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He said the new laws have proposed made changes in the old laws and they promote technology. The definition of documents has been greatly expanded, he said. "Legal recognition has been given to electronic and digital records, messages available on digital devices have been recognised and summons will also be considered valid in all types of electronic modes from SMS to email," he said.

The home minister said a new provision has been added to deal with mob lynching cases and the section related to sedition has been abolished and legalising the community service will also be done under these new laws.

He said that against 511 sections in the Indian Penal Code, there will be 356 sections in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The CrPC has 487 sections, but there will be 533 sections in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, while instead of 167 sections in the Indian Evidence Act, the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam will have 170 sections, he said.

"I want to make an appeal to all the lawyers across the country to look at all these bills in detail. Your suggestions are very valuable. Send your suggestions to the Union Home Secretary and we will definitely consider those suggestions before finalising the laws," he said.

Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi believes that any law can become perfect only when stakeholder consultation is done wholeheartedly.

He also said the system of complete justice can be understood only when one goes to study laws that touch every part of society.

The home minister said justice is the force that brings balance. Balance is essential between justice and all forms of power for the creation of a just society, he said.

The home minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last nine years, India has made efforts to redraft or create new laws for various sectors to meet contemporary needs.

The Modi government has made changes to many laws such as the Arbitration Law, Mediation Law and the Jan Vishwas Bill which are helping reduce the burden on the judiciary, he said.

Shah said any law is not a final document and it evolves based on the changing times and issues that arise in practice, and it is through these changes that laws become more relevant and appropriate.

The Bar Council of India felicitated senior advocates K Parasaran, Fali S Nariman, K K Venugopal and posthumously awarded senior advocates Soli J Sorabjee and Ram Jethmalani.

Shah gave away the awards to Nariman and Venugopal and award of Parasaran was received by his son senior advocate Satish Parasaran.

Shah gave the awards of Jethmalani and Sorabjee to their family members.

J&K tops across...

Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Melhta, while congratulating all the Departments for achieving this feat, said that it is a result of commitment to transparent and corruption free Governance. Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed exceptional increase in volume and uptake of e-services which has transformed the government-citizen interface as never before.

"It is the adoption of a robust model of e-Governance and citizen-centric approach by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir which has resulted in an exponential rise in the number of online services and availability of services 24 x 7 x 365" he said.

Integration with systems like Digilocker, Aadhaar, e-payment/SMS Gateways has further enhanced the ease of living and convenience of citizens obviating the need to visit government offices. He also thanked the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) for their unwavering support in this remarkable journey where our online services grew manifold.

Union Secretary, DARPG, V Srinivas, congratulated the UT government for this incredible feat. He stated that the NeSDA framework, developed by DARPG has played a pivotal role in catalyzing the improvement in the uptake, volume, and quality of e-services.

This achievement stands as a testament to the UT Government's resolve and DARPG's unwavering commitment to revolutionizing governance through technology. Through the NeSDA framework, DARPG has set a benchmark for states and UTs across the nation. He assured of all support to the UT Administration in its digital journey.

Congress formidable on...

take credit for it. "It was wrong to arrest the religious leaders like Mirwaiz, Veeri, and Dawoodi. Veeri and Dawoodi were detained under PSA and later court bailed them out. Mirwaiz was released after four years. We welcome it. No religious leader from any religion should be jailed," Rasool said.

"Now there are some leaders who are clicking selfies with these religious leaders so that they can get credit. First you jail them, then you don't feel ashamed in taking selfies with them," he said.

Asked about the strain in India-Canada relations, Rasool said, "it is the failure or government's foreign policy the way we have friction in relations with some countries."

He said the 'one nation, one election' panel was set up to divert the attention from the real issues. "BJP wants to divert the attention of the people from real issues. The committee for 'one nation, one election' is purely a BJP group," he added.

Alternative dispute resolution...

"It is a matter of pride for us, both judges and lawyers, that the places of giving justice did not close. It may have been affected but all of us tried our best to see that the common people could still approach the justice delivery system, despite the pandemic," he said.

Virtual hearing allows lawyers and litigants from across the country to attend their respective cases without having to travel all the way to Delhi, which involves time and money, Justice Kaul said.

He said that "it is commonly said, justice should be equally and readily available to each person, notwithstanding the financial constraint." "Even after the effects of the pandemic subsided, courts across India have adopted the virtual method, which I am sure will remain in the times to come," Justice Kaul said.

There are certain issues such as constitutional aspects and statutory challenges that are best addressed in adversarial systems in courts, the Supreme Court judge

said but added that he believes that a better alternative dispute resolution mechanism and its implementation can help people to walk hand in hand and maintain peace in society.

It is also economically less draining as they are involved in the process of eliminating the need to hire professionals charging hefty amounts, he said.

Referring to the Mediation Act of 2023, which was notified on September 15, Justice Kaul said that its objective is to encourage online mediation to serve the interest of stakeholders in the alternative mechanism for resolving disputes.

"In fact, in a unique endeavour; when Mr Rohinton Nariman was heading the mediation committee, we got all the mediators of the country to look across the border and then come with suggestions. The suggestions formed the fabric of the new Mediation Act," he said.

He lauded the views of legal luminaries from the law society of England and Wales, the Bar Council of England and Wales and the Commonwealth Group, and said that their views on promotion of equitable justice were thought provoking.

"While we may be separated by physical boundaries, we are united by the common cause of recognising and improving the problem that exists in the legal system across the globe. It is now time to pass the baton to the younger generation of lawyers, who, in my opinion, are far more technologically advanced and are aware of impending problems," he said.

Justice Kaul, who is set to demit office on December 25, said, "It is commonly said that change is the only constant. It is our duty to groom the next set of legal professionals and listen to their suggestions about improving the legal system. As an officer of the court, I believe their voices should be heard and respected".

On mental health, he said that law is an exhausting profession and members of the legal fraternity work for hours at a stretch to the detriment of their health.

Justice Kaul said that "awareness about mental health is the need of the hour." "Glorifying the hustle culture should be stopped and more conversation should be held at the workplace regarding the importance of mental health wellbeing. I also believe that one of the important things is the ethical value at which this profession is carried out," he said.

He stressed on the need of guiding young law practitioners and referred to senior advocates KK Venugopal and Fali S Nariman, who were in the audience, to say that they were his role models along with others.

"I think it is time we produce role models for the younger generation to follow," he said, adding that the BCI, the law society of England and Wales and the Bar Council of England and Wales, should collaborate and hold more such conferences, particularly for younger legal professionals. They will get a chance to interact with each other and deliberate on issues, Justice Kaul said.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, a judge in the Supreme Court who also addressed the gathering, stressed on the need for using simple language in the legal profession to enable citizens to take informed decisions and avoid unintentional violations.

Supreme Court judge Justice P S Narasimha said it was a proud moment when he enrolled as a lawyer in 1988 as that meant, he had to act with reason as it was the most important tool of this profession.

"This tool which I obtained after becoming a lawyer continues to be with me as a judge and it is of equal significance to everybody, including members of political, executive, or those who occupy constitutional positions," he said.

On Saturday, while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the programme, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud had said institutional collaboration is the way forward in facilitating access to justice and highlighted the need for engagement between nations, institutions and individuals.

The conference was attended by students, lawyers, foreign delegates and several other dignitaries and had 10 technical sessions on vital legal topics such as justice delivery system-the impact of social media, access to justice and legal aid in developing nations, international legal solutions, alternative dispute resolution on international transactions and artificial intelligence-transforming the legal landscape.

India & UN launch...

Cooperation and reflects India's continuing efforts to strengthen its development partnership with the Global South.

"This initiative carries forward the successful G20 Presidency of India which saw inclusion of the voice of Global South into the G20 agenda and entry of the African Union into the grouping," the release added.

The initiative aims to share India's development experiences, best practices and expertise with partner countries in the Global South through capacity building and training programmes, a press release by India's Permanent Mission to the UN said.

As part of this initiative, the UN India team and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will "partner to leverage India's Technical and Economic Cooperation platform to share India's development experiences and best practices across the world."

At the event, a Joint Declaration of Intent was exchanged between UN Resident Coordinator in India Shombi Sharp and India representative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Hari Menon.

The India-UN Capacity Building Initiative' builds upon the extensive cooperation in development and capacity building that India already has bilaterally with the partners countries. It also complements the India-UN partnership in the form of India-UN Development Partnership Fund which has developed a portfolio of 75 development projects in 61 countries in the last 6 years, the release said.

Dr Jitendra launches...

care facility in Kathua will therefore prove to be a great boon for the region, he said.

Dr Jitendra said that Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Parliamentary Constituency could be the future 'Health Circuit' of the region with state-of-the-art healthcare facilities like 3 Centrally funded Medical Colleges, North India's First Biotech Park Kathua, Centrally funded Ayurvedic College Kishitwar, National Institute of High Altitude Medicine Bhaderwah, upcoming Homeopathy College at Kathua, etc. And, with the establishment of the Day-care Chemotherapy (Onco-care) Unit at GMC Kathua today, cancer treatment is going to become accessible and affordable as the missing link has been completed today for affordable and accessible cancer treatment in the area.

Dr Jitendra was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Day-care Cancer Chemotherapy Unit. On the occasion, the Minister also inaugurated a Maternal ICU and voluntarily funded 300 LPM Oxygen Plant at GMC Kathua.

Dr Singh said, onco-care will be upgraded in GMC Kathua in coming years as

Onco DM and MCH seats will be provided to it and world class cancer specialists will be invited here for treatment, lectures and seminars.

On the treatment of various types of cancers, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, India has taken a lead in the production of vaccines for the prevention of malignancies like 'CERVAVAC' as the Biotechnology sector in India is growing by leaps and bounds as India is set to achieve \$150 billion Bio-Economy by 2025, which stood at over \$100 billion in 2022.

Secretary Health and Medical Education, J&K, Bhupinder Kumar in his address said, the establishment of Day-care Chemotherapy Onco-care Unit at GMC Kathua will make cancer treatment in the area accessible and affordable.

National Conference on...

face today and the need for constant upgradation of skills and technologies to combat these health concerns.

Professor (Dr.) Bilqees Jameela greeted the faculty and praised the department for conducting the conference and excellent workshop on Minimal Access surgeries.

Professor Rizwana Habib (HOD Gynaecology and Obstetrics), in her welcome address, deliberated on the theme of the conference and the ever evolving technological advancements in the field of Medical Science leading to improved ability to diagnose and treat diseases. She emphasized the dire need of updating and acquiring latest knowledge and skills, for which conferences and workshops are the best platforms to propagate and exchange knowledge.

She also gave brief description of workload in LD hospital and the need for establishing the state of art Minimal Access surgery OT, foetal medicine and IVP centre.

On the first day of the conference, a workshop on "Minimal Access Surgery" was conducted in Government LD Hospital Srinagar by expert National operating faculty, Dr Hafiz Rehman, Dr. MillindTelang and Dr Nikita Trehan along with faculty and theatre staff of the Hospital where in numerous advanced high risk Laparoscopic and Hysteroscopic Surgeries were performed.

There was a full day paper and poster presentations wherein delegates and post-graduate medical students from all over the country got a platform to showcase their research. It was dedicated to the memory of Dr Deepak Sharma, Senior Post Graduate Student of Surgery, who tragically lost his life in an unfortunate accident.

The winners of paper and poster presentations were given prizes by the Administrative Secretary.

This was followed by elaborate "Scientific Sessions Programme" at Auditorium Hall of Govt. Medical College, Srinagar on Saturday. It included enlightening lectures, by well-known faculty of different medical colleges across the country, about emerging health problems and challenges faced by women like Infertility, Menopause, Gynaec-oncology, Early Pregnancy challenges, Preterm Labour, High Risk Obstetrics, etc. The conference proved to be a boon for the participants and was attended by more than 250 faculty and delegates from all over India including former HODs of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, GMC, Srinagar.

Stranded German tourist...

was very helpful as there were no roads and the trek usually takes five days from one direction, he said, describing the people of Ladakh as "friendly and nice".

The police said an information was received on September 19 that the German tourist was stranded at Nurbo and accordingly, a police team from Nyoma police station launched the rescue mission.

Cristo is currently under care at the Public Health Centre in Nyoma, the police said, reaffirming its commitment to safeguard the lives and well-being of all.

Speed, scale of...

most trusted co-passenger of India's poor and middle-class people. The number of people who travel in the railways in one day is more than the population of many countries," he said.

"It is unfortunate that not much attention was given to modernise Indian Railways. But now our government is working for the transformation of Indian Railways," Modi said.

"I am confident that the changes taking place at every level in Indian Railways and society will prove to be an important step towards a developed India," the prime minister said.

He said that to achieve the goal of a developed India by 2047, the development of every state and the people of every state is necessary.

Modi said that selfish thinking of concentrating railway development in the state of the railway minister has damaged the country a lot and "now we simply can not afford to keep any state backwards".

"We have to move ahead with a vision of sabka saath, sabka vikas," he said.

The new Vande Bharat trains flagged off by the prime minister will run on these routes: Udaipur-Jaipur; Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai; Hyderabad-Bangaluru; Vijayawada-Chennai (via Renigunta); Patna-Howrah; Kasaragod-Thiruvananthapuram; Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Puri; Ranchi-Howrah; and Jammagar-Ahmedabad. These trains are a step towards realising the prime minister's vision of improving connectivity across the country and providing world-class facilities to rail passengers, according to an official statement.

"The Vande Bharat trains will be the fastest train along the routes of their operation and will help save considerable time of the passengers," it said.

The introduction of these Vande Bharat trains will herald a new standard of rail service in the country, the statement said.

These trains, equipped with world-class amenities and advanced safety features, including Kavach technology, will be a key step towards providing modern, speedy and comfortable means of travel to common people, professionals, businessmen, student community and tourists, it added.

Suspected narco smuggler...

upon, the officials said, identifying him as Yasir Nazir, a local resident who stated he had gone across the LoC to collect a narcotics consignment.

Nazir has been hospitalised for the treatment of bullet injuries under police custody, the officials said.

SFs bust 2...

The arrested persons have been identified as Aadil Hussain Wani, Suhail Ahmad Dar, Aitmad Ahmad Laway, Mehraj Ahmad Lone and Sabzar Ahmad Khaar, the official said. He said an FIR has been registered at the Qaimoh police station and investigation is underway in the case.

Manyal asks party workers to gear up for upcoming elections

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP State general secretary and former minister Dr. Devinder Manyal asked party workers to gear up for upcoming elections in a meeting organized by Sanjay Kumar Baru, BJP senior leader and JMC Councillor at Anand Nagar in ward-41.

Dr. Devinder Manyal, in the meeting asked the party workers to gear up for the upcoming ULB elections. While he was being apprised by the various development works completed as well as under process in the ward, he said that every BJP dedicatedly serves the masses with full might. He said that the principle of Sewa Dharma established by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been followed by the party workers at the ground level. He said that PM's efforts have yielded results in the form of growing prestige of Bharat in the world, influx of major projects by leading companies, transformational decisions like women reservation bill and these changes have resulted only under the strong leadership of PM Modi and asked the party workers to take these achievements to the

people.

Sanjay Baru, asked the party workers to review the ongoing development works in the ward. He said that they must visit every area of the ward, where development works have been undertaken and assess the work for the quality. He asked them to inquire with the locals whether they are satisfied with the present work and to assess their aspirations. He also prompted the BJP activists to take the knowledge of already completed works and party's vision to the masses to gain their absolute support in the upcoming elections.

Parneesh Mahajan, while speaking on the occasion, stressed that the BJP is committed for the welfare of the people. He said that every party worker is in touch with the masses on the ground. BJP leader Jatinder Singh presented vote of thanks.

BJP leader Lokesh Bhagat, Booth President Kewal Sharma, Payare Lal Mawa, M.K Zutshi, Janki Nath Bhat, Ram Ji Koul, D.K Luthra, Ashish Jain, and others were present in the meeting.

while, police received directions under section 156 (3) CrPC from Court of CJM Samba to register FIR and in compliance with the court directions, FIR No. 197/2023 u/s 306/109 IPC was registered at Police Station Samba and four accused were arrested.

Investigation of case is being conducted by SHO Police Station Samba Daljit Singh under the supervision of Deputy SP Garu Ram and Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

On the directions of SSP Samba Benam Tosh, mysterious death cases are being properly investigated by Samba Police on merits and accused against whom the cases are made out are being arrested under law.

DC Ramban orders crackdown on retrofitting of Load Carriers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Taking a strict action against retrofitting of load carriers which is the total violation of the Motor Vehicle Act, the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Musarrat Islam directed Assistant Regional Transport Officer to launch a drive across the district to book violators.

On the report submitted by the Assistant Labour Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner issued a strict order to the Motor Vehicle Department for conducting frequent checking drives to impose complete ban on retrofitting of vehicles, especially on the load carriers.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed the ARTO to sensitize the drivers and owners of the vehicles about MVD violations and hazards of retrofitting of vehicles which cause fatal road accidents, besides posing threat to the precious lives, especially pedestrians in the district.

The load carrier owners were also warned to remove the retro-fittings with immediate effect, failing which action under rules shall be taken against them.

Further, all welding shop owners have also been advised not to retrofit any load carrier and immediately inform ARTO office if anyone approaches them with this illegal demand. The ARTO was also directed to submit an action taken report to the Deputy Commissioner office on a daily basis.

recovered stolen property from their possession within 02 days after the complainant was received.

As per details, On September 20, 2023, Police Station Magam received a written complaint from the owner of MB Traders to the effect that during intervening night of Sept 19-20, some burglars have barged into his office at Agrikalana Magam and had stolen cigarette cartons worth Rs 5 lakh.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 144/2023 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Magam and investigation was initiated.

During the course of investigation, after strenuous efforts, officers zeroed in on three suspects identified as Mohd Yaseen Hajam alias Cobra, son of Ghulam Mustafa Hajam, resident of Trikollal Pattan, Javid Ahmad Sheikh son of Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh resident of Churpora Narbal and Muzaffar Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Mohd Dar resident of Reshipora Hanjivera Pattan.

During questioning, they admitted their involvement in the commission of crime, besides, stolen goods were also recovered on their disclosure. The have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Woman arrested for abetment to suicide

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Sunday arrested a woman accused for abetment to suicide in the death case of "Bohdh Raj" of Rakh Amb Talli Samba, in which four accused stand already arrested and lodged in jail on judicial custody.

Earlier, inquest proceedings initiated under section 174 CrPC into the mysterious death of 52 years old Bohd Raj of RakhAmbTalli, Samba to ascertain the actual cause of death had been converted into FIR No. 197/2023 under sections 306/109 IPC Police Station Samba and four accused had been arrested.

On July 20, 2023 an information was received through reliable sources at Police Post RakhAmbTalli to the effect that one person namely Bohd Raj, son of Lalo Ram age 52 years, who was under treatment at GMC as poison case, expired at GMC Jammu.

Upon that information, Police had initiated inquest proceedings under sections 174 CrPC to ascertain the actual cause of death and inquest was underway. In the mean-

CRIME REPORT

Narco smuggler nabbed with 6 grams heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Sunday nabbed a narco smuggler achieved and recovered 6 grams of heroin from his possession.

As per details, a team of Police Post Sidhra led by SDPO Nagrota Akash Kohli assisted by SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishal Partap Singh and In-Charge Police Post Sidhra PSI Arun Kumar while on naka duty at Naka Point Tawi Bridge rounded up a suspected person who was on his vehicle (JK03-7741). During search 06 grams of heroin was recovered from the possession of accused later identified as Arbaz Shabir, son of Shabir Ahmed Lone, resident of Lone Mohalla, Qazikund District Anantnag. He was arrested and FIR No. 383/2023 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Nagrota.

Burglary case solved within 2 days; 3 arrested, stolen property recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police on Sunday solved a burglary case by arresting 3 accused persons involved in the commission of crime and