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awareness regarding the newly enacted Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, and Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, which replace the colonial-era criminal laws.

He directed State and UT Police and the wider administration to adopt innovative strategies for integrating uninhabited islands, make effective use of databases integrated under NATGRID, and link these systems through Artificial Intelligence to generate actionable intelligence. He called for encouraging universities and academic institutions to undertake case studies on the use of forensics in police investigations, noting that enhanced forensic application would further strengthen the criminal justice system.

The Prime Minister reiterated the importance of establishing mechanisms for the regular monitoring of banned outfits, ensuring the holistic development of areas freed from Left Wing extremism, and adopting innovative models to strengthen coastal security. He emphasised that tackling drug abuse requires a Whole-of-Government approach, bringing together enforcement, rehabilitation, and community-level intervention.

The Conference witnessed in-depth deliberations on a wide range of national security matters. Discussions were held on the long-term Roadmap for Policing towards Vision 2047, emerging trends in counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation, leveraging technology to enhance women's safety, strategies to bring back Indian fugitives based abroad, and strengthening forensic capabilities to ensure effective investigation and prosecution.

The Prime Minister underscored the need for stronger preparedness and coordination, urging Police Chiefs to reinforce mechanisms for effective disaster management covering cyclones, floods, and other natural emergencies, including the ongoing situation of Cyclone Ditwah. He emphasised that proactive planning, real-time coordination, prompt response, and a Whole-of-Government approach are essential to safeguard lives and ensure minimal disruption during such events.

The Prime Minister also called upon the police leadership to realign the style of policing to meet the aspirations of a developing nation on the path to becoming a Viksit Bharat.

Prime Minister distributed the President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service to officers of the Intelligence Bureau. He also presented awards to the three best-performing cities in urban policing, a recognition instituted for the first time to encourage innovation and improvement in urban policing.

The Conference was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Ministers of State for Home Affairs, and the Union Home Secretary. DGsP and IGsP from all States and Union Territories, as well as heads of CAPFs and Central Police Organisations, participated physically, while more than 700 officers of various ranks joined virtually from across the country.

After Rajouri, VPN...

of VPNs under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) with immediate effect.

"The SSP informed that there has been an unprecedented high usage of VPNs in the past few days at different locations of the district by suspicious internet users," Sharma said in the order.

It was also informed that VPN transmit gets encrypted and creates a point-to-point tunnel, masks IP addresses, and sidesteps website blocks and firewalls on the internet, thus making sensitive data vulnerable to cyber attacks, the order said.

"Adversaries can use VPN service to create an atmosphere of fear in view of the prevailing situation," Sharma said. The order shall apply to all individuals, institutions, cyber cafes and internet service providers operating in the district, and anyone found violating it shall be punishable under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), he said.

The district magistrate has directed the SSP to ensure implementation of the order in letter and spirit.

Winter Session of...

other draft legislations are also on the agenda for the session which will have 15 sittings.

The government already had to step back from its plans to bring a bill to empower the president to make regulations for the Union Territory of Chandigarh directly, after stiff resistance from across the political spectrum.

At an all-party meeting convened by the government to seek the opposition's support for smooth functioning of Parliament, several parties raised the demand for a discussion on special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls together with issues of national security in the wake of the Delhi blast and air pollution in the national capital.

Issues like foreign policy, price rise, unemployment, new labour codes and feder-

alism amid charges that governors sitting on bills passed by state legislatures and funds of opposition-ruled states being held up were also raised and would come up during the session beginning December 1.

The government, while seeking the opposition's support, said it would continue to engage with all parties to ensure smooth functioning of the session.

The ruling NDA is likely to come up with 14 legislations, as it goes ahead with its reforms after an emphatic victory in Bihar Assembly polls. This is the first session after the Bihar election.

It, however, was on the back foot after it decided not to go ahead with its proposed Constitution amendment bill, envisaged to grant more powers to the President to directly legislate in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

As many as 50 leaders of 36 political parties attended the all-party meeting convened by the government ahead of the session.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP president and Union Minister J P Nadda, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, and his two deputies Arjun Ram Meghwal and L Murugan, attended it.

Rijiju said the House must be allowed to function.

"This is the winter session of Parliament and everyone should think and conduct themselves with a cool mind," he told reporters after the two-hour long meeting.

"Parliament should not be stalled and it should function smoothly. The Government will keep discussing with all parties to ensure smooth functioning of the House," he said.

Asked if the opposition demand for a discussion on SIR will be accepted, Rijiju said the agenda of the session will be decided by the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) this evening.

He said though there are differences among political parties, the SIR is not the only issue as several leaders have raised other issues too.

"But, if we decide not to disturb the house then productivity will rise, democracy strengthened and Parliament's respect among people enhanced," Rijiju said.

The Winter session of Parliament will see the government's reform push with legislations to open up the civil nuclear sector to the private sector (The Atomic Energy Bill, 2025) and set up a Higher Education Commission of India.

The Securities Markets Code Bill (SMC), 2025, also listed, proposes to consolidate provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, Depositories Act, 1996, and Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, into a rationalised single Securities Markets Code.

The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Health Security se National Security Cess Bill, 2025, have been listed for the session.

One of the eight other draft legislations, the National Highways (Amendment) Bill, also listed, seeks to ensure faster and transparent land acquisition for national highways.

Another proposed legislation is the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which aims at tweaking the Companies Act, 2013 and LLP Act, 2008, to facilitate ease of doing business. The session will conclude on December 19.

Cold wave intensifies...

from minus 3.1 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature last night was slightly above the season's coldest night recorded in the city when mercury had plunged to minus 4.5 degrees Celsius on Thursday night.

The Shopian town in south Kashmir was the coldest place in the valley on Saturday night with a minimum temperature of minus 6.6 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, recorded a low of minus 3.0 degrees Celsius. The mercury settled at minus 5.0 degrees Celsius in north Kashmir's Kupwara. South Kashmir's Kokernag recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.2 degrees Celsius, the officials said. Pahalgam tourist resort recorded a low of minus 5.6 degrees Celsius and Gulmarg minus 1.4 degrees Celsius. The meteorological department has forecast mainly dry weather across Kashmir till December 10.

SC to hear...

vacancies will be filled.

The top court noted the submission of advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioner that seven posts of information commissioner are lying vacant in Madhya Pradesh.

The bench had directed the chief secretary of Madhya Pradesh to start the process immediately of appointing information commissioners, if it has not been initiated, and submit a compliance affidavit to this court.

"It is clarified that if the needful is not done before the next date of hearing, the Chief Secretary shall be required to remain personally present before this Court on the next date of hearing," the top court had said.

On October 27, the top court refused to issue a directive for public disclosure of the names of candidates shortlisted for the post of chief information commissioner and information commissioners in the CIC.

It had directed the states, including Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh, to immediately try to fill up the vacant posts in the state information commissions.

Bhushan had alleged that governments were "trying to kill the Right to Information Act" by making information commissions defunct.

He had submitted that the CIC is currently without its chief, and eight out of 10 posts of information commissioners are vacant.

"The backlog of cases in the CIC is nearly 30,000," he had submitted, and pointed out the violation of earlier orders of the apex court, where it was directed that all vacant posts should be filled up directly.

On January 7, the top court took a dim view of the vacancies in the CIC and state information commissions as it directed the Centre to immediately fill the posts.

Seeking an expeditious selection of information commissioners in the CIC, the apex court had told the Centre that these posts need to be filled at the earliest.

It had criticised the appointments being made only from a particular category of candidates in the CIC and SICs, and mulled taking a judicial note of the fact that only bureaucrats are considered for the appointment in these commissions instead of people from all walks of life.

Activist Bhardwaj and others have submitted that in 2019, the apex court issued seminal directions for filling of posts in the CIC and SICs, but states delayed the selection process and virtually killed the Right to Information Act.

FIR filed against...

Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police filed a complaint against the Gandhis and seven others on October 3.

The police has pressed charges under sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 403 (dishonest misappropriation of property), 406 (punishment for criminal breach of trust) and 420 (cheating) of the IPC in the FIR that names the Gandhis, Congress leaders Suman Dubey and Sam Pitroda, entities like the Young Indian (YI) and Dotex Merchandise Ltd, Dotex promoter Sunil Bhandari, Associated Journals Ltd. (AJL) and unknown others.

These entities are also named as an accused (except unknown others) in the ED chargesheet filed before a Delhi court in April. The court is yet to take its cognisance with the next date of hearing scheduled for December 16.

Slamming the move to file the FIR, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jaiiram Ramesh charged on X, "The Modi-Shah duo is continuing with its mischievous politics of harassment, intimidation, and vendetta against the top leadership of the INC. Those who threaten are themselves insecure and afraid."

"The National Herald matter is a completely bogus case. Justice will ultimately triumph. Satyameva Jayate," he said.

Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi said in a post on X that the FIR was "neither wine new nor bottle new nor glasses new".

"One trick wonder of a case where no money moved, where no immovable property transferred yet money laundering invented...," Singhvi posted.

The ED, according to the sources, used powers available to it under section 66(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to get the police FIR registered. This section allows the federal agency to share evidence for registration of a criminal predicate offence by a law enforcement agency so that it can subsequently book a money laundering case to take forward the investigation.

The FIR will work to strengthen the ED case and the chargesheet which stems from a court order -- Metropolitan Magistrate of Delhi -- that took cognisance of a private complaint by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy on June 26, 2014 against alleged irregularities in the National Herald's affairs, the sources said.

The ED told the police that its complaint furnishes "additional facts" that disclose cognisable offence which are "beyond" the scope of the complaint of Swamy and the cognisance order of the Metropolitan Magistrate Court in 2014.

The FIR has taken cognisance of the allegations stated by the ED in a letter sent to the EOW on September 4. The contents of the ED communication are similar to what the central agency is understood to have stated in its chargesheet.

The ED had alleged in its chargesheet that a "criminal conspiracy" was orchestrated by several prominent political figures, including the first family of the Congress party led by Sonia Gandhi, her MP son Rahul Gandhi apart from late Congress leaders Motilal Vora and Oscar Fernandes and also Dubey, Pitroda and a private company Young Indian for alleged involvement in a money laundering scheme related to the fraudulent takeover of properties valued over Rs 2,000 crore belonging to the AJL.

It alleged the accused collected "bogus" rents from AJL's assets generated "fake" revenue through "sham" advertisements.

AJL is the publisher of the National Herald news platform (newspaper and web portal) and it is owned by Young Indian Private Limited.

Terrorist launch pads...

to thwart peace by Pakistan will be given a befitting reply.

Asked about changes in preparedness along the LoC after Operation Sindoor, Yadav said, "Every challenge is a learning experience. Whatever we learn from those challenges is incorporated into future strategy to effectively take on new challenges."

23-year-old boy dies at GMC Jammu; mother alleges medical negligence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A 23-year-old youth, Ashok Sharma, from Reasi died at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu on Sunday, with his family alleging serious medical negligence by the hospital staff.

Ashok's mother, who works in a factory in Bari Brahmana and stays in a rented house there, hails from Reasi, said they brought her son to GMC Jammu early in the morning after he suffered bleeding in his leg. According to her, they reached the hospital around 6 am, but doctors allegedly did not start treatment until nearly 12 noon.

She claimed that despite her son's condition worsening, "the bleeding did not stop, and they didn't even apply proper band-aids. No treatment was started for hours."

The family has accused the hospital of delaying critical care, which they believe led to Ashok's death. They have demanded an immediate inquiry and action against the responsible staff.

Drug peddler arrested with 774 grams Ganja

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers & peddlers, Samba Police has arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered approximately 774 grams Ganja like substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Bari Brahmana while performing naka duty opposite Pahalgam restaurant Bari Brahmana, intercepted a person who was moving under suspicious circumstances. During frisking, approximately 774 grams of Ganja like substance was recovered from the possession of said person.

The drug peddler identified as Mukesh Mundal S/o Fulo Mundal R/o W.No 04 Sahu Parbatta district Bhagalpur, Bihar A/P near Railway Colony Bari Brahman has been arrested and the contraband item has also been seized.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 201/2025 u/s 8/20/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and investigation started.

Three houses gutted in Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: Three houses were gutted in a major blaze in a remote hilltop village in Ramban district early Sunday, leaving several families homeless, officials said.

However, no casualty was reported in the fire which was reported from Gunz top village of Trigam in Khari tehsil before dawn, the officials said.

They said the fire started from a house and spread to two

adjoining houses, mostly made of wood, before the volunteers responded and put off the fire.

Due to the intensity of the blaze, the affected families could not salvage any of their belongings, the officials said, adding the village is located on a hilltop and lacks road connectivity.

Six families were rendered homeless in the incident, the officials said, adding a team of officials have been rushed to take stock of the situation and provide immediate relief to the affected families.

The officials said preliminary investigation suggested that the fire was caused by short-circuit.

Stolen vehicle recovered; accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Continuing its efforts to combat crime and ensure public safety, J&K Police in Baramulla recovers stolen vehicle and arrested the accused involved in the commission of crime.

The vehicle, (Tavera) (bearing Registration No. JK04C-1343), was reported stolen during the intervening night of 14th and 15th September 2024. Accordingly, Police Station Kunzer promptly registered FIR No. 119/2024 under Section 303(2) BNS, and sustained efforts were made to trace the vehicle.

Acting on specific information, it was learnt that the stolen vehicle was being used in Leh, UT Ladakh. A police team from Police Station Kunzer was immediately deputed to Leh. With the cooperation of Police Station Leh, the team located the vehicle along with the accused person, identified as Kanchu Sheikh son of Minhaj-ud-Din, resident of Gopal Para, Sector-19, Assam, who was driving the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was discreetly tracked and recovered, and the accused was apprehended on the spot. Both the vehicle and the accused have been brought back to Police Station Kunzer for further legal action.

Further investigation is in progress to identify and establish the entire chain of individuals involved in the commission of the crime.

ANTF arrest hardcore narcotics supplier from Mumbai

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of Jammu and Kashmir arrested an Interstate Hardcore Narcotics Drug Supplier from Atripada, Mumbai city on Wednesday, after conducting series of raids in different areas of Mumbai city.

The arrested person identified as Sartaj Ahmed Mansoori S/O Mumtaz Mansoori R/O 112/3232. Kannamwar Nagar, Vikroli East, Tagore Nagar Mumbai was wanted by the Police Station ANTF, Jammu under various sections of the NDPS Act in Case FIR No. 15/2022 of P/S ANTF, Jammu. A team of ANTF conducted the raids in Mumbai and arrested the accused near Kala Pani Junction Byculla road Agripada, Mumbai city. He was the main receiver of seized Commercial quantity of Narcotic drugs in the case. He used to deposit money in the accounts of drug dealers of Kashmir who further send drugs by concealing them in trucks going from Kashmir valley to Mumbai where he used to collect the drugs and sell to local youth of the area to earn huge money in lieu of that.



Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

FIND
TRAIN
SCHEDULE



11078 Jhelum Express

Departure

Arrival

: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi

: 11:15 at New Delhi

12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express

Departure

Arrival

: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi

: 05:55 at New Delhi

12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express

Departure

Arrival

: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi

: 06:55 at New Delhi

Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)

Departure

Arrival

Intermediate Stop

: 8:10 AM from Katra

: 11:10 AM at Srinagar

: Banihal at 9:58 AM

Fare:

Chair Car (CC): 715

Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320

Booking: Available on IRCTC

Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)

Departure

Arrival

Fare:

Chair Car (CC): 660

Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270

Booking: Available on IRCTC

: 2:00 PM from Katra

: 05:00 PM at Srinagar

FIND CINEMA		
GUSTAAKH ISHQ		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	3:05 PM	10:45 PM
PVR KC JAMMU		
	8:20 PM	
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PVR KC JAMMU		
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WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	1:05 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU		
	2:50 PM	
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