

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !! Nehru echoed Jinnah...

politics, the Congress bent and agreed to break Vande Mataram to pieces. Therefore one day, it had to bend for the Partition of India," he said.

As Trinamool Congress members protested, the prime minister remarked that it appeared that the Congress outsourced its decision-making process.

Modi asserted that the policies of the Congress and its allies have remained unchanged and they continued to resort to politics of appeasement and have attempted to create controversies around Vande Mataram.

The prime minister said whenever India faced challenges, it has responded inspired by sentiments enshrined in Vande Mataram.

"Leaving apart some segments of history, the nation has largely come together against odds. When there was a food security crisis, our farmers filled the bowls with grains inspired by the spirit of Vande Mataram," he said.

"The same sentiment defeated the Emergency mindset. When wars were thrust upon the country, our soldiers fought off and defeated the enemy. We defeated Covid-19 and moved on," said Modi describing Vande Mataram as a source of national strength and capacity.

"India can brave any challenge. Vande Mataram is not just a song for us, it is an inspiration to fulfil the dream of Viksit Bharat by 2047. We want to give strength to swadeshi and Vande Mataram will be our mantra," the prime minister said.

Modi said a look at the background of Vande Mataram and its stream of values, reflected the recurring truth from the Vedic era.

"Vande Mataram reminds us of the Vedic declaration meaning that this land is my mother and I am her son," he said.

The prime minister recalled that Mahatma Gandhi wrote in 1905 that Vande Mataram has become so popular that it has emerged as national anthem and wondered why injustice was meted out to it.

"If Vande Mataram was so popular, why was injustice meted out to it, why was it betrayed in the last century.What were those forces that were so powerful to overrule the wishes of Mahatma Gandhi on Vande Mataram," he said.

Modi lamented that the Constitution was "throttled" and the nation chained by the Emergency when the national song Vande Mataram completed 100 years.

The prime minister also noted that Vande Mataram stood like a rock and inspired unity despite British oppression.

The prime minister noted that the mantra of the national song gave power and inspiration to the entire country during the freedom struggle.

"The mantra energised and inspired India's freedom movement and showed the path of courage and determination.

## Five cases against...

Police conducted routine checking and scrutiny of hotels, homestays and house-boats and found five establishments to be in violation of the rules under the Act.

The action comes a day after a Chinese national was detained after he had allegedly entered the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in violation of his visa stipulations.

"In Rajbagh area, it was found that Hotel Blossoms, Hotel Grand MS, and Hotel Golden Forest had allowed foreign nationals to check in without submitting Form-C to the Foreigners Registration Office. Accordingly, a case under sections 8 and 23-B of the Immigration & Foreigners Act was registered," the spokesman said.

He said Hotel Khyber, in Khayam area, was also found violating the mandatory Form-C reporting. Despite repeated instructions, the management failed to produce any proof of Form-C submission, inviting a case under relevant sections.

A case was registered against a homestay at Lal Bazar after it was found operating without Form-C compliance for an Israel national. "The management had deliberately concealed the stay of the foreign guest and failed to submit mandatory online Form-C," he added. In Nishat area, house Mohammad Ashraf Zargar was found violating the mandatory reporting of Form C, the spokesman said.

In Ram Munshi Bagh, cases were registered against four houseboat owners for failing to report foreigners from Taiwan, Spain, Russian and Romania, staying with them. "Srinagar Police reiterates that all hotels, guest houses, houseboats and homestay operators must strictly comply with Form-C submission norms when accommodating foreign nationals. Non-compliance of the same is a serious offence and will invite strict legal action," the official said.

## Committed to bring...

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to HRDS-India for the noble initiative in supporting affected families in Jammu Kashmir. He highlighted that the houses for the affected families are being built without spending a single penny from the government treasury.

Construction of these three-bedroom pre-fabricated Smart Houses is slated for completion within six months from the start of the foundation work. The houses are designed to be efficient, modern, resilient, and technologically advanced and will include specific facilities like cowsheds.

In addition to building the homes, HRDS India is providing a substantial welfare package to the beneficiary families. HRDS India will provide Free life insurance coverage for all family members for the next 15 years, free annual health checkups for all family members and coverage for maintenance of the houses for the next 5 years.

The Lieutenant Governor reiterated his commitment to bring a monumental change in the lives of the poor:

"In the past 5 years, lakhs of poor have been benefitted and infrastructure in backward and poor regions were upgraded. The rapid development of Jammu is unprecedented and we have achieved a strong growth trajectory despite numerous challenges.

It is our constant effort to develop Jammu, the sacred city of temples, into an inclusive urban centre. Concrete steps taken for all-round development have led to the realization of the dream of poverty alleviation, social justice, and equal opportunities for all," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He stated that a new era of accelerated economic development, and social transformation has ushered in the region.

"We have achieved a massive scale of project completion in a short span. These projects have significantly strengthened Jammu's urban infrastructure and citizen-centric services, enhancing mobility through modern amenities and streamlined civic facilities, and improved urban aesthetics," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor lauded the exceptional coordination and dedication displayed by district administration and various agencies in the immediate relocation of affected population to safe places and ensuring their continued care in the wake of natural calamity.

He praised the swift and effective response from the Divisional and district administration, police, army, CAPFs, Disaster Response forces, emergency responders, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, civil society members, and volunteers during the rescue and relief operations.

A total of 4,309 beneficiaries in Jammu district received assistance, and compensation amounting to Rs. 8.22 crore was distributed to those affected.

Ex-gratia and Government job was provided to the next of kin of a civilian who tragically lost his life during the unprovoked firing by Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also interacted with the beneficiaries and reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of India and UT administration for the complete rehabilitation of affected families.

The beneficiaries in Jammu also include 23 families affected by landslides in Rah Salote village. District administration has been providing food and temporary accommodation to these families for the past three months.

Swami Atma Nambi, President, HRDS India; Bharat Bhushan, Chairman, District Development Council, Jammu; Members of Legislative Assembly; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Nalin Prabhat, DGP; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP Jammu; Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range; Dr Rakesh Minhas, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, members of HRDS India, senior officials of police and civil administration, prominent citizens and people from all walks of life attended the foundation stone laying ceremony.

## US, India to...

Industry Minister Piyush Goyal also led an official delegation to the US for trade talks. Goyal had also visited Washington in May.

The talks are also important as Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal has recently stated that India is hopeful of reaching a framework trade deal with the US this year itself, which should address the tariff issue to the benefit of Indian exporters.

While noting that the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) will take time, Agrawal has added that India is engaged in protracted negotiations with the US on a framework trade deal that will address the reciprocal tariff challenge faced by Indian exporters.

## GOC asks troops...

Commanding (GOC) of Army's White Knight Corps Lt Gen P K Mishra passed the directions during his visit to Gandoh in the hilly district to assess the ground situation and review operational readiness and security dynamics, the Army said.

The corps commander was accompanied by General Officer Commanding of Counter-Insurgency Force (Delta) Maj Gen A P S Bal.

"The GOC (Lt Gen Mishra) encouraged the troops to stay alert, adopt forward-looking measures and maintain a firm and consistent approach in counter-terrorist operations," Jammu-based White Knight Corps, also known as 16 Corps, said in a

valid prescriptions and was not maintaining the mandatory computerised records as required under the drug regulations.

It is pertinent to mention that Pregabalin is a highly sedative substance and is frequently misused by drug-abusing youth, posing a serious threat to public health and safety.

Taking cognizance of the matter, Police Station Surankote took up the issue with the concerned Drug Inspector. After due verification and completion of the legal procedure, the Drug Control Authorities sealed the medical shop and suspended its licence through order No. ADV/HQ/RP/2025/26/16-19 dated 08-12-2025.

## Drug peddler's immovable property attached

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UDHAMPUR: Police has attached an immovable property worth ₹60 Lakhs belonging to Varun Sharma @ Pichi S/o Raj Kumar, R/o Ward No. 06, Karan Nagar, Railway Road, Udhampur, under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act in connection with FIR No. 180/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act of Police Station Rehambal. The attached property comprises a double-storey residential house built on land under Khasra No. 50 min at Ward No. 06, Karan Nagar, Udhampur, marked the 16th residential house of drug peddler attached by Udhampur Police this year in NDPS-related action.

During the course of investigation, detailed financial scrutiny and backward link analysis revealed that the accused had acquired the said immovable property through proceeds of narcotics. Based on these findings, the Investigating Officer passed the attachment order today for further legal proceedings.

## Two drone operators held for breach of no-flying restrictions during Amarnath Yatra

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SRINAGAR: Following a probe into unauthorised movement of a drone during the Amarnath Yatra this year, the police have apprehended two youths from Srinagar, an official said on Monday. The case pertains to a security breach triggered by violation of no-flying zone restrictions imposed during the Amarnath Yatra, the police spokesman said. He said a drone, illegally operated over the notified restricted area, was brought down by security forces using soft-kill methods to avert any potential threat to the yatra. As per the Union home ministry guidelines, the entire route was strictly designated as a 'No Drone Zone', prohibiting any unmanned aerial vehicle activity to ensure security of the pilgrims. Following the incident, a case was registered at Gund police station, and investigation was taken up. A team of technical experts conducted a detailed forensic examination of the seized drone to retrieve operational data and identify the operators. "Based on the report, police identified the accused -- Owais Muneer Khan and Farooz Ahmad Nengroo, residents of Srinagar. Both the accused have been apprehended, produced in court and charge-sheeted in the case," the spokesman said.

## Two injured in separate bear attacks in Doda

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JAMMU: Two persons, including a woman, were injured after a wild bear attacked them in separate incidents in the Kashtigarh area of Doda district on Monday, officials said.

According to officials, the injured have been identified as Rubina, and Muneer. Locals rushed to help and managed to drive the bear back into the forest, the officials said. Both were taken to hospital.

Villagers, anxious after the incidents, have asked the wildlife department to take measures to prevent further attacks.

post on X. He also highlighted the need for high standards of professionalism in every mission, urging the force to remain vigilant, confident and fully prepared to tackle any emerging challenges with clarity and determination, it said.

## SC orders 30...

councils, where the election process has already commenced.

It said in the Bar councils of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana, where elections have been notified, the women members who are contesting the polls shall contest with full spirit, and the voters shall also make endeavours to ensure that adequate representation is provided to female advocates in the councils.

It made a similar appeal to the voters of the Bar councils of Bihar and Chhattisgarh, where elections have been notified.

For the remaining Bar councils, the bench said 30 per cent seats shall be represented by women advocates out of which 20 per cent shall be by election and 10 per cent by co-option.

It said, "Wherever the women members of the Bbar are reluctant to come forward and contest the 20 per cent seats, the process of co-option in such Bar councils shall be undertaken so that eventually women get 30 per cent representation in the executive council."

The top court was hearing pleas filed by advocates Yogamaya M G and Shehla Chaudhary seeking reservation of one-third of seats for women in all state Bar councils.

Senior advocate Meenakshi Arora, appearing for the petitioners, said that a blanket order for 30 per cent women's reservation across all state Bar councils may not be practical, as many states have very low percentages of practising women advocates.

On December 4, the top court asked the BCI to ensure 30 per cent reservation for women in the upcoming state Bar council elections.

The pleas filed by Yogamaya and Chaudhary also sought that at least one office-bearer post be reserved for women lawyers on a rotational basis.

The pleas were filed relying upon the May 2, 2024, order of the top court, in which it was directed that one-third of seats in the executive committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association, including one office-bearer post, be reserved for women.

## Detained Chinese national's...

prompting them to ascertain the purpose of his visit to the strategically important Zaskar region in Ladakh late last month.

During his stay at Ladakh, he had toured the Zaskar region for three days and visited places of strategic importance in the Himalayan town before landing in Srinagar on December 1, the officials said.

They said the probe agencies want to be sure that he has not deleted any of his browsing history before coming to Srinagar.

Hu had arrived in Delhi on November 19 on a tourist visa, which permitted him to visit Buddhist religious places in Varanasi, Agra, New Delhi, Jaipur, Sarnath, Gaya and Kushi Nagar.

During his extensive questioning, the Chinese national said that he was in the United States for nine years, during which he studies Physics at the Boston University, and loved to roam around the globe, the officials said.

He also feigned ignorance about visa violation, claiming he was unaware that he was restricted from travelling to Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir and had to strictly adhere to the places mentioned in his visa, the officials said.

Hu had leveraged his resemblance to locals and boarded a flight to Leh on November 20 without registering at the Foreigners Regional Registration Office counter located at the Leh airport.

According to the officials, he had arranged for an Indian SIM card from the open market. While in Srinagar, where he stayed in an unregistered guest house, the Chinese national went to a Buddhist religious place at Harwan, a place where an encounter had left one Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist dead last year.

According to officials, who cited data extracted from his phone, he had also visited Avantipur ruins in South Kashmir, which is located near Victor Force headquarters of the army in South Kashmir.

During his stay, he also visited different areas of Srinagar, including Shankracharya hills, Hazratbal and Mughal Garden along the Dal Lake.

His phone history showed searches related to CRPF deployments and Article 370 of the Constitution, which was abrogated in August 2019 to end the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said.

Hu's passport shows that he has visited various countries, including the US, New Zealand, Brazil and Fiji, and Hong Kong.


The officials said that he had violated the visa regulations and, at best, they could deport him back to his country after thorough investigations.

## Centre's opposes in SC Sonam Wangchuk's request to appear through video conferencing

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NEW DELHI: The Centre on Monday opposed in the Supreme Court the request made by climate activist Sonam Wangchuk to appear through video conferencing from Jodhpur jail in the case related to his detention under the National Security Act. The top court was hearing a plea filed by Gitanjali J Angmo, wife of Wangchuk, alleging that his detention was illegal and an arbitrary exercise that violated his fundamental rights.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Angmo, told a bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N V Anjaria that the activist wanted to be connected via video from jail and sought permission from the bench. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, opposed the request, saying, "We will have to give the same treatment to all convicts across the country." The top court adjourned the matter for hearing on December 15. On November 24, the top court had deferred the matter after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the UT of Ladakh, sought time to respond to the rejoinder filed by Angmo. On October 29, the top court sought responses from the Centre and the Ladakh administration on an amended plea of Angmo. Wangchuk was detained under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) on September 26, two days after violent protests demanding statehood and Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh left four people dead and 90 injured in the Union territory. The government had accused him of inciting the violence. The amended plea by Angmo contended that the detention order is founded upon "stale FIRs, vague imputations, and speculative assertions, lacks any live or proximate connection to the purported grounds of detention and is thus devoid of any legal or factual justification".



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It is for information of all the eligible candidates that the last date for filling up of the online application forms, for Secretariat Assistant Course (SAC), Foundation Course (FC) & J&K Secretariat Assistant Course (J&K SATC) Departmental Examination-2025 is hereby extended up to **12.12.2025 (Friday)**.

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