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& Machine Learning in Agriculture (CAIML); SKUAST-K Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (SKIIE) Centre and to establish the Division of Agro-Meteorology at FOH, Shalimar.

Prof. Nazir A. Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir presented the Progress Report of the University. The latest edition of Agri Rise- an Agricultural Education Digest on Agri-entrepreneurship was also released on the occasion.

### GoI approves SBM...

The department projected construction of 2000 community sanitary complexes covering the priority destinations and uncovered panchayats. Assets for solid waste management, gray water management, construction of biogas plants, sludge treatment plants, waste management facilities and community awareness are among the major initiatives approved under the SBM annual implementation plan. Efforts on sustainability of sanitation systems will be made under the AIP.

Dr Shahid Iqbal briefed about the need for coverage of population on remote areas, women centric initiatives, coverage of rural healthcare and educational institutions under the plan. He also raised the need providing sanitation facilities to the migratory tribal population in highland pastures, vulnerable populations and focusing on suburban areas for waste management facilities.

Mission Director SBM proposed construction of 21,000 IHHL units apart from coverage of all PMAY housing unit beneficiaries. Collection, storage & segregation centres, Vehicles for collection and transportation of waste, individual and community compost pits, segregation bins and safety material for sanitation workers are also included in the approved plan. Focus will also be placed on capacity building of village level committees and field staff.

Meanwhile, the department has asked Assistant Commissioners Development in all districts for inclusion of convergence with SBM under MGNREGA to create assets for solid waste management, plastic waste processing and disposal, and grey water management. Measures also planned for coverage of households in coordination with the Jal Jeevan Mission.

The Rural Sanitation department will also lay focus on developing material under IEC for community based initiatives aimed at sanitation, sustainability and waste management. Sanitation during Shri Amarnathji Yatra is also proposed under the SBM plan for current year. Community awareness and voluntary services are being promoted under SBM for sustainability.

### Rule of Lord...

participation of people in voting at a time when many countries in the world are seeing a downward trend.

Nearly 45 per cent votes were cast in the first national elections in 1951-52, and the percentage has been going up while the number of electorate has surged to 96 cr, over three times the US population, he said.

In the monthly broadcast, Modi noted that the absence of a common language for the terminology of diseases, treatments and medicines in alternative medicines like Ayurveda, Siddha or Unani was a longstanding problem, and said a solution has been now found.

He said, "I am happy to share that the Ministry of AYUSH has categorised the data and terminology related to Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicine, with the help of the World Health Organisation as well. Through the efforts of both, the terminology related to disease and treatment in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha medicine has been codified."

He added that an advantage of this would be that if patients go to another doctor with their slip, the doctor will get complete information.

"That slip will help one in knowing one's illness, treatment, what medicines one has been taking, for how long the treatment has been going on, what things one is allergic to," he said.

In a reference to the recent Padma awards, Modi said many of those bestowed the honour were those who worked at grassroots and away from the limelight to make big changes in society.

"I am very happy that the system of Padma awards has transformed completely in the last decade. Now it has become people's Padma," he said.

The contribution of each one of the Padma awardees is an inspiration for the countrymen, he said and added that many of them were those who brought glory to the country in the world of classical dance, classical music, folk dance, theatre and bhajans.

Many people from abroad have also been honoured with the Padma awards, as their work is rendering new heights to Indian culture and heritage, he said.

Lauding the presence of women power in the Republic Day parade, the prime minister said out of the 20 contingents, 11 were all-women.

"We saw that even in the tableaux that went by, all the artistes were women. About one and a half thousand daughters took part in the cultural programs that took place," he said.

### Nitish back in...

Governor Rajendra Arlekar at Raj Bhavan in the evening in the presence of senior leaders, including BJP national president J P Nadda, hours after he resigned from the post, saying "things were not working well" for him in the Grand Alliance and the opposition bloc.

BJP leaders -- Samrat Choudhary and former Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha- were among those who took oath of office. The two are named as Deputy Chief Ministers by Kumar.

After the swearing-in ceremony, Kumar told reporters: "I have come back where I was earlier. Now there is no question of going back. Today eight people have been sworn in, including Choudhary and Sinha, both of whom shall be my deputies".

Earlier, Choudhary and Sinha were named as leader and deputy leader, respectively, of the BJP legislature party. The appointment of the two indicated the BJP's attempt to strengthen its traditional upper caste base and also reach out to the OBCs.

The two leaders thanked the party's top leadership for the opportunity and vowed to "protect Bihar from the jungle raj unleashed by Lalu Prasad's RJD".

JD(U) members Vijay Kumar Choudhary, Vijendra Yadav and Shrawan Kumar also took oath apart from former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi-led Hindustan Awam Moreha's Santosh Kumar Suman and independent legislator Sumit Singh.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Kumar and his two deputies.

The newly sworn-in NDA government in Bihar will leave no stone unturned for the state's development and to fulfil people's aspirations, Modi said on X and added that he was confident that the new government in Bihar will serve the people with full dedication.

Notably, no leader of the RJD, the single largest party in the assembly, was present at the ceremony.

Prasad's son Tejashwi Yadav, who was the Deputy CM until Kumar walked out of the alliance, said "The JD(U) will be destroyed in the upcoming assembly polls".

"The game is not over for us. The game has just begun", said the young leader.

His elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav, also a former minister, and Singapore-based elder sister Rohini Acharya came out with a flurry of posts on X, lampooning the JD(U) president, whom they likened to a "chameleon".

Senior Congress leader and former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Singh Baghel told reporters in Purnea: "Nitish Kumar has committed political suicide. This will be proven in the days to come".

Baghel, whose party was a junior partner in the Mahagathbandhan government, was in the Bihar district to oversee preparations for the Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra', scheduled to enter the state on Monday from the Kishanganj district.

The CPI(ML) Liberation, which supported the Mahagathbandhan government from the outside, launched a blistering attack on Kumar, accusing him of "betrayal".

In an acerbic Facebook post, the party's general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya alleged that Kumar, "who has had the longest stint as CM", will be used by the RSS-BJP combine "as its pawn". Political strategist turned politician Prashant Kishor also took a swipe at Kumar, saying "switching sides has become part of his politics" and added that the BJP might end up paying "a huge price" for supporting the JD(U) chief who had ditched it in August 2020.

At the swearing-in ceremony, BJP national president J P Nadda had brought along Chirag Paswan, a staunch NDA ally but a vocal critic of Kumar, in a gesture that appeared to be aimed at placating the fears of smaller coalition partners.

Another small NDA ally Upendra Kushwaha, who has floated a new party after having quit the JD(U) a year ago, told reporters in Karakat "Nitish Kumar is my big brother but he had chosen the wrong path. Now he is back on the right track".

Later, Nadda, who was seen holding a long chat with Kumar after the oath-taking ceremony, held a press conference and said the JD(U) president was a "natural" alliance partner and expressed confidence that the NDA would sweep the Lok Sabha polls, winning all the 40 seats in Bihar.

The BJP president also mocked the opposition bloc INDIA, of which Kumar was seen as a key figure till Friday. The front stands for "bhrastrachar bachao, parivar

bachao" (protect corruption and save the family), he said.

After submitting his resignation earlier, Kumar told reporters: "The government that was in place now comes to an end. I have let it go".

The 72-year-old leader indicated that he was not feeling happy with the way things were in the Mahagathbandhan in the state as well as the INDIA bloc that he helped take shape but which failed to adequately recognise his efforts.

"You all know how I came to this alliance and also how I worked to bring together so many parties. But of late things were not working well. It was not going down well with those in my party as well", Kumar said.

Kumar had resigned after a meeting of the JD(U) legislature party, which authorised him to take any decision about the alliance.

Kumar had joined the Mahagathbandhan in August 2022, when he had snapped ties with the BJP accusing it of trying to "split" his JD(U).

He formed a new government with a multi-party coalition that included RJD and Congress.

Kumar had first taken oath as the state's Chief Minister in 2000. However, his government fell within a week. He again became CM in 2005 and also returned to power five years later.

After his breakup with BJP in 2013, Kumar still survived in power as the JD(U), which was then just a few members short of the majority mark, got outside support from parties like Congress and CPI, besides a disgruntled faction of the RJD.

A year later, though, he stepped down owning moral responsibility for the JD(U)'s drubbing in Lok Sabha elections.

In less than a year, he was back as Chief Minister, elbowing out his rebellious protégé Jitan Ram Manjhi, this time armed with ample support from the RJD and the Congress.

The Grand Alliance that came into being with JD(U), Congress and RJD coming together, won the 2015 assembly polls handsomely but came apart in just two years.

Kumar returned to the NDA in 2017, hoping to get some traction after taking a stand against corruption taint on his then deputy Tejashwi Yadav.

In the current 243-member Bihar Assembly, JD(U) has 44 MLAs and the BJP 78. Kumar also has the support of one independent member: Jitan Ram Manjhi-led Hindustani Awam Moreha, which is already a part of the NDA, has four MLAs.

The RJD (79) along with the Congress (19) and the Left parties (16) have a combined 114 MLAs, eight short of a majority.

### DPAP committed to...

stating, "I have been working for all, be it Hindus or Muslims, Sikhs or Christians."

Expressing concern over problems faced to the people, he said that his return to J&K politics was driven by a desire to address the challenges faced to all segments of society, particularly unemployment among the educated youth.

Azad recalled his commitment to a robust work culture during his tenure as CM and vowed to continue it with dedication, if elected again.

Azad appealed to people not to engage in religion politics and advocated voting based on principles of development and peace. The party intends to contest all Lok Sabha seats, emphasizing the need for representation in Parliament to address pressing issues, he added.

Azad asserted that defeating other parties should be achieved through tangible work, rather than relying on false promises.

He emphasized his party's commitment to the welfare of the people and fighting for their rights, land, and jobs.

He said "We don't change or stand differently in different places. What I speak in Jammu, I speak in Delhi. This underscores my unwavering commitment to transparency and sincerity in addressing the concerns of the public."

Azad urged the government to prioritize the needs of the people directly impacted by various projects. He specifically pointed out the necessity of giving precedence to the local people in development initiatives.

He expressed the commitment to reinstate the Roshni Scheme, emphasizing its potential to address crucial issues and contribute to the well-being of the community.

Azad stressed for the urgent need for early and fair elections, emphasizing the pivotal role they play in restoring democratic values and addressing the current challenges faced by the J&K (UT).

Azad urged people to discern between mere rhetoric and concrete actions, asserting that his party's track record and dedication to the people's well-being set them apart from others.

Among others present in the public meeting included, R S Chib Gen Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Vinod Mishra Gen Secretary, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Ch Gharu Ram Zonal President, Subash Gupta Provincial Vice President, Ch Riyaz Niaz Secretary, Sunita Arora, Anuradha Andotra, Thakur Raghvir Singh Distt Samba, Provincial GS Adv Maheshwar Singh, Ashok Bhagat, Vishal Chopra, Kirtan Singh, Fatima Shikari and Jyoti Dogra.

### Major police reshuffle...

hold the charge of the post of Managing Director, Police Housing Corporation, J&K.

Sunil Kumar, IPS, ADGP Railways, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Director Prosecution, J&K; Vijay Kumar, IPS, ADGP Law & Order, J&K, shall hold the additional charge of the posts of ADGP Armed, J&K and Commandant General, HG/CD/ SDRF, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Sunil Gupta, IPS, DIG Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range, has been transferred and posted as DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range. The officer shall also hold the additional charge of the post of DIG, Rajouri-Poonch Range, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Sujit Kumar, IPS, DIG Central Kashmir Range, has been transferred and posted as DIG CID Kashmir; M. Suleman Choudhary, IPS, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, has been transferred and posted as DIG (Pers) PHQ; Shakti Kumar Pathak, IPS, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director, Anti Corruption Bureau. The officer shall also hold additional charge of the post of Director, Anti Corruption Bureau till further orders.

Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal, IPS, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range, has been transferred and posted as DIG Traffic, Jammu; Rayees Mohammad Bhat, IPS, DIG South Kashmir Range, has been transferred and posted as DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range; Shridhar Patil, IPS, DIG Traffic, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as DIG Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range; Altaf Ahmad Khan, IPS, DIG CID, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as DIG South Kashmir Range. The officer shall also hold the charge of the post of DIG Central Kashmir Range, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Nisha Nathyal, IPS, DIG Armed, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as DIG (Headquarters) PHQ.

As per another order, Sargun, IPS, SSP PCR, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-15th Battalion; Sandeep Gupta, IPS, SP (Tech), CID Headquarters, has been transferred and posted as SSP Ganderbal; Shobhit Saxena, IPS, SP State Investigation Agency, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SSP Kupwara; P.D. Nitya, IPS, awaiting adjustment upon repatriation, has been posted as SSP Doda; Anuj Kumar, SP Special Crime Wing, Jammu, holding additional charge of the post of SP CICE, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SSP Ramban; Nikhil Borkar, IPS, SP Ganderbal, has been transferred and posted as SSP (Tech), CID Headquarters; Mohita Sharma, IPS, SP Ramban, has been transferred and posted as SSP Reasi; Divya D, IPS, SP Hqrs Baramulla, has been transferred and posted as SP Sopore; Deepika, IPS, SP Hqrs Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as SP State Investigation Agency, Jammu; Mubassir Latifi, IPS, Commandant IR-15,h Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-10th Battalion; Rashmi Wazir, IPS, Commandant Women Battalion Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-12th Battalion; Anita Sharma, IPS, Commandant IR-14th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-1st Battalion; Dr. Koshal Kumar Sharma, IPS, Commandant IR-19lh Bn, has been transferred and posted as SSP PCR, Jammu; Showkat Ahmad Dar, IPS, Commandant IR-4th Battalion, shall hold the charge of SP PTWS Srinagar, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Aijaz Ahmad Bhat, IPS, Commandant IR-10th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-6th Bn.. The officer shall also hold additional assignment of Staff Officer to Director General of Police (Camp) Srinagar.

Ranjit Singh Samyal, IPS, SSP Security, VIP Tech, shall hold the charge of the post of SSP Security, Jammu, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Mohd. Yaseen Kiehloo, IPS, SSP Security Civil Secretariat, has been transferred and posted as SSP CICE, Jammu; Sanjeev Kumar Khajuria, IPS, Commandant IR-24th Bn., has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP-4th Security Battalion; Ramesh Kumar Angral, Commandant IR-22nd Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-18th Battalion; Tahir Sajad Bhat, Commandant JKAP-8th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP-6th Battalion; Kulbir Singh, Commandant IR-18th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-11th Battalion; Shailender Singh, SSP Crime, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SSP Railways, Jammu; Dalip Kumar, SSP, upon repatriation from Anti Corruption Bureau, has been posted as Staff Officer to ADGP Armed, J&K; Benam Tosh, SSP Samba, has

been transferred and posted as SSP Crime, Jammu; Javid Hassan Bhat, Staff Officer to IGP, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Commandant Border Battalion, Srinagar; Mehmood Ahmad, Staff Officer to ADGP Armed, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-21st Battalion; Shamsheer Hussain, SSP Security, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-20th Battalion; Ashok Kumar Sharma, Commandant JKAP 4th Security Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-24th Battalion; Pawan Kumar Parihar, Commandant IR-16th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-7th Battalion; Yougal Kumar, SSP Kupwara, has been transferred and posted as SSP Poonch; Shabir Nawab, SSP Sopore, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP-5th Battalion; Sandeep Kumar Mehta, Commandant IR 11th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as SSP Special Crime Wing, Jammu; Amit Gupta, SSP Reasi, has been transferred and posted as Staff Officer to DGP, J&K (Camp) Jammu. One post of Superintendent of Police is transferred to Police Headquarters from the overall reserve of JKPS, for the purpose of drawal of salary of the officer.

Tahir Saleem Khan, Commandant JKAP-9th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Staff Officer to IGP Kashmir; Javid Iqbal, Commandant IR-17th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as SSP Pulwama; Mohd Yousuf, SSP Pulwama, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-17th Battalion; Khalid Ahmad Poswal, SSP Kishtwar, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP-9th Battalion; Liaqat Ali, Commandant IR 9th Bn, holding additional charge of Commandant IR-21st Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Staff Officer to DIG, Central Kashmir Range; Ramesh Chander Kotwal, Commandant IR-1st Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant Women Battalion, Jammu; Abrar Ahmad Choudhary, Commandant IR-12th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-14th Battalion; Sunil Raj, Commandant JKAP 7th Security Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP 12th Battalion; Sukhdev Raj, Commandant IR-7th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant IR-16th Battalion; Sanjay Singh Rana, Commandant JKAP-12th Security Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP-7th Security Battalion; Abdul Qayoom, SSP Doda, has been transferred and posted as SSP Kishtwar; Suram Singh, Commandant JKAP 6th Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Commandant JKAP 8th Battalion; Vinay Kumar, SP Poonch, has been transferred and posted as SP Samba; Mohan Lal Kaith, SP Railways, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant, JKAP-4th Security Battalion; Ramnish Gupta, SP Hqrs, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director SKPA, Udhampur; Sajad Khaliq Bhat, Staff Officer to DIG, Central Kashmir Range, has been transferred and posted as SP Security Civil Secretariat; Shaheen Wahid, SP South, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant, Women Battalion, Jammu; Rahul Charak, awaiting orders of posting, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant, IR-1st Battalion; Irshad Hussain Rather, Deputy Commandant IR-23rd Battalion, has been transferred and posted as SP Hqrs, Jammu; Feroz Ahmad Qadri, SP PTWS Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commandant, IR-5th Battalion; Pawan Kumar, Deputy Commandant, JKAP-4th Security Battalion, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP, Kishtwar; Nayeem Wani, Deputy Commandant, Border Battalion Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP PCR, Srinagar; Syed Yasir Qadri, Addl. SP PCR, Srinagar, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP, Baramulla; Sajad Ahmad Sheikh, Deputy Commandant, Women Battalion Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Anantnag; Ajay Sharma, Addl. SP, SIA, has been transferred and posted as SP South, Jammu; and Shukat Rafiq Wani, awaiting adjustment has been posted as Addl. SP Shopian;

Further, in partial modification of the Government Order No.44-Home of 2024 dated January 22, 2024, Amit Verma, under orders of transfer as Deputy Commandant, IR-17th Battalion, has been posted as Deputy Commandant, Border Battalion, Jammu; Imtyaz Ahmad Rather, under orders of transfer as SP West Srinagar, has been posted as Deputy Commandant, IR-10th Battalion; and Imtiaz Ahmed, under orders of transfer as Deputy Commandant, IR-10th Battalion, has been posted as SP West, Srinagar.

### Independent judiciary means...

to ensure an independent judiciary. An independent judiciary does not merely mean the insulation of the institution from the executive and the legislature branches but also the independence of individual judges in the performance of their roles as judges," he said.

The art of judging must be free of social and political pressure, and from the inherent biases which human beings hold, CJI Chandrachud said.

"Efforts are being made from within the institution to educate and sensitise judges across courts to unlearn their subconscious attitudes inculcated by social conditioning on gender, disability, race, caste and sexuality," he said.

The CJI said that despite changes in the world, the principles highlighted during the inaugural sitting of this court on January 28, 1950, continue to remain relevant today to the functioning of an independent Supreme Court.

"This court has in the last 75 years faced old and new challenges in confronting the face of injustice and meeting the expectations of those at the receiving end of power. This court has through the course of many years charted its understanding of principles and developed innovative approaches to achieve the ideals of a democratic polity governed by the rule of law under a written Constitution," he said.

CJI Chandrachud added that January 28 marks a significant day in constitutional history as the inaugural sitting of the Supreme Court was held on this day 75 years ago.

"Six judges of the federal court led by Chief Justice Harilal J Kamia assembled for the first sitting of the Supreme Court of India. The event took place without much fanfare in the Prince's Chamber of the building of Parliament from which the federal court functioned," he said.

He added that the chief justice's address at the inaugural sitting emphasised three principles which are necessary for the Supreme Court to function according to the constitutional mandate.

"The first is an independent judiciary where the Supreme Court must be independent of the legislature and the executive. The second is the judicial approach towards adjudication, which postulates that the Supreme Court must interpret the Constitution not as a rigid body of rules but as a living organism. The third principle is that this court must secure the respect of citizens for it to establish itself as a legitimate institution. The confidence of our citizens is determinative of our own legitimacy," he said.

### BRO achieves breakthrough...

the highway has taken pace and the project is expected to be completed by 2026 before its specified time, he added.

During his address, Lt Gen Srinivasan said the BRO is spearheading crucial road projects to connect remote areas with major centers in the Jammu-Poonch region.

The Jammu-Poonch link, advancing rapidly, is on track for completion in the next few years, the BRO chief said.

On being asked about defence infrastructure along the LoC, Lt Gen Srinivasan mentioned that development of defence infrastructure is a continuous process and the BRO is committed towards strengthening of defence infrastructure by building and upgrading strategic roads all along the IB, LoC and LAC.

The BRO and Project Sampark is steadfast in its commitment to Create, Connect, Care and save the lives of the citizens of its area of responsibility, the BRO chief said. It believes in the adage 'Roads Build Nation' and rededicated itself to the construction of border roads infrastructures to spur socio-economic progress, he added.

### Minimum temperatures rise...

degrees over the previous night.

Pahalgaon recorded a minimum temperature of minus 0.8 degrees Celsius, Qazigund minus 0.6 degrees Celsius, Kokernag minus 0.1 degrees Celsius and Kupwara 2.1 degrees Celsius. A dry and largely snowless winter in Kashmir has resulted in freezing nights and warmer-than-usual days in the valley. On some days, Srinagar was warmer than even Delhi, Chandigarh and Lucknow.

The weatherman has predicted that light snowfall was likely at most places in the Valley up to the first week of February.

### Fire breaks out near petrol pump in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
SAMBHA: A massive fire broke out near a petrol pump in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Sunday, sources said. Fire fighters have launched an operation to extinguish the flames, which engulfed two petrol tankers near the Rajpura area pump, they said. There were no reports of any loss of life or injury, they added.

### 3 drug peddlers arrested at Kishtwar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
KISHTWAR: Police on Sunday arrested three drug peddlers and recovered "heroin-like substances" in Kishtwar district, officials said. Acting on a specific tip-off, a police team intercepted a vehicle carrying three persons at Malipath area of Kishtwar. The trio was identified as Asif Kabir, Arif Hussain and Tariq, officials said. A case has been registered and investigation is underway.