of judicial officers, court staff, and members of the Bar in Bandipora, who have continued to serve with dedication despite numerous challenges. He stressed that judicial infrastructure is not a luxury, but a constitutional obligation, and an expression of the promise of justice enshrined in the Constitution.

He stressed that putting the new court complex to public use is a symbol of hope and trust for the people of Bandipora, Sumbal, and Gurez, and will play a crucial role in ensuring justice is delivered with dignity and efficiency. He also highlighted the importance of technology in modernizing the judicial system, citing the e-Courts Project, which has transformed the way citizens engage with the system.

Similarly, he emphasized the need for modern judicial reform, combining structural improvement with technological modernization, to ensure accessible justice for all. He also highlighted the importance of collaboration between the Bench and the Bar in ensuring justice is served.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal advises young lawyers to focus on preparation, discipline, and courtesy, rather than dramatics. He reminds them that success in law takes time, but it's worth the wait. He emphasizes the importance of integrity, humility, and compassion in the legal profession.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal reminds lawyers that they're not just advocates, but also guardians of justice and voices for the voiceless.

In his speech, he also highlights the crucial role of judges in a democratic society, emphasizing the need for humility, integrity, and independence. He encouraged promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and acknowledged the contributions of court staff and administrative officers.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal congratulates the officers of the Judiciary, engineers, architects, and construction teams, as well as the Government of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, for making this dream a reality.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bandipora, expressed his gratitude to all those involved in the project. He acknowledged the visionary leadership of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal for their guidance and valuable support for the time bound completion of mega project. He also appreciated the efforts of Registrar General, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, M. K Sharma; Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib and other officials for their contributions to the time bound completion of the complex.

He said the new Court Complex Bandipora, is equipped with latest technology and amenities, will facilitate the Judges and lawyers to deliver justice in a calm and cozy atmosphere. He appreciated the efforts of the district administration and the Bar Association Bandipora for their tireless efforts in making the new Court Complex a reality. He also thanked the Administrative Judge for his guidance and support in ensuring the timely completion of the project.

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, highlighted the importance of the new Court Complex in providing accessible justice to the people of Bandipora and expressed gratitude to the Administrative Judge

for his unwavering support to the district administration. The Deputy Commissioner also lauded the efforts of the judicial officers, lawyers, and other stakeholders who worked tirelessly to make the new Court Complex a reality. She emphasized the need for continued collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders to ensure that the justice delivery system is strengthened and make more effective and people friendly.

The President of the Bar Association Bandipora, Sofi Feroz, in his address, assured that the Bar Association Bandipora will continue to work closely with the judiciary to ensure that the justice delivery system is strengthened and made more effective and public friendly in the district.

Later, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal held in-depth meetings with judicial officers, district administration officials, police representatives, and bar members to discuss the operational requirements of the newly constructed District Court Complex in Bandipora. During the meeting, he directed the concerned heads of the district administration to address several crucial and genuine demands to ensure the smooth functioning of the complex.

The demands put forth included the provision of a dedicated hotline connection for emergency communication, engagement of a gardener for maintenance and beautification, installation of a bore well to ensure uninterrupted water supply, deployment of a Safaivala for cleanliness and hygiene, and posting of security guards for safety and access regulation including installation of CCTV cameras in the new building for safety and security measures. Additionally, the installation of signage and direction boards, provision of basic utility facilities like drinking water and public conveniences, and regular maintenance and sanitation support were also emphasized.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal also stressed the importance of prioritizing the disposal of old cases, directing the judicial officers to focus on clearing the pending cases and ensuring timely justice delivery.

The meeting was aimed at ensuring that the new court complex provides a conducive environment for the judicial process, benefiting litigants, lawyers, and judicial officers alike.

## Hindus are 'responsible'...

culture. What is the core culture of Bharat? Whatever description we give, it leads us to the word Hindu," he said.

Stating that there is actually no "Ahindu" in Bharat, Bhagwat said all Muslims and Christians are "descendants of the same ancestors."

"They probably don't know it, or they are made to forget it," he added.

"Knowingly or unknowingly, everybody follows Bharateeya culture, so nobody is Ahindu, and every Hindu must realise he is a Hindu, because being Hindu means being responsible for Bharat," he said.

"That is why the organisation of Hindu society, that is why Bharat is a Hindu Rashtra. It is not contradictory with anything we are doing today. On the contrary, this conforms with the Constitution we are following today," he added.

Bhagwat said the whole of Hindu society needs to be organised, as Hindu society in its prime strength and glory always seeks to unite the world.

"Sanatana Dharma is Hindu Rashtra and the progress of Sanatana Dharma is the progress of Bharat," he said.

Noting that the path for RSS has not been easy, Bhagwat said the organisation faced fierce opposition for about 60-70 years, including two bans and violent attacks on Swayamsevaks.

"There were two bans. There was a third as well, but it was not much of a ban. There were oppositions, criticisms. Swayamsevaks were murdered. In every way, it was tried that we should not thrive. But Swayamsevaks give their all to the Sangh and don't want anything in return. On that basis, we have mastered all these situations and are in a state where there is some credibility in society," he said.

Rejecting claims that RSS was born as a reaction to circumstances, Bhagwat said, "Organisation of a society is not against anyone, it is not a reaction. It is the normal state, and it needs to be maintained. Sangh was thought of and implemented out of this need."

Reiterating that RSS is not a reactionary body, he said the Sangh has come to fulfil, not to destroy. "It is not in opposition to anything. It is an organisation of the society, not in the society. Now we have a strong presence in the country, but we are not satisfied, because the whole society has to be organised. Organisation of society through manmaking."

Highlighting social faults that have emerged over time, Bhagwat said, "We have forgotten who we are as Bharat. We have to make everybody remember who we are, and we have to remove all the differences. Our tradition is-we create unity without disturbing the diversity. Diversity is the decoration of unity."

He said in the centenary year, RSS's first concern is to take its work to every village and every stratum of society, across all castes and classes.

"We see Hindu society as one homogenous society, but the world sees so much diversity. We have to reach every diversity," he said.

"We want to organise the Hindu society. The whole of the Hindu society... all 142 crore people with so many religious denominations, and some of them came from outside during the course of history," he said, adding that RSS has started dialogue with those who do not consider themselves Hindus.

## India moving fast...

darshan, and since the construction of the Ram Temple, over 6 crore people have visited Ayodhya to seek the blessings of Ram Lalla.

"These devotees have contributed thousands of crores of rupees to Uttar Pradesh's economy and provided steady income to hotel owners, transport operators, local artists and boatmen," he said.

This has created new opportunities for the youth, Modi noted.

"Hundreds of young people in Varanasi are now starting new ventures, from transport to local businesses. Because of all this, the doors of prosperity are opening in Kashi and across Uttar Pradesh," he said.

"To realise the dream of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) from a 'Viksit Kashi', numerous infrastructure projects are being undertaken here, Modi said.

Today, Kashi is experiencing continuous expansion, development and qualitative improvement, with facilities ranging from good hospitals, good roads, gas pipelines, and internet connectivity, he said.

Work on the ropeway is progressing rapidly, he said.

"Our effort is to make visiting Varanasi, staying in Varanasi and enjoying the amenities of Varanasi a special experience for everyone," he added.

## Winter session of...

Parliament from 1st December 2025 to 19th December 2025 (subject to exigencies of Parliamentary business)," Rijju said on X. "Looking forward to a constructive and meaningful Session that strengthens our democracy and serves the aspirations of the people," he said. The tone for the Winter session will be set by the results of the Bihar assembly elections on November 14 where the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is locked in a stiff battle with the opposition Mahagathbandhan coalition. Several opposition parties are also likely to seek answers from the government on repeated claims made by US President Donald Trump on helping end hostilities between India and Pakistan over trade, after India launched 'Operation Sindoor'.

## Satwari Police nabs 2 narco-smugglers with heroin, cash, weapon

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In an effort to curb the menace of drug trafficking, Jammu Police, South Zone achieved a major success when Police Station Satwari foiled a narcotic smuggling attempt and apprehended two individuals with heroin-like substance, weapon (desi katta), live cartridges, cash, and other incriminating material during naka checking at Old Satwari near Hanuman Chowk.



During routine naka duty, a police team led by PSI Karnail Singh, Incharge Police Post Chatha, under the supervision of SHO Police Station Satwari JP Singh, SDPO City South Jammu Sunil Singh Jasrotia, and overall supervision of SP City South Jammu, intercepted a white Swift car (Registration No. JK21L-1863) coming from Belicharana towards Chatha.

On enquiry, the driver was identified as Sunny Kumar, S/o Harbans Lal, R/o Dabuj Kaka, Tehsil Ramgarh, District Samba, and the co-passenger as Jaspal Singh @ Deep Nagra, S/o Dallar Singh, R/o Nath Colony, Old Satwari, Jammu.

Upon search, approximately 10 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from the possession of Jaspal Singh, while Sunny Kumar was found carrying a desi katta (country-made pistol) loaded with one live cartridge, along with two additional cartridges. Further search of the vehicle led to the recovery of Rs 21,590 in cash, one electronic weighing machine, and a sharp-edged weapon (toka).

In this regard, FIR No. 222/2025 under sections 8/21/22/27-A/29 of the NDPS Act and 3/4/25 of the Arms Act stands registered at Police Station Satwari, and investigation has been set into motion.

## Drug peddler arrested with Ganja

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In yet another determined effort to root out the menace of drugs from society, Jammu Police, South Zone under the supervision of SP South Jammu, the overall guidance of SDPO South Sunil Singh Jasrotia, and the leadership of SHO Police Station Gangyal, achieved a success by apprehending a drug peddler and recovering Ganja like substance from his possession.

During Naka duty at Purmandal Morh NHW, PSI Arun Sharma along with his team noticed a suspicious pedestrian approaching from Bari Brahmana towards Kunjwani who, on spotting the police, tried to turn back. Acting swiftly, the team apprehended him, and he was later identified as Bham Singh Banjara, resident of Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh.

On thorough checking, approximately 01 Kg of Ganja was recovered from his possession. The accused failed to provide any valid justification for carrying the contraband. The substance was seized on the spot, and the accused was taken into custody. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 116/2025 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Gangyal.

## Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SHOPIAN: Police in Shopian have arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

During routine patrolling at Arhama Bongam Axis, a police party of Police Station Shopian intercepted a suspicious person carrying a bag. During search, 4.466Kgs of Poppy Straw-like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Javaid Ahmad Sheikh resident of Bongam Shopian.



Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 243/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Shopian and investigation has been initiated.