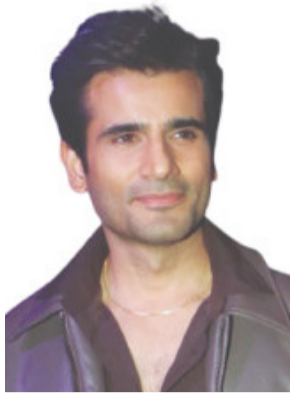


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## BRIEFLY

### Soldier dies by alleged suicide in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Feb 11 (Agencies): A soldier reportedly shot himself dead at the Badami Bagh Cantonment in Srinagar by using his own service rifle.

As per initial reports, the reasons behind his extreme step remain unclear.

The deceased has been identified as Satyajeet Kandhol, a resident of Panipat, Haryana.

He was serving with the 20 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) E Company at the time of the incident.

An inquiry has been initiated into the matter to ascertain the circumstances leading to his death.

### Thieves make abortive bid to loot ATM in Kulgam

KULGAM, Feb 11 (Agencies): In an overnight burglary attempt, thieves tried to steal a cash-laden ATM machine in Arreh village of South Kashmir's Kulgam, officials said on Tuesday.

An official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) thieves used a cutter to loot money from the ATM but their attempt failed.

"The ATM has been damaged to some extent, but the cash is safe," the official added.

He said that the police have taken the cognizance and investigation has commenced.

"Forensic team is collecting samples. The CCTV footage is also being examined," he added.

### Anantnag Police Launches SIM Verification Drive

ANANTNAG, Feb 11 (Agencies): Anantnag Police today launches SIM Verification Drive to combat fraud and misuse.

In a post on X, Anantnag police wrote, "Anantnag Police launches SIM verification drive to combat fraud & misuse."

"The drive aims to ensure all SIM cards are issued in compliance with established procedures, verifying authenticity of documents & adherence to telecom guidelines." the post reads.

## PM Modi to inaugurate Kashmir train service on Feb 17: Sources



BANIHAL, Feb 11 (Agencies): Kashmir valley is finally getting connected with the railway network in the rest of the country, as the first direct train from Katra to Srinagar is likely to be inaugurated on Feb 17.

Sources told Greater Kashmir that the inauguration of Katra-Kashmir train service is set to take place on February 17, and that preparations are being made for

the historic inauguration event. However, there was no official confirmation so far.

Sources further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the Vande Bharat train from Katra.

They said that Railway officials have been asked to be prepared for 17 February for inauguration of the rail service. They said that no

leave will be sanctioned for railway employees during the next week in view of the historic inauguration.

With its commercial inauguration by PM Modi, the Vande Bharat train will chug on the most ambitious railway project ever built in India and one of the most difficult and challenging tracks in the world.

The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail

Link (USBRL) project is a technological marvel that includes India's first cable-stayed Anji Khad Bridge that has a 331-metre high pylon.

The Chenab Railway Bridge is the tallest railway bridge in the world, standing 359 metres above the river bed. This bridge is also the world's highest arch bridge.

The USBRL includes over two dozen small and large tunnels that make the journey shorter for the Vande Bharat train, which has been designed with climate-friendly technology.

Designed for extreme cold conditions, this Vande Bharat train has special anti-freezing features. Unlike other Vande Bharat trains in the country, it is built to operate smoothly in temperatures as low as -20°C. It comes with advanced heating systems to ensure

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## Er. Rashid attends Parliament proceedings first time since elected as MP

SRINAGAR, Feb 11 (Agencies): Since getting elected to Lok Sabha from Baramulla seat last year, the Awami Etihad Party (AIP) leader, Engineer Rashid attended the proceedings of the lower house of the parliament for the first time on Tuesday.

Shiekh Khursheed, MLA Langate and younger brother of Rashid confirmed that he attended the proceedings of Lok Sabha

for the first time after his election.

"He was brought in custody from Tihar jail this morning to attend the proceedings," he said.

Rashid, who has been in custody since 2019 in connection with a case, was granted 2-day custody parole by Delhi High Court for attending the ongoing budget session of the Parliament.

His bail plea is in limbo due to jurisdictional issues.

## CM Omer visits fire-hit Sonamarg market

SONAMARG, Feb 11 (Agencies): Chief Minister Omer Abdullah, accompanied by senior officials, visited Sonamarg market on Tuesday to assess the damage caused by a

massive fire that broke out on last Saturday.

The devastating blaze reduced 45 shops, including several hotels, to ashes.

Chief Minister

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## "BJP committed to J&K's development, statehood at right time," says Tarun Chugh

JAMMU, Feb 11 (Agencies): BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said that the party remains committed to the development and security of Jammu & Kashmir, stating that abrogation of Article 370 and 35A granted greater rights to the people

Speaking to media persons in Jammu, Tarun Chugh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have already made commitments regarding statehood restoration.

"When the Prime Minister himself has spoken about statehood in the Lok Sabha, why should we demand it separately?" he said.

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## Had PDP not acceded to BJP in 2014, neither Art-370 would have abrogated nor statehood snatched: NC chief spokesperson

SRINAGAR, Feb 11 (Agencies): National Conference (NC) chief spokesperson and MLA Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq today blamed PDP for Article 370 abrogation, stating had Mufti's not acceded to BJP in 2014, the Jammu and Kashmir wouldn't have seen August 05, 2019.

He assured that chief minister Omar Abdullah has rigorously taken up Sopore and Kathua incidents with Home Minister Amit Shah in a recent meeting and urged him to deliver justice to the victims.

Taking to Greater



Kashmir, the NC leader also advised PDP's Iltija Mufti to go through the history of Jammu and Kashmir, and behave like a matured politician.

"The chief minister Omar Abdullah has flagged up the issue of statehood, law & order, incidents like Sopore and Kathua with Home

Minister Amit Shah in a cordial atmosphere. He stressed upon the union leader that people of J&K cannot be isolated, and insisted him to ensure a comprehensive and transparent investigation into the incidents of Sopore and Kathua, and deliver justice to the victims," he said.

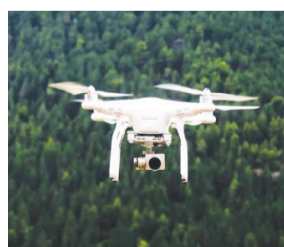
Taking a dig at Iltija, the NC leader blamed PDP for Article 370 abrogation. "Had PDP's leadership not acceded to BJP in 2014, the Jammu & Kashmir would have state today, not the UT. Iltija should go through

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## Drones banned in Doda for two months

JAMMU, Feb 11 (Agencies): A ban has been imposed on the storage, use and transportation of drones in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir for a period of two months, a move aimed at stopping misuse of the flying objects by anti-national elements, officials said on Tuesday.

However, police and other security agencies were exempted from the purview of the ban, while government departments using such gadgets for various activities, including mapping, surveys, surveillance in construction works and agriculture, were directed to seek proper



permission.

Additional District Magistrate, Doda, Sudershan Kumar said those already in possession of drone cameras or flying objects or similar gadgets are directed to deposit them in the nearest police station within a week's time of the issuance of this order against proper receipt.

"Whereas, in the recent past, some incidents, have occurred in some

parts of the UT (Union Territory) of Jammu and Kashmir wherein anti-national elements have used drones and similar flying objects to cause damage, injury and risk to human lives besides posing threat to the security of vital installations," the order said.

The order said it has become imperative to impose reasonable restrictions on storage, sale, possession, use, and transportation of drones and similar flying objects or toys to secure the aerial space near vital installations and highly populated areas.

Imposing the ban on the use of drones for two

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### 10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA


With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved mother **Smt Karan Devi** W/o Th. Karam Singh Manhas originally R/o Village Tope Manhasan presently R/o H.No. 156 Rampura left for heavenly abode on 30th January 2025.

**10th Day** will be performed on 8th Feb. 2025 at Durga Bhawan at 11 AM.

**Kriya** will be performed on 11th Feb. 2025 at home at 11 AM.

**Rasam Pagri/Uthala** on 12th Feb. 2025 at 2 PM onward followed by Pritibhoj at Durga Bhawan.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Daughters-in-law & Sons  
Mrs Neelam & Kanwal Singh Manhas - 9419125441  
Mrs Rosina & Narinder Singh Manhas  
**Grand Children:** Anshu, Ashish, Abhishek, Tejaswani.




**Smt Karan Devi**  
(1944 - 2025)

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

**TENTH DAY KRIYA OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT. SHAM RANI BHAT** W/O LATE SH AMAR NATH BHAT ORIGINALLY RESIDENT OF HUGAM ANANTNAG AT PRESENT H NO 130 SHARIKA VIHAR LOWER ROOP NAGER JAMMU WILL BE HELD ON 14/02/2025 AT AKHNOOR GHAT. THE GATHERING WILL BE HELD AT MUTHI GHAT AROUND 1200 HRS.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**SAMAST BHAT PARWAR**  
9419949404, 9419245804, 8713933245, 7298055757, 7006274256




**SMT. SHAM RANI BHAT**

### 10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Sheela Koul** W/o Lt. Sh. Ram Nath Koul at present Lakshmi Puram Chinore H/No. 19, near Posh Bab Ashram on Saturday 8th February, 2025.

**10th Day** shall be performed on Monday, 17th Feb., 2025 at Akhnoor. **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Daughters and Sons in law**  
Raj Dulari Bhat W/o Mohan Lal Bhat  
Phoolia Zutshi W/o Sanjay Zutshi  
**Son and Daughter in law**  
Rattan Lal Koul and Daizy Koul  
Phone No. 9419241226/9419205064



**Smt. Sheela Koul**

### 10TH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Neelam Rani** W/o Late Sh. Vinod Kumar Gupta R/o Ward No. 2, Near Government Middle School Kabir Nagar, Kathua.

**10th Day** will be performed on 11-02-2025, Tuesday at 12 Noon at home.

**Kriya and Rasam Pagri** will be performed on 14-02-2025 Friday at 12 Noon at home Ward No. 2, Kathua Near Government Middle School Kabir Nagar, Kathua.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Ankush Gupta (7006636218) - Son  
Pankaj Gupta (7889794400) - Son




**Neelam Rani**  
12/1/1965 to 2/2/2025

### OBITUARY/10th DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father, **Shri Chaman Lal Khachroo**, originally from Shalayar, Habbakadal, Srinagar and presently residing at E-606, Stellar Jeevan, Sector 1 Greater Noida West Noida, left for his heavenly abode on 3rd February 2025.

The **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be held at Chhota Haridwar/ Gangah Nahar Ghat, Muradnagar on 12th February 2025 at 8.30 am.

**IN GRIEF**  
Ratni Bamzai (Wife)  
Indu Munshi and S N Munshi (Daughter and Son in Law)  
Kiran Kaboo and Sunil Kaboo (Daughter and Son in Law)  
Youngley and Jubbi - Nephews  
Raje and ...., Vyoma Kaboo and ...., Anaj (Grand Children and their spouses)  
Saanyy - (Great Grand Child)  
**KHACHROOS, BAMZAI'S, LAJPAT NAGAR WALE, MUNSHIS, KABOOS, KOULS AND KAULS, MATTOOS**



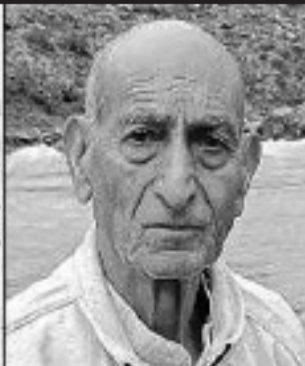
**Shri Chaman Lal Khachroo**

### OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Soom Nath Pandita** S/o Lt. Sh Nand Lal Pandita of Jetty Road, Khewaja Bagh Baramulla, Kashmir A/P H.No. 16, General Lane Saraswati Vihar Tomal Bohri Jammu on 8th Feb. 2025.

**10th Day** will be performed on 17th Feb. 2025 at Akhnoor Ghat at 7.30 AM and **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education Office Jammu at 11 AM.

**Grief Stricken**  
Mrs Naiha & Mr Deepak Pandita  
**Pandita's, Dhar's, Tickoo's, Bazaz's, Koul's**  
Mob. No. 8492893958, 8492893959




**Sh Soom Nath Pandita**

### 10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rajinder Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Shiv Ram Gupta R/o Shakti Nagar, Kalibari, Kathua on 03.02.2025.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 12.02.2025 (Wednesday) at 11am at Tangari Palace, Kathua

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Smt. Suman Gupta (Wife)  
**Sons & Daughter In Law**  
Gaurav & Bharti Gupta  
Ritesh & Priya Gupta  
**Brothers And Sister In Law**  
Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta & Late Smt Kailash Gupta  
Sh. Manohar Lal Gupta & Late Smt Nirmal Gupta  
Late Sh. Subash Gupta & Smt Sureshta Gupta  
**Sister & Brother In Law**  
Smt. Kailash Gupta & Late Sh. Harbans Lal Gupta  
M: 9697627171, 9622942100



**SH. RAJINDER GUPTA**  
14.05.1951-03.02.2025  
(CHANN ARRORIAN WALEY)

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Bimla (Tathiji)** W/o Sh. Maharaj Krishen Raina originally resident of Khardori Habbakadal/Channapora Srinagar Kashmir, who attained Nirvan on 6th Feb. 2025 at her residence H.No. 148, Lane 3A, Mandlik Nagar, Sec-2, Near Atta Chakki, Tophsherkhania Paloura, Jammu.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Akhnoor on 15/2/2025.

**Assembly** for 10th Day will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director of School Education on 15/02/2025 at 10:45 AM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
Sh. Maharaj Krishen Raina - Husband - 6005838112  
**Sons & Daughters-in-law**  
Smt. Meenakshi & Sh. B.K. Raina - 9419183246  
Smt. Manjoo & Sh. K.K. Raina - 9469267654  
Muskan, Molley & Bavish - Grand Children  
**Raina's, Bhat's, Bhan's, Koul's, Bindroo's, Mattoo's & Pandita Parivars**



**Smt. Bimla (Tathiji)**

### KATHA KIRTAN

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved **S. Daljeet Singh Raina (FCI)**, son of the Late Numbardar Udhma Singh Raina, who departed for his heavenly abode on February 10, 2025.

**Katha Kirtan** will be held in his memory at our residence: House No. 286, Sector 13, Nanak Nagar, Jammu.

From: 11th Feb to 14th Feb, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

**GRIEF STRICKEN.**  
Sdn Ravinder Kour Raina (Wife)  
S. Ravjeet Singh Raina (Son)  
Sdn. and Sardar Parveen Singh Raina (Brother) (Govt. Contractor)  
Sdn. and Sardar Harjinder Singh Raina (Brother)  
Sdn. and Sardar Harbhajan Singh (Father in law)  
Dr. Paminder Pal Singh (Brother in law)  
Late Sdn and S. Mohan Singh (Brother in law)  
Late Sdn and S. Sanmoh Singh (Brother in law)  
Contact: 9086744440, 9419183802, 9622076707



**S. Daljeet Singh Raina (FCI)**

### TENTH DAY & KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt Ranu Devi** W/o Late Sh. Joginder Singh Slathia R/o House No. 88, Old Rehari Chungi Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 01.02.2025.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 10.02.2025 (Monday) at our residence.

**KRIYA/13TH DAY** will be performed on 13.02.2025 (Thursday) at our residence House No. 88, Old Rehari Chungi Jammu. (at 12:00 AM)

**GRIEF STRICKEN :-**  
**Son & Daughter in law**  
Swarn Singh Slathia and Anuradha Singh  
Pawan Singh Slathia and Seema  
**Grand Son & Daughter**  
Sona Meethi & Mishri  
Mob No. 8082075157, 7006888497



**Smt Ranu Devi**

### 10TH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Nisha Kumari** W/o Sh. Kuldeep Kumar R/o Amar Colony Talab Tillo Jammu on 02-02-2025.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 11-02-2025 at 11:00 AM at Residence Lane No 2 Amar Colony Camp Road Talab Tillo Jammu.

**UTHALA** will be performed on 12-02-2025 at 4 to 5 pm at Shree Gita Mandir Simriti Bhawan Complex, Behind Karan Hotel, Bakshi Nagar.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:**  
Sh Charan Das (Father In Law)  
Sh Kuldeep Kumar (Husband)  
Paras Kashyap (Son)  
Shelja and Ishan Dogra (Daughter and Son in Law)  
Khushi (Daughter)  
CONTACT: 8492002271, 7006919408



**SMT NISHA KUMARI**

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With a heavy heart we mourn the sad demise of **Sh Makhan Lal Mattoo** originally from Lower Sathu Chandapora Srinagar Kashmir at present at H.No 32, Sector 8, Trikuta Nagar on 4th February 2025.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on Thursday, 13th February 2025 at Akhnoor Ghat.

The **Assembly** will be held at our residence 32/8 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu at 11:30 AM

**Forever In Our Hearts**  
Sunita & Dr. Vinod Kaul - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Savita & Sanjay Duloo - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Dr Deepa Mattoo - Daughter  
Archna & Sanjay Kaul - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Alpre & Sanjay Saraf - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Anupa & Vikram Ahi - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Tapasya & Harry Chona - Daughter & Son-in-law  
Smt. Shama Kaul - Sister  
Smt. Sheshtala Mattoo - Sister-in-law  
Smt. Asha & V. K. Kullu - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law  
Sh. B. L. Warikoo - Brother-in-law  
Smt. Usha Warikoo - Sister-in-law  
Romaine Duloo, Vanashika Kaul & Pragya Duloo, Ahna Kaul, Anika Saraf, Rudraksh, Avi, Kaynan, Vilasan  
**Grandchildren**




**Sh Makhan Lal Mattoo**

### 10TH DAY/OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Oma Shori** W/o Lt. Sh. Brij Lal Raina of village Pinglishi, (Traf) Kashmir, breathed her last on 08-02-2025 at her residence H.No. 21 Lane No. 2/3 Roop Nagar Endave-B Jammu.

**10th Day Kriya** will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 17-02-2025 and the Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate School Education at 11.00 am.

**Grief Stricken**  
Smt. Mohan Rani-Devrani  
**Son's and Daughter-in-Law**  
Smt. Basanti & Sh. Tej Krishan Raina (9469187435)  
Smt. Beta & Sh. Sanjay Raina (9419116765)  
**Daughter's and Son-in-Law**  
Smt. Vijay & Sh. Hira Lal Thaploo (Wanpooch)  
Smt. Reeta and Sh. Chand ji Bakshi (Wachi)  
Smt. Pinky & Sh. K.L. Bhan (Mahind)  
**Grand Children**  
Mrs. Anikta and Mr. Anshu Reshi (Ananthag)  
Mrs. Aakriti & Mr. Nikhil Raina (9622046086)  
**Grand Children:** Shivam Raina, Nitesh Raina, Rimpay and Rachna



**Smt. Oma Shori**

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret you to inform that our mother **Karamyogi Smt. Prabhawati Bhat** (Tulsi) W/o Lt. Sh. Neel Karth Bhat of Sagram, Kolarnag presently residing at Purkhu Camp, Jammu has joined the lotus feet of Almighty on 08 Feb 25. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 15 Feb 25 (Sat) at Akhnoor Ghat, Jammu at 0800hrs. **Assembly** will be held at Community Hall Purkhu Camp by 1030hrs.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
**Son and Daughter-in-law**  
Sh. Ashok Kumar Bhat and Smt Nancy Bhat  
**Daughters and Son-in-law**  
Smt. Binu j and Sh. R.L. Pandita  
Smt. Santosh j and Sh. S.M. Pandita  
Smt. Bita j and Sh. M.K. Raina  
Smt. Jyoti j and Sh. Ram j Raina  
**Grands on and Grand Daughter-in-law**  
Mr. Sunny Sagar Bhat and Mrs. Sharu Koul Bhat  
**Grand Daughters and Grand Son-in-laws**  
Mrs. Archana Bhat and Mr. Rocky Koul  
Mrs. Manju Bhat and Mr. Ronit Koul  
**Material Grand Children**  
Bablu j Anuj j, Shruti j, Nishu j, Vity j, Anku j, Anshu j, Gugi j and Lily j  
**DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-**  
Samaya, Mahi, Arav, Vivan, Ridhika, Shivon, Shival and Pa  
Contact Nos. 959680321, 6095267976



**KARAMYOGI SMT. PRABHAWATI BHAT (TULSI)**


### 10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Raghu Nandan Sharma** S/o Late Sh. Jilender Nath Sharma R/o H.No.151 Sec-7 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on Monday 3rd February, 2025.

The **10TH DAY** will be performed at our residence H.No 151 Sec-7 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on Wednesday 12th February, 2025 at 11:00 am.

**KRIYA** will be performed at our residence H.No.151 Sec-7 Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on Thursday 13th February, 2025 at 12 noon.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**  
Smt. Mohini Sharma - Wife  
**Daughters & Son-in law**  
Smt. Krishna Sharma W/o Sh. Vishal Sharma  
Smt. Aashima Kanda W/o Sh. Akashay Kanda  
Miss Harishma Sharma  
**Grand Children:** Aradhay, Myraa, Yuvan  
**CONTACT NO:** 9066149630, 9469214126, 7006079714



**SH. RAGHU NANDAN SHARMA**


### 10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Sita Devi** W/o Late Sh. Rattan Singh Sambhal R/o H.No. 55, Paloo Road, Jammu on 3rd Feb, 2025.

**10th Day** will be performed on Wednesday dated 12th Feb 2025 at Rani Park Mandir, Jammu at 11:00 AM.

**Kriya** will be performed on Saturday, dated 15th Feb 2025 at 12:00 noon at our residence H.No. 55, Paloo Road, Jammu. **Uthala** will be performed on Saturday, dated 15th Feb 2025 from 04:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Trikuta Yatri Bhawan, Anphalla, Jammu.

**Grief Stricken:**  
**Son & Daughter-in-Law**  
Sh. Yudhveer Singh Sambhal & Smt. Vishali Thakur  
Smt. Yasho Rajaya Lakshmi & Sh. Sanjay Manhas - Daughter & Son-in-Law  
Smt. Bhoi Devi W/o Late Sh. Ranbir Singh Sambhal - Devrani  
Sh. Shiv Ram Nag & Smt. Kanta Devi - Brother & Bhabhi  
Smt. Rani Chandol W/o Late Sh. Niranjan Singh Chandol - Sister-in-Law  
**Nephews:** Sh. Rajeshwar Singh Sambhal, Rahul Singh Sambhal, Bhanu Partap Singh Sambhal  
**Grand Children:** Yashasvini Sambhal, Adhiraj Singh Manhas Yuvraj Singh Manhas  
Phone: 9419111900, 9419210926, 9419166516, 9419224727, 9086211352



**Smt. Sita Devi**

### TENTH DAY & KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Rani Jamwal** W/o Late Sh. Balbir Singh Jamwal R/o Sector-E, H.No 49 Sainik Colony Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 31.01.2025.

**10TH DAY** will be performed on 09.02.2025 (Sunday) at 11:00 A.M at Ram Mandir, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

**KRIYA/13TH DAY** will be performed on 12.02.2025 (Wednesday) at our residence H.No.49 Sector-E, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN**  
**Son & Daughter-in-Law**  
Randeep Singh Jamwal and Komal  
Mandeep Singh Jamwal and Sawinder  
**Daughter and Son-in-Law**  
Monika Salathia and Virinder Singh Salathia  
Anamika Jamwal and Manjit Singh Jamwal  
**Grand Children:** Advitya, Advay, Rasik, Ayam, Pranav, Karmanaya, Rhitvik and Ananya  
**CONTACT NO.** 9654691076



**SMT. RANI JAMWAL**

### 10TH DAY / KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Late Sh Sudershan Kohli** (C/o Kohli Studio) S/o Late Sh. Kartar Nath Kohli on 30th January 2025.

**10th Day** Saturday (8-2-25) (11:00 am - 12:00 pm)  
**Kriya** Tuesday (11-2-25) (12:00 pm)  
**Uthala** Wednesday (12-2-25) (4:00 - 5:00 pm)  
All the rituals will be done at our residence: H. No. 2/124 Shant Nagar Jampur.

**Grief Stricken**  
Wife: Smt. Saroj Kohli  
**Son & Daughter in law**  
Mr. Love Kohli & Mrs. Renu Kohli  
**Grand Daughters :**  
Mr. Kamakshi Kohli & Ms. Saarnvi Kohli  
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## 'Irregularities in Dogri recruitment at Prasar Bharati Jammu raise concerns'

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: The Dogri language is a cornerstone of the cultural and linguistic identity of the Dogra community, and its representation in media and governance should reflect the highest respect.

However, recent irregularities in the 2024 recruitment process for Editorial Executive/Newsreader cum Translator (Dogri) positions at Prasar Bharati's Regional News Unit (RNU) Jammu have raised serious concerns about the integrity of the selection process and its impact on the future of Dogri.

Among the most troubling revelations is the involvement of contractual employees, such as Jagmohan Sharma and Vijay Bajaj, in key stages of the recruitment process, including the voice tests. These tests are critical for candidates aiming to represent Dogri in the media, yet they were conducted by individuals whose employment status raises concerns about neutrality and objectivity. Contractual employees should not hold such



significant responsibility in a process that directly affects the future of the language.

Additionally, an RTI response has revealed that Jagmohan Sharma, despite being part of the interview panel, did not participate in Mohd. Yaseen's interview. His non-participation, along with the selective involvement of other panel members, further questions the fairness of the evaluation process.

Even more concerning is the limited role of Professor Veena Gupta, a respected former Dogri professor, in creating the written examination paper as per the RTI reply. While her credentials and contributions to Dogri are beyond question, her minimal involvement raises important concerns about why her expertise was not fully utilized in this crucial recruitment process. The absence of other distinguished Dogri scholars further signals a lack of institutional commitment to proper linguistic evaluation.

These concerns were brought to light through an RTI response filed by Mohd. Yaseen (reference number PRBHA/R/E/24/01019, dated December 11, 2024), following advice from Gulshan Raina, Assistant Director of RNU Jammu to file an RTI and to escalate the matter with higher ups.

Acting on the guidance of Raina, Yaseen escalated the issue by reaching out to senior Prasar Bharati officials and filing the RTI application to seek clarity on the matter which is in front of every Dogra.

## Previous Govt neglected development of far-flung areas in Udhampur: Sunil Verma



### Top News Report

UDHMAPUR, Feb 11: Sunil Verma, District President J&K National Conference, Udhampur, strongly criticized the previous government for neglecting the development of far-flung areas and failing to address the pressing needs of the people.

He was speaking while conducting a tour programme at Village Pachound, Tehsil Latti, as the Chief Guest. The programme was organized by Naib Sarpanch Manzoor Ahmed along with local leaders Zaida Kabir, Yasmin Koshar, and Gulzar Ahmed Wani, Youth NC Block President Latti, under the supervision of Khalid Hussain Malik, Block President Latti. A large number of locals attended the event and apprised Sunil Verma of the long-pending demands of the region.

During the interaction, the villagers raised the issue of the 6 km Kirchi to Seojdhar road, whose Detailed Project Report (DPR) was prepared in 2015, yet no work has commenced till date.

They also demanded the upgradation of High School Kirchi to Higher Secondary School, the immediate appointment of staff at PHC Kirchi, allotment of a Udhampur to Dudu bus service, the establishment of an ITI College for Tehsil Latti, and the allocation of additional ration

depots to ensure food security for the remote population.

Addressing the gathering, the senior NC leader lambasted the previous government for failing to provide even basic amenities such as proper roads, healthcare facilities, and educational institutions, which has left the people of remote regions in distress.

He highlighted that despite repeated appeals and assurances, successive governments turned a blind eye to the pressing concerns of marginalized communities, depriving them of their rightful share in development. He asserted that the lack of proper infrastructure and employment opportunities has forced many young people to migrate in search of better livelihoods.

Sunil Verma reaffirmed the unwavering commitment of Omar Abdullah Government to uplift the underprivileged and ensure equitable development across all regions. He urged the present administration to take immediate corrective measures to bridge the gap and bring neglected areas into the mainstream of progress.

Sunil Verma assured the people that he would take up their demands with the concerned ministries and work towards their immediate redressal. He emphasized that the National Conference, under the

leadership of Omar Abdullah, is committed to the holistic development of the region and will continue to fight for the rights and welfare of the marginalized communities.

The senior NC leader also urged the party cadre to strengthen their efforts and gear up for the upcoming local body and panchayat elections to ensure that the voice of the people reaches the corridors of power. He reiterated that JKNC stands firm in its resolve to bring infrastructural development, better education facilities, improved healthcare services, and enhanced connectivity to the people of Udhampur.

Adv. KD Sharma was the Guest of Honour at the event. Several senior leaders, including Sr. Gurmeet Singh Josh (District Vice President), Ch. Abdul Rashid (District Secretary), Om Parkash (Block President Udhampur), Sr. Harvinder Singh, Ramesh Verma, and Sadiq Mohd, also addressed the gathering, expressing their support for the people's demands.

Prominent local leaders present at the event included Ghulam Hussain (Retd. ZEO), Naresh Lalad, Rakesh Kumar, Ch. Barkat Ali, Karnail Singh, and many others, who voiced their concerns and pledged their support for JKNC's vision for the region.

## Pt Deendayal Upadhyay's vision continues to inspire BJP: Kavinder

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta paid heartfelt tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his death anniversary, highlighting his immense contribution to shaping the ideological foundation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas" is a true reflection of Pandit Upadhyay's principles, aimed at ensuring holistic development and inclusive progress across the nation.

Calling upon party workers to follow in the footsteps of the stalwart leader, Kavinder Gupta urged the cadre to strengthen the party at the grassroots level by fostering deeper connections with the masses. He asserted that BJP's strength lies in its unwavering commitment to national interest and service-oriented politics.

The senior BJP leader further remarked that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay revolutionized Indian politics by maintaining an uncompromising stance on ideology and discipline. "Pt. Deendayal was a man of deep intellect

and strict discipline. He firmly believed that true democracy flourishes only when the person standing at the lowest rung of society has an equal opportunity to rise to the highest position. Today, the BJP has fulfilled this vision by enabling Narendra Modi, a leader from a humble background, to lead the country," he added.

Kavinder described Pandit Upadhyay's life as a beacon of inspiration for future generations, reminding everyone to place national interest above all else. He urged BJP workers to actively disseminate information about the party's welfare initiatives, ensuring that people across urban and rural areas recognize the benefits of BJP's governance.

"Engaging with the people and informing them about the transformative policies of the Modi government is the best way to reinforce BJP's presence in every household. By doing so, we can ensure that the party's reach and impact continue to grow," he added.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from BJP leaders, workers, and supporters, who pledged to carry forward the vision of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and strengthen the party's commitment to nation-building.

## Arvind pays tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on His death anniversary



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: On the death anniversary of the ideological founder of the Bharatiya Janata Party, senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta, paid heartfelt tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji in a solemn ceremony held at his statue in Jammu today. On the occasion, Arvind Gupta, along with party members and supporters, offered floral tributes to honor his legacy and contributions to the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Arvind Gupta lauded the profound vision of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, whose philosophy of Ekatma Manav Darshan (Integral Humanism) continues to guide the policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party. "Pandit Ji's vision for Antyodaya—uplifting the last person in the queue—remains the

guiding principle of the Modi government. His selfless dedication to the nation and his emphasis on self-reliance and cultural nationalism serve as an inspiration for generations to come," he said.

The senior BJP leader further stated that the BJP government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is committed to fulfilling Upadhyay Ji's dreams by empowering the marginalized sections of society, strengthening the economy, and promoting Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas. "Today, as we remember him, we must pledge to work tirelessly towards his ideals, ensuring that his vision of a self-reliant and strong Bharat is realized," he added.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from senior BJP functionaries, including Dis-

trict President Rajesh Gupta, Mandal President Kushant Prajapati, and several dedicated party Karyakartas, namely Bhramjoot Satti, Zorawar Singh, Adv. Karan Sharma, Mohit Vaid, Rekha Sharma, Renu Choudhary, Rohit Gupta, Sonu Manhas, and Bunty Choudhary.

The program concluded with slogans of unity and patriotism, echoing the enduring influence of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's philosophy on the BJP's governance model. The attendees resolved to spread his teachings and ensure that his message reaches every corner of society.

## JKEJCC condemns use of force against casual labourers, calls for immediate redressal of issues

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: The Jammu Kashmir Employees Joint Consultative Committee (JKEJCC) strongly condemned the use of force against casual laborers protesting for their long-pending demands and called for immediate redressal of grievances.

Addressing a press conference at Press Club Jammu, Chairman Aijaz Ahmad Khan, joined by Mohammad Shafi Rather, Saleem Sagar, and several Central, Provincial, and district body leaders, highlighted multiple pressing issues faced by employees in the Union Territory.

He called for immediate redressal of grievances, including regularization of casual labourers, daily wages, Contingent Paid Employees, Anganwadi Workers, NHM employees,



and other temporary appointees, scrapping of the National Pension System and implementation of the old pension scheme for employees appointed on or after January 1, 2010, timely release of GP Fund and Gratuity bills, reversal of undesirable changes in SRO-43, enhancement of Medical Allowance for employees, inclusion of R.e.T's, Grade II & Grade III teachers under the transfer policy,

and border allowances for employees working in ALC areas under 7th Pay Commission provisions.

Khan stressed that employees wish to focus on their public service responsibilities but are forced into agitation due to administrative inaction.

He urged Lieutenant Governor, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and Chief Secretary Atal Duloo to intervene and

resolve these issues. If the administration fails to act, he warned of intensified protests in the near future.

Prominent attendees included Jamaid A. Akhon, Khalid Mehmood, Sherihe Smell Laugur, Rehmatullah Khan, P. Nial, Javed A. Bhat, Royazul Reima, Vinod Sharma, Jammal Ali Aga, D. Sung, Moreish Kumar, Muneer A. Phalgaroo, Multialud, and Dirlaan Dati.

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08-02-2025
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3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	XXXXXXXX at XXXX Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) DIVISION BAKSHI NAGAR Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	08-02-2025
5	Bid Submission End Date	13-02-2025 upto 1800 Hrs
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## EDITORIAL

Impact of  
Drug Abuse

Drug abuse among youth is a growing concern globally, affecting individuals, families, and societies at large. The increasing prevalence of drug use among young people has led to severe health complications, social instability, and economic consequences. Understanding the causes, effects, and possible solutions to this issue is crucial in mitigating its impact and ensuring a healthier future for the younger generation.

Several factors contribute to drug abuse among youth, including peer pressure, stress, curiosity, and easy accessibility. Many young people turn to drugs as a way to escape personal, academic, or family-related stress. The influence of friends and social circles also plays a significant role in initiating substance use. Additionally, the availability of drugs, both legal and illegal, has increased in recent years, making it easier for youth to experiment with substances.

Drug abuse leads to numerous physical and mental health problems. Prolonged use of substances can result in severe conditions such as respiratory issues, liver damage, and weakened immune systems. Mental health disorders like depression, anxiety, and schizophrenia are commonly linked to substance abuse. In extreme cases, drug overdose can lead to fatal consequences. The cognitive development of young individuals is also affected, impairing their ability to make sound decisions and perform academically.

Apart from health complications, drug abuse has a profound impact on social relationships and economic stability. Young individuals engaging in substance abuse often exhibit behavioral changes, leading to strained family relationships and conflicts. They may also struggle academically, resulting in school drop-outs and unemployment. Increased crime rates, including theft and violence, have been linked to drug abuse, further destabilizing communities and increasing the burden on law enforcement and healthcare systems.

Addressing drug abuse among youth requires a comprehensive approach involving families, schools, communities, and governments. Education and awareness campaigns can play a crucial role in informing young individuals about the dangers of drug use. Schools should incorporate anti-drug programs into their curriculum to equip students with the necessary knowledge and coping mechanisms. Parental guidance and open communication within families are essential in preventing drug abuse.

Governments and non-governmental organizations should work together to strengthen policies on drug control, rehabilitation centers, and law enforcement. Stricter regulations on drug distribution, along with accessible counseling and rehabilitation services, can aid in reducing drug dependency among young individuals.

Drug abuse among youth is a pressing issue that requires immediate attention and action. Its impact on health, social structures, and economies is far-reaching and detrimental to future generations. By implementing effective preventive measures, raising awareness, and providing support systems, society can combat drug abuse and create a safer and healthier environment for young people. Collective efforts from families, educators, policymakers, and community leaders are crucial in addressing this challenge and ensuring that the youth have the opportunity to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

## Poll Freebies Brought Kejriwal to his Knees

By: Omkar Dattatray

The election fever, heat and dust have settled down with the culmination of the electioneering and subsequent counting and declaration of the poll results. The crucial Delhi poll outcome which is in favor of the BJP gave the saffron party thumping majority 48 seats after a long gap of 27 years and it is a historical win for the BJP. In this election AAP has been decimated as the party had to content with only meager 22 seats when it has won 62 assembly seats in 2020 Delhi elections. Now AAP is forced to perform the role of an opposition party in Delhi assembly for which role the party of freebies that AAP is was not prepared and did not liked it either. The election results' is not only a big setback to AAP, but it is a strike at its future survival. AAP had won 2015, and 2020 Delhi polls on the back and strength of poll freebies and Ravedi politics. But same freebies did not bail out AAP in the crucial Delhi polls in current 2025 polls. It seems that Delhi middle class, poor sections, Muslims were not pleased and satisfied with the freebie /Ravedi offers and thus this time these sections which were behind the success story of AAP in the part two elections deserted the party and its chief architect ,convener and the former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. Thus poll freebies and ravede politics brought Kejriwal on his knees and all his dreams of adorning Delhi throne dashed to the ground and his dream of becoming the chief minister of Delhi for the record third time in succession failed as he and his party come on its toes. AAP could not even get the magical figure of 36 seats required for staking claim for government formation and thus Kejriwal has to lick the

dust now that the poll results were absolutely not in his party's favor and individually Kejriwal and all the bigwigs of his party save the interim Chief Minister Atishi only could save her seat with mere 600 votes. All the tall claims of Kejriwal and his team of having developed Delhi so far as the schools, healthcare etc is concerned could not fetch him the needed votes to form the government and become the Sultan of Delhi for the record third time. Instead people of the national capital, this time rallied behind the BJP and voted in its favor and gave the saffron party significant number of 48 seats the figure much higher than the magic number to stake claim and thus form a government. It follows that the people of Delhi by and large were less wooed by the freebie politics of Kejriwal and Co and thus the party faced a worst debacle and humiliating defeat. One of the striking point which was evident in the Delhi polls is that the freebies of Kejriwal were eclipsed by the poll freebies announced by the BJP as the freebies of AAP could not stand in competition with the BJP's ravedies and the outcome is that AAP failed to make required impact upon its core vote constituency and the result was a big setback to AAP and it will now take many more years to the AAP to be saddled in the throne of Delhi. It seems that the current polls results which have gone in favor of the BJP will be a blow for the very survival of the AAP which was dreaming not only to occupy Delhi throne but was nursing the bigger dream of being a political alternative at the national level. The fact is that AAP has no pan footing and is a pigmy sized party confined to Delhi and Punjab only and it is very difficult for it to occupy the center stage of politics in India. Kejriwal and his team is living

now in fool's paradise if they ever dream of coming to power at the centre. Moreover, it will take a long time to Kejriwal to erect, stand up and be relevant in national politics. Besides, if the potential government of BJP will sincerely make efforts in the direction of cleaning Yamuna river and also to minimize the deadly air pollution in Delhi, the prospects of BJP will continue to rise ,while the political fortunes of AAP will become insignificant and at the most this arrogant and deceitful party will have to contend with the role of opposition for many years as AAP's chances of once more regaining power in Delhi stand sealed and frozen. It is thus obvious that even the political survival, existence and relevance of AAP is in danger. While the political fortunes of the saffron right wing Hindutva party will show considerable rise in future Delhi polls as well if this party will try to fulfill all its poll promises made to Delhi voters. BJP's campaign of Judey Gay to Bachay Gay and ladangay and khatam hoygangay and Hindu awakening has influenced Delhi voters and they have thus voted in favor of BJP in great numbers. Delhi people as well now consider BJP as the messiah of Hindu's and as party in whose veins is blood and mantra of good governance and development and all these positive and favorable developments catapulted BJP's poll prospects and thus gave it the absolute majority in assembly polls. Thus the very relevance of BJP is very high not only in Delhi alone but all over India. NDA at present is in power in 19 states and 2 UT's besides at the national level and the Delhi poll results will further strengthen its hold in the country and it will definitely have positive impact on Bihar polls in November 2015, UP polls thereafter and many other state polls. BJP is

consolidating its position and is winning polls state after state. Recently, BJP had won polls in Haryana and Maharashtra proving all exit polls as exact polls as we seen this happening in Delhi poll outcome. Most notably, this Delhi elections was between Freebies versus Development and finally the politics of development won and politics of freebies put AAP in stricture unable to stand and move comfortably. Kejriwal's meteoric in politics from being the crusader of anti corruption to doing the politics of freebies has now seen eclipse as the BJP stole the political show and forced AAP and its convener its proper place. The fiefdom of Kejriwal is crumbling under its own weight, mis-governance and frictions with the LG and ignoring the middle class of Delhi which is in majority and all these factors and others played its part and brought havoc to AAP and its chief and the AAP's house broke like a house of cards. In fact Kejriwal's rise to power was not less than a political upheaval and revolution .But now AAP faced debacle because of anti-incumbency, aggressive poll campaigning and developmental politics of BJP and its winning hearts of people from Juggies and electioneering acumen. BJP has made Ghar-wapsi after a span of 27 years and it is no less than a milestone development. To conclude it is no exaggeration to state that poll freebies brought Kejriwal on his knees and it will take a long time to him and his AAP to establish its political dominance in Delhi and elsewhere which is a most daunting task if not impossible.

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## The Indian Army in Kashmir: Guardian of Security, Development, and Hope

By: MEER IQBAL

The Indian Army plays an extremely important role in bringing peace and security to Kashmir. Apart from protecting the frontiers, the Army also engages in humanitarian activities for the benefit of the local populace, empowering youth through sports and education, and providing medical assistance. The Army's role in Kashmir is not only about defense but also about building trust, development, and a better tomorrow for the people of the region.

1. Given Maintaining Security and Stability

The Indian Army has been guarding the common man in Kashmir against terrorism and infiltration. It executes various counter-insurgency operations and patrols to keep a fear-free environment for the inhabitants to live in.

They arrange for the rapid response to threats in close coordination with local police and paramilitary forces to secure their latter-day. Security camps in sensitive areas instill a feeling of peace among civilians, allowing them to carry on normal life without fear.

2. Taking Responsibility for Youth by Organizing Sports and Educational Activities

The Indian Army recognizes that youth development is the answer to all problems; therefore, the Army organizes different sporting activities, tournaments, and training camps. The schemes utilize the energy of young people in constructive pursuits, thus keeping them

away from negative influences. Football, cricket, volleyball, and martial arts tournaments are regularly organized, with the winners receiving scholarships and sponsorships to participate at the national level.

The Army helps in educating by running a series of Army Goodwill Schools, distributing free textbooks, providing scholarships, and organizing various awareness programs. Career guidance and skill development seminars assist Kashmiri youth with skills for a brighter tomorrow, working towards reducing unemployment and providing opportunities.

3. Free Medical Camps and Health Care Aid

Health care in the remote regions of Kashmir is an important issue. The Indian Army organizes free medical camps, gives away medicines, and conducts special treatment for those in need of it. These initiatives ensure even the farthest villagers can get good health care.

In emergencies, airlifting of seriously ill patients by the Army is made from far-off areas to better-equipped hospitals. The Army distributed medical supplies, PPE kits, and oxygen cylinders during the COVID-19 pandemic and assisted in vaccination drives on a large scale.

4. Humanitarian Assistance and Community Development

From natural catastrophes to the building of infrastructures, the Indian Army truly gets engaged in the overall development of the Kashmir region. Be it constructing roads, installing water supply systems, or providing vocational training, the

Army continues to work towards making life better for the people.

During heavy winters, the Army clears snow-covered roads for the supply of essential goods to distant areas. In floods, it undertakes rescue operations and provides food, clothes, and shelter to families affected by floods.

The Army has also sustained cooperative interaction with the locals through "Operation Sadbhavana", which focus on social welfare activities. Under this program, the Army carries out projects in women empowerment, skill development, and environmental conservation, therefore ensuring all-around growth in the region.

5. The Indian Army's Role in the Lolab Valley

The Lolab Valley is one of the most picturesque and strategically important areas in Kashmir. The contribution of the Indian Army here has been invaluable. The Army in Lolab has been closely involved in creating security, providing assistance to the local population, and creating avenues of development.

Peace and Security: The presence of the Army in Lolab Valley has considerably improved security conditions in the area, making it a safer and more comfortable place for its residents and visitors. The locals are grateful to the Army for having safeguarded this region from any threats.

Educational and Sports Activities: The Army holds several educational programs, skill development workshops, and sporting activities for the people of Lolab, thus pro-

viding a platform for youngsters to showcase their talent.

Medical Camps: Free medical camps are being organized regularly in the valley to facilitate people to access their urgent medical services.

Strong Civil-Military Relations: The people of Lolab Valley feel a strong bond with the Indian Army and express thanks for the support and assistance from the soldiers. The trust and love of the local people have been earned by the good deeds of the Army.

The efforts of the Indian Army in Lolab signify its commitment to security and the welfare and well-being of the people.

06. Strengthening Civil-Military Relations

The Indian Army understands that trust with the locals is extremely important. Programs for interaction, cultural programs, and community meetings have been critical in bridging the gap between civilians and military involvement. The Army responds to the locals' concerns, addresses their grievances, and builds a sense of togetherness and unity among them.

Educational tours conducted by the Army to different states of India constantly facilitate Kashmiri students' exposure to various opportunities and massive input into the culture of the country so that these students eventually contribute toward fostering patriotism and national integration. These supports greatly go toward peace and harmony in the region.

Conclusion

## Shara village delegation calls on CEC, LAHDC Leh



### Top News Report

LEH, Feb 11: A delegation from Shara village, led by Phyang Monastic Vajra Master Gen Konchok Zangpo and Todanpa Gen Stobgais, called on Adv. Tashi Gyalson, Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh.

The delegation included Dr. Dampo Thines,

President of Shara-Igloo BJP Mandal; Tashi Konchok, Nambardar; Angchuk Langley, President of the Shara Thundrel Society; Angchuk Nerpa; Sh. Wangtak Dampo; and Sonam Phuntsog.

The Shargon Nayab Dud-Dul-ling Monastery, scheduled for inaugura-

tion by H.H. the Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang on 20th May 2025, is a vital cultural and spiritual landmark for the region. The delegation's requested for essential support to ensure the completion of the infrastructure around monastery before the ceremony.

## Chairman LAHDC reviews alignment for Leh-Nimoo Four Lane Highway Project



### Top News Report

LEH, Feb 11: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson, convened a meeting to discuss the alignment for the Leh-Nimoo Four Lane Highway Project. The meeting was held at the Conference Hall of the Council Secretariat, LAHDC, Leh.

The meeting was attended by Superintending Engineer PWD, ACR Leh, Tehsildar Leh, Officer Commanding 81 RCC, Executive

Engineers from the Construction and R&B Divisions, Naib Tehsildar Basgo, and Officer Incharge 81 RCC.

The meeting began with a detailed presentation by Vivek Kumar, Site Engineer, who presented a comprehensive overview of the proposed alignment for the highway. His Power Point presentation highlighted various aspects of the project, including key routes, potential challenges, and the expected benefits of

the four-lane highway, which is poised to significantly improve connectivity between Leh and Nimoo.

After reviewing the proposal, Chairman/CEC Gyalson emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach and suggested a joint survey involving Concern Councillors, Nambardar, all relevant departments and other stakeholders.

He urged the officials to work together to finalize the alignment, ensuring all challenges are addressed.

## GGM Science College observes Safer Internet Day

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: The Department of Computer Science, GGM Science College, organized an enlightening event under the aegis of guidance and supervision of Prof. (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College to mark Safer Internet Day with the aim of promoting responsible and secure internet usage among students and faculty members.

The event provided a platform for discussions on digital safety and best cybersecurity practices.

The event featured Prof. Surinder Singh, Head of the Computer Science Department, and Prof. Suresh Singh, Assistant Professor in the Computer Science Department, as key resource persons.

While interacting with the audience, Prof. Surinder Singh emphasized the significance of cyber hygiene, strong passwords, and the risks associated with social media.

He elaborated on best practices for safe online interactions and stressed

the role of educational institutions in fostering cybersecurity awareness.

Meanwhile, Prof. Suresh Singh provided an in-depth analysis of cybersecurity threats, including phishing, malware, and identity theft, offering practical strategies to mitigate online risks.

Besides the students the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, including Prof. Preeti Gupta, Prof. Ankush Raj, Prof. Kamaljeet Singh, and Prof. Ameer Rehman.

An interactive question-answer session concluded the event, where students had the opportunity to seek guidance from experts on various aspects of cybersecurity.

In his address Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta commended the efforts of Computer Science Department for organizing such an informative and impactful session, urging students to practice responsible digital behavior.

Dr. Gupta further added that the event was a resounding success, fostering meaningful discussions on safeguarding digital environments.

## GDC Udhampur observes Safer Internet Day

### Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Feb 11: In line with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MeitY) nationwide initiative under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project, GDC Udhampur celebrated Safer Internet Day with great enthusiasm. The observance aimed to raise awareness about safe and responsible internet usage, with a special focus on protecting children, women, and young individuals from cyber threats.

NSS wing of GDC Udhampur College organized an awareness session, where Prof. Sunil Sharma led an engaging discussion on internet safety measures.

The event witnessed the participation of over 100 students, including NSS volunteers, NCC cadets, and students from various departments.

Prof. Sharma educated attendees on crucial aspects of cybersecurity, digital privacy, and safe online practices.

Students actively participated in the program, sharing their personal experiences and concerns regarding cyber safety.

The interactive session provided them with valuable insights into recognizing and avoiding online threats such as scams, phishing attacks, and identity theft.

The event was graced by the presence of Principal Prof. Sanjay Verma, who addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of being vigilant while navigating the digital world. He urged students to be cautious of online scams and fraudulent activities.

Other faculty members in attendance included Prof. Babu Lal Thakur, Prof. Suresh Dogra, Dr. Gurpreet Kour, Prof. Parveen Singh, Prof. Sanjeet Singh, and Prof. Vijay Kumar, all of whom contributed to the discussions and reinforced the importance of cyber awareness.

The observance of Safer Internet Day served as a crucial reminder of the collective responsibility to ensure a secure and ethical digital environment.

By equipping students with knowledge and skills to protect themselves online, the initiative aims to foster a safer cyberspace for all.

## GDC Hiranagar conducts awareness workshop on "Safer Internet Day"



### Top News Report

HIRANAGAR, Feb 11: Govt. Degree College (GDC), Hiranagar conducted an awareness workshop on Safer Internet Day as part of the global initiative to promote safer and more responsible use of digital technologies.

The workshop aimed to educate participants on online safety, data privacy, and responsible digital behavior, empowering them to navigate the internet safely. The theme for this year was "Together for a Better Internet."

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Roopali Jamwal, Coordinator of the event who emphasized the significance of Safer Internet Day and

the growing need for digital literacy.

She explained common online threats, including: Cyberbullying, Phishing and Online Scams, Privacy Invasion and Identity Theft and Exposure to Harmful Content.

A guest speaker, Prof. Amit Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications and a cybersecurity expert, shared valuable insights on how to detect online scams and secure personal information.

He presented a real-life case study to illustrate how online scams occur, followed by an interactive group discussion. Prof. Amit Singh also guided participants with practical tips on staying safe online and

elaborated on how to report cybercrime incidents.

Real-life examples helped participants understand how to apply these safety measures in their daily digital interactions. An online safety quiz was conducted to reinforce learning and engage participants in a fun, interactive manner.

Participants raised questions about specific online safety concerns, which were addressed by both the facilitator and the guest speaker.

Dr. Pragya Khanna appreciated the team's efforts in organizing such an awareness programme at the college. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Bharat Bhushan, HoD, Department of Music.

## GDC Darhal celebrates Safer Internet Day



### Top News Report

DARHAL, Feb 11: Government Degree College (GDC) Darhal proudly celebrated Safer Internet Day on campus, emphasizing the importance of creating a safe and positive digital environment.

The event was chaired by Prof. Zamir Mirza, with Dr. M. Saleem Wani, the NAACE coordinator, acting as a resource person.

The NSS wing of the college, headed by Dr. Mohd Akhlaq, coordinated the proceedings, ensuring a well-organized and engaging program that drew par-

ticipation from students across various semesters.

The theme of this year's celebration was "Together for a Better Internet," highlighting the collective effort required to foster a safer online community.

Faculty members, including Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Dr. Taseem, Prof. Anzar Ahmed, Dr. Sagir, Dr. Atta ur Rehman, Dr. Muzammil, Sumina Begum, Dr. Mukhtar, Mr. Rahul, Dr. Shakeel Kataria, Dr. Iqbal, and many others contributed their expertise to enhance the awareness campaign.

The program was a grand success, providing valuable insights into internet safety and responsible online behavior. The event concluded with an interactive question and answer session, allowing students to engage directly with the speakers and clarify their doubts regarding internet usage.

Overall, the celebration of Safer Internet Day at GDC Darhal reinforced the college's commitment to educating students about the importance of a secure and respectful online presence.

## GDC Kathua hosts Cyber Safety Awareness Workshop for Safer Internet Day

### Top News Report

KATHUA, Feb 11: In observance of Safer Internet Day 2025, Government Degree College Kathua organized an awareness workshop for students on the importance of cyber hygiene and safe internet practices. The nationwide campaign, launched by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) under the theme "Together for a Better Internet," aims to educate citizens on safe

online behaviour and mitigate cyber threats.

The interactive session, held on 11/02/2025, was moderated by Prof. Bharat, who engaged students in a discussion covering various aspects of internet safety. The workshop provided detailed insights into prevalent cyber threats such as phishing attacks, digital arrest scams, investment scams, and cyber fraud. Prof. Bharat and Prof. Gupta explained how cybercriminals exploit

online users through deceptive emails, fake websites, and social engineering tactics.

Students were educated on practical steps to enhance their online security, including the importance of using strong passwords, enabling two-factor authentication, and verifying the authenticity of online information before engaging. The workshop emphasized responsible internet usage and empowered students to navigate the

digital landscape safely.

Senior faculty members including Prof. Shiv Kumar, Head, Department of Computer Science and Prof. Deepak Gupta, were also present at the event, demonstrating the college's commitment to promoting cyber safety awareness among its students.

This workshop is part of MeitY's broader initiative to raise awareness about cyber safety at the grassroots level and equip citizens with the knowledge

and skills necessary to protect themselves online. The "Together for a Better Internet" campaign underscores the collective responsibility of all stakeholders in creating a safer and more secure digital environment for everyone.

The workshop concluded on a positive note, with students expressing gratitude for such an insightful session. They pledged to adopt safe internet practices and spread awareness among their peers.

## GDC Vijaypur celebrates Safer Internet Day

### Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Feb 11: Department of Computer Applications in collaboration with Cyber Jagrookta Cell of GDC Vijaypur conducted successful cyber awareness workshop on the Safer Internet Day.

The Department of Computer Applications at Government Degree College (GDC) Vijaypur organized a comprehensive cyber awareness program aimed at educating students, faculty, and staff about online safety and security.

The program focused on the importance of cyber security in today's digital age. Prof. Manisha Rani (Lecturer Computer Sciences Department) highlighted the common cyber threats, such as phishing, ransomware,



and social engineering, and provided valuable tips on how to protect oneself from these threats.

Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Verma, Principal of the college emphasized the need for cyber aware

ness, stating, "In today's digital world, it is essential that we educate ourselves about online safety and security. This program is a step towards creating a cyber-aware community."

She further appreciated the

efforts of the Computer Sciences Department in organizing such an important workshop which is very much relevant in present world of technology where internet plays a very important role in everyone's life.

The event was organized with full support of senior faculty members of the college namely Prof. Anita Jamwal (HOD Political Science), Prof. Mamta Gupta (HOD Commerce), Dr. Anoop Kumar Bhagat (HOD Sociology) and Prof. Ritu Bhagat (HOD Education).

The event was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan (HOD EVS), Dr. Manoj Heer (HOD Dogri), Dr. Naseem Chowdhary (HOD English), Prof. Meetu Sharma (HOD Geography) and Prof. Manisha Rani (Lecturer Computer Sciences).



### Top News Report

BISHNAH, Feb 11: The Department of Punjabi, in collaboration with the NSS Wing of GDC Bishnah, celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with the theme "Together for a Better

Internet". The awareness program, observed globally, aims to raise awareness and promote the safe and responsible use of the internet, particularly focusing on children, women, and young people.

During the event, a video on internet awareness was screened, followed by a question-and-answer session. The program was conducted under the patronage of Dr. Shailu Samyal, Principal of the college.

## Anora, Emilia Perez win big while All We Imagine As Light, Citadel: Honey Bunny lose out at Critics Choice Awards

The 30th Annual Critics Choice Awards, held at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, witnessed an exciting evening of recognition for the film industry's finest talents.

Anora won the top honour for Best Picture. Accepting the award, writer-director Sean Baker expressed his surprise, calling the win "so unexpected." "When those who dedicate their lives to their love of film and film criticism and film journalism, when they see something positive in your work, just a little, it means everything in the world. So thank you guys so much," the filmmaker said.

The Awards ceremony was hosted by Chelsea Handler.

Demi Moore was awarded the prestigious Critics Choice Award for Best Actress for her remarkable performance in *The Substance*. "I'm truly honoured to receive this recognition," Moore said in her acceptance speech, adding, "This role challenged me in ways I never expected, and I'm grateful to everyone who believed in this project."

Adrien Brody took home the Best Actor award for his performance in *The Brutalist*.

Adam Brody made a triumphant return to the spotlight at Critics Choice Awards, where he won Best Actor in a Comedy Series for his role as Rabbi Noah Roklov in the Netflix comedy *Nobody Wants This*. "This is such a thrill," Brody said during his acceptance speech, adding, "Thank you so much to the Critics Choice for this honour."

Zoe Saldana bags her first Critics Choice for this honour.



Zoe Saldana continued her victory run by winning the Best Supporting Actress honours for her performance in *Emilia Perez*. After winning the Golden Globes earlier this year, this award marks her second win in the same category for her performance in *Emilia Perez*. "I appreciate the role of a critic. I do. I sometimes read the reviews and internalise it, especially the helpful feedback like, 'Her crying is distracting.' 'She's in too many franchises.' Or, my personal favourite, she's too blue," said Zoe while hinting at her role in *Avatar* franchise.

The actress arrived in an open-back red silk Saint Laurent gown with matching heels. She completed her outfit with a black bow in the back, matching her black choker. In the accessory department, Zoe wore diamond rings to further elevate her look.

Jolie good Angelina Jolie was a standout as she made a rare solo appearance at the Critics Choice Awards. The actress, nomi-

ated for Best Actress for her role in *Maria*, looked ethereal in a bisque-colored lace dress by renowned designer Elie Saab.

Boss lady Nicole Kidman, who is nominated for Best Actress in a Drama Series for her role in *Lioness*, made a fashion statement on the red carpet. The 57-year-old actress wore an oversized tan wool suit by Saint Laurent, featuring a double-breasted jacket and high-waisted, wide-leg wool pants. Underneath the jacket, Kidman opted for a striped shirt paired with a silk tie, adding a sophisticated edge to her look. The ensemble was completed with Faye slingback pumps, also by Saint Laurent, which tied the entire outfit together.

The actress's long strawberry blonde hair was styled in soft, wavy curls, and her makeup was kept simple and fresh, allowing her natural beauty to shine through.

One for *Martha* Jessica Gunning has claimed

the prestigious title of Best Supporting Actress in a Limited Series or Movie Made for Television at the 30th annual Critics Choice Awards.

The British actress earned the award for her captivating performance as Martha in the hit Netflix series *Baby Reindeer*. In her heartfelt speech, Jessica said, "This role, as Martha, has truly changed my life. I am deeply grateful to Richard Gadd, who chose me to play this part, and for everyone who believed in me."

They did it! Conclave, a 2024 political thriller, stood out by taking home the Critics Choice Award for Best Acting Ensemble. It earned critical acclaim for its engaging storyline and stellar performances.

India misses out Payal Kapadia's *All We Imagine As Light* lost in the Best Foreign Language Film category with the honour going to France's *Emilia Perez*. The awards ceremony also saw *Citadel: Honey Bunny*, starring Varun Dhawan and Samantha Ruth Prabhu, miss out on the Best Foreign Language Series award, which went to Netflix's blockbuster South Korean series *Squid Game*.

*All We Imagine As Light*, which charted history by becoming the first Indian title to win the Grand Prix Award at the Cannes Film Festival last year, had been nominated alongside *Latvia's Flow*, *Ireland's Kneecap*, *Brazil's I'm Still Here*, and *Germany's The Seed of the Sacred Fig*, directed by Iranian filmmaker Mohammad Rasoulof.

## Sonakshi Sinha extends support to Vir Das over pollution concerns



Mumbai's pollution levels have risen drastically due to heavy construction and infrastructure projects.

Actor and comedian Vir Das recently voiced his concern on the matter by sharing a long note on social media. Now, Sonakshi Sinha has extended her support to him.

Sonakshi took to her Instagram stories and reshared Vir's note and commented "100 per cent." Vir's note read "Unless something drastic is done, the

legacy of each government is going to be the pollution they let us live in. This point will probably be taken up when we realise the long term effect it had on the generation just born, and those in old age too. Right now it feels like new pollution doesn't it? And if we think it's unrealistic they'd let us live like that for a decade."

Stressing the necessity to take the required action, Vir added, "Some drastic policy decisions need to happen. Goes without saying that the

decisions will make us hugely unhappy in the interim.

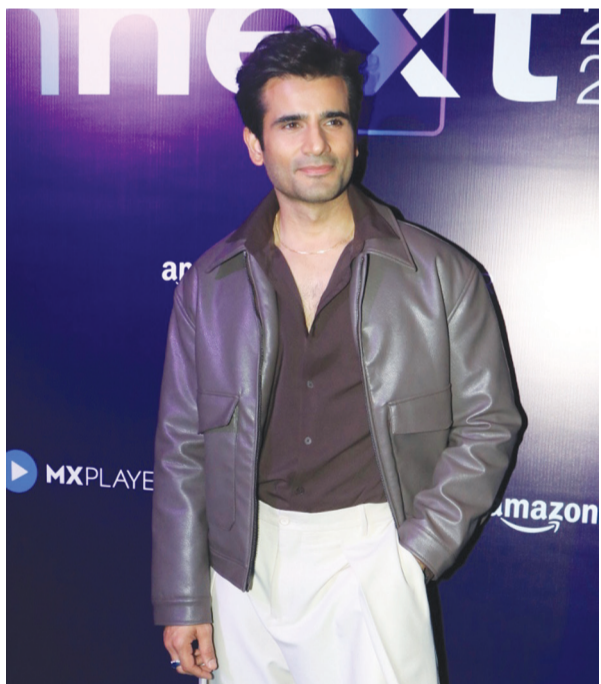
We will moan like we did when we got new airports and new bridges, but it will eventually be worth it. I'm just saying it's 7:30 am and the AQI is 170. At this time, there are kids going to school and old people on walks. Air isn't political, air doesn't care about your income status, air isn't religious, air isn't patriotic, air doesn't vote. If there's one thing worth fixing, it's the air."

## Karan Tacker steps into the paranormal zone with Bhay

Karan Tacker, the man who's aced the art of playing men in uniform in high-octane thrillers like *Khakee: The Bihar Chapter* and *Special Ops*, is now stepping into a world where shadows whisper and the unknown lurks just beyond the veil. This time, he's not hunting criminals—he's chasing the unknown. From a razor-sharp role in *Special Ops*, he is now taking on a completely different role—one that is more artistic and layered.

For Tacker, *Bhay* marks a thrilling departure from his past roles. Known for his intensity and brooding charisma, he has carved a niche in the crime and espionage genre, playing characters who operate with calculated precision.

But with *Bhay*, he's venturing into darker, more artistic territory—



where logic takes a backseat and fear takes the wheel. As Gaurav Tiwari, he walks the fine line between skepticism and belief, between what is seen and what is sensed.

The show boasts a

stellar cast, including Kalki Koechlin, Danish Sood, and Saloni Batra. Together, they'll navigate a world where every creaking door has a tale to tell, and every shadow holds a secret, waiting to be revealed.

## Chhaava stars Vicky Kaushal and Rashmika Mandana perform ardas at the Golden Temple before the film's release

For Bollywood's favourite Punjabi munda, Vicky Kaushal, coming to Amritsar is like homecoming. "Amritsar is very special. It is my home, my pind. My native village is in Hoshiarpur and I have a history with this city," he shared with a smile as bright as his starched, styled, white kurta, as he along with Rashmika Mandana paid obeisance at the Golden Temple.

The moment he got out of the car, he addressed the scribes and his fans gathered outside the Golden Temple plaza with an affectionate, "Hor Ki Haal Aa." Rashmika, who looked beautiful in a pink Anarkali suit, accompanied him as they performed ardas along with the *Chhaava* team for the upcoming film's success.

"I begin anything new in my life after paying my respects at the Golden temple. It's a ritual for me," said Vicky. That's true! Everytime he has a film lined up for release, Vicky makes sure he comes to the Golden Temple



and he has followed this ritual since his life changing blockbuster *Uri—The Surgical Strike*. "Khana yahan itna swaad hai... Rashmika, who arrived on a wheelchair, and Vicky later went to the next favourite thing on Vicky's list of 'when in Amritsar, gorge on some hot crispy paran-

thas and kulchas at Bhawan Da Dhaba'. "Khana yahan itna swaad hai ki mein photo khichwana bhool jata hoon (the food is so tasty that I forget to get pictures clicked)," Vicky explained, as the foodie in him took over to finish that plate of hot paranthas and Dal Makhni.

An immersive actor to watch on screen and a chameleon, who gets into the skin of his character, be it transforming into Shaheed Udham Singh or getting the nuances of playing the legendary Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw delightfully right, Vicky has described *Chhaava* as the most difficult role of his career so far.

Confessing that he has given his 'all' to the film, he slips into the character of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the great Maratha warrior and son of Shivaji, in the Laxman Utekar film, which releases this Valentine's Day (February 14). The buzz about the movie is so high that the makers have started booking five days in advance and it is touted as one of the most-anticipated films this year already.

Maybe the reason why the actor, Vicky, decided to seek some peace before the box-office madness begins!

## Tom Cruise reveals he passed out on the sets of Mission: Impossible—The Final Reckoning

Tom Cruise has once again shown just how far he's willing to go for his roles. He has revealed that he passed out several times while filming a particularly intense action sequence for *Mission: Impossible—The Final Reckoning*.

One of the stand-out stunts featured in the film's teaser trailer shows Cruise's character, Ethan Hunt, hanging perilously from the wing of a 1930s Boeing Stearman biplane, racing through the skies over South Africa at 10,000 feet. The high-speed

stunt, where Cruise's face was exposed to the wind at speeds of over 120 miles per hour, presented a serious challenge for the actor.

"When you stick your face out, going over 120 to 130 miles an hour, you're not getting oxygen. So I had to train myself how to breathe. There were times I would pass out physically; I was unable to get back into the cockpit." The dramatic sequence, which is set to be one of the most thrilling moments of the film, comes as no sur-



prise to fans who have watched Cruise perform daring feats in previous *Mission: Impossible* films.

Cruise's commitment to performing dangerous stunts has earned him a legendary status in Hollywood, but it has also led to several physical challenges over the years.

From scaling the Burj Khalifa in Dubai to holding his breath for over six minutes underwater, Cruise's passion for thrilling action sequences has often amazed his fans.

## Simaran in bridal avatar



Popular television actress Simaran Kaur is set to impress with her bridal avatar in *Jamai No. 1*.

The actress, known for her impeccable acting and screen presence, will be seen donning a traditional Maharashtrian bridal ensemble, complete with a vibrant pink silk saree and intricate gold jewelry.

Simaran's bridal look features authentic green bangles, a gold waist chain, and a statement nath (nose ring), symbolizing the essence of Maharashtrian culture.

# India first among G-20 nations to meet Paris Agreement goals, says PM Modi

*In his virtual address at the opening ceremony of India Energy Week-2025, the Prime Minister said that in the last 10 years, India had increased its solar energy generation capacity 32 times*

NEW DELHI, Feb 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India was the first country among G-20 nations to meet the goals of Paris Agreement.

The Paris Agreement is a landmark international treaty on climate change, adopted in 2015, which is aimed at limiting global warming and strengthening the global response to the climate crisis. The goals of the treaty include keeping the global average temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius. The treaty also aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions.

Besides India, G-20 countries include the UK, the US, Russia, France, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea and Turkey.

In his virtual address from France at the opening ceremony of India Energy Week 2025, the Prime Minister said, "In the



last 10 years, India has become the fifth largest economy from the 10th largest. In the last 10 years, we have increased our solar energy generation capacity 32 times."

"India is the third largest solar-power generating nation in the world. Our non-fossil fuel energy capacity has increased three times. India is the first country among G-20 nations to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement," he added.

The Prime Minister said India is achieving its targets of Paris Agreement ahead of time due to ethanol blending which has led to a significant decrease in CO2 emissions in the country.

"Today India is doing 19 per cent ethanol blending. This has saved foreign exchange and

generated substantial farmer revenue. Along with this, there has also been a significant cut in CO2 emissions. We are on the path to achieve 20 per cent ethanol mandate even before October 2025," the Prime Minister said.

He also said that India's bio-fuel industry is set to grow rapidly due to the country being a member of Global Biofuels Alliance which was formed during India's G20 Presidency.

"We have a sustainable feed-stock of 500 million metric tonnes. During India's G20 presidency, the Global Biofuels Alliance was formed and is continuously expanding. Twenty-eight nations and 12 international organisations have joined it. It is transforming waste into

wealth and setting up Centres of Excellence," he said.

Modi said India's energy goals are aligned as per 2030 deadline and the country will "cross many big milestones" in the coming five years.

"We want to add 500 gigawatt renewable energy capacity by the year 2030. The Indian Railways has set a target of net zero carbon emission by the year 2030. Our goal is to produce five million metric tonnes of Green Hydrogen every year by the year 2030," he said.

"These targets of ours may seem quite ambitious, but what India has achieved in the last 10 years has created confidence that we will definitely achieve these targets," the Prime Minister said.

He said in the gas sector, India was the fourth largest refining hub. "We are engaged in increasing our capacity by 20 per cent," he said.

PM Modi said India had a big focus on the solar energy sector as solar PV module manufacturing capacity of the country had expanded in the last 10 years. "This capacity has increased from 2 gigawatts to about 70 gigawatts. This sector has become more attractive due to the PLI scheme," he said.

# Evolving global security scenario demands innovation, stronger partnerships: Rajnath Singh



BENGALURU, Feb 11 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday asserted that the evolving global security scenario demands innovative approaches and stronger partnerships.

Addressing the Defence Ministers' Conclave organised as part of the Aero India 2025 here, he said, India believes that international order and peace cannot be ensured from a position of weakness.

"Today, increasing number of conflicts is making our world, a more unpredictable place. New power plays, new methods and new means of weaponisation, increased role of non-state actors and disruptive technologies, have made the world order more fragile," Singh said.

At the same time, the distinction between security of the borders and internal security is getting blurred, as hybrid warfare can target critical national infrastructure even during the peace time, he said, "the definition of front line is changing fast today. Moreover, the dimensions of cyberspace and outer space are challenging the established definition of sovereignty."

"It is my firm belief that the evolving global security scenario demands innovative approaches and stronger partnerships. India's engagements in the global stage exemplifies our commitment to fostering security and growth for all," he added.

According to officials, the Defence Ministers' Conclave, organised in hybrid mode, is aimed at strengthening defence cooperation with friendly nations amidst a rapidly-evolving global security landscape, and this

year's theme 'Building Resilience through International Defence and Global Engagement (BRIDGE)' underscores the importance of supply chain resilience and strategic collaboration in defence. Officials had earlier said that representatives from more than 80 countries were likely to participate in the conclave and around 30 Defence Ministers in addition to Defence/Service Chiefs and Permanent Secretaries from friendly nations would attend the event.

Reiterating India's conviction on being strong to ensure peace, the Defence Minister said, "we have been working very hard, to bring about a transformation in our defence capabilities. We have put in place a very conducive policy regime which encourages investment in and production of an entire range of modern state-of-the-art land, maritime and air systems."

India's emergence as a global hub for research, development, and innovation in defence is a testament to our capabilities and aspirations, he added.

"Today, we have a vibrant defence startup ecosystem within the larger Indian startup ecosystem, which ranks third globally in terms of unicorn count," Rajnath Singh said.

"Our thriving aerospace and defence sectors, supported by a significant Research & Development base and an entrepreneurial spirit, offer unparalleled opportunities for collaboration," he added.

Pointing out that India's skill base enables it to produce at highly competitive costs, and the country is committed to

share state-of-the-art defence equipment, hardware, services and technology with friends and partners, Singh told countries attending the conclave, "I invite you to join us in co-developing and co-producing advanced systems and fostering innovation together."

India's defence diplomacy reflects our commitment to building enduring bilateral and multilateral relationships, he said, "Our approach emphasizes mutual capacity building, prosperity and security for the sovereignty of our partner nations."

"We do not believe in transactional relationships or imposing solutions."

Indian solutions are not prescriptive. Instead, we aim to empower our partners to chart their own paths, through support that aligns with their national priorities," he added.

Highlighting that India's position as a preferred partner for defence exports is reinforced by adherence to quality, reliability and commitment to the specific needs of partners, the Defence Minister said.

"Our defence industry is well-equipped to meet diverse requirements, from cutting-edge technology to cost-effective solutions," he added.

The challenges like terrorism, cyber-crime, humanitarian crises and climate-induced disasters, transcend borders, and they demand a united response, he said.

"The BRIDGE initiative represents our commitment to transforming dialogue into actionable outcomes, fostering partnerships that are resilient, adaptable and forward-looking," he said.

"India stands ready to work with all nations in crafting solutions that are innovative, equitable and sustainable. Together, we can build a future where security and prosperity go hand in hand, ensuring peace and stability for generations to come," he added.

# '45 cr devotees took dip in Sangam in 29 days', Adityanath rubbishes opposition's 'VIP bathing' jab

LUCKNOW, Feb 11 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that some people are trying to spread confusion by linking the Maha Kumbh to VIP bathing, but the truth is that it is a confluence of harmony and faith where devotees join hands by removing the barriers of caste, religion, language and region.

Addressing an event to mark the 57th death anniversary of Deendayal Upadhyay, Adityanath said, "Who are these people spreading negativity? These are the same people who took VVIP treatment from the government throughout their lives and tried to pave a path for their future generations. These are people who stand against India and Sanatan Dharma by creating negativity and spreading false propaganda." The chief minister's remarks came amid opposition leaders accusing the Uttar Pradesh government of "mismanagement" and "VIP culture" after at least 30 devotees were killed in a pre-dawn stampede in Prayagraj on January 29.

To mark the occasion, Adityanath paid floral tributes to Upadhyay and underlined the relevance of his thoughts, the Uttar Pradesh government said in a statement.

"In Prayagraj, 45 crore devotees have taken the dip of faith in the Sangam in 29 days, which is historic. Other than India and China, no country in the world has a population of

45 crore. What can be bigger than 45 crore devotees coming to take a dip in a temporary city? "Some people are trying to spread confusion by linking it to VIP bathing, but the truth is that Maha Kumbh is a confluence of harmony and faith, where all devotees join together by eliminating the discriminations of caste, religion, language and region." Upadhyay was the founder-member of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh — the forerunner of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — and pioneer of Antyodaya and the integral humanism philosophy, the statement said.

Recalling his ideals, Adityanath said the welfare and development of the person sitting on the last rung of the society was the dream of Upadhyay.

"Today, the double-engine government of the BJP led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fulfilling Pandit Upadhyay's dreams," Adityanath said.

"Pandit Upadhyay was of the opinion that the progress of any country should not be measured by the prosperity of the person standing on the top rung, but by the standard of living of the person standing on the last row," he said.

The chief minister also said that the previous governments gave big slogans to eradicate poverty but the number of poor continued to increase.



The Modi government, on the other hand, worked to empower the poor in the last 11 years, Adityanath said, mentioning schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission, and Ayushman Bharat.

He also said that whenever a new scheme is launched, some people make it a habit to find faults.

"When we give houses to four crore people, they say there are still many left. I want to tell them that three crore more houses have been approved. Those who enjoyed VIP facilities earlier are the ones questioning the facilities being provided to the common people today," the chief minister said.

# 9 returning from Maha Kumbh killed in 2 road accidents in MP

JABALPUR/MAIHAR, Feb 11 (Agencies): Nine persons returning from Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj were killed and five injured in two road accidents in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur and Maihar districts on Tuesday morning, officials said.

A truck collided with a mini-bus in Jabalpur, killing seven occupants of the passenger vehicle returning to Andhra Pradesh from Prayagraj (in Uttar Pradesh), Collector Deepak Kumar Saxena told agency.

The incident took place at around 8.30 am near Sihora town, located 65 km from the district headquarters, he said.

The truck was heading on a highway from the wrong side, leading to the accident, eyewitnesses claimed.

Seven persons died



on the spot, while several others were trapped inside the mini-bus, they said.

Following the accident, the collector and Jabalpur's superintendent of police left for the accident site.

In Maihar, two persons were killed and five others injured when an unidentified vehicle hit their SUV near Kancharpur village on National Highway no. 30 at around 4 am, Nadan Dehat police station in-charge KN Banjare said.

The sports utility vehicle (SUV) was returning to Indore from the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, he said.

All the injured persons were referred to the Satna district hospital after initial treatment in Amarpatan, the official said.

The two deceased have been identified as Manju Sharma (32) and Manoj Vishwakarma (42), he said.

Police were examining CCTV footage of the area to identify the offending vehicle, the official said.

# Oil, gas to remain crucial despite rise of renewables: Hardeep Singh Puri

NEW DELHI, Feb 11 (Agencies): Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, on Tuesday emphasized that oil and gas will continue to play an important role in the energy sector, even as renewable energy becomes the dominant source.

He stated this during his address at the inauguration of the India Energy Week 2025 on Tuesday in Delhi.

Mr Puri said "Even when renewables become the dominant energy sources, oil and gas will continue to play a pivotal role - not just in power generation but in stabilising grids, industrial hydrogen, and energy storage innovations."

He also highlighted that hydrocarbons will remain essential not just for power generation but also for stabilizing grids, industrial hydrogen production, and energy storage innovations.

Mr Puri pointed out that the energy transition is not about completely eliminating fossil fuels but about using them strategically while scaling up renewable energy sources to reduce emissions.

"For too long, we have framed energy transition as a linear journey - from fossil fuels to renewables, from past to future, from problem to solution," he stated.

Instead, he suggested a balanced approach where both renewable and traditional energy



sources work together to ensure a stable and sustainable energy system.

The minister also highlighted that Artificial Intelligence (AI) and clean cooking are emerging as major drivers of energy demand in the future.

AI is becoming one of the largest energy consumers globally, with data centers expected to see an 18-20 per cent annual increase in power demand by 2030. India's AI-driven digital economy, projected to reach USD 400 billion by 2030, presents both challenges and opportunities.

Mr Puri noted that the key issue is not just meeting this growing demand but doing so in a way that does not destabilize power grids or hinder climate commitments.

He explained that renewable energy alone

would not be sufficient to meet AI-driven demand. Instead, a combination of natural gas, coal with carbon abatement, and next-generation nuclear energy will be required to ensure round-the-clock power reliability.

At the same time, AI itself can contribute to improving fossil fuel efficiency and reshaping energy security by predicting and managing power demand more effectively.

Mr Puri also discussed the importance of expanding clean cooking access, emphasizing that it requires a multi-fuel strategy.

He added "Renewables alone won't be enough—AI-driven demand requires round-the-clock reliability, meaning natural gas, coal with carbon abatement, and next-generation nuclear will remain essential".

The minister also added that India has already achieved 100 per cent clean cooking access through initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), the expansion of city gas distribution, and pilot projects in solar cooking.

Mr Puri stated that these policy-driven solutions have transformed lives and demonstrated how large-scale energy access can be achieved.

The minister's remarks highlight the need for a balanced and forward-thinking approach to energy planning, where traditional and new energy sources work together to meet growing demand while ensuring sustainability.

## World must pull together resources and talent for AI: PM Modi in Paris

*He said that AI can help create a world in which the journey to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) becomes 'easier and faster' and called on the world to pull together resources and talent for AI.*

PARIS, Feb 11 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Artificial Intelligence Summit in Paris on Tuesday and said that AI can help transform millions of lives by improving health, agriculture, education etc. Stating that AI can help create a world in which the journey to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) becomes "easier and faster" the Prime Minister called on the world to pull together resources and talent for AI.

In his address at the AI Action Summit, PM Modi said, "AI can help transform millions of lives by improving health, education, agriculture and so much more. It can help create a world in which the journey to sustainable development goals becomes easier and faster. To do this, we must pull together resources and talent. We must develop open-source systems that enhance trust and transparency."

"We must build quality data sets free from biases. We must democratize technology and create people-centric applica-



tions. We must address concerns related to cyber security, disinformation and deep-fakes. We must also ensure that technology is rooted in local ecosystems for it to be effective and useful. Loss of jobs is AI's most feared disruption, but history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology, its nature changes and new types of jobs are created. We need to invest in skilling and re-skilling our people for an AI-driven future," PM Modi said.

Expressing gratitude to French President Emmanuel Macron for

hosting the AI Action Summit and inviting him to co-chair the summit. He said that AI is developing at an "unprecedented scale and speed" and being adapted and developed even faster.

PM Modi said, "I am grateful to my friend President Macron for hosting this summit and for inviting me to co-chair it. AI is already reshaping our polity, our economy, our security and even our society. AI is writing the code for humanity in this century. But, it is very different from other technology milestones in human history. AI is developing

at an unprecedented scale and speed and being adapted and deployed even faster. There is also a deep interdependence across borders."

PM Modi said that the world must think deeply and discuss openly about innovation and governance and emphasised that governance is also about ensuring access to all, particularly in the Global South.

Stressing the need for collective global efforts to establish governance, he said, "There is a need for collective global efforts to establish governance and standards that upload our shared values, address risks, and build trust. But governance is not just about managing rifts and rivalries. It is also about promoting innovation and deploying it for the global good. So, we must think deeply and discuss openly about innovation and governance. Governance is also about ensuring access to all, especially in the Global South. It is where the capabilities are most lacking be it compute, power, talent, or data for the financial resources."

## EU vows tough countermeasures to US tariffs



BRUSSELS, Feb 11 (Agencies): European Union (EU) chief Ursula von der Leyen vowed on Tuesday that US tariffs on steel and aluminum "will not go unanswered", adding that they will trigger tough countermeasures from the 27-nation bloc.

"The EU will act to safeguard its economic interests," von der Leyen said in a statement in reaction to US President Donald Trump's imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum the previous day.

"Tariffs are taxes — bad for business, worse for consumers," von der Leyen said. "Unjustified tariffs on the EU will not go unanswered — they will trigger firm and proportionate countermeasures."

In Germany, home to the EU's largest economy, Chancellor Olaf Scholz told parliament that "if the US leaves us no other choice, then the European Union will react united," adding that "ultimately, trade wars always cost both sides prosperity".

Trump is hitting foreign steel and aluminum with a 25 per cent tax in the hope that they will give local producers relief from intense global competition, allowing them to charge higher prices. He imposed similar tariffs during his first presidency but the move damaged rela-

tions with key US allies and drove up costs for "downstream" manufacturers that buy steel and aluminum.

It is not clear what countermeasures would seek to apply, but officials and observers have said they would target Republican states and traditionally strong US exports.

After Trump imposed steel tariffs in 2018, the EU imposed counter-tariffs on US-made motorcycles, bourbon, peanut butter and jeans, among other items.

EU Commission vice-president Maroš Šefčovič said on Tuesday that the tariffs are "economically counterproductive, especially given the deeply integrated production chains established through our extensive transatlantic trade and investment ties".

"We will protect our workers, businesses and consumers," Šefčovič said, but added that "it is not our preferred scenario. We remain committed to constructive dialogue. We stand ready for negotiations and to find mutually beneficial solutions where possible."

The EU estimates that the trade volume between both sides stands at about \$1.5 trillion, representing some 30 per cent of global trade. "There is a lot at stake for both sides," he told the EU legislature.

While the EU has a substantial export surplus in goods, it says that is partly offset by the US surplus in the trade of services.

The EU says that trade in goods reached 851 billion euros (\$878 billion) in 2023, with a trade surplus of 156 billion euros (\$161 billion) for the EU. Trade in services was worth €688 billion (\$710 billion) with a trade deficit of 104 billion euros (107 billion) for the EU.

## Turkey detains 10, widening crackdown on Istanbul's opposition-held districts

ANKARA, Feb 11 (Agencies): Turkish police on Tuesday detained 10 senior officials of district municipalities in Istanbul over their alleged links to Kurdish militants, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported, widening a crackdown on opposition-held districts in the city.

The detainees include the deputy mayors of the districts of Kartal and Atasehir, along with eight district municipal council members, Anadolu reported. All suspects are members of Turkey's main opposition Republican People's Party, or CHP.

They were detained on suspicion of appointing people with alleged connections to Kurdish militants to municipal positions, thereby allowing the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, to infiltrate the municipalities, Anadolu reported.

Critics view the detentions as part of a government campaign to discredit Istanbul Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, seen as a potential future challenger to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, along with other opposition figures in the city.

Erdogan's government rejects allegations that it puts pressure on the courts, insisting the judiciary operates independently.

The CHP made significant gains in Istanbul and across the country in local elections last year, in a major setback to Erdogan's ruling party.

There was no immediate comment from the CHP's leadership. Imamoglu blamed the detentions on Erdogan, maintaining in a post on social media platform X that the move was the result of the "whims of one person who considers himself to be above the will of the people."

Imamoglu is facing possible jail terms over a series of charges brought against him, including for criticizing legal investigations targeting him and other mayors. In 2022, he was sentenced for insulting public officials after he spoke out against a 2019 decision to annul the initial round of local elections, which he had won.

If a higher court upholds his conviction, he could be banned from politics for five years.

Last year, the mayor of Istanbul's Esenyurt district was arrested over alleged links to the PKK, while the mayor of Besiktas district, was arrested earlier this year over allegations of bid-rigging and bribery. The two have rejected the accusations.

Since the local elections, the government has ousted several elected mayors from the pro-Kurdish People's Equality and Democracy Party for alleged ties to the PKK and replaced them with state appointees. The party denies accusations of links to the banned group.

## Concerned about ISIS-K's capabilities to plot, conduct attacks in Afghanistan, Pak: US tells UN

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 11 (Agencies): The United States said it remains concerned about terror group ISIS-Khorasan's (ISIS-K) capabilities to plot, conduct attacks and sustain recruitment campaigns, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

These remarks were made at the Security Council by Ambassador Dorothy Shea, Charge d'Affaires ad interim at the US Mission to the UN in her briefing on 'Threats to International Peace and Security by Terrorist Acts.'

Shea also said "Countering ISIS and other terrorist groups around the world is a top priority for the Trump administration... President Trump's message is clear: The United States always stands ready to find and eliminate terrorists who threaten the United States and our allies."

She noted that ISIS affiliates in Central Asia, most notably ISIS-Khorasan, also pose a significant global threat.

"We remain concerned about ISIS-K's capabilities to plot and conduct attacks, as well as sustain recruitment campaigns, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan," she said.

In his remarks to the briefing, Under-Secretary-General United Nations Office of Coun-

ter-Terrorism Vladimir Voronkov said that ISIL-K continued to pose a significant threat in Afghanistan, the region and beyond.

He said that in addition to attacks in Afghanistan, ISIL-K supporters plotted attacks in Europe and were actively seeking to recruit individuals from Central Asian States. "There were also reports of small numbers of foreign terrorist fighters continuing to travel to Afghanistan," Voronkov said.

Voronkov recalled Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' "appeal to all member states to unite to prevent Afghanistan from again becoming a hotbed of terrorist activities."

In her remarks, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Assistant Secretary-General Natalia Gherman said that beyond the Middle East, "Da'esh remains agile, taking advantage of ongoing conflicts and regions experiencing growing instability."

Significantly, in her remarks Gherman also referred to the 'Delhi Declaration' that was adopted during India's 2021-22 tenure in the Security Council on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.

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posers.

"As mandated by the Delhi Declaration, the Counter-Terrorism Committee just last month adopted the non-binding guiding principles on "preventing, detecting and disrupting the use of new and emerging financial technologies for terrorist purposes", also known as the 'Algeria Guiding Principles'," she said.

The guiding principles have been prepared with the support of the CTED, highlight the importance of a comprehensive and risk-based approach, and provide practical guidance to Member States, Gherman added.

In October 2022, the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), chaired by India that year, organised a Special Meeting in New Delhi and Mumbai on the overarching theme of 'Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes'.

As an outcome of the special meeting, the Committee adopted the 'Delhi Declaration' on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.

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of the CTC in 2022.

The meeting of UNSC CTC took place on October 28 in Hotel Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai, the site of the horrific 26/11 Mumbai attacks and in Delhi on October 29, where the Delhi Declaration was agreed upon.

Shea added that ISIS has expanded the frequency and lethality of its attacks in the Sahel, making this region the global epicentre for fatalities from terrorist attacks. As such, ISIS-Somalia, ISIS-Sahel, and ISIS-West Africa collectively pose a significant threat to stability and prosperity in Africa.

She asserted that accountability for terrorist attacks and other terrorist activity is key to the fight against terrorism and to deterring such acts from taking place in the future. "In that vein, we urge the members of this Council to take action and agree to list more ISIL and al-Qa'ida affiliates in the 1267 Sanctions Committee, so that they will be subject to a worldwide asset freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo."

The US also called on Member States to play an active and timely role in updating and implementing UN 1267 sanctions to counter ISIS and al-Qa'ida.

"Money is the lifeblood of terrorists. We must

bolster our collective efforts to stem the flow of funds to terrorists and terrorist groups," she said.

Voronkov further said that the terrorism landscape is evolving and demands collective, multilateral action, as terrorist attacks threaten life, well-being and the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals.

He voiced concern that despite steady counter-terrorism efforts by Member States, and international and regional partners, Da'esh continues to demonstrate resilience and adapt its modus operandi.

He added that the resilience of terrorist groups underscores the need for sustained international collaboration. Member States must prioritise comprehensive, long-term responses that address the conditions conducive to terrorism while strengthening the rule of law and upholding international human rights and humanitarian law.

"Terrorism remains a significant and evolving threat to global peace and security, one that no State can confront in isolation. Sustained multilateral cooperation remains essential to countering terrorism effectively," Voronkov said.

## 3 killed as explosive device strikes car in W. Afghanistan

FARAH, Feb 11 (Agencies): Three people were killed and two others sustained injuries as an explosive device struck a car in Pushtkoh district of western Afghanistan's Farah province on Monday, deputy district chief Mawlawi Masrori said Tuesday.

The explosive device, which had been left over from past wars, struck a car on Monday evening, killing three commut-

ers on the spot and injuring two others, according to the official.

Afghanistan is reportedly one of the most landmine-contaminated countries in the world. Dozens of people, mostly children, are killed or maimed every month due to blasts of explosive devices left over from more than four decades of war and civil unrest in the past.

## Philippine president thanks Cambodia for pardoning 13 women in surrogacy case

MANILA, Feb 11 (Agencies): Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. thanked Cambodia's king on Tuesday for granting a royal pardon last year to 13 Filipino women who were convicted of illegally serving as surrogate mothers in the Southeast Asian kingdom.

Marcos expressed his gratitude in a meeting with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet, who was visiting Manila for talks on expanding trade, agricultural, tour-

ism, cultural and security relations.

The Philippines and Cambodia both belong to the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations, a regional bloc that promotes economic integration but is divided on other issues, including countries whose security alignments is with the United States or China.

Marcos has strengthened his country's treaty alliance with the United States to boost the Philippines' external defense

as it confronts China's increasingly aggressive actions in the disputed South China Sea. Cambodia has long been known as a key backer of China in the region.

The 13 Filipino women were convicted in December in Cambodia on human trafficking-related charges for acting as surrogates for a criminal syndicate selling babies to foreigners for cash.

The women, who were in various stages of pregnancy, were each



sentenced to four years in prison by a Cambodi-

an court, but they avoided imprisonment and

were instead flown back to the Philippines under a royal pardon granted by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni.

"We will never forget this act of magnanimity from His Majesty, a testament to the strong relations between our two countries," Marcos said before a closed-door meeting with the Cambodian premier and his delegation in Manila.

"We will continue to stand with you in the fight against transnational crimes and their

adverse effects on our peoples and on our communities," Marcos said.

The Filipino women were charged for violating a Cambodian law against human trafficking and sexual exploitation which was updated in 2016 to ban commercial surrogacy. Cambodia has become a popular destination for foreigners seeking women to give birth to their children.

It has a bad reputation for human trafficking, especially in connection

with online scams in which illegally recruited foreigners work under conditions of virtual slavery and help perpetrate online criminal fraud that victimize citizens in other countries.

Several agreements were signed after Hun Manet's meeting with Marcos, mostly aimed at boosting trade, investment, tourism and agricultural engagements. One agreement aims to prevent looting and illicit trafficking of cultural artifacts.



## Randhawa urges Govt to grant freehold rights of shops to Fruit Mandi Narwal traders

**Extend leasehold rights for shops in favour of Narwal Traders**



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: Senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa, has strongly urged the government to grant freehold right of shops to the traders of Fruit Mandi Narwal, recognizing their crucial role in Jammu's economy. He emphasized that the livelihood of thousands of traders and farmers is dependent on the smooth functioning of the Mandi and called for immediate resolution of their long-pending demands.

In this regard, Vikram Randhawa today chaired a meeting of Fruit Mandi Association at its Office Chamber in Narwal. The meeting was attended by Association President Parveen Kumar Gupta, Vice President Atul Gyai, General Secretary Nitin Jain, Secretary Rajesh Gupta, and Treasurer Ashok Gupta. They also submitted a memorandum to the

MLA, highlighting their key concerns.

The association apprised the MLA of the urgent need for the extension of leasehold rights for the shops allocated to them in the Fruit Market Narwal. They stressed that the extension is not only vital for business stability but also essential for maintaining employment opportunities within the region. They informed Randhawa that the fruit and vegetable mandi was allotted in a phased manner, with their segment (Fruit Market Phase 1) being allocated in 1981-82 on a leasehold basis for 40 years, with a provision for renewal. However, since the lease period expired in 2021, traders have been raising the issue, yet a satisfactory resolution remains elusive.

Additionally, the association members highlighted the challenges associated with third-party transfers of leasehold rights, pointing out

that many attorney holders are facing difficulties in transferring their leases. They urged the government to intervene and resolve the issue at the earliest.

Vikram Randhawa gave a patient hearing to the association's concerns and assured them of his full support. He acknowledged the legitimacy of their demands and asserted that the issue must be addressed on priority. Recognizing the vital role played by the traders of Fruit Mandi Narwal in the region's economic framework, he urged the government to take decisive action and grant them freehold rights of their shops to ensure their businesses thrive without bureaucratic hurdles.

Randhawa reiterated his commitment to advocating for the traders and assured them that he would take up the matter with the concerned authorities for a swift resolution.

## Samsung TV Plus India launches Five Exclusive FAST Channels from Warner Bros Television

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: Samsung TV Plus, Samsung's free ad-supported streaming TV (FAST) service, has collaborated with Warner Bros. to launch five new FAST channels exclusively on Samsung TV Plus India. These WBTV channels deliver premium storytelling to streaming audiences, meeting the demand for high quality, free entertainment. With a strong focus on Hindi programming, these new FAST channels are designed to engage both regional and urban audiences.

Samsung TV Plus is a free streaming service that comes pre-installed on Samsung Smart TVs, offering a wide range of channels, including news, sports, entertainment, and more.

Kunal Mehta, Head Partnerships and Business Development, Samsung TV Plus India, said "We are thrilled to welcome Warner Bros. Television to Samsung TV Plus. As a leader in FAST, we are committed to bringing top-tier content to our audiences. This partnership expands entertainment choices while delivering even more value and access to our viewers—and opportunities for advertisers." Offering a diverse range

of premium programming, these channels are curated to captivate viewers on Samsung Smart TVs and mobile devices: House of Crime: A gripping destination for crime enthusiasts, offering a mix of intense dramas and intriguing investigative series in Hindi.

Foodie Hub: A haven for culinary adventurers, featuring popular food shows, recipes, and gastronomic journeys, presented in Hindi. Wild Flix: A heart-warming gateway to the wonders of the animal kingdom, showcasing captivating insights into zoo life, and awe-inspiring animal rescue stories in Hindi.

Wheel World: A high-octane destination for automobile enthusiasts, featuring exhilarating car and bike shows, and restoration stories from the best garages, presented in English.

XXtreme Jobs: An adrenaline-pumping exploration of the world's most daring professions, unearthing extraordinary workplaces and fearless individuals behind them, presented in Hindi.

Ruchir Jain, Head of Distribution, Warner Bros. Discovery, South Asia, said, "At Warner Bros. Discovery, we are passionate about curating diverse and high-quality entertainment for our audiences."

## Two days training of Medical officers, MLHPs, Paramedical under NP NCD concludes



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: Under the supervision of Director Health Services, Jammu Dr. Rakesh Magotra two-day Training-cum-Orientation programme under National Programme for prevention of Non Communicable Disease was held in Directorate of Health Services Jammu on February 10 and 11, 2025.

The Training was inaugurated by Deputy Director (Schemes) Health Services Jammu Dr. Poonam Sethi, Deputy Director Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Chief Medical Officer Jammu Dr. Harbaksh Singh, Assistant Director HEB Dr. Simmi Verma, Assistant Director Schemes Dr. Ila Gupta, State Epidemiologist/State Nodal officer, NHM Dr. Harjeet Rai.

It was organized by Dr.

Sushma Mattoo, ZLO and Divisional Nodal Officer NP NCD. The training was attended by more than 110 participants from Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Rajiv Gandhi Hospital Gangyal, Govt. Hospital Sarwal, SDH Jagti & all districts of Jammu Division.

State Epidemiologist/State Nodal officer, NHM Dr. Harjeet Rai asked all participants to start the screening process/follow up from primary level health(AAM) institution so that the tertiary level institution are not overburdened.

Resource persons from World Health Organization Dr. Mudasir Majeed, Consultant J&K, Ladakh, Dr. A. Wassey NCD Consultant Telangana, Dr. Navneet Kishori NCD Consultant Punjab, Dr. Bhavana Langer Associate Professor Department Of

Community Medicine & Dr Samita Bhat Consultant Gynae-Oncology, State Cancer Institute J&K deliberated on different Topics ranging from Diabetes, Hypertension, Common Cancers with main focus on breast cancer & cervical cancer. All the participants were enthusiastic about such kind of training and had a very good interactive session.

The participants were also trained regarding functioning of NCD Portal so that they adopt more proactive approach in implementing the program.

In the end, Dr. Sushma Mattoo ZLO and Divisional Nodal officer NP NCD requested all participants to further trained Medical officers/MLHPs/ANMs of their respective districts for improving the Screening/diagnosis/ treatment /follow up.

## SPMR organizes awareness programme on Safer Internet Day



### Top News Report

JAMMU Feb 11: Govt. SPMR College of Commerce Jammu organised an awareness programme on Safer Internet Day to empower students and faculty members with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh was Chief Guest on the occasion.

The event, held at the college campus, aimed to educate students about the increasing prevalence of online scams and the importance of critical thinking when engaging online.

Prof. Shalu Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications and Prof. Shaji Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of English delivered lectures on various aspects of cyber security and how to remain safe on the internet, such as identifying and avoiding phishing scams, protecting personal information online, recognizing and reporting cyberbullying, understanding the risks of online fraud and deceptive content and promoting responsible digital citizenship.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh said that in today's digital world,

it is very important to remain vigilant while dealing with technology, as it is very easy to fall prey to online scams and frauds.

He advised the audience to learn about best practices and digital tools that can help them keep safe online.

The entire program was coordinated by Dr. Chetna Gupta and compered by Dr. Roomi Rani.

Among others present on the occasion included Dr. Reena Rani, Dr. Mohd. Azam, Prof. Rekha Gupta, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Dr. Fayza, Dr. Madhu Bala, Dr. Esha Abrol, Dr. Neeru Devi Anand, Dr. Mamta Rani, Prof. Sabia Akhtar and others.

## BSF School Jammu bids adieu to Class XII

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: A grand farewell party was organized at BSF School Jammu on Tuesday to bid adieu to the senior-most class of the school, Class XII.

The day was a vibrant fiesta, dedicated to the cherished moments the students shared with their peers over the years and the friendships they built during their school journey.

The farewell celebration was graced by the presence of the Principal, Dr. S.K. Shukla, as the chief guest.

Aruna Shukla, the Guest of Honor, added grace and charm to the event. The celebration included a special cultural programme meticulously crafted by Class XI students as a tribute to their seniors.

The students performed foot-tapping dances and sang soulful songs, captivating the audience and leaving lasting impression on the outgoing batch. To add a sweet touch gifts were presented to all the outgoing students as tokens of love and appreciation from their juniors.

Urnima Thaploo, PGT History, blessed the students and wished them great success in their future endeavors. Her inspiring words encouraged the students to keep striving for excellence.

The highlight of the occasion was the "Mr. and Miss BSF School" pageant. Students went through the rounds of questions and they impressed the judges with their confidence and wit.

Abhigyan and Manisha Mehra were crowned as Mr. and Miss BSF School, respectively.

The duo was selected based on their excellent academic results and overall performance throughout the years.

In his address to the Class XII students, Principal Dr. S.K. Shukla passed on the light of wisdom. He encouraged the students to always think positively and have compassion for others. His motivational words urged the students to work hard and face challenges with determination.

The farewell ended on an emotional note, with students expressing their heartfelt gratitude. They bid adieu to their school with heavy hearts, taking along a treasure trove of memories.

## GDC Marh celebrates Safer Internet Day 2025

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: Under the aegis of Higher Education Department J&K awareness workshop was successfully organized in GDC Marh, on Tuesday by Cyber Jagrukta/Digital Initiative Club of the college.

The workshop aimed to promote a safer and more responsible use of the internet, in line with this year's theme, "Together for a Better Internet."

The workshop was honored by the presence of Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, Principal, GDC Marh, who addressed the participants, emphasizing the importance of relying on authentic sources, time management, and practicing safe online habits. His motivational words inspired the attendees to embrace digital literacy and cyber hygiene.

Dr. Rahul Sharma, Assistant Professor of Computer Application, delivered an insightful session on cybersecurity, addressing several critical topics essential for online safety.

He emphasized the importance of cyber hygiene and digital footprints, highlighting how individuals can safeguard their personal information.

The session covered various cyber threats, including cyberbullying, phishing scams, digital arrest, bank frauds, identity theft, fraudulent calls, lottery scams, and fake apps/websites.

Additionally, he shed light on investment frauds and the rising dangers associated with online financial transactions.

Dr. Sharma also provided best practices for online security, such as enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA), adjusting privacy settings, using strong

passwords, and ensuring UPI security. He further discussed social network security and analyzed recent cyber incidents, offering valuable insights into emerging threats and preventive measures to enhance digital safety.

Dr. Balwinder Saini, the Co-convenor, efficiently moderated the event, ensuring smooth logistics and execution.

Dr. Priya Sharma concluded the event with a formal vote of thanks. Dr. Madhvi Parasher, Dr. Ram Dayal, Prof. Sachin Kumar Bhagat and Prof. Surbhi Gupta participated in the awareness workshop.

Student management and discipline were effectively overseen by Dr. Balwinder Saini, Prof. Sachin Kumar Bhagat, Dr. Sheetal Devi, and Mohd. Yaqoob.

Mohit Kalotra provided the technical support and displayed the event poster.

The interactive sessions engaged participants through real-life case discussions, enhancing their understanding of preventive measures against cyber threats and ethical digital behavior.

The workshop successfully raised awareness about online safety among students and faculty members, equipping them with practical knowledge on identifying and mitigating cyber threats.

Attendees provided positive feedback, appreciating the relevance and effectiveness of the sessions. The event was conducted successfully with active participation from faculty and students, fulfilling its objectives.

The Department of Computer Application and Cyber Jagrukta/Digital Initiative Club remains committed to promoting digital safety and awareness through similar initiatives in the future.

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### PM Modi to inaugurate Kashmir train service on Feb 17: Sources

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### "BJP committed to J&K's development, statehood at right time," says Tarun Chugh

He added that statehood would be restored at the right time and urged political leaders including CM Omar Abdullah to focus on fulfilling their own promises to the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Chugh said that every BJP worker, whether a legislator or a party member, has the right to express their views in line with the ideology of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

### Had PDP not acceded to BJP in 2014, neither Art-370 would have abrogated

### nor statehood snatched: NC chief spokesperson

into the history of J&K," he said. "The abrogation of Article 370 and the revocation of statehood could have been avoided, and the control over law and order would still have been in our hands," he said.

The NC chief spokesperson however said that it the right of opposition to rake up questions, but they should avoid cheap politics. "First her (Iltija's) mother was snubbing party workers, and now the task has been taken by Iltija. She should know that Dr Farooq

Abdullah is like a grandfather's age to her, and she should pay respect to such a senior politician," he said.

Responding to a query, the NC leader assured daily wagers that their concerns would be addressed in coming times. "We are aware about the concerns of daily wagers. Besides there are manifold issues pertaining to employees. Let give some time to the government, I assure their issues won't be left unattended," he said.

### Drones banned in Doda for two months

months, Kumar said various government departments using drones

for mapping, surveys, surveillance in construction works, agricultural, environmental conservation and disaster mitigation sectors and for creating pictures or movies shall inform the local police station in-charge and the executive magistrate concerned in writing about possession of such flying objects and shall seek prior permission from this office before using the same.

"Police/defense forces using flying objects/drones shall be exempted under this order. They shall, however, intimate the concerned SHO (Station House Officer) before using the same," the order said, directing senior superintendent of police Doda to ensure implementation of the order.

## GDC R S Pura organizes awareness workshop on Safer Internet Day



### Top News Report

R S PURA, Feb 11: Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual event celebrated worldwide to promote a safer and more responsible use of online technology.

It aims to encourage positive digital citizenship and ensure that the internet is a place where people can connect, create, and share safely. To celebrate the day Department of Computer Sciences, Government Degree College (GDC) R. S. Pura organized an awareness workshop to mark Safer Internet Day 2025

based on the theme "Together for a Better Internet".

The event, aimed at educating students and the community about online safety, cyber hygiene and digital literacy, was held at the college campus.

The workshop focused on key topics such as protecting personal information, recognizing online threats, and promoting responsible use of social media.

Shalindra Sharma, Principal Technical Officer, NIELIT, Jammu expert in cyber security and digital ethics was invited to speak about the latest trends in internet safety and the importance of creating a safer online

environment for all users.

Principal of GDC R. S. Pura, Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, inaugurated the workshop by highlighting the importance of educating students about the potential dangers on the internet and the necessary steps to stay safe while navigating the digital world. She emphasized how awareness and caution could play a pivotal role in reducing cybercrimes and promoting healthy internet usage.

The event also featured interactive sessions, where students had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss real-life scenarios. Attendees were

encouraged to take a pledge to promote safer internet practices in their daily lives.

This initiative is part of the college's ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the growing importance of digital safety and its role in building a safer digital future for the younger generation.

The whole event was coordinated by Department of Computer Science and concluded with the formal vote of thanks presented by Prof. Shelly Kalsi, Assistant Prof. Department of Computer Science and Applications.

## NSS unit of GDC Mahanpur organizes cultural-cum-vaedictory function

### Top News Report

MAHANPUR Feb 11: NSS unit of GDC Mahanpur has organized the Cultural and valedictory function on Tuesday.e. on the seventh day of 'one week long' NSS Winter Camp.

It was organized by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS PO and Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, NSS Committee Member, under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeta Sudan, Principal of the College. The programme started with the ceremony of lightening of the traditional lamp by the dignitaries.

Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS PO, gave the Welcome Address. In her address, she not only welcomed the dignitaries and volunteers but also congratulated all the volunteers for their active participation in the camp.

Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan also addressed the volunteers. In his address, he not only shared his personal experiences with the volunteers

but also gave a vision for the betterment of the nation.

The programme was comprised of – NSS Group Song, Report Presentation of One Week Long Camp, Himachali Group Dance, Patriotic Group Song, Giddha, and Punjabi Bhangra Group Dance. Monika (4th semester) and Nikita (6th semester) presented the Seven Days NSS Report. A Patriotic and Bhangra was performed by Meenakshi (4th semester) and Payal (4th semester).

The entire event was hosted by Bishu (6th semester) and Anshita (6th semester) and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Jyoti Devi (4th semester).

Refreshment was given to all the 44 NSS volunteers. Moreover, they also shared their experiences during this Camp. The faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. Mohinder, Nisha, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Babli, Dr. Hilal, Dr. Yograj, Divya Rajput, Samiksha and Anuradha.



## Pt Deendayal Upadhyay's ideology shaped India's democratic evolution: Nitish Mahajan

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: Nitish Mahajan, President of BJP Trikuta Nagar Mandal, today paid rich tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his death anniversary, highlighting his invaluable contribution to India's democratic and ideological evolution.

Speaking at a commemorative event, Nitish Mahajan emphasized that Upadhyay's philosophy of 'Integral Humanism' continues to inspire the party's commitment to nation-building, self-reliance, and inclusive governance. "Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay envisioned an India where governance is deeply rooted in its cultural ethos and works for the upliftment of the last person in society. His thoughts remain the guiding force



behind the BJP's pro-people policies under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he added. The BJP leader further stated that Upadhyay's vision of Antyodaya—uplifting the most marginalized—has translated into transformative initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, and other welfare schemes aimed at empowering the underprivileged. During the event,

senior BJP leaders, karyakartas, and supporters offered floral tributes to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay's portrait, pledging to uphold his legacy by working tirelessly towards the progress and prosperity of Jammu & Kashmir and the nation at large. Nitish Mahajan urged the youth to study Upadhyay's ideology and actively contribute to India's development, inspired by his ideals of selfless service and nationalism.

## Cyber Security awareness workshop on Safe Internet Day held

### Top News Report

RAMBAN, Feb 11: To mark Safe Internet Day, the District Administration Ramban, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, organized a Cyber Security Awareness Workshop under the theme "Together for a Better Internet." Led by NIC Ramban, the workshop aimed to enhance digital security awareness among government officials and institutions.

Presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Varun-

jeet Singh Charak, the session covered crucial aspects of cyber security, including data protection, threat identification, and preventive measures. District and Sectoral Officers, along with their technical staff, participated in the workshop to further disseminate key learnings.

Addressing the participants, ADC Ramban emphasized the importance of strengthening cyber security across government departments and urged officials to adopt proactive measures to mitigate digital threats. The workshop was

also attended virtually by all Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges of District Ramban, ensuring widespread awareness among students and faculty members.

Earlier, District Informatics Officer (DIO), NIC Ramban, (Scientist-B), Kandukuru Satish, provided a detailed presentation on cyber security, sharing practical strategies to safeguard digital assets.

This initiative marks a significant step towards promoting cyber safety and ensuring a secure digital environment in government institutions across Ramban.



## GDC Ramnagar celebrates International Day for Women and Girls in Science

### Top News Report

RAMNAGAR, Feb 11: Science Club of Government Degree College Ramnagar organized a seminar on the theme, "Unpacking STEM careers: Her Voice in Science" to celebrate International Day for Women and Girls in Science, as a part of extra curriculum under the guidance of Dr. Bhavnaish Chand, Principal of the College and convensorship of Dr. Kewal Kumar (Convener Science Club).

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pandit HOD Physics was the resource person on the occasion. He delivered a mind storming lecture on the theme, "Contributions of Women in Science". In the beginning of his lecture, Dr. Rakesh K. Pandit told that despite many barriers, women all over the world have participated in unraveling the secrets of nature since the dawn of civilization.

Speaking on the prevailing conditions of women, he further added that women also struggled in common



with their male counterparts against fascism, racism and discrimination based on class and ethnicity.

He discussed in brief about the contribution of women in science from various parts of world as well as from India. Some prominent among them who received Noble Prize were Marie Curie, Dorothy Hodgkin, Maria Goeppert Mayer, Gerty Cori, Rosalyn Yalow, Barbara McClintock, Rita Levi and Gertrude Elion.

He also spoke of some Indian women and their contribution in Science including Kadambini Ganguly, Anna Mani, Shakuntala Devi and Kalpana Chawla.

After the lecture a short documentary

movie on Women in Science was also screened to make aware the students about the role and contribution of women in various fields of science including medicine, nuclear physics, chemistry, engineering, space science etc.

Earlier, Dr. Kewal Kumar presented the welcome address. He introduced the audience about the relevance of this day and why the day was celebrated?

Speaking on the theme of this year, "Unpacking STEM careers: Her Voice in Science", he informed the audiences that gender equality in science is crucial for building a better future for all, yet women and girls continue to face systemic barriers and

biases in pursuing scientific careers.

Closing the gender gap in science requires breaking stereotypes, promoting role models to inspire girls, supporting women's advancement through targeted programs, and fostering inclusive environments through policies and actions that promote inclusion, diversity and equity.

The seminar culminated with the address of Dr. Bhavnaish Chand, Chief Guest on the occasion, where he congratulated and appreciated the efforts of Science Club for organizing this event. He also added that such activities go hand in hand with NEP 2020 in which the student learns

different skills, develops divergent and creative thinking.

He further told that International Day of Women and Girls in Science, established by the United Nations (UN), is a day dedicated to promoting gender equality in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields and encouraging more women and girls to pursue careers in science and technology.

It aims to break down barriers and stereotypes that have historically limited the participation of women in these fields.

The program was coordinated by Prof. Ritika Mahajan, Dr. Sham Singh Kotwal and Prof. Sonia Raj besides Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Prof. Jitender Lal, Prof. Parmindar Kumar, Prof. Manmohan Singh, Dr. Eisha Gohil, Prof. Pankaj Dabgotra, Prof. Sanjay Malhotra graced the occasion with their benign presence. Formal Vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Sumita Rao. Further, the program was witnessed by about 60 students.

## JU organizes gender sensitization workshop



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: The Centre for Women's Studies, University of Jammu organized a gender sensitization workshop for the P.G Students and scholars of the Department of Education, University of Jammu.

Prof. Rajiv Ratan Sharma, Head, Department of Education, University of Jammu, welcomed all the participants and congratulated

the Centre for organising such a workshop on such an important issue. He emphasised that within educational institutions, everyone should function as a unified group, and in society, all tasks are carried out in partnership, so work should be recognised regardless of gender. He stressed that gender equality must be an integral part of society. To illustrate his point, he cited the example of house-

hold chores, which are largely performed by women, and highlighted the need for shared responsibility and the recognition of women's contributions.

Prof. Savita Nayyar, Director of the Centre for Women's Studies, was the key speaker at the event, where she discussed on the theme: "Gender Sensitization and Women's Equality". In her presentation, she addressed various gender-related chal-

lenges, emphasizing the societal positioning of women as a result of deeply ingrained patriarchal structures that need transformation. Prof. Nayyar highlighted the critical importance of understanding how socialization influences attitudes and behaviours towards gender, explaining that individual socialisation plays a vital role in shaping perceptions of gender. She pointed out that this perception is molded

through a combination of inherent tendencies, learned behaviors, cultural norms, and personal experiences. Further, she elaborated on the various constitutional provisions and legal safeguards available for women in particular.

A large number of faculty members and students very enthusiastically participated in the workshop and asked various questions, which were answered to their satisfaction. Dr. Kajal Manhas, Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Dr. Upasana Sharma and Dr. Ana Bali, faculty members, Department of Education were also present. Ms. Kunzang Angmo conducted and coordinated the program and Dr. Saranjit Kaur presented the formal vote of thanks, both faculty members from the Centre for Women's Studies.

## 3rd ODI: Virat Kohli's form in focus as India eye ODI clean-sweep over England

**While India hold an unassailable 2-0 lead with identical four-wicket wins in each of the first two ODIs, Rohit Sharma's men will be extra motivated to get a win in the third ODI**

AHMEDABAD, Feb 11 (Agencies): A big knock from Virat Kohli's currently silent bat along with a series clean-sweep over England will be on Team India's wish-list when the two teams square off in the third and final ODI in Ahmedabad on Wednesday, marking the end of their Champions Trophy build-up. While India hold an unassailable 2-0 lead with identical four-wicket wins in each of the first two ODIs, Rohit Sharma's men will be extra motivated to get a win here at the Narendra Modi Stadium where they had suffered a crushing ODI World Cup final loss in 2023.

Needless to say, having their batting mainstay Kohli among runs and a win would be perfect culmination to the home side's Champions Trophy preparations. The eight-team competition gets underway from February 19 in Karachi with India starting against Bangladesh the next day in Dubai as per a hybrid model of hosting.

The team has already got a shot in the arm by Rohit's return to form. His 90-ball 119 in the second ODI was a source of relief to both the side and to him after a prolonged run of poor scores.

Kohli hasn't looked completely out of touch but hasn't stayed at the crease for long enough to give himself a chance for a big knock either.

If he manages to click, Kohli is in with a chance create another record. He is 89 runs short of becoming only the third batter in history to score 14,000 runs in the format which arguably has been the run-machine's favourite.

India don't seem to have put a foot wrong in this series as they continue to make the most of



their rich reservoir of talent.

The addition of Varun Chakravarthy has given additional ammunition to their lethal spin attack which will be vital for the Champions Trophy and Mohammed Shami's return after lengthy injury layoff has been seamless too.

Shami's successful comeback has certainly been assuring given that the Indian team management will spend an anxious day on Tuesday awaiting news on their premier fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah, whose availability for the Champions Trophy is still under doubt.

As per the original time-line, Bumrah was slated for a comeback in the Ahmedabad ODI, but the ace pacer is currently toiling at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru under the watchful eyes of specialists aiming to make the final squad that is set to be unveiled on Wednesday.

Bumrah's guile on varied pitches and conditions is something that no team across the world possesses and India would be desperate to have their trump card back in the mix as they chase another ICC trophy.

Both India and England will enjoy an off day on Tuesday as they have skipped training and other pre-match routines to rest and recuperate.

Having ended his troubled run with the bat with a characteristic hundred in Cuttack, Rohit's confidence will certainly rub off on the rest of the side.

While Yashasvi Jaiswal could continue to warm the bench, India will expect better application and results from wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul, who is going through a lean patch himself.

But it would not be a surprise if India give the flamboyant Rishabh Pant a crack to get some game time and have another left-handed batter in the mix to try out additional combinations.

India will need Shreyas Iyer's presence in the middle-order which has been bolstered by robust batting performances from Axar Patel. The 31-year-old all-rounder has shown immense maturity at No.5 in pressure situations of both the ODIs so far with knocks of 52 and 41 not out.

Patel's exploits with the bat have taken some pressure off Ravindra Jadeja, who has chipped away at England with six wickets so far, exploiting the spin-friendly conditions perfectly to warm-up for similar set-ups in the Champions Trophy.

But for Jos Buttler's England, this tour has raised more questions than they would have expected.

England have suffered repeated impositions in their core batting line-up across the T20Is and ODIs which has undone the impressive work that the opening pair of Phil Salt and Ben Duckett has been putting up.

Buttler maintains his team remains a work in progress but exit of the talented Jacob Bethell due to injury hampers them further.

Harry Brook has blown hot and cold in ideal conditions for batting and Joe Root's impressive returns haven't got the adequate support from others.

Among bowlers, Adil Rashid has exploited the conditions perfectly but the onus will be on England batters to produce a unified show.

India: Rohit Sharma (c), Shubman Gill (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohd. Shami, Arshdeep Singh and Varun Chakravarthy.

England: Jos Buttler (c&wk), Harry Brook, Ben Duckett, Joe Root, Philip Salt, Jamie Smith (wk), Tom Banton, Brydon Carse, Liam Livingstone, Jamie Overton, Jofra Archer, Gus Atkinson, Saqib Mahmood, Adil Rashid and Mark Wood.

## Ranji Trophy quarters: Ajinkya Rahane hits hundred to celebrate special 200 in style

**Ajinkya Rahane celebrated his 200th first-class appearance by hitting a match-defining hundred against Haryana in the quarter-final at Eden Gardens in Kolkata**



KOLKATA, Feb 11 (Agencies): Ajinkya Rahane led Mumbai from the front with the bat in their Ranji Trophy quarter-final against Haryana in Kolkata, scoring a second-innings century on Tuesday, February 11. Rahane, who was unbeaten on 88 overnight, reached his 29th first-class century during the morning session.

It was Rahane's 200th first-class match, and the seasoned batter marked the milestone in style, all but guaranteeing Mumbai's progress to the semi-final. The defending champions extended their lead beyond 300 runs before Rahane was dismissed

for 108 by Anuj Thakara. Rahane now has a total of 41 first-class centuries, including 12 in Test cricket. The right-handed batter is also closing in on 14,000 runs in the red-ball format.

Rahane struck 13 boundaries during his 180-ball 108, which was his first century of the ongoing Ranji Trophy season. The Mumbai captain forged a 129-run partnership with India's T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav on Monday before the latter fell for 70.

All-rounder Shivam Dube contributed 48 as Mumbai's top and middle order stepped up after a poor first innings. Rahane's 31 had been

the lone bright spot in the top order as Mumbai relied on Shams Mulani (91) and Tanush Kotian (97) to recover from 113 for 7 and post a total of 315.

With the ball, Mumbai fought back strongly. Shardul Thakur picked up six wickets to trigger a Haryana collapse, reducing them from 257 for 4 to 301 all out, conceding a crucial 14-run first-innings lead.

**RAHANE IN FINE FORM**

Rahane has scored 437 runs in 12 innings in the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy season, including a century and two fifties. The star batter, who has not played Test cricket for India since July 2023, has remained consistent in domestic cricket. Earlier this season, he made an impression in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament, amassing 469 runs in nine matches at an average of 58.62 and a strike rate of 164.56—setting the stage for the Indian Premier League 2025 season.

Rahane, who represented Chennai Super Kings in the 2023 and 2024 seasons, will return to Kolkata Knight Riders for the 2025 season, which is set to commence on 21 March.

## "Tennis-ball cricket can help batsmen improve their shots": Rohit Sharma's childhood coach Dinesh Lad

MUMBAI, Feb 11 (Agencies): For a nation where cricket is followed like a religion by millions, tennis-ball cricket sets the foundation for many. Every street sees young aspiring cricketers weave their dreams with a tennis ball.

The Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) has been giving those dreams a platform to shine.

In its ongoing second edition, the league has captivated the attention from across the country while bringing together a spectacular mix of young talent and experienced campaigners. With the playoffs set to fire up the season 2, Dadoji Kondadev Stadium in Thane sees excitement rising day by day.

Among the many greats who were impressed by the exceptional talent and format of the league is Rohit Sharma's childhood coach Dinesh Lad.

A former cricketer and Dronacharya Awardee, Dinesh Lad hails the importance of tennis-ball cricket in a cricketer's formative years and the potential the league holds for players.

"The league has been very exciting so far. Seeing the players play in ISPL, I can only wish if such a league existed in our time as well.

Tennis-ball cricket is a difficult sport and like many, I also started my journey playing tennis-



ball cricket. I like to train budding players with a tennis ball initially so as to help them hone their skills," Lad said, as quoted from a release by ISPL.

"Tennis-ball cricket is vital for the growth of a cricketer. Most cricketers start playing with a tennis ball and you can play with it during the rainy season as well. It helps a cricketer better their shots, especially the batsmen to better their pull-shots, among others," he added.

Lad, who trained India captain Rohit Sharma in his childhood days, reflected on the impact tennis-ball cricket had on him.

"He used to practice with a wet tennis ball; it would skid down the lane. The way Rohit plays straight shots and then pull shots, I think it was his practice with a tennis ball that helped

him better his shots," Lad said.

Lad, who started as a bowler with a tennis ball in his early days before transitioning to leather ball, sees ISPL as a great starter for budding cricketers.

"There are already various tournaments in leather ball cricket, but it is great to see a tennis ball league like ISPL being organized for the second consecutive year.

Credit goes to Suraj Samat for initiating this league. There was a time we felt like tennis-ball cricket was over. I also used to bowl well during my days with a tennis ball, but my performance got affected when I transitioned to a leather ball. I think now, it's a good opportunity for the players to do better as the league progresses," he said.

On being asked wheth-

er tennis cricket leagues like ISPL has the potential to give India players like Rohit Sharma in future, Lad said the potential cannot be denied.

"There are possibilities that the league can produce great players who can play at the national as well as international levels. We've witnessed some great action, especially the bowlers have been restricting the batsmen to play big shots. In countries like West Indies, tennis cricket enjoys great popularity. Even great players like Vivian Richards also transitioned from tennis-ball cricket. If one does well consistently, then there is potential. I personally think the league carries more potential for the batsmen as they can better their pull shots, square cut etc. with a tennis ball," Lad said.

In its second season, ISPL has seen some great action from the players. Since its start on January 26, the six teams have been locking their horns for some hard-hitting display of tennis ball-cricket as spectators cheered for their favourites. With the Qualifier 1 scheduled for February 12 between Majhi Mumbai and Falcon Risers Hyderabad, fans can look forward to a thrilling penultimate showdown. The season 2 will culminate with the grand final on February 15.

## ICC World Test Championship 2023-25: League stage recap, road to final



NEW DELHI, Feb 11 (Agencies): The league stage of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2023-25 concluded with Australia securing a historic series victory in the subcontinent, defeating Sri Lanka by nine wickets. With this triumph, Australia sealed their spot in the final, where they will face South Africa at Lord's in June. According to ICC, let's look at how each team fared in this cycle.

South Africa finished at the top of the league stage with a points percentage of 69.44. They dominated at home, securing series wins against Pakistan and Sri Lanka while drawing against India. Their away form was equally impressive, with victories over West Indies and Bangladesh. Their only setback came in New Zealand, where they were missing a host of their first-choice stars. Winning eight out of 12 matches and drawing one, the Proteas secured their place in their first-ever ICC World Test Championship Final.

Australia earned the opportunity to defend their title with a points percentage of 67.54, finishing second in the league standings. They began their campaign by drawing the Ashes in England before dominating Pakistan 3-0

at home. A minor setback came when West Indies held them to a series draw, but victories over New Zealand and Sri Lanka, along with a historic home triumph against India, secured Australia's place in the final against South Africa in June.

India narrowly missed out on a third consecutive World Test Championship final, finishing third with a points percentage of 50. They began their campaign with a series win in the West Indies, followed by a hard-fought draw in South Africa. Momentum picked up with dominant home victories against England and Bangladesh. However, a shocking home whitewash against New Zealand and a challenging tour of Australia ultimately derailed their hopes of reaching the final.

New Zealand finished fourth in the standings with a points percentage of 48.21, experiencing a rollercoaster campaign with seven wins and seven losses from 14 matches. Impressive victories against South Africa and India were offset by defeats to Australia and England, keeping the Kiwis just out of reach of a spot in the final at Lord's.

England played the most match-

es in the cycle, an impressive 22, and secured 11 victories. However, over-rate penalties proved costly, with Ben Stokes' side losing a total of 22 points due to slow over rates. Despite series wins against Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and West Indies, these deductions kept them from climbing higher, ultimately finishing fifth with a points percentage of 43.18.

Sri Lanka played 13 matches in the cycle, winning five and losing eight, which saw them finish sixth in the standings. Their only series victories came against Bangladesh and New Zealand, as they struggled to produce major upsets. This left them with a points percentage of 38.46 and a sixth-placed finish.

Bangladesh endured a challenging campaign, finishing seventh with a points percentage of 31.25 and failing to win a home series in this cycle. Their highlights included series draws against New Zealand and West Indies, along with a historic whitewash of Pakistan away from home. However, heavy defeats to India, South Africa, and Sri Lanka kept them out of contention for a spot in the final.

West Indies endured a disappointing campaign, struggling to compete with their opponents and finishing eighth with a points percentage of 28.21. Their only bright spots were series draws against Bangladesh, Australia, and Pakistan. However, heavy defeats to India, South Africa, and England saw them slip to the second-lowest position in the standings.

Pakistan had a turbulent campaign in this World Test Championship cycle, finishing last with a points percentage of 27.98. They endured heavy away defeats to Australia and South Africa, along with a shocking home whitewash by Bangladesh. While they managed a series draw against the West Indies and a significant victory over England, it wasn't enough to lift them from the bottom of the table.

## AJKPC President demands immediate Panchayat Elections in J&K



### Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Feb 11: Anil Sharma, President of the All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), has issued a strong appeal to the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, and the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, Omar Abdullah, demanding the immediate conduct of Panchayat elections in the Union Territory.

Highlighting the vital role of Panchayati Raj institutions in grassroots governance, Sharma emphasized the need for swift action to restore democratic representation at the village level.

He expressed deep concern over the absence of elected Panchayats since their dissolution on January 9, 2024, which has severely hampered rural governance, stalled development projects, and disrupted the implementation of welfare schemes across Jammu and Kashmir.

The absence of elected Panchayati

representatives has led to significant governance and developmental setbacks in rural areas. Development projects remain stalled due to the lack of local governance, affecting infrastructure and welfare initiatives. Without elected representatives, grievances from villagers remain unaddressed, and public concerns fail to reach higher authorities. Additionally, key government schemes like MGNREGA, PMAY, and others require local bodies for effective implementation, which has been hindered due to the delay in elections. This has negatively impacted thousands of villagers who depend on these schemes for their livelihood and welfare.

Furthermore, the lack of an elected local government has resulted in excessive bureaucratic interference in rural administration, reducing transparency and public participation in decision-making. The prolonged delay has alienated people from governance, leading to growing dissatisfaction among the rural population.

Speaking on the urgency of the situation, Anil Sharma stated, "The prolonged delay in Panchayat elections is not just a constitutional failure but also a betrayal of the democratic aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Rural development has suffered, and people feel increasingly alienated from governance. The government must act immediately to restore grassroots democracy and ensure the smooth functioning of Panchayati Raj institutions. It is imperative to issue the election notification at the earliest and conduct free and fair elections to bring governance closer to the people."

AJKPC urged the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the Lieutenant Governor of J&K, and the Chief Minister of J&K to take immediate action to restore the democratic process.

## CEC felicitates Nawang Namgail for completing 365-day Ice Bath Challenge

### Top News Report

LEH, Feb 11: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, felicitated Nawang Namgail from Chemday, who successfully completed a gruelling 365-day Ice Bath Challenge.

Nawang, a Physical Education Research Scholar at the University of Ladakh, took on this unique challenge to immerse himself in cold water every day for few minutes for an entire year, this practice is believed to be beneficial for health.

He uses freezer during the summer and the Indus River, along with other cold water sources, during the winter.

During the felicitation, CEC Tashi Gyalson praised Nawang for his dedication and deter-

mination, noting that this challenge not only tested physical endurance but also mental strength.

"Nawang's achievement is a true reflection of his perseverance and commitment," said Gyalson. However CEC suggested others not to attempt without proper guidance and advice from experts.

Also present at the felicitation were Executive Councilor Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, DC/CEO Santosh Sukhadeve, Pamamik Councilor Tsering Sangdup, Former CEC Gyal P Wangyal; Director Health Tashi Thinles and Chemday Goba, all of whom extended their congratulations to Nawang for his remarkable achievement.

## CEC, LAHDC Leh reviews procedure of Birth and Death Certificates issuance

### Top News Report

LEH, Feb 11: A meeting was chaired today by Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, to review the procedure of Birth and Death Certificates issuance.

The meeting was attended by Executive Councilor Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, DC/CEO Santosh Sukhadeve, SSP Leh Shruti Arora, Pamamik Councilor Tsering Sangdup, CMO Leh Dolma Chuskit, Tehsildar Leh Attaulah

Khan, Incharge Medical Superintendent Dr. Jigmet Wangchuk, and MC Project Manager Sonam Wangmo.

MS, SNM, BMO Nubra, BMO Tangtse and BMO Khaltse attended the meeting online.

The discussion aimed to improve the overall system by addressing existing gaps in documentation requirements, with a special focus on non-institutional births and deaths prior to 2022.

## SMVDU-TBIC participates in workshop on Semiconductors & AI at JKEDI



### Top News Report

KATRA, Feb 11: SMVDU-TBIC recently participated in a one-day workshop on Semiconductors & Artificial Intelligence, held at JKEDI, Bari Brahmna, Jammu.

The event was attended by Business Manager Divye Duheta Mahajan, along with students from various disciplines of SMVDU.

The workshop featured insightful discussions, with Dr. M.J. Zarabi, Co-founder of Masamb Electronics Systems and Honorary Advisor to the India Semiconductor Association, sharing his pioneering work in VLSI design and semiconduc-

tor fabrication in India. He highlighted key advancements at Semiconductor Complex Ltd. (SCL) since its inception in 1976, such as the transition from next-gen 3-micron to 0.28-micron technology, the development of night vision components, and DRDO's Gallium Arsenide Enabling Technology Centre (GAETEC). Dr. Zarabi emphasized India's growing interest in compound semiconductor technology as a driver for future innovation.

Susheel Jalali, COO of R&Z Technologies LLP, discussed the significance of design-led ESDM (Electronics System Design & Manu-

facturing) and AI, while Dr. B.L. Raina, Advisor & Head of Education Program Development at IBM & Datagami, provided valuable insights into emerging industry trends.

The event served as an eye-opener for participants, inspiring them to explore career opportunities in semiconductor design and AI-driven technologies.

The delegation also gained a deeper understanding of the Government of India's initiatives in advancing semiconductor design and manufacturing.

Dr. Sanjay Mohan, CEO of SMVDU-TBIC, expressed his gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, for providing such opportunities to participate in informative events and foster a connection to innovations and advancements in the industry.

SMVDU-TBIC remains committed to fostering industry-academia collaboration, empowering students with cutting-edge knowledge, and exposing them to high-growth technology sectors.

## SMVDU students present paper at 1st International Conference

### Top News Report

KATRA Feb 11: Civil Engineering (SoCE) Students of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) presented a technical paper at the 1st International Conference on Recent Trends & Advances in Water Science, Remote Sensing, and Climate Change (WSRSCC 2024) held at IIT JAMMU.

Bhagyadeep Sahu, Rohit Kumar, Abhijeet Gupta and Shashwat Singh presented a paper titled "Enhancing the Properties of Concrete by Replacing Sand with Differ-

ent Percentages of Paper Waste" another group of students Samaira Sinha and Rishabh Kumar presented a paper titled "Understanding and Assessing Critical Tipping Points in Earth's System for Maintaining Global Sustainability".

Also, Preeti Choudhary presented a paper titled "Conversion of Waste Paper into Eco Friendly Insect Repellent Sticks".

All the groups were guided by Dr. Vaibhav Sapkal (Assistant Professor, SoCE) and Dr. Rahul Sharma (Assistant Professor, SoCE). The conference was organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Jammu.

## Martand KP Brigade Charitable Trust announces new office bearers

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 11: A meeting of Core Committee Members of Martand KP Brigade Charitable Trust was held today at Paloura, Jammu, where a new panel of office bearers was unanimously selected.

The decision was based on the dedication and commitment of members toward the trust's charitable activities, ensuring both moral and financial support.

As per the statement issued, the new President is Rakesh Tickoo, while Aditya Tickoo has been appointed as General Secretary.



Rahul Tickoo will serve as Accountant, and Mukesh as Cashier. Ajay has been nominated as Joint Secretary, and Pankaj Bhawani will continue as Publicity Secretary. Rakesh Kumar has been re-elected as Chairman of the Trust.

For the Kashmir wing, Ashwani Sidha, Amit (Office Incharge), and

Vinod (Boby) have been elected to oversee operations. Additionally, a 10-member working committee has been formed to enhance charitable initiatives.

The meeting also outlined activities planned for the year in Jammu and Kashmir (Mattan), with a structured, time-bound approach to executing various welfare programs.

## GDC R S Pura continues beautification-cum-cleanliness drive



### Top News Report

R S PURA Feb 11: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Degree College (GDC), R S Pura, continued its ongoing beautification and cleanliness drive as part of its Winter Camp activities on the 4th day on Tuesday.

The initiative, which started earlier this week, aims to foster a sense of environmental responsibility and civic pride among students, while also improving the overall cleanliness and aesthetics of the college campus and surrounding areas.

Today, a dedicated

group of NSS volunteers under the supervision of Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS PO actively participated in cleaning the college premises, removing waste, and beautifying the spaces with creative initiatives such as organization of competition on beautification of the pillars of the park area through slogan writing and painting reflecting the various social issues.


The drive is not only focused on cleanliness but also on educating students and the community about the importance of maintaining a clean and green environment along with the inculcation of moral

responsibility among students on social issues such as Anti ragging, Drug abuse, Gender equality and Women Empowerment etc.

The whole event was organized under the guidance of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, who also applauded the efforts of the NSS unit and the students for their dedication to the cause and further said that, "This drive is an excellent initiative that showcases our commitment to environmental sustainability and encouraged all students to actively participate in such programs that have a lasting positive impact on society".

The NSS unit's winter camp, which will run for a few more days, is set to include more community-based initiatives and campaigns aimed at fostering a greater sense of social responsibility.

The NSS team members who actively participated in the event were Dr. Akriti Parihar, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Savleen Kour.



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