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Delivers keynote address at Ghazipur Literature Festival Writers, thinkers must strengthen social fabric with values of equality: LG

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday delivered a keynote address at the Ghazipur Literature Festival.

The festival, organised by Bharat Dialogues, brought together authors, scholars, artists and policymakers from Indian diaspora in Mauritius, South Africa, Suriname, Fiji, Norway, and many other countries to celebrate shared heritage and ideas and identity. High Commissioner of South Africa in India, Prof Anil Sooklal and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Dr Saangeeta Bala were among the special invitees at the event.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on the contribution of Indian Diaspora to the humanity's all-round evolution and global growth.



LG Manoj Sinha delivering keynote address at Ghazipur Literature Festival on Saturday.

"With the hard work, integrity, dedication and following the ancient values, Indian Diaspora has gained global recognition and also helped in strengthening ties," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the writers and thinkers to act as a bridge between society and perspectives and ideas and strengthening the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat".

He highlighted that the Writers and Thinkers hold a unique position to influence society and have a great responsibility to strengthen social progress and unity by

promoting values like equality, justice and fraternity. They must also use their creative power to drive social change and make the world more aware and sensitive to its duties, he further said.

"Literature, new ideas and perspective give strength to the society. Without good literature and new ideas, a society may physically exist but it will lack the intellectual and cultural tools for rapid growth and transformation of the nation.

Literature, knowledge and critical thinking ensures that Society should not become stagnant but it should be like a moving river," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the writers, thinkers and citizens to focus on 10 resolutions to make India a strong and developed

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Police raids multiple locations in crackdown on natives helping terror operatives

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday raided several places across the Valley as part of its crackdown on Union Territory natives allegedly involved in aiding terror operatives from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, officials said.

The raids were carried out in Anantnag, Sopore, Pulwama, Shopian, Bandipora, Budgam, Awantipora, Ganderbal, Kulgam and Handwara areas, they said.

In Anantnag district, police searched the residences of the banned terror outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen's self-styled operational commander Ghulam Nabi alias Aamir Khan and financial head Zaffer Bhat in the Liver area of Pahalgam.

Khan and Bhat, who fled their homes in the 1990s and crossed over to Pakistan, have been involved in terror



Raids conducted in Kashmir jails

activities directed against India. The duo has been operating from across the border since then, officials said.

In Handwara, searches were carried out in the houses and premises of the relatives and associates of terror operatives currently operating from across the border and individuals linked with banned organisations, they said.

The officials said the exercise was aimed at tracking any links, material support, or communication being extended to these anti-national elements from within the area.

In Kulgam, the search operations targeted individuals involved in facilitating, funding, and promoting terror activities at the behest of their relatives based across the border.

Several relatives and associates of active Jammu and Kashmir Nationals Operating from Pakistan (JKNOP) members were booked under relevant legal provisions for their sustained involvement in anti-national activities, including providing logistical support, spreading propaganda, and aiding recruitment.

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Justice not privilege of few but right of every citizen: CJI



STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Justice is not a privilege of the few but a right of every citizen, Chief Justice of India B R Gavai said on Saturday, while emphasising that it is the duty of judges and lawyers to ensure that the light of justice reaches even the last person standing at the margins of society.

Addressing the inaugural function of a national conference on strengthening legal aid delivery mechanisms at the Supreme Court premises, Gavai said the true reward of the legal services movement does not lie in statistics or annual reports, but in the quiet gratitude and renewed faith of citizens who once felt invisible.

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Rahul Gandhi's 'dukaan' will be shut in Bihar: Shah

STATE TIMES NEWS
PURNEA/KATIHAR/SUPAUL (BIHAR): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, stating that his 'dukaan' (shop) will be shut in Bihar as the INDIA bloc will be wiped out in the assembly polls and the NDA would form the government after securing over 160 seats.



Addressing back-to-back election rallies in Purnea, Katihar and Supaul, Shah alleged that Gandhi and RJD's Tejashwi Yadav were "hell-bent" on making Bihar's Seemanchal region a "den" of infiltrators, and asserted that the Centre will detect and identify every illegal immigrant, delete their names from electoral rolls and deport them.

"Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav are hell-bent on turning the Seemanchal region of Bihar into a den of infiltrators... We will detect and identify every illegal immigrant, delete their names from electoral rolls and deport them to their country," he added.

Shah said the NDA government will free Seemanchal from encroachment by infiltrators, and all illegal activities will be stopped.

"If you don't want infiltrators to decide the next CM of Bihar, defeat the RJD-Congress combine that took out a yatra to save them," Shah said, while hitting out at Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra'.

"Rahul Gandhi's 'dukaan' will be shut in Bihar as the INDIA bloc will be wiped out in the polls... NDA will form the government by securing 160 seats in the 243-member House," he said.

Attacking the Mahagathbandhan, Shah said RJD supreme Lalu Prasad and Congress leader Sonia Gandhi were

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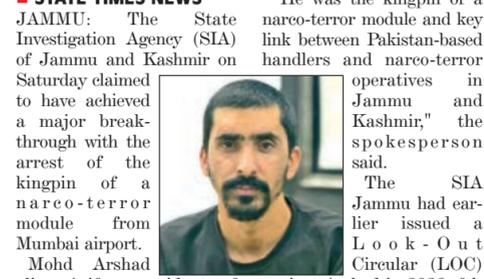
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday claimed to have achieved a major breakthrough with the arrest of the kingpin of a narco-terror module from Mumbai airport.

Mohd Arshad alias Asif, a resident of Degwar-Terwan village in Haveli tehsil of Poonch, had been absconding since 2023 and was operating from Saudi Arabia, a spokesperson of the agency said here.

"He was the kingpin of a narco-terror module and key link between Pakistan-based handlers and narco-terror operatives in Jammu and Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

The SIA Jammu had earlier issued a Look-Out Circular (LOC) against Arshad in 2023, followed by the issuance of a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) from the competent court. The accused has been taken into custody

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Winter session of Parliament from Dec 1 to 19

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Winter session of Parliament will be held from December 1 to 19, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju announced on Saturday, in what the opposition has described as an "unusually delayed" and truncated session.

The three-week session will have 15 sittings in all and is expected to be stormy as it comes in the midst of the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 12 states and Union territories, an exercise against which several opposition parties have raised objections.

The Monsoon session of Parliament also saw vociferous protests by several opposition parties over the SIR in Bihar that led to daily disruptions in Parliament.

"The Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji has approved the proposal of the Government to convene the #WinterSession of

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Hindus are 'responsible' for Bharat: Bhagwat

STATE TIMES NEWS
BENGALURU: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday said that Hindus are "responsible" for Bharat, asserting that the RSS aims to organise Hindu society for the glory of the nation, not for power.

He said there is no "Ahindu" (non-Hindu) in India, as everyone is a descendant of the same ancestors, and the core culture of the country is Hindu.

Bhagwat made the remarks while delivering a lecture on '100 Years of Sangh Journey: New Horizons' here.

RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale and people from various walks of the glory of Bharat Mata. Somehow, in our country, people found it very hard to believe, but now they believe," Bhagwat said.

He said that when questions are raised about why RSS focuses on Hindu society, the answer is that Hindus are responsible for Bharat.

"It is not that the British gave us nationhood; we are an ancient nation. Everywhere in the world, people agree that every nation has its core culture. There are many inhabitants, but there is a core

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Train pilot injured as eagle shatters windshield, lands inside cabin

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: An eagle crashed into the windshield of a train in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir and landed inside the cabin of the locomotive pilot who received minor injuries, officials said.

The incident occurred in the Baramulla-Banihal train between Bijbehara and Anantnag railway stations, they said.

The windshield was shattered, causing minor facial injuries to the pilot, the officials added. However, the bird landed safely inside the pilot's cabin after the collision, they said.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal inaugurates New Court Complex in Bandipora

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANDIPORA: In a significant development, the newly constructed Court Complex at Bandipora was inaugurated on Saturday by Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and Administrative Judge for District Bandipora, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal.

The inauguration was carried out on the directions of the Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Arun Palli, as the building was already complete and same be put to public use without delay to benefit the people of



Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal inaugurating court complex at Bandipora on Saturday.

India moving fast on path of development: PM

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 27.4°C Min: 12.1°C

Humidity
Max: 80 Min: 74

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.1°C Min: 0.9°C

Humidity
Max: 88 Min: 58

Sunset : 17:34 Hours
Sunrise : 06:54 Hours

STATE TIMES NEWS
VARANASI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said infrastructure is a major factor in the economic growth of developed countries around the world, and India is also moving fast on the path of development.

He said spiritual tourism has ushered in development in Uttar Pradesh, with devotees visiting pilgrimage sites contributing thousands of crores of rupees to the state's economy.

The PM was speaking after flagging off four new Vande Bharat Express trains from the Banaras railway station in Varanasi, his Lok Sabha constituency.

"In developed countries across the world, the biggest reason for economic growth has been their infrastructure. In every nation that has achieved major progress, the driving force behind it has been infrastructure development," Modi said.

"Infrastructure is not just about big bridges and highways. Whenever such systems are developed anywhere, it sparks the overall development of that region," he said.

Underlining India's fast-paced progress, the prime minister said, "With so many Vande Bharat trains running and flights arriving from countries across the world, all these developments are now linked to growth. Today, India is also moving rapidly on this path."

"Trains like Vande Bharat, Namo Bharat and Amrit Bharat are laying the foundation of a new generation of Indian Railways.

"Vande Bharat is a train of Indians, built by Indians for Indians, of which every Indian is proud," he said.

Now even foreign travellers are amazed by Vande Bharat. Today, India has launched a campaign to improve its resources for a developed India and these trains are going to be a milestone in that, he added.

With the addition of the four new trains, Modi said, more than 160 Vande Bharat Express trains are now operational in the country.

Modi further said that spiritual tourism has become a major source of income and has ushered in development in Uttar Pradesh.

"In our country, pilgrimage has for



centuries been considered a medium of national consciousness. These journeys are not merely routes for darshan of deities, but a sacred tradition that connects the soul of India," Modi said.

"Places like Prayagraj, Ayodhya, Haridwar, Chitrakoot and Kurukshetra are the centres of our spiritual beliefs," he said.

Today, as these sacred destinations are being connected through the Vande Bharat network, it is also linking India's culture, faith and development. This is an important step towards making symbols of India's heritage a representation of national growth, he said.

"These journeys also have an economic aspect, which is often not discussed. Over the past 11 years, the development work done in Uttar Pradesh has elevated pilgrimage tourism to a new level," the PM said.

"Last year, more than 11 crore devotees came to Kashi for Baba Vishwanath's

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Infiltration bid foiled: Two terrorists killed in Kupwara



STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Two unidentified terrorists were killed as the Army foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district, officials said on Saturday.

The Army's Srinagar-based Chinari Corps said an operation was launched on Friday based on specific intelligence inputs from agencies about an infiltration attempt in Keran sector of Kupwara.

"Alert troops spotted suspicious activity and challenged which resulted in terrorists opening indiscriminate fire," the Army said in a post on X. "Two terrorists have been neutralised by the security forces in the ongoing operation. Search of the area in progress," it said.