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# BRIEFLY

### Dr Rakesh Kumar Sharma promoted as MS GMC Jammu

JAMMU, Feb 14 (Agencies): The Health and Medical Education Department has promoted and regularized the services of Dr Rakesh Kumar Sharma as the Medical Superintendent of Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu.

Dr Sharma, who was serving as the Incharge Medical Superintendent, will now hold the position on a regular basis.

### Srinagar **Police seize** 668 books linked to banned organisation

SRINAGAR, Feb 14 (Agencies): Srinagar Police on Friday conducted a search following reports that the literature of a banned organisation was being distributed in the city, officials said.

"Based on credible intelligence regarding the clandestine sale and distribution of literature promoting the ideology of a banned organization, Police conducted a search in Srinagar, leading to the seizure of 668 books," said a spokesman of Srinagar police on X. He said legal action has been initiated under Section 126 of the BNSS.



NEW DELHI, Feb 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday led the nation in paying tributes to the CRPF personnel who lost their lives in a terror attack on their convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama on this day in 2019.Kashmir travel guide

geous heroes we lost in Pulwama in 2019. The coming generations will never forget their sacrifice and their unwavering dedication to the

nation," PM Modi wrote in a post on X. Union Minister Amit Shah also paid a heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who were martyred in

the 'cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama' Taking this to social media platform X, HM Shah wrote in a post

(in Hindi), "On behalf of the grateful nation, I pay my heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who were martyred in the cowardly terrorist attack in Pulwama on this day in the year 2019. Terror-

ism is the biggest enemy of the entire human race and the whole world has united against it. Be it a surgical strike or an air strike, the Modi government is determined to completely destroy the terrorists by running a campaign with a 'zero tolerance' policy against them."

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also paid homage to the brave CRPF personnel who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

"On this day in 2019,

India lost our brave CRPF personnel in a gruesome terrorist attack in Pulwama. Their sacrifice for the nation will never be forgotten. I pay homage to them and offer unwavering support to their families. India stands united in honouring their valor and we remain resolute in our fight against terrorism," the Defence Minister wrote in a post

marks five years of the deadly Pulwama terror attack that claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel on duty. In 2019, a suicide bomber targeted a convoy carrying soldiers

The attack claimed the lives of 40 soldiers, and more than 35 were injured, making it one of the most gruesome

### **Sacrifices will forever** be remembered: LG on Pulwama attack anniversary



The courage & selfless

commitment of our gal-

lant heroes will continue

to inspire generations".

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terror attacks in history

Highway.

SRINAGAR, Feb 14 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said that sacrifices in the service of motherland will forever be remembered.

Taking to micro-blogging site X (formerly Twitter) LG said: "Heartfelt tribute to the courageous martyrs of the heinous Pulwama attack of 2019. Their supreme sacrifice in the service of motherland will forever be remembered.

### **Deputation** of three IAS officers to Jammu and Kashmir extended by one year

SRINAGAR, Feb 14 (Agencies): The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has extended the deputation of 3 IAS officers including that of Budgam, Pulwama and Kulgam Deputy Commissioners to Jammu and Kashmir by one-year.

Sources said the DOPT extension has been granted to Athar Aamir Khan, Basharat Qayoom, and Akshay Labroo. This follows the request from the J&K Government.

Athar is serving as DC Kulgam from 4 January 2024 and got allotment in the IAS in 2016. Akshay Labroo has been serving as Deputy Commissioner Budgam since April 29, 2023. Basharat Qayoom is serving as Deputy Commissioner Pulwama.





on X. February 14, 2025

> on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

terror attacks in **Turn to page 9** 

"Homage to the coura-

Newly appointed BSF IG discusses border security with LG Manoj Sinha **Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Feb 14 : Inspector General of BSF, Jammu frontier, Shashank Anand called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Friday and discussed various issues of border security with him, a spokesperson said.



### **Five houses** damaged in latenight fire in Maloora, Shalteng

SRINAGAR, Feb 14 (Agencies): A late-night fire damaged five singlestory residential structures in the Maloora, Shalteng area of central Kashmir's Srinagar district on Thursday.Kashmir travel guide

Officials told that the fire broke out around 10:01 PM, engulfing five residential sheds in flames.

Upon receiving the information, fire and emergency service teams rushed to the spot and worked to control the fire.

According to officials, the blaze caused severe to partial damage to roofs, furniture, bedding, and household goods. Some belongings were completely destroyed.

Firefighters managed to bring the flames under control, preventing further damage. However, the cause of the fire remains unknown.

A Haryana cadre IPS officer, Anand took over as the new IG of BSF on February 7, replacing D K Boora who had held



During his meeting with Sinha, the new IG of the BSF briefed him on the Turn to page 9

### **6 Kgs suspected heroin seized** near LoC in Rajouri Control in Rajouri dis-

trict, officials said.

the post from October

2021. Anand has been

posted at the BSF head-

quarters in New Delhi.

RAJOURI/JAMMU, Feb 14 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday seized

The recovery from the forward village in Nowsix kg of narcotics, shera sector was made believed to be highon the disclosure of two grade heroin worth over drug peddlers, who were Rs 30 crore in the interarrested with a consignnational market, from a ment of drugs a few village near the Line of weeks ago.

**Newspapers meet Director Information**,

**Owners of Jammu-Based** 

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They said the consignment was smuggled from across the border and was found hidden at a secluded place.

The investigation of the case is going on and some more arrests and recoveries are expected in the coming days, the officials said.

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**Top News Report** JAMMU, Feb 14: A del

egation of Jammubased newspaper owners met with Nitish Rajora, Director of Information yesterday to congratulate him on assuming charge and to discuss key challenges faced by the print media industry.

The delegation, comprising Pritam Singh Saini, Rajiv Chuni, Rajiv Mahajan, Amit Sawhney, Satish Poonchi and Abhishek, engaged in a detailed discussion on various pressing issues **Turn** to page 9

#### Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, February 14, 2025

# **OBITUARIES**



Singh Slathia who left for his heavenly abode on 04-02-2025 (Tueada y).

Tenth Day & Rasam Kriya shall be performed on 13-02-2025 (Thuraday) & 16-02-2025 (Sunday) respectively at Shiv Mandit, Gurha Slathia, Mandi Andrar, Bada Mahal, Grief Stricken:

Smt. Sheela Devi (Wife) Mrs. & Mr. Anrudh Singh Slathia Mrs. & Mr. Basudev Singh Slathia Mrs. & Mr. Ram Sham Late Sh. Balbir Singh Jarnwal (Son-in-Law) Smt. Anja i Jamwal (Daughter)



SHRI BHUVNESHWAR SINGH SLATHIA

Bhabhis & Brothers

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Mrs. & Mr. Nlambar Singh

Mrs. & Mr. Surinder Singh

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Babli Sumbly, wife of Sh.Satish Sumbly, originally a resident of Drabiyar, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, and presently residing at D-201, Anusandhan Apartments, Plot No. 22, Sector 6, Dwarka, New Delhi.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 17th February 2025 (Monday) at 8:00

**Babli Sumbly** 

AM at Shri Gauri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Block T, Sector 109, Gurgaon, Haryana. **Grief Stricken** 

Sumbly's, Raina's, Koul's, Bhat's & Kaul's For any further information please contact Satish Sumbly +91 9818680373 Geeta Raina +91 9717712211 Adarsh Kaul +91 92665 96322

### 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 Aashram 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 Phoola Zutshi W/o Sanjay Zutshi Son and Daughter in law

Rattan Lal Koul and Daizy Koul Dhono No. 0410241226/0410205064



Our revered father Sh Avtar Krishen Ganju S/o Lt.Shri Isha Lal Ganju originally resident of Motiyar, Rainawari Srinagar presently 180 Sector 5 Channi Himmat, Jammu passed away peacefully to merge with eternity on 09/02/2025 Tenth Day Kriva will be held at Akhnoor on

17th of Feb 2025 at 8:00 A.M. and Assembly at Muthi Ghat at 11:00 A.M. GRIEF STRICKEN Susheela Pandita Ganju (Wife) (Sons and Daughters-in-Law) Tito Ganju and Monika Kohli Sumit and Deepshikha Ganju Isha, Syesha and Aauram (Grand children) Telephone: 990628727

No.8 Samba, who expired on 05-02-2025.

Mrs.Jyoti Shamia & Mr. Virender Sharma

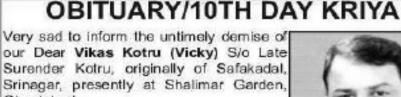
KRIYA will be held on 15-02-2025 (Saturday).

(Friday) at our residence at 10 AM.

3PM at our residence.

(Daughter and Son in Law)

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 



Ghaziabad. 10th Day Kriya will be held at Ganga Canal, Murad Nagar on 17/02/2025 (Monday) between 8 AM to 10 AM. Assembly & Prayer meet will be held at 31 Dwarika Apts. Shalimar Garden Ext. 1 Sahibabad (Ghb.).



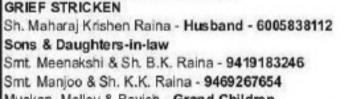
Vikas Kotru (Vicky)

In Grief: Smt Sushma Kotru -Mother Mrs Rachna Kotru -Wife Mrs Rekha & Mr Vishal Kotru -Bhabi & Brother Shri Ramesh Kotru & Usha Kotru -Uncle & Aunty Master Aryan Kotru -Son Ms. Prakriti Kotru -Daughter Ms. Adhira Kotru -Daughter Mrs Pinky & Mr Dinesh Bhat -Brother-in-law Samast Kotru's, Bhat's, Jalali's, Saraf's, Trisal's, Kokiloo's Parivar

### 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 Kriva 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 15/02/025 at 10:45 AM.



Raina's, Bhat's, Bhan's, Koul's, Bindroo's, Mattoo's & Pandita Parivars

# UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow to inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Yash Kumari Chandan W/o Late Madan Mohan Chandan R/o 67 B/D Gandhi Nagar Jammu near fire service station. The Uthala will be performed at Panch Mandir, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar Jammu on Saturday 15/02/25 from 4 PM to 5 PM.



Smt. Bimla

(Tathili)

Late Yash Kumari Chandan

Samast Baskotra Parivar MOBILE NO: 6005241440, 9419210017



Sh Mohan Lai Tikoo & Smt Suman Ji Tikoo (Phoofa & Buwa) Sh. Shuban Ji Kandroo and Smt. Pirkey Ji (Mousa & Massi) Sh. Shubian Ji kahata & Smit. Pirkey Ji (Mousa & Mas Sh. Sha shi Marahata & Smit. Sweety Ji (Mousa & Massi) Sh. Ajay Raina & Smit. Anu Raina (Cousin) Children: Mohu & Shivya Samast Parivar Jan 9596758156, 7006949835, 9419148430, 8825051278

TENTH DAY KRIYA

atoli Brahamana Ghat at 11:00 am.

DEEPLY MOURNED BY

sh. Anku Koul (Bhai) Smt. Dulari Koul (Chachi) Sh. Krishan Ji Koul (Chacha)

imt Sheela Raina (Buwa)

Smt Phoola Raina (Buwa)





Grand Children Mrs. Ankita and Mr. Anshu Reshi (Anantnag) Mrs. Aakriti & Mr. Nikhil Raina (9622046086) Grand Children: Shivam Raina, Nitesh Raina, Rimpy and Rachna

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and somow, we regret you to inform that our mother Karamyogi Smt. Prabhawati Bhat (Tulsi) Wo Lt. Sh. Neel Kanth Bhat of Sagam, Kokarnag presently residing at Purkhu Camp, Jammu has joined the bitus feet of Almighty on 06 Feb 25. Tenth Day Kriya Karam will be performed on 15 Feb 25. [Son d Althrace: Charl Largenue at 0800 her. 25 (Sat) at Akhnoor Ghat, Jammu at 0800 hn Assembly will be held at Community Hall Purkt Camp by 1030hrs GRIEFLY STRICKEN:-G REFLY STRICKEN:-Son and Daughter-In-law Sh Ashok Kumar Bhat and Smt Nancy Bhat Daughters and Son-In-law Smt Birni j and Sh. L. Pandta. Smt Sontoeta j and Sh. S.N. Pandita Smt Joyi j and Sh. Ram j Raina Grandson and Grand Daughter-In-law Mr. Sumy Sagar Bhat and Mrs Sharu Koul Bhat Grand Daughters and Grand Son-In-laws Mrs. Manip Bhat and Mr. Rockey Koul Mrs. Manip Bhat and Mr. Rockey Koul Mrs. Manip Bhat and Mr. Rockey Koul Mis Manju Bhat and Mr. Rohit Koul Maternal Grand Children Bablu ji, Anu ji, Shallu ji, Nishu ji, Vity ji, Anku ji, Anshu ji, Gugi ji and Lily ji DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-



KARAMYOGI SMT. PRABHAWATI BHAT (TULSI)

Samiya, Mahi, Aarav, Vivan, Ridhwika, Shiven, Shivel and Pari Contact Nos . 9596803621, 6005207976

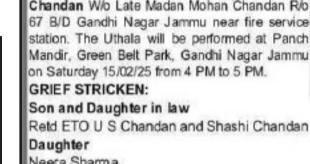
### TENTH DAY/UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow we regret to

nform the sad demise of our beloved Father Shri Bharat Bhushan Sharma (Kalu) S/o Late Sh. Vidya Nand Sharma R/o 134-A Gandhi Nagar Jammu who left for his hea ly abode on 07-02-2025 (Friday). 10TH DAY will be performed on 15-02-2025 aturday) at Shiv Mandir Near Govt Quarter andhi Nagar at 11.30 am to 12.00 Noon. 13TH (UTHALA) will also be performed on 17 02-2.025 (Monday) Same at Shiv Mandir Nea Govt Quarters at 4.30 PM to 5.30 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Swarn Lata -Wife Miss Nidhi Sharma - Daughter



Mr Kanhiya Sharma - Son isters & Brothers in Law mt Chander Mohini W/o Lt Sh. Dharam Paul Sharma mt Nirmal Sharma W/o Sh. Kuldeep Sharma rothers and Sister in Laws mt Pushaplata Wio Sh. Kewal Sharma mt Chanderkala Wio Lt Sh. Pushap Kamal (Babbu)





- Neera Sharma
- Grandchildren

Rohin Chandan, Reema Sharma, Nakul Chandan, Aman Sharma, Arti Sharma, Swati Sharma and Vinay Kharbanda

Muskan, Molley & Bavish - Grand Children



Sh Avtar Krishen Ganju

Smt. Sheela Koul

Great Grandchildren Shree, Aaryaman, Aarav, Aryan, Suhana and Mahira Contact No: 9622222311, 9419116026

### TENTH DAY RITUALS

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF S TARLOK SINGH SR ADVOCATE J&K HIGH COURT LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON 9-02-2025. AS PER RITUALS THE AKHAND PATH SAHIB SHALL BE COMMENCED ON 14-02-2025 AT 9 DOAM AT HOME WARD NO 3 NOWSHERA AND BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB WILL BE ON 16-02-25 SUNDAY AT 9 AM AT HOME

AND KIRTAN DARBAR AND FINAL ARDAS WILL BE PER-FORMED FROM 10:30 TO 12:30 PM AT GURDWARA CHHATI PATSHAHI NOWSHERA FOLLOWED BY GURU KAATOOT LANGAR.

#### GRIEF STRICKEN :

SMT SWARNJIT KOUR (WIFE) DOCTOR RAJARAMANVIR SINGH (SON) DAUGHTERS AND SONS - IN-LAW HARPREET KOUR AND S AMRIK SINGH MANPREET KOUR AND DOCTOR 8 S DUTTAAJMER. BROTHERS AND SISTERS-IN-LAWS SH. CHELA RAM SHARMA AND LATE VEDOWANTI COM PRITAM SINGHAND LATE SMT RAJINDER KOUR S UUJAGAR SINGH AND SMT PREM KOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS -IN -LAWS SMT PARMESHWAR KOUR AND S JAGVIR SINGH SMT AMRIT KOUR AND S BALWANT SINCH SMT KULWANT KOUR AND SUBEDAR JEET SINGH HAKAR KULDIP SINGH RTD PRINCIPAL SESSION JUDGE SMT RITA KUNDAL AND SH RAMESH KUNDAL SESSIONS JUDGE S. KULWANT SINGH RTD SCHOOL EDUCATION OFFICER.

# 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow to inform the sad demise of Lt Shri Dawarka Nath Pandita, S/o Late Dina Nath Pandita R/o Nadi Marg District Shopian, presently at Gurha Karren Lane No. 11 House No. 2, Barnai Bantalab Road, Jammu. (From Mallun side at Lane No. 18, Block 89, Quarter No. 19, Jagti.) The 10th Day Kriya will be held on Tuesday 18/02/2025 at Akhnoor Ghat at 8.00 AM. Following that Assembly will be around 11.30 AM at Muthi Ghat. Lt Shri Dawarka Nath GRIEF STRICKEN : Son and Daughter in law Sanjay Kumar Bhat & Rekha Bhat Daughters & Sons -in-law Sweety Bhat & Ramesh Kumar Bhat Geeta Bhat & Suresh Bhat Grand Children Payal Bhat, Deepak Koul, Mohit, Nishta, Dhani, Nishka

Contact No. 9682171051, 9858272837, 9818675412

S TARLOK SINGH

Pandita

demise of our beloved Smt Sita Devi W/o Late Sh. Rattan Singh Sambyal Rio H.No. 55, Palace 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.

Kriva will be performed on Saturday, dated 15th Feb 2025 at 12:00 noon at our residence H.No. 55, Palace Road, Jammu. Uthala will be per-formed on Saturday, dated 15th Feb 2025 from 04.00 PM to 5:00 PM at Trikuta Yatri Bhaw Ambphalla, Jammu. Srief Stricken: Son & Daughter-in-Law





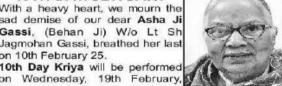
sh Yudhveer Singh Sambyal & Smt. Vishali Thakur Smt Yasho Rajaya Lakshmi & Sh. Sanjay Manhas- Daughter & Son- In- Law Smt Bholi Devi W/o Late Sh. Ranbir Singh Sambyal- Devrani Sh. Shiv Ram Nag & Smt Kanta Devi- Brother & Bhabhi

smt. Rani Chandel W/o Late Sh. Niranjan Singh Chandel- **Sister-In-Law** Nephews: Sh. Rajeshwar Singh Sambyal, Rahul Singh Sambyal, Bhanu Parta ngh Sambyal

and Children: Yashasvini Sambyal, Adhiraj Singh Manhas Yuvraj Singh Manh ione: 9419111900, 9419210926, 9419166516, 9419224527, 9086211352

#### 10TH DAY/OBITUARY

With a heavy heart, we mourn the sad demise of our dear Asha Ji Gassi, (Behan Ji) W/o Lt Sh Jagmohan Gassi, breathed her last on 10th February 25. 10th Day Kriya will be performed



2025 at Gouri Shankar Mandir a Palm Vihar, New Delhi, Originally Asha Ji Gassi

from Dadi Kadal, Tankipora, Srinagar Pouni Chak, Jammu at present House No. 290, DDA Flats, Sector 23 Pocket 1, Mahadev Appartments, Dwarka, New Delhi.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Gassi's, Ambardar's, Peer's, Koul's and Raina's Contact Nos.: 7889781897, 9999009442, 9312740428, 9622095514

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mrs. Taniya Raina (TANU) W/o Mr. Rahul Raina (Shunty) erstwhile R/o 149 Kanikadal Habbakadal Srinagar presently at Lane 25 Block 158 Flat 18 on Jagt Township Nagrota who left for heavenly abode on Feb 08 2025. Tenth Day Kriya will be held on Feb 17th at Akhnoor Ghat and the Assembly will held at ane number 22 back side near old JK Bank at 11:30 AM



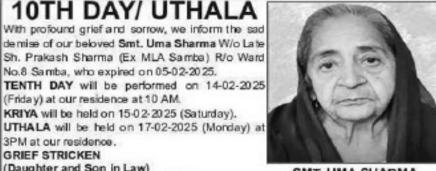
**GRIEF STRICKEN** 



Mr. Rahul Raina (Husband) 6006053746 Father and Mother in law Sh. Tony Raina & Smt. Neelam Raina (9906174981) Razdan Family (9906350083) Mahaldar Family (9906696904) Bhat Family (7780942022)



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SMT. UMA SHARMA

(Daughter in Law and Son) Mrs. Vandana Sharma & Mr Rajesh Sharma (Chairman Bhargava Group of Institutes, Samba) Mrs. Dheeraj Bharti & Mr. Sanjeev Sharma (Daughter in Law and Son) (MD Bhargava Group of Institutes & President District Congress Committee Samba) Mrs Meena & Rajeev Sharma (Daughter in law & Nephew) Mrs (Dr.) Mitali & Mohit Sharma (Granddaughter in Law and Grandson) Dr. Akshita Sharma & Mr. Abisheik (Granddaughter and Grandson in Law) Dr Deepanshu, Vasundra & Dhananjay (Grand Children) Mob: 7006640035, 9419183499

# 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.



Sh Soom Nath Pandita

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

# LOCAL/ ADVT

# **Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar visits CRC Jammu**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb14: Dr. Virendra Kumar, the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, visited the Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Jammu on the Friday.

During this visit, the Minister reviewed the functioning of the Centre and the facilities being provided to the beneficiaries, ensuring that the objectives of social justice and empowerment are being met effectively.

The Minister was accompanied by distinguished dignitaries, including Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India and Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Director, PDUNIPPD, New Delhi who also attended as the main guests for

The program commenced with a warm and traditional wel-

the program.

come, beginning with a Tilak ceremony for the Minister, followed by a bouquet presentation. Afterward, the Minister and other dignitaries were invited to the dais. Mementos were presented to the dignitaries as a gesture of respect and appreciation.

The program proceeded with an official welcome address by Dr. Jitendra Sharma, Director, PDUNIPPD, New Delhi, followed by an address by Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India. The Minister delivered a motivational and inspiring speech to the beneficiaries, reaffirming the government's commitment to social justice and empowerment.

In his speech, Minister emphasized the special purpose behind establishing the CRC Jammu. He mentioned that there was already a CRC in Srinagar, and to ensure that beneficiaries in Jammu also receive the same benefits, the CRC was virtually inaugurated in Jammu on December 28, 2023.

The Minister further noted that CRC Jammu would be permanently established on a larger scale in Chak jwala, Vijaypur, Samba near AIIMS Vijaypur, offering extensive benefits and services to the beneficiaries. He assured that the permanent building would be completed by March 2026.

Additionally, the Minister visited each therapy room at CRC Jammu, personally met with the

beneficiaries, engaged in conversations with them, and encouraged them. He also extendeded his support to the families of all the beneficiaries present.

The Minister concluded his speech with the inspiring words, "We, as ministers, are here to serve the Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)". The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director, CRC Jammu (Samba).

Following the formal proceedings, the Minister also inaugurated the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy equipment (Treadmill, Traction Bed, Static Cycle, Hydrocollator Machine, Cold Therapy Machine, T-Pulleys, Parallel Bar, Dumbbells, Ankle Exerciser, Weighing Machine and BP Machine amount of

Rs. 2.67 lakh) for CRC Jammu and will also distribute aids and appliances (Hearing aid, LS Belt, Knee Brace, Walking Stick, Wheel Chair, Smart Phone, Motorized Tricycle) to the beneficiaries, providing muchneeded support to those in need. Till date CRC Jammu

provided its services to approximately 10,000 beneficiaries. The programme concluded with the group photograph followed by refreshment served to all the beneficiaries. This visit underscores the government's continued dedication to the welfare of persons with disabilities and other marginalized sections of society. The program at CRC Jammu marks an important milestone in promoting inclusivity and social empowerment in the region.

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Virender Gupta also

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come will never forget the

sacrifice of CRPF person-

nel. India will never forget

the supreme sacrifice of

these brave hearts and

Director Mohit Sharma,

Dr.Varun Padha, Shakti

Singh and whole team

was also present.

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### Dramatic Club, CUJ presents "Ik Panna Gumnaam" - A tribute to Pulwama Martyrs



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: The Dramatic Club of Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with Virai Kala Kendra, Jammu, presented the patriotic stage play "Ik Panna Gumnaam" in a heartfelt tribute to the Pulwama Martyrs at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium on Friday.

Viraj Kala Kendra 'Best Stage Play' 'Ek Panna Gumnaam' lesser known revolutionaries which was organized in the memory of Shaheed Ashfaq-Ullah Khan, Ram Parsad Bismil,

who sacrificed their lives for Mother India. The emotionally stirring performance highlighted the sacrifices of the brave hearts who laid down their lives for

the nation. The play, filled with deep patriotism and moving storytelling, resonated strongly with the audience, evoking a sense of national pride and reverence.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, appreciated the outstanding performance by Viraj Kala Kendra and commended their efforts in bringing forth such a values of courage, unity, and dedication toward the nation.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from faculty members, students, and staff, who applauded the remarkable portraval and impactful narration. The Central University of Jammu, through its cultural initiatives, con-

tinues to promote art and patriotism, fostering a spirit of responsibility and respect for the nation among students. The play was written and directed by Rajneesh Kumar Gupta

and he played the role of Ashfaq-Ullah Khan.

The play was based on the life, history, ideals and struggle for freedom of freedom fighter Ashfaq-Ullah Khan. Hindu-Muslim unity was shown through the eternal friendship of Ashfaq-Ullah Khan and Ram Parsad Bismil.

The team included Madan Rangila, Janak Khajuria, Kusam Tikoo Rishabh Manhas, Prashant Sharma, Tarun Charak, Sudesh Thakur, Aman verma, Amit Bhalla, John Pter, The play culminated with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anju Thappa followed by National Anthem.

### **Rudraksh Seva Sangathan** pays tribute to CRPF soldiers martyred in Pulwama



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Rudraksha Sewa Sangathan organised 'Shradhanjali' programme to pay tribute to the 40 CRPF brave hearts, who lost their lives in a terror attack on their convoy in Pulwama on this day in 2019.

tribute, Paying Rudraksha Director Virender Gupta, Mohit Sharma, Shakti Sharma Varun Padha, Police Post Incharge Bawe Lekhraj, Ajay Sharma, Amit Magotra said

### **CRPF** pays tribute to

**NMOPS delegation meets Minister for Jal Shakti;** demands restoration of OPS



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Acknowledging the

delegation's demands,

Minister Javid Ahmed

Rana assured that he

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with the Chief Minister

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The delegation sub-

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They also requested the

Minister to push for the

This initiative aligns

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ensure holistic devel-

opment and improved

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citizens, said Dr Rajeev

Bhagat while address-

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occasion. He reiterated

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Government to deliver

efficient civic ameni-

ties and infrastructure

Dr Rajeev Bhagat

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**Top News** Report

JAMMU, Feb 14: A high-level delegation of the National Movement for Old Pension Scheme (NMOPS), led by UT President Mohammad Ashraf Sheikh, called on the Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest & Tribal Affairs, Javid Ahmad Rana, here at civil Secretariat Jammu to advocate for the restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for government employees.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh emphasized that the inclusion of OPS in the National Conference Party's manifesto reflects the political significance of the issue.

He urged the Minister to expedite efforts in addressing employ

#### the next Cabinet meeting.

Further Minister Javid Ahmed Rana reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that the grievances of employees under the New Pension Scheme (NPS) receive due attention. The delegation expressed gratitude to the Minister for his patient hearing and

positive response. Ad-Gen Secretary Neetan Kalyaan, Gen Sett ABSMS & Chief Organisor Amar Mooman ,President JKTC Qamar Din, Mehmood Reyaz Bhat UT Secretary JKTF, Arvind Ticko Legal Advisor, Sanjay Sharma DP Jammu , Ashraf Hussain DP, Danish Ahmad, Reyaz Ahmad and others were part of the delegation.

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#### **Top News Report**

BISHNAH, Feb 14: Marking another milestone in the relentless drive towards infrastructure development, Dr Rajeev Kumar Bhagat, MLA Bishnah kick started the work of blacktopping on Bishnah-Arnia road from Km 2nd to Km 4th approximately 1.80 Kilometers at a cost of Rs 50 lakhs.

This road was in a deplorable condition, filled with potholes and uneven surface, making assured them of continued efforts to make Bishnah Constituency a Model Constituency.

The event witnessed including Rafiq Ahmad AEE PWD. Subash Bhagat, Suraj Singh Charak, Sunil Kumar, Kaka Ex-Sarpanch, Bittu Ex-Sarpanch, Gara Choudhary, Hitesh Sharma and the presence of other prominent, who lauded the efforts of MLA Dr Rajeev Bhagat and the Government in ensuring that developmental works reach

Thakur Roshan Singh and Rajinder Lahiri at Central University of Jammu Auditorium.

The play was in Hindustani language and reminded the great Kakori conspiracy by the great freedom fighters,

meaningful theatrical presentation. He emphasized the

importance of remembering and honoring the supreme sacrifices made by our soldiers and encouraged students to imbibe the

### **Pulwama Martyrs on** Sixth Anniversary



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU. Feb 14: The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the largest paramilitary force in the world, honoured the memory of the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the Pulwama attack on 14th February 2019.

The attack, which took place on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway near Lethapora in Pulwama, claimed the lives of 40 CRPF personnel when a vehicleborne suicide bomber struck their convoy. Among those mar-

tyred in the blast was a bus carrying personnel of the 76 Bn CRPF, Jammu. The following five brave soldiers from the battalion laid down their lives Shaheed HC/GD Naseer Ahmed, Shaheed HC/ DVR Jaimal Singh, Shaheed CT/GD Rohtash Lamba, Shaheed CT/ GD Sukhjinder, and Shaheed CT/BUG Tilak Raj.

To mark their supreme sacrifice, a Shradhanjali Programme was organized at the 76 Bn Headquarters in Preet

Nagar (Gangyal) today. Commandant Vezoto Tinyi led the commemoration along with Second-in-Command officers Rajesh Kumar, Jai Ram Prasad, and Girish Chandra Singh Sontiyal. Assistant Commandant Anil Kumar and other officers and personnel also attended the solemn event.

Speaking on the occasion, Commandant Vezoto Tinyi emphasized the resilience and unwavering commitment of CRPF personnel in safeguarding the nation.

He highlighted that despite the tragic attack, the CRPF remains steadfast in its mission and has successfully neutralized several militants in Jammu and Kashmir since Pulwama. The courage and valor of these martyrs will always be remembered, and the CRPF

continues to stand resilient against any threat to the nation's security. The tribute ceremony was a solemn reminder of their sacrifice and the ongoing fight against terrorism.

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#### **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION JAMMU**

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# **ADGP Garib Dass pays obeisance** at Tirupati Balaji Temple

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: In a gesture of faith and devotion, Garib Dass, IPS, ADGP, and Director of Sher-e-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur, paid obeisance at the Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu. Accompanied by RSS Karyakarta Shakti Sharma, Inspector Sai Krishna, Umesh Gupta, and Ramesh Babu, he participated in the special Abhishek ceremony of Lord Venkateswara and prayed for the welfare of the country.

The sacred Abhishek ceremony is performed every Friday, drawing devotees from various regions. Expressing his happiness, Garib Dass stated that the establishment of the Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu is a matter of pride, allowing devotees to experience the divine culture of South India in the heart of Jammu. He encouraged people to visit the temple and seek blessings, high



lighting that the temple would significantly boost for devotees. Additionally, he emphasized spiritual tourism in the the need for a Bharat Karyakarta Darshan bus service to Shakti Sharma shared promote religious tour-

his overwhelming experience at the temple, describing it as a divine place situated amidst the serene Shivalik forests in Majeen, Jammu. He urged devotees who cannot travel to Andhra Pradesh to visit this sacred site and seek the blessings of Lord Venkateswara Swamy. Inspector Sai Krishna of the Balaji Temple also appealed to the Trans-

initiate a dedicated bus

service to the temple,

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The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Pandit Neeraj Shukla and Ravi Tej Pandit, who collectively participated in the spiritual celebrations. The Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu continues to serve as a

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# **OP-ED**

# EDITORIAL

# REMEMBERING **BRAVEHEARTS**

B ravery, sacrifice, and patriotism are the hallmarks of those who dedicate their lives to protecting the nation. As we remember our bravehearts. we not only pay tribute to their selfless service but also acknowledge the unbreakable spirit that defines them. Their stories inspire generations, reminding us that freedom and peace come at a great cost.

Every soldier, police officer, and paramilitary personnel who lays down their life in service to the country does so with unwavering courage. The Pulwama attack of February 14, 2019, stands as a painful reminder of the sacrifices made by our armed forces. On that fateful day, 40 CRPF personnel were martyred when a suicide bomber targeted their convoy on the Jammu-Srinagar highway. Among them were Shaheed HC/GD Naseer Ahmed, Shaheed HC/DVR Jaimal Singh, Shaheed CT/GD Rohtash Lamba, Shaheed CT/GD Sukhjinder, and Shaheed CT/BUG Tilak Raj, who belonged to the 76 Bn CRPF. These brave soldiers stood as a shield between the nation and those who sought to disrupt its peace.

To honor their sacrifice, various Shradhanjali Programs have been organized across the country, where people come together to pay homage to these heroes. Their courage has not only strengthened the resolve of the armed forces but has also instilled a sense of duty among citizens. While the Pulwama attack was a tragic loss, it became a rallying cry for the nation to stand united against terrorism.

India has a long history of heroes who have displayed unparalleled valor. From Captain Vikram Batra in the Kargil War to Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan during the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, every martyr has left behind a legacy of bravery. These warriors do not fight for personal glory but for the honor and safety of the nation.

One of the most enduring examples of selflessness is Colonel Santosh Babu, who led his troops in the Galwan Valley clash against Chinese forces. Despite overwhelming odds, his leadership ensured that the enemy did not gain an upper hand. His sacrifice is a testament to the indomitable spirit of our armed forces.

# Ah ! We are not Valentinests

### By: Omkar Dattatray

alentine's Day,also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. Valantine's Day is celebrated in honor of Saint Valentine,a Christian martyr believed to have beheaded on February 14th. The day was then chosen to commemorated his death .It is said he was secretly marrying couples who were in love. It is thus the day of love. By the way it should be appreciated and accepted that we Indian's are not valentinests .We have a glorious cultural history dating back to 5,000 years. Glorification of sex is alien to Indian culture and we should follow our cultural traditions, mores and customs and resist to be influenced by the western cultural onslaught .Alas! our youth both male and female are falling prey to foreign and western culture and our young people should adhere to Indian culture and spiritual traditions which is so grand, pristine as well as beautiful.It is our moral and ethical duty and responsibility not to be swayed by the western culture and should desist from imitating western culture .Our young people should take pride in our glorious past and its cultural beauty. It is very disturbing that while west is attracted towards our culture, heritage and spirituality .This attraction of foreigners especially the western people was in full swing as thousands of people from western countries visited Prayag Raj and took holy dip in sacred waters at the confluence of Saraswati, Yamuna and Ganga and many of them were seen wearing and adoring Indian attire and dress .It is really soothing to the eye to see the people from western countries taking a holy dip at sangam. Some were chanting Hari Om and Ram Ram .However it is very disturbing and unfortunate that our younger generation is attracted towards western culture and many young couples have got affinity towards foreign culture and are celebrating valantine's day .The valentine day has lately becoming popular in India and many young couples in big cities and metropolitan's are observing and celebrating valentine day and do not feel shy of openly going to outings, exchanging gifts and taking dinner at hotels and making show of love which is perhaps not approved in Indian culture. Valentine day celebration is viewed by majority of young Indian couples not conforming to our culture and thus they do not indulge in glorification of love and romance which in fact is alien to our culture. Many Indian's view the valentine day celebration with skepticism and it is taken as the symbol of westernization .Majority of people in India oppose its celebration .Many Hindu rightwing organizations forcefully object its celebration and even enter the hotels and disturb and stop functions of valentine day celebration. Opposition to celebration of Valentine Day is all right but to forcefully obstruct such functions is also not needed as moral policing has no place in a dynamic and liberal society.But that also does not mean that our young generation should blindly copy and imitate western fashion and western culture rather follow Indian culture in letter and spirit. It is not our culture to exchange gifts and celebrate and glorify love in restaurants and cafes .Inspite of opposition ,many young couples in India celebrate Valentine day and go for outings and exchange gifts and exhibit romance, love and take dinner in hotels and take pleasure in the demonstration of romance. However the celebration of valantine Day is confined to big cities and rural India is not afflicted with this western style of life and love .Many people oppose going to restaurants at evening to have dinner and exchange gifts and public display of affection linked with the day .It is seen that business houses take dividends of encouraging Valantine Day celebration and for the purpose offer special promotions and ideas which is very disturbing .The Valantine Day is becoming popular after

the liberalization of the economy .Some people in India feel it a privilege to adopt western culture and they boastfully celebrate valentine's day and many traditionalists and so called orthodox and conservative young people oppose Valentine's Day and some disturb valentine's Day celebrations openly. Many people criticize and oppose the celebration of valantine's day by our young couples and even disturb the valantine's day functions .All this is understandable, but at the same time it can be said that such cultural activists should desist from Assuming the role of moral policing. Since we are living in a liberal democracy and the people here at liberty to do whatever they like but subject to public order and societal values. So the young people should realize and appreciate that they should not blindly imitate western culture and way of living, but take pride in indigenous cultural heritage and thus should conform to cultural ,moral and societal norms .In this lies the good of the young men and women ,society and country at large .Many political parties have criticized valentine's day as being the influence of western culture on India .The valantine's day celebrations are necessitates by the economic activities by the businesses in India as they produce those products like gift cards, coupons etc which are used in valantine's day celebrations .Thus for economic gain, the popularity of valantine's day is increasing day by day and it in fact poses a big danger to our age old culture and moral as well as societal values. Some organizations and people celebrate 14 February as cow hug day to counter the valantine day celebrations. Because of the immense benefits of cow, the Animal Welfare Board first proposed to celebrate cow hug day on February 14. The origin of valantine's day can be traced in Christianity and first a Christian martyr named Valantine was honored and later through folk traditions, it has become a important cultural ,religious and a commercial celebration of romance and love in various parts

of the globe .It has spread to India as well as many young couples also celebrate valantine's day with gaiety .As the origin of Valantine's day can be found in 14th century ,the holy Bible does not contain any thing about it, however it says a lot about love .Love is a central theme of the Bible and one learns much about God is love and loves humanity with a steadfast love that is forever. We should abide the faith ,hope and love but the greatest of these three is love as per Bible .Indian people by and large being basically religious do not celebrate valantine's day and those who celebrate it say that the former are conservative and orthodox .The valantine's day is perhaps over showered by Saraswati Puja .Half of the people celebrating valantine's Day do not even know as to why they celebrate it. In India valantine's Day is more driven by fashion and less by emotion .Gift galleries, clubs, pubs, hotels etc. encash emotions and earn a moolah on this day ,and couples express their "true love "on this day .But it can be said that love which is glorified on the occasion of valantine's Day is selfish love but love in context of Indian culture and religion should be selfless as marriages in Hindu culture is a festival pledging love for ever even in the next world. In brief our young couples and even bachelors and unmarried girls should not imitate western life styles rather take pride in their own culture, traditions and customs .Long live Indian culture.

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# Master of great personality Dr. Farrukh Jamal... The shining and rising star of humanity

**By: Anurag Pathak** 

critically, reflect and learn

The most attractive qual-

and Food Security in 2018 and the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the International Conference on Advances in Agriculture and Applied Sciences for **Promoting Food Security** in Kathmandu, Nepal, in 2017. Being a good human being is not a destination but rather a continuous journey of growth and selfimprovement. It requires conscious effort to cultivate kindness, integrity, and selflessness in our daily lives. As we strive to be good human beings, we contribute to a more harmonious and compassionate world. Let us remember that our actions, no matter how small, have the power to inspire and uplift others, and collectively, we can make a profound difference in the lives of those around us.

Beyond the military, police officers and paramilitary personnel also play a crucial role in maintaining internal security. Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma, who laid down his life fighting terrorists in the 2008 Batla House encounter, is another shining example of heroism. The relentless efforts of our forces ensure that citizens can live in peace, free from fear.

While we remember our bravehearts, it is also essential to recognize the strength and resilience of their families. The loss of a loved one is an unimaginable pain, yet their families stand tall, knowing that their sacrifice was not in vain. Various government schemes and NGOs provide financial assistance, educational support, and employment opportunities to the families of martyrs.

Organizations like the Bharat Ke Veer initiative allow citizens to contribute directly to the families of fallen soldiers. Programs such as PM Scholarship Scheme for Defence Personnel and CRPF Welfare Fund ensure that the children of martyrs receive quality education and a secure future.

However, beyond financial support, these families deserve societal respect and emotional strength. Every citizen has a role to play in honoring the families of martyrs whether by extending a helping hand, recognizing their sacrifice in public forums, or simply expressing gratitude.

Memorials, museums, and national days of remembrance play a significant role in ensuring that the sacrifices of our heroes are never forgotten. The National War Memorial in New Delhi stands as a grand tribute to every soldier who has laid down their life for the nation. Amar Jawan Jyoti, which once stood under the India Gate, has been an eternal flame of respect and honor for the fallen soldiers.

he Jamal (beauty) personality can **L** make anyone farookh (auspicious). In current cut throat era where approximately every human being is running blindly to fulfill his ambitions without caring his values, but the kindness and values he is having despite being on prestigious post that is commendable. Dr. Farrukh Jamal is a distinguished academic and researcher in the field of biochemistry, currently serving as a Professor and Head of the Department of Biochemistry at Dr. Rammanohar Lohia Avadh University in Ayodhya. His areas of specialization include protein biochemistry, protease inhibitors, molecular biology, and bioremediation. Excellence along with love can change our lives. Researchers have

shown that good guid-

ance encourage us to think

across disciplines. These are all skills that can set us up for life.

As a teacher Dr. Jamal not merely someone who imparts knowledge, but a guiding force who inspires, motivates, and empowers students to reach their full potential, fostering a love of learning while catering to individual needs through patience, empathy, effective communication, and a commitment to fostering a positive learning environment.

Teachers are expected to teach, but great teachers also have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are eager to learn from their learners. They bring their cultural capital - what they have learned and experienced - to engagements with learners, colleagues and the community. In turn, they are altered by their connections with others and can positively affect those with whom they engage.

ity of his personality is that Dr. Jamal has the courage to accept the various thoughts and aspects of life .He is having very sweet nature that's why his attractive politeness brings everyone close to him.

A good human being has qualities like kindness, empathy, and integrity. They also demonstrate moral values, are respectful, and try to make the world a better place. Mr. Jamal consist All these qualities.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jamal has been honored with several awards, including the "Bharat Shiksha Ratan" from the Global Society for Health and Educational Growth in New Delhi. He has also been acknowledged for his excellence in teaching and research, receiving accolades such as the "Excellence in Teaching Award" at the National Conference on Livelihood

### (Anurag Pathak Lucknow)

# **LOCAL**

# **Advisor Ladakh flags off CSC van**

#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Feb 14: The Chief Secretary and the Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal today flagged off a digital CSC van and the Administrative Secretary of Information Technology, Shashanka Ala formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CSC at the Civil Secretariat Leh. This milestone event marks a new chapter in digital empowerment and e-governance for the people of Ladakh.

The MoU aims to strengthen the delivery of digital services, enhance citizen engagement, and promote entrepreneurship through CSCs across

the region. The initiative will facilitate access to essential government and nongovernment services, including digital literacy, banking, and e-com-

digital divide in remote areas. General Manager, State head J&K and Ladakh, Common Ser-



vice Centres Mr. Faizan Manzoor presented a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation covering the significant features of digital CSC van, and the services merce, bridging the offered by the Common Service Centres across India. He further added that that two small CSC vans enabled with VSAT are already operational.

These vans visit villages and offer doorstep digital services

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the awareness regarding these e-governance services should be given to the people. He further instructed the concerned officials to revive the existing services, and asked to avoid the services which are not required for the people of the region.

During the flag-off ceremony, the Chief Secretary emphasized on the importance of digital inclusion in Ladakh's development and commended CSC's efforts in bringing technologydriven solutions to rural and far-flung areas. He highlighted that the

collaboration will boost employment opportunities, skill development, and ease of access to public services.

CSC vans are mobile vans used by Common Service Centres to provide e governance services to people in their communities. They are internet-enabled access points that offer government and public services, which will benefit residents of UT Ladakh. The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretary Information Technology UT Ladakh; General Manager CSC; Village Level Entrepreneurs of CSC and other concerned officials from the IT Department of UT Ladakh

### **Dimple leads protest against Pakistan** on Pulwama Shaheedi Diwas



Article 370 was never

responsible for terror-

ism and that targeted

killings and attacks on

security forces continue

despite high-level meet-

ings held by Home Min-

ister Amit Shah and LG

Manoj Sinha. He criti-

cized the absence of a

Chief Minister in Jammu

& Kashmir and demand-

ed a more coordinated

approach to security

Furthermore, Dimple

called upon Defence

Minister Rajnath

Singh to give a strong

response to Pakistan

and China for frequent

violations of internation-

al borders and unpro-

voked firing along the

Line of Control (LoC).

He insisted that imme-

nator, who briefed the

audience about the

guest speaker and the

objectives of the pro-

In his insightful lec-

ture, Dr. Sandeep Arya

emphasized the trans-

formative role of emerg-

ing technologies such

as mobile batteries,

electric vehicles, renew-

able energies, genetic

engineering, green tech-

nologies etc. in shaping

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Sunil Dimple, president of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, led a strong anti-Pakistan protest rally on Janipur High Court Road to pay tribute to the 45 army martyrs of the Pulwama attack.

Addressing the protestors, Dimple demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah take decisive action against Pakistan, including initiating a war and liberating Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), Gilgit, and Baltistan. He also urged the government to conduct surgical strikes to dismantle terrorist camps in Pakistan.

diate military action be taken to neutralize terrorist training camps in Pakistan and Pakistanoccupied Kashmir.

He also urged the Prime Minister and Home Minister to include the Chief Minister in security meetings regarding Jammu & Kashmir, emphasizing the need for better coordination between the central and state governments to curb terrorism effectively.

Prominent leaders who participated in the protest included Dev Raj, Bramu Sharma, Jetinder Gupta, Vipan Mahajan, Vicky Gupta, Sanjay Sethi, Rakesh, Rajesh, Deppu Kumar, Akbar Khan, and Mohmad Shafi, among others.

### NCC cadets of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu shine in RDC 2025

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Feb 14: Fifteen cadets from PSPS Government College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar have brought immense pride to their institution by participating in the Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025.

Representing three battalions—1 J&K Girls Battalion, Srinagar, 1 J&K Naval Unit Srinagar, and 2 J&K Girls Battalion Jammuthese cadets demonstrated exceptional dedication and discipline throughout the camp.

The Principal of the College, Dr. S.P. Saraswat, congratulated the cadets on their outstanding achievements and commended the efforts of Associate NCC Officers Slt. Dr. Neelima Gupta, Lt. Suman Bala, CTO Dr. Monika Hans, and CTO Dr. Rachana Devi for their unwavering support and motivation.

Among the notable accomplishments, SCC Ekta Kumari made history as the first cadet from Jammu & Kashmir to lead the All India Girls NCC contingent as Commander at Kartavya Path. She was honored with the DG NCC Commendation Medal, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's Appreciation Certificate, and the Parade Commander Medal. Sgt. Shagun Sharma was selected as All India Pilot, securing first position, and received DG NCC Appreciation. She was also awarded the best stick Orderly. She has been a pilot to Chief of Defence Staff, Chief Minister of Delhi, Raksha Mantri and Prime Minister of India.

received ADG Appreciation, and was also selected for the Youth Exchange Programme. Cadet Kumkum Sharma achieved remarkable success in cultural events, securing second runner-up trophies in both group dance and ballet competitions. She was the DG awarded Medallion. She was also named Best Cadet from the J&K & Ladakh Directorate and served as the Flag Area Briefer, briefing the Vice President and the Chief Min-

ister of Delhi. Sgt. Sheetal and Sgt. Sarbjeet Kour and Sgt. Deepshika Sharma marched on Kartavya Path with pride and received the Lieutenant Governor's Appreciation while Deepshika received ADG appreciation

SUO Nidhi Bharti, Cdt Sarika Choudhary, Cdt Saina Ashraf, Cdt Bhawana Kanwar participated in cultural events and secured third position in ballet and group dance. Sgt. Manshi, SCC Nilakshi, LC Vanshika

# **Health Mela and Outreach Camp** held under NMHP at Leh

a TB Awareness Cam-

paign, educating attend-

ees on tuberculosis

symptoms, prevention,

and treatment, while

stressing the impor-

tance of early detection

and timely medical care.

Dr. Phunstok Wang-

chuk, Medical Officer,

UPHC, addressed the

gathering, highlighting

the Health Department's

outreach initiatives and

encouraging community

Dr. Tashi Tundup,

MD Psychiatry (AIIMS-

Delhi) & Consultant

Psychiatrist, Leh, pro-

vided insights on mental

health disorders such

participation.



#### **Top News Report**

LEH, Feb 14: The Health Department, Leh, organized a Health Mela and Outreach Camp under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) at Tashi Thokmonling Community Hall, focusing on mental health awareness and general healthcare. The event offered free medical check-ups, consultations, and awareness sessions for the local community.

As part of the initiative, the District TB Control Society, Leh, conducted

#### as depression, anxiety, PTSD, and the importance of seeking timely professional help. The Medical Depart-

ment provided multiple specialty consultations, including psychiatry, ENT, gynecology, dental care, NCD counseling, nutrition, and ophthalmology. Specialists offered free check-ups and expert advice on relevant diseases. Additionally, the Health Department integrated yoga sessions to promote holistic well-being and combat various health issues. Beneficiaries actively participated in the sessions and gained valuable insights on how regular yoga practice can improve mental and

physical health. With the theme "A Healthy Tomorrow Starts with a Free Check-Up Today", the Health Mela underscored the importance of early detection and preventive healthcare.

**GDC Ramnagar organizes guest lecture** on 'Exploring Emerging Technologies: A Glimpse into the Future'

### **Top News Report**

RAMNAGAR, Feb 14: The Department of Physics, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Degree College (GDC) Ramnagar, organized a Guest Lecture on 'Exploring Emerging Technologies: A Glimpse into the Future' for faculty and students. The event was held under the esteemed patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal, GDC Ramnagar.

The session fe

through a short video, also demonstrated the design and prototype of a coin-cell battery developed by his Ph.D. students in his research laboratory in the Univer-

> sity of Jammu. He encouraged students to actively engage in scientific exploration and innovation, stressing the need for continuous learning and adaptability in the fastevolving technological landscape.

He discussed in detail about three future tech-The event witnessed nologies 3D printing, the enthusiastic particithe technology of future pation of faculty membatteries and sensors bers and a large number of students, making it a highly interactive and informative session. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ujval Gupta, appreciating the guest speaker's valuable insights and the organizing committee's efforts in making the The resource person, event a success.

Sgt. Aakruti participated in cultural events, the Prime Minister's Rally,

Sajad Mushtaq pays tribute to Pulwama Martyrs **Top News Report** 

Gandhinagar

SRINAGAR, Feb 14: Er. Sajad Mushtag Reshi, IT & Media Head, BJP Minority Morcha J&K, paid heartfelt tribute to the brave CRPF soldiers who laid down their lives in the Pulwama terror attack.

Remembering their supreme sacrifice, he stated, "Saluting the bravehearts of Pulwama who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Their martyrdom will never be forgotten."

He urged the people to remain united in honoring the legacy of these martyrs and strengthening the nation's resolve against terrorism.

"Let us stand together, uphold their sacrifice, and commit ourselves to the security and integrity of our country," he added

Katoch represented the directorate at the prestigious Prime Minister's Rally 2025, showcasing the high standards of training and discipline

instilled by the NCC. SGT Vanshika Manhas participated in the All India Guard of Honour event, earning appreciation from the Lieutenant Governor for her exemplary performance. The outstanding performance of these cadets at RDC 2025 underscores the spirit of discipline, teamwork, and patriotism instilled in NCC training. Their achievements not only highlight their individual excellence but also reflect the high standards of the NCC program at PSPS GCW

### Ladakh Taekwondo Association celebrates Shahnaz Parveen's historic selection for World University Games

**Top News Report** 

KARGIL, Feb 14: Ladakh Taekwondo Association announced the historic achievement of Shahnaz Parveen. who has been selected to represent India at the World University Games in Germany.

Hailing from Sankoo, Kargil, Shahnaz has etched her name in history as the first female athlete from Ladakh to qualify for this prestigious global event for the second time, showcasing her exceptional talent and determina-

tion.

Shahnaz is currently pursuing her postgraduation in B.P.Ed (1st year) at Maharishi Davanand University (MDU), Rohtak, under the guidance of Head Coach Dr. Ashok Kumar. Her academic and athletic journey reflects her unwavering commitment to excelling both in sports and education. Gulzar Hussain Munshi, President of the Ladakh Taekwondo Association, lauded Shahnaz's dedication

and perseverance. "Shahnaz Parveen's selection is a monumen-

tal moment not just for Ladakh but for the entire nation. Her relentless hard work, discipline, and passion for Taekwondo have made her a beacon of inspiration, especially for young girls in our region.

She has demonstrated that with the right support and opportunities, talent from even the most remote areas can shine on the world stage. We are confident she will make India and Ladakh proud once again."

Munshi also expressed heartfelt appreciation to Maharishi Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, and Head Coach Dr. Ashok Kumar for their continuous guidance and support in shaping Shahnaz into an international-level athlete from where she participated in All India University Games.

"We sincerely thank MDU Rohtak and Dr. Ashok Kumar for their role in training and mentoring Shahnaz. Their commitment to nurturing talent has been instrumental in her success. Such institutions and coaches are vital in providing young

athletes with the platform and expertise needed to achieve their dreams," he added.

Shahnaz has consistently been a trailblazer in Ladakh's sports arena. She was awarded the State Award in Sports (UT Ladakh 2023) and has previously represented India at the World University Games in Chengdu, China. She also secured an impressive 8th place in the finals of the Group Women Under-30 category at the 8th Asian Taekwondo Poomsae Cham-

pionship in Vietnam. These achievements have not only elevated her stature but have also inspired countless young athletes in the region to dream big and pursue excellence The Ladakh Taekwon-

do Association remains steadfast in its mission to nurture and support young talent, ensuring they receive world-class training and opportunities to compete at the highest levels. Shahnaz's success is a testament to the Association's efforts and a significant milestone in Ladakh's growing presence in international sports.

Dr. Sandeep Arya, Associate Professor of Physics, University of Jammu, as the Guest Speaker.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pandit, Head of the Department of Physics and IQAC Coordi-

for healthcare manage ment

Furthermore, he also discussed advancements in artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, and renewable energy solutions, highlighting their impact on various fields of research and daily life.

### **GDC Ramkote organizes Poster Making Competition on HIV AIDS Awareness**

The theme of the com-

petition was "Take the

Rights Path: My Health,

The students of BA

Semester Ist and 4th

participated in the com-

petition and expressed

their views on HIV/

AIDS by making post-

ers. Students came up

with amazing creativity

aimed at raising aware-

They highlighted the

ness about HIV/AIDS.

My Right!".



**Top News Report** 

RAMKOTE, Feb 14: The Red Ribbon Club GDC Ramkote in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society and the NSS Unit of the college organised a Poster Making Competition on Friday to make the students aware about the causes and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

causes and prevention of this disease through posters and also gave a message to stop all kinds of prejudices associated with AIDS

A total of 10 students participated in the competition organised by Prof Anu Sharma, Coordinator of the Red Ribbon Club, under the overall guidance of Prof. Ramneek Kaur, Principal of the college

The competition was adjudged by Prof. Suresh Chander and Prof Vasundra Raje, faculty from the college. Neha Devi from BA Semester Ist achieved first position, Priyanka Devi from BA Semester 4th got second position and Minakshi Devi and Rohini Khajuria from BA Semester 4th received third position in the competition.

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# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# This Valentine's Day, get to know these dating terms that are redefining the contours of relationships

With artificial intelligence coming to one's rescue, playing the ultimate wingman, the lover's lane in the year 2025 isn't all the same. Whether celebrating Valentine's Day or not, it is about time to know the dating terms doing the rounds! Nanoship

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A brief flirtatious encounter is the new dating reality, labelled nanoship. It is for those not looking for love or commitment, but a momentary flirtatious gesturethat brief glance, a fun banter. No strings attached, nanoship is for an utterly brief period! Micro-mancing

Small acts of love rather than grand gestures. Couples today want romance in everyday lives and getting one's favourite coffee order, sending a song or sharing an inside joke, micro-mancing is about micro but meaningful acts of love and care.

Pink flags

Nothing is in black and white, and lovers today accept and duly acknowledge that. Red flags are deal breakers, green flags signal lasting bonds, while pink flags reveal things are far from fine. Very personal in naturesomeone not texting enough or getting too possessive might turn out to be pink flag for an



individual! The way forward is to address and change behaviour accordingly to make it to the green zone!

**Fiscal Attractions** 

Youngsters today believe in being financially responsible and that spills to love trails as well. Someone who has the financial future planned out is likely to win potential matches. Not necessarily how much, but how to navigate financial wellbeing makes one fiscally attractive.

#### Affordating

Now when we talk of being fiscally attractive, Gen Z has embraced affordating with equal panache. Being real and realistic about one's monetary situation, and how much and how to spend makes 'affordable' dates a reality.

Delusionship

'Delulu', referring to 'utterly mistaken or unrealistic in one's ideas or expectations', wasn't just the word of the year 2024, it got shipped as well! An imagined or idealised relationship that's not based in reality is delusionship. Textationship

A relationship that exists largely in 'texts'. With youngsters today spending more time digitally, it makes sense. Now whether a textationship leads to a relationship depends if you are

as good in life as in texts! Future-Proofing

The Gen Z today is smartly navigating relationships. Future-Proofing is asking and ensuring that the two of you are on the same page at all times. Kittenfishing

Not as bad as catfish, which is a personal profile on a social networking site for fraudulent or deceptive purposes, kittenfishing is misrepresenting to appear more attractive. Like using pictures from years before or filtered images to wearing a hat to cover baldness ---basically its going catfishing light! Situationships 2.0

Situationship, where there is physical and emotionalintimacy without commitment, has ruled the dating scene for a while, 2025 sees Situationships 2.0 that has dating partners being upfront about their needs, so that nobody cries foul at the end of the day!

From being 'on the same (fan) page', for example Swifties, to beige flags, orange flags, blue flags and black flags, referring to shared idiosyncrasies, warnings that mustn't be ignored, potential for growth to the deal breakers, respectively, relationships today enjoy a whole new jargon!

# **Richa Chadha announces Akhri** Somvaar, a dramedy she wrote and stars in

someone at work calls

her a 'childless cat lady'.

Other than writing the

script, the actor will also

star in the forthcoming

Sharing her happi-

ness about the film,

Richa said, " From my

experiences of grow-

ing up in a middle-class

Punjabi household, from

my childhood, watching

older cousins be set

up for arranged mar-

riages, emerged this

film.



On the occasion of Valentine's Day, actor Richa Chadha announced her new film, tentatively titled Akhri Somvaar. After becoming a producer with Girls Will Be Girls, the actor has now donned the hat of a writer with her next project.

Akhri Somvaar is about a successful reality TV producer who becomes desperate to get married after deeply personal story that I think a lot of families will resonate with. When we graduate from college, we are full of dreams and ambitions. Somehow, those dreams get dulled when we enter the job market, and before you know it, you're in your mid-30s hoping to have both a career and a husband/ family, but society thinks it's too late, and you become jaded because the dreams are now not achievable.

"It is a slice-of-life story, about coming undone and coming together. I think there is currently a dearth of family entertainment. And I think as an actor, my comic timing has been greatly under-utilized. Speaking as a producer, it is a monetisable asset'," she added

Aakhri Somwar promises to be a refreshing take on love, societal expectations, and the lengths one goes to for a dream wedding. Other details about the film are under wraps.

# Kangana Ranaut says she doesn't invest in stocks or get any rental income

Actor Kangana Ranaut has spoken about how the 'fundas' of her life are 'stupid', adding that she wants to stay that way. Speaking with agency, Kangana spoke about the new restaurant, The Mountain Story, in Manali and how it's a medium to stay "engaged" with the people.

Kangana Ranaut spoke about why she opened a restaurant

Kangana said, "It (Her restaurant) is also a gift for me, another source of engagement. I'm a writer, I also like to indulge in filmmaking, I'm also an actress.



Re-sharing the video on stupid)," she added. Kangana recently her Instagram, Kangana

# In the digital age, celebrities share their views on romance, privacy and social media

In a world where love is often measured by Instagram likes and viral couple goals, the essence of genuine connection is evolving. While some believe in keeping their relationships private and meaningful, others embrace love as a celebration to be shared. This Valentine's season, celebrities open up about their perspectives on modern romance, the impact of social media and what love truly means to them.

Simple gestures Hritik Yadav For me, love is personal. It's not about grand gestures or showing off. I'd rather celebrate in a quiet, meaningful wayjust two people, no audience. A simple dinner, a long conversation or even just sitting together in silence... that's love for me. Love isn't about 'likes' or 'couple goals'it's about real moments and real emotions. The strongest love stories don't need an audience. Social media has turned love into a competitionwho can post the cutest pictures, who gets the best gifts, who gets the most attention. But real love isn't about proving something to the world. Personal connect Nehal Vadoliya People treat emotions like they're just playing a video game. Finding

a real, meaningful connection has become very difficult. Right now, I am in a phase where I only love God. I don't want to share my personal space. I believe in keeping my personal connections very private, secret and mysterious. I don't like showing them off. Nowadays, people care more about how their relationship looks on their profile rather than the actual feelings behind it. As for me, I have completely given up on love for this year. Right now, my focus is on loving myself and my work. Old world was beautiful Hansa Singh Love can never be celebrated privately-that's my personal belief. If it's under wraps, it's not love. The beauty of love

tion and being one with all, especially when it's the day to celebrate love. Love blossoms in private, but naturally

becomes public. This

generation and their

smile and smirk at the

friends, especially my fellow single friends. We usually hang out, go for dinner, and simply enjoy life. For me. a relationship should be built on the pure intention of new lingo make me giving love. No validation needed Raviraa Bhardwaj I am a hopeless romantic, and I believe in Valentine's Day wholeheartedly. I love celebrating love, but prefer to keep it intimate and meaningful rather than making it a public spectacle. For me, love is about the connection between two people, not how many people see it. Today, love often comes with a need for validation on social media. The focus has shifted from personal emotions to public approval. Oldcerity, while today, love is often measured by likes and comments. Desire for attention Srikant Dwivedi

The idea of grand romantic gestures has turned into more of a social media trend. People want to see how many likes they get, whether their gesture goes viral or if it becomes a sensation. Since everyone wants to be popular and famous, their actions are often driven by the desire for attention. I'm not saying this applies to everyone, but for the majority, it seems like they care more about being on the trending list than about the actual feelings behind the gesture. Balancing act **Rinhee Suberwal** I celebrate Valentine's Day privately with my husband because I believe there should always be a balance between family, your partner and personal time. Maintaining this balance is very important in life. Love does exist, and it will always exist because everything in life has two sides, just like a coin. If there is hatred, there must also be love, and if love exists, so does hatred. When it comes to my feelings, love, and everything else, I am a mix of modern and traditional values.

This is also my expression, this is also a way of expression. What else is there in life if we don't engage with each other?"

Kangana calls herself 'stupid'

"Main unme se nahi hoon ki stocks kharid liye, ya koi rental income. Mujhe pasand nahi hai (l'm not one of those who buy stocks or have rental income. I don't like that). Mujhe lagta hai ki (I feel that) I want to engage with more and more people. Meri life k fundas kuch zaada hi bewakoof type hai, toh main waese hi hoon. Bewakoof banke rehna pasand hai mujhe (The rules of my life are quite stupid, that's how I am. I like staying spoke about having Deepika Padukone in her restaurant

Kangana had spoken about wanting to open a cafe in the near future in an old interview. In the 2013 interview, the actor was part of a round table that also had actor Deepika Padukone in attendance. On being asked where she would see herself in 10 years, Kangana had said she would like to open a restaurant.

"I've eaten all over the world, and I'm carrying amazing recipes. I'd like to have a very very beautiful. little cafeteria somewhere. I'm very good with food." she said in the old video. Deepika had replied, "I'll be your first client".

recently tagged Deepika and wrote, "If walking the talk had a face ha ha it would be me... also @deepikapadukone you should be my first client." About Kangana's last

> film Fans saw Kangana last in Emergency, in which the actor portrays the role of late prime minister Indira Gandhi. It released in

theatres on January 17. Emergency delved into the period during which Indira Gandhi had announced Emergency for 21 months from 1975 to 1977, and its aftermath. It also starred Anupam Kher, Shrevas Talpade, Vishak Nair, Milind Soman and late

actor Satish Kaushik.

same time. It's good to have an expanded vocabulary for every 'ship' now. The old world was beautiful-those stolen moments, fleeting glances, and not having a mobile phone for easy access. Friendly fervour Roma Arora I believe love is meant to be celebrated and it

comes in many formsnot just romantic love. Since I'm single right now, I don't have a partner to celebrate Valentine's Day with, but I still make the most of it lies in freedom, liberaby celebrating with my

# Ameesha Patel to newcomers: Kill it on the big screen, not on Instagram

Actor Ameesha Patel recently shared her thoughts on how the film industry has evolved over the years. In a candid conversation, she reflected on the differences between her generation of actors and the current crop of stars, emphasising the importance of prioritizing on-screen performances over social media presence

Speaking exclusively to agency, Ameesha said, "I actually feel that our times were so much more real. And from then to now, actors like

us-be it Shah Rukh, Salman, me, Preity, Rani, Kareena-all of us, our focus was on what we did in front of the camera.'

Patel believes that today's actors are more preoccupied with maintaining their image on social media rather than focusing on their craft. "Whereas today's generation is more worried about their Instagram portrayal. That is the biggest drawback-they're not able to draw audiences to buy tickets for them at the box office because they're more

focused on making reels, showing what happens in their makeup van with their makeup artist, their stylist, their entourage. They seem happier being seen

at parties than on the 70mm screen," she remarked.

The actor pointed out that this shift in priorities is evident in the box office performance of newer actors. She compared the longevity of senior actors, such as Salman Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, and Akshay Kumar, to the struggle of younger stars in pulling



audiences to theaters. "And it's evident from the box office numbers that this is the wrong approach. What we did back then is why today a Salman, a Shah Rukh, a Sunny, an Akshay, an Ajay, a Rani, a Preity, Kareena, and I still draw audiences to theaters. People still want to see us because we never placed so much emphasis on partying or being seen at events. Instagram is a tool, but it's not our life," she stated. According to Patel, the absence of mystery around an actor's

life has also contributed to the lack of star power in today's industry. "There's no curiosity anymore. You can't be spotted everywhere you go because then the audience stops longing for you. Sometimes, you need to keep away to maintain that intrigue. That's one of the biggest drawbacks of this generation, in my opinion," she added. She also drew comparisons with legendary actors like Amitabh

Bachchan and Dhar-

mendra, noting that

they achieved super-

school love had more

mystery, depth and sin-

stardom despite limited media exposure, "There used to be loyalty to an actor that you don't see as much now. Look at superstars like Mr Bachchan, Dharmendraji. They didn't even have TV channels or interviews like this back then, yet people were crazy about them. Their films were released and caused havoc when they hit the big screen."

Patel concluded with a sharp message for today's actors: "That's what real cinema is-killing it on the big screen, not on Instagram."

# **NATIONAL**

# Buddha's teachings of middle path, avoiding extremes solution to global challenges: PM Modi

Praising Thailand's rich culture and heritage, the PM called it a prime example of Asia's shared philosophical and spiritual traditions.

NEW DELHI, Feb 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that many of the world's conflicts are an outcome of taking extreme positions instead of a balanced approach, asserting that Buddha's teachings of following the middle path and avoiding extremes offer solutions to numerous global challenges.

In a video address to the fourth edition of Samvad, a global Hindu-Buddhist initiative for conflict avoidance, organised in Thailand, Modi said the shared traditions of Asia rooted in the principles of Dhamma provide answers to the environmental crisis plaguing the world.

Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, and other Asian traditions teach people to live in harmony with nature, he said, adding they do not see themselves as separate from nature but as a part of it.

According to a statement, Modi highlighted the concept of trusteeship, as advocated by Mahatma Gandhi, and emphasised that when using natural resources for progress, one must also consider our responsibility to future generations

This approach ensures that resources are used for growth, not greed, he added.

Noting that this edition of Samvad is hosting a religious roundtable, bringing together diverse religious leaders, He



expressed confidence that valuable insights will emerge from this platform, shaping a more harmonious world.

Praising the host country Thailand for its rich culture, history, and heritage, Modi stressed that it stands as a beautiful example of the shared philosophical and spiritual traditions of Asia.

Underlining the deep cultural ties shared by India and Thailand spanning over two thousand years, he said Ramavana and Ramakien connect the two nations and that their shared reverence for Lord Buddha unites them.

Citing Buddha, he said the principle of moderation remains relevant today, offering guidance in addressing global challenges.

He mentioned the vibrant partnership across multiple sectors between the two countries, and said India's 'Act East' policy and Thailand's 'Act West' policy

complement each other. He said another cause of conflict is perceiving others as fundamentally different, adding that differences lead to distance, and distance can turn into discord. To counter this, he cited a verse from the Dhammapada, which states that everyone fears pain and death.

The prime minister noted that he hailed from Gujarat's Vadnagar and represented Varanasi in Parliament, and said it is a beautiful coincidence that places associated with Lord Buddha have shaped his journey.

He said, "Our reverence for Bhagwan Buddha is reflected in the policies of the Indian government."

India has developed tourism infrastructure to connect important Buddhist sites as part of the Buddhist Circuit, he said, while also highlighting the 'Buddha

Purnima Express' special train to facilitate travel on this circuit and the inauguration of the Kushinagar International Airport to benefit pilgrims.

He also announced various development initiatives for Bodh Gaya to enhance its infrastructure and invited pilgrims, scholars, and monks from around the world to visit India.

In his speech, Modi said the Nalanda Mahavihara was one of the greatest universities in history and destroyed centuries ago by the forces of conflict, adding that India has shown resilience by reviving it as a centre of learning and expressed confidence that Nalanda University will regain its former glory.

He highlighted the significant step taken to promote Pali, the language in which Bhagwan Buddha delivered his teachings, by declaring it a classical language to ensure the preservation of its literature.

Modi highlighted the collaboration with many nations over the past decade to promote the teachings of Lord Buddha.

He commended the distinguished institutions and individuals from India, Japan, and Thailand for making the event possible.

The prime minister took the opportunity to remember the late Japanese leader Shinzo Abe, with whom he enjoyed a close personal bond, noting that the idea of Samvad emerged from their conversations in 2015.

# says 'personal matter' abroad: **Rahul on Adani**

PM maintains silence in country,

Adani Ji's corruption!" Gandhi charged in his post in Hindi.

To a question on whether the issue relating to Adani figured in the talks, PM Modi at a joint media briefing in Washington said: "India is a democracy and our culture is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. We consider the whole world as one family. I believe every Indian is mine." Modi said such individual matters are not discussed in talks between two leaders. "Two prominent leaders of two countries never discuss such individual issues," he said.

NEW DELHI, Feb 14 silence when ques-(Agencies): Congress tions are asked in the leader Rahul Gandhi country and terms it a on Friday accused personal matter when Prime Minister Narenasked abroad. dra Modi of "covering "If you ask questions up" the alleged corrupin the country, there

tion of businessman is silence, If you ask Gautam Adani. abroad, it is a personal In a post on X, he matter! "Even in Amersaid, the PM maintains ica, Modi Ji covered up

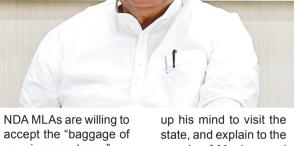
**Constitutional crisis in Manipur** forced imposition of President's rule: Congress

NEW DELHI, Feb 14 (Agencies): The Congress on Friday said the imposition of President's rule in Manipur is a direct admission of the failure of the BJP governments at the Centre and the state, and asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to apologise to the people there.

In a post on X, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said there is a Constitutional crisis in Manipur that forced the imposition of President's rule.

"Narendra Modi ji, It is your party which has been ruling at the Centre for 11 years. It is your party which was ruling Manipur for 8 years. It is the BJP which was responsible for maintaining Law & Order in the state.

"It is your government which is responsible for National Security and border patrol. The



accept the "baggage of your incompetence". "Your "Double Engine" ran over the lives of the innocent people of Manipur! High time you now step in Manipur and listen to the pain and trauma of the suffering people and apologise to them. Do you have the courage of conviction?" Kharge asked.

The Congress chief said the people of Manipur will not forgive Prime Minister Modi and his party.

people of Manipur and India his plan to restore peace and normalcy?" Gandhi asked.

President's rule was imposed in strife-torn Manipur on Thursday and the state assembly put under suspended animation, days after Chief Minister N Biren Singh resigned from his post that led to political uncertainty in the northeastern state.

The Manipur assem-

# Manipur Assembly can be revived in future based on ground situation, says BJP

IMPHAL, Feb 14 (Agencies): Reaffirming its commitment to maintaining Manipur's territorial integrity, the BJP on Friday said the state assembly, which was put in suspended animation following the imposition of the President's rule, could be revived on any

The BJP continues to enjoy a comfortable majority in the assembly

possibility.

cumstances and the He noted that the assembly had not been situation on the ground dissolved but kept in in Manipur," Patra said. suspended animation, "I repeat, as far as the meaning that the forterritorial integrity of mation of a new state Manipur is concerned, government remained a there will be no compromise with it," the Puri MP added.

With some Kuki groups demanding a separate state, Patra's reassertion of the BJP's stand against it will reassure the Meiteis, who are in a majority but have been raising concerns over a host of issues, including alleged demographic imbalance, and are vehemently opposed to any division of Manipur. Patra also asserted the BJP's firm stand

against illegal infiltration

possession of dispro-

The CBI filed a

chargesheet in Decem-

ber 2018, stating that

the alleged dispropor-

tionate assets were

to the tune of Rs 1.47

crore, about 217 per

cent more than Jain's

known sources of

income during 2015-17.

portionate assets.



future date depending on the ground situation. Sambit Patra, the BJP's northeast region in-charge, told PTI that his party was committed to continuing efforts to maintain peace and normalcy in the state, which has been hit by monthslong violence between Meiteis and Kukis and remains polarised along ethnic lines.

but the sharpening of ethnic differences meant the party's search for a consensus candidate to replace N Biren Singh, who resigned as chief minister a few days ago, remained futile. "The assembly is not

dissolved and can be revived on any future date, as deemed fit by the president of India. depending on the cir-



from across the border and said any such effort would be stringently dealt with.

President's rule was imposed in Manipur on Thursday and the assembly kept in a suspended animation. Singh, who was heading the BJP government, resigned as chief minister after nearly 21 months of ethnic violence that has so far claimed more than 250 lives. The Manipur Assembly

has a tenure till March 2027.

imposition of President's rule by YOU, suspending YOUR own party's government is a direct admission on how YOU failed the people of Manipur," Kharge said. He said the government has imposed President's rule not because it wanted to, but because there is a Constitutional crisis in the state, as none of the

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Thursday that the imposition of President's rule in Manipur is a belated admission by the BJP of their complete inability to govern in Manipur. "Now, PM Modi can no longer deny his direct responsibility for Manipur," he said in a post on X.

"Has he finally made

bly, which has a tenure till 2027, has been put under suspended animation, according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Singh, who was heading the BJP government in Manipur, resigned as chief minister after nearly 21 months of ethnic violence that has claimed over 250 lives so far.

# **MHA requests president for** prosecution sanction against **AAP leader Satyendar Jain**

NEW DELHI, Feb 14 (Agencies): The Union home ministry has requested the president for granting sanction to prosecute AAP leader and former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a money-laundering case being investigated by the ED, sources said on Friday.

The sanction against the 60-year-old politician has been sought under Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, they said.

The ministry requested the sanction on the basis of an Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation and the presence of "adequate proof", they added.

The federal agency booked Jain in a mon-



ey-laundering case linked to alleged hawala dealings and arrested him in May 2022. He is currently out on bail and has been charge-

sheeted by the ED. The money-laundering case stems from an August 2017 FIR filed against Jain and others by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

# **Courts can't direct legislature to enact law a** particular way: Supreme Court

scribes, in any case

where a proceeding

was instituted on a

police report, the mag-

istrate should furnish to

the accused and victim,

free of cost a copy of

documents, including

the police report and the

first information report.

The petitioner's coun-

sel said Section 230 of

NEW DELHI, Feb 14 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Friday said the courts could not direct the legislature to enact a law in a particular manner.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih made the observation while hearing a plea against a February 2024 order of the Delhi High Court which disposed of a PIL on the issue.

"The Parliament, after considering every aspect, has come out with a new enactment. In a writ jurisdiction, neither the high courts nor the Supreme Court can direct the legislature to enact a law in a particular manner," the bench said, while refusing to hear the plea.

The PIL sought directions to district courts or



police to supply a copy of chargesheet to the complainant or victim free of cost.

The counsel appearing for the Centre referred to Section 230 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, saying the petition was infructuous.

The Centre's counsel

the BNSS did not deal with the issue of the right of a complainant or victim to be heard and participate in pre-trial criminal proceedings.

The PIL also sought directions to all the district courts to issue notice to the complainants or victims at the time of taking of cognisance to enable them to exercise their right to be heard and participate in pre-trial criminal pro-

ceedings. While referring to an apex court verdict and the Code of Criminal Procedure amendments, the high court said there were sufficient rights given to the victim or complainant to effectively participate in pre-trial and trial

proceedings if they so elected. It had also referred

to the Delhi High Court rules and said it was clear that a party to a criminal case was entitled to obtain copies of the record of the case upon filing of an application.

The union home ministry has already issued direction to all states and union territories in October 2020 for the implementation of a standard operating procedure (SOP) over sexual offences against women and children, it added.

"In the said SOP at paragraph 23 with respect to the submission of chargesheet, police has been directed to provide a copy of chargesheet to the victim/informant without any cost," said the high court.

# **INTERNATIONAL**

Top News of J&K Jammu, Friday, February 14, 2025

# **11 killed after bomb blast at** truck carrying coal miners in Pakistan

The region's deputy commissioner, Hazrat Wali Agha, said 17 miners were in the truck when the bomb went off.

QUETTA, Feb 14 (Agencies): A bomb targeting a vehicle carrying coal miners in southwestern Pakistan killed at least 11 people and wounded six others, local officials said on Friday.

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The truck had brought the workers to a mine in the Harnai area of Balochistan province, where Pakistan is battling a separatist insurgency. "An improvised explo-

sive device was planted at the roadside which exploded when truck carting coal miners reached the site," a paramilitary official said. The official, who declined to be identified,



added that it may have been a remote operated device. No group has claimed

responsibility for the attack.

The region's deputy commissioner, Hazrat Wali Agha, said 17 miners were in the truck when the bomb went off. A doctor at the local

hospital said two of the wounded are in critical condition. Mineral-rich Balochistan, which borders Iran and Afghanistan, has been the scene of a decade-old insurgency by separatist ethnic Baloch groups. Islamist

# India not neutral, it is on side of peace: **PM Modi on Russia-Ukraine conflict**

Modi also recalled his message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that it is not the era for war

WASHINGTON, Feb 14 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed **US** President Donald Trump's efforts to end the war in Ukraine, insisting that a solution to the conflict cannot be found on the battlefield and that dialogue and diplomacy is the only way to bring peace.

After his wide-ranging talks with Trump at the White House on Thursday (Friday India time), Modi said India has not been neutral on the war and that it is on the side of peace. "I have always been

in close contact with Russia and Ukraine. I have met the leaders of both countries. The world somehow feels India has been neu-

world's worst nuclear

accident that sent clouds

of radiation across much

of Europe and forced

tens of thousands of

Soviet authorities ini-

people to evacuate.



tral, but I want to reiterate that India has not been neutral," he said at a joint media briefing with Trump. "In fact, India has been

on the side of peace," he said, adding "I support Donald Trump's efforts towards finding a possible solution to end the

war. Modi also recalled his message to Russian President Vladimir Putin that it is not the era for

war. "When I met President Putin, I had even said that 'this is not the era for war'. I had also said that solutions cannot be

They can only come when all parties sit at the table for dialogue," the prime minister said. "India believes that the solution to the war can be found only when the issue is discussed in a forum where both countries (Russia and Ukraine) are in attendance."

found on the battlefield.

On Wednesday, Trump said he held a lengthy and productive phone call with Putin and that they agreed to move forward towards negotiations to end the war. The US president even said he and Putin "agreed to have our respective teams start negotiations immediately".

lution of the Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. In his summit talks with

been pressing for reso-

Putin on July 9 last year in Moscow, Modi told the Russian leader that a solution to the Ukraine conflict is not possible on the battlefield and peace efforts do not succeed in the midst of bombs and bullets.

Weeks later he travelled to Ukraine. In his talks with Ukrai-

nian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Modi said both Ukraine and Russia should sit together without wasting time to end the ongoing war and that India was ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in the region.

#### India has all along

# Russian drone struck Chernobyl cover; no radiation increase: Ukraine leader Zelenskyy

militants also operate in

the area

The International Atomic Energy Agency also reported an "explosion" at the site, and said "radiation levels inside and outside remain normal and stable."

KYIV, Feb 14 (Agencies): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Friday that a Russian drone had struck a cover built to contain radiation at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, adding that "radiation levels have not increased".

The Ukrainian air force said that Russia had launched more than 100 drones across the country overnight-including attack drones-targeting northern regions of the country where the Chernobyl power plant lies.

"Last night, a Rus-

sian attack drone with a high-explosive warhead struck the cover protecting the world from radiation at the destroyed 4th power unit of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant," Zelenskyy said in a social media post.

The International Atomic Energy Agency also reported an "explosion" at the site, and said "radiation levels inside and outside remain

normal and stable." The agency, which has had a team deployed on the site since the early stages of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, published images appar-



ently showing the drone on fire after crashing into the covering. In 1986, a reactor at

Chernobyl exploded during a botched safety test, resulting in the

tially tried to cover up and then play down the disaster.

Eventually a massive concrete and steel cover called a sarcophagus was built over the reactor, to contain the radiation.

"The only country in the world that attacks such sites, occupies nuclear power plants, and wages war without any regard for the consequences is today's Russia," Zelenskyy added in his statement. There was no immediate response from Russia.

### 6 Killed, 25 injured in fire at hotel construction site in South Korea

tion site of the Banyan

Tree Hotel, authorities

said. Around 100 work-

ers were present when

the blaze erupted, a

National Fire Agency

Twenty-five people

were injured, a public

health department offi-

cial said, adding that

most were minor inju-

ries caused by smoke

inhalation.

official told agency.



SEOUL, Feb 14 (Agencies): Six people were killed and more than two dozen were injured when a blaze ripped through a hotel construction site in the South Korean port city of Busan on Friday, the National Fire Agency said.

The fire started just before 11:00 am (0200 GMT) at the construc-

"The fire had already reached its peak by the time we arrived and thick black smoke was covering the scene," Busan Gijang Fire Station chief Hong Mun-sik told reporters.

"There were many flammable materials blocking the entrance," Hong said.

The fire broke out on the first floor of the building where workers had stored insulation materials, Hong said, and the fatalities occurred where the fire started.

"The exact cause and location of the fire need to be thoroughly investigated," Hong said.

The fire was brought under control around 1:30 pm.

# **Taiwan pledges to communicate** and invest more in the US after **Trump tariff threats**

TAIPEI. Feb 14 (Agencies): Taiwan President Lai Ching-te said Friday he would communicate more with the U.S. over President Donald Trump's concerns over the chip industry and invest more in the U.S, hours after Trump ordered reciprocal tariffs on trade partners.

Trump said on Thursday that Taiwan had taken away the U.S. chip business and said that he wanted it back in the country. Taiwan's TSMC is the world's largest chipmaker and produces chips for companies including Apple, Intel and Nvidia.

In a news briefing after holding a meeting of the National Security Council at the presidential office, Lai said that he was aware of Trump's concerns. He described Taiwan's semiconductor industry as well as the global semiconductor industry is part of an "ecosystem" in which countries specialize in different areas.

"The global semiconductor industry is an ecosystem, and it's a division of work," Lai said.

"In response to President Trump's latest



actions, Taiwan needs to respond calmly, and communicate well with the industries," Lai said. "We hope to create a win-win scenario, not just to ensure benefit to the U.S. but also to ensure that Taiwan's industries has room from growth."

His comments came hours after Trump ordered reciprocal tariffs on trade partners that tax U.S. imports, a move that could threaten a global trade war.

The U.S. does not recognize Taiwan as a country, but is its strongest backer and biggest arms provider. But bilateral relations between the two are less certain amid Trump's seemingly transactional approach

to geopolitical relations. Lai said his government would propose a "global semiconductor democratic supply chain partnership initia-

# **Fourteen Gaza** children flown to **Italy for treatment**

ROME, Feb 14 (Agencies): Fourteen Palestinian children, many with cancer, have been flown to Italy for medical treatment, the latest among dozens brought from Gaza following the Hamas-Israel war, the foreign ministry said Friday.

The children and their families, a total of 45 people, had on Wednesday crossed the Rafah border from Gaza into Egypt, where they underwent medical checks at the Italian hospital in Cairo, officials said.

They were flown to Italy on an Italian military plane, and greeted at Rome's Ciampino airport on Thursday evening by Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani.

Treating the children was part of Italy's efforts to promote peace and dialogue in the region, he said Friday, a "diplomacy made of solidarity, which restores hope to the most fragile and defenceless".

Some of the children were due to be treated in the capital, the others heading north for treatment in hospitals including in Turin and Milan, a ministry spokesman said.

Two of the children disembarked in Rome were headed for the Vatican's Bambino Gesu hospital, which treated nine other Palestinian children last year.

All those nine, ranging from one to 15 years old, have been discharged, a hospital spokesman told agency. Italy is among several European countries to treat children injured or suffering from disease in Gaza since the war began on October 7, 2023.

"Every child we bring to Italy is a sign of hope, a commitment to life and the future," Defence Secretary Guido Crosetto said.

The first 11 Palestinian children arrived in Italy in January 2024, followed by dozens more in the months that followed, some flown in and some transported on the Italian naval ship Vulcano.



# **Tennessee** man sentenced to life in prison for murdering his wife during their Fiji honeymoon

#### A man from Memphis, Tennessee, has been sentenced to life in prison for murdering his wife during their honeymoon in Fiji in 2022

Chen's body was dis-

covered in the couple's

room by resort staff

with multiple blunt

trauma wounds to her

head after the couple

was heard arguing

and did not appear at

breakfast or lunch the

Dawson pleaded not

guilty to the charge

and was tried over

His lawyer Anil

Prasad told the court

that prosecutors had

failed provide suffi-

cient evidence to con-

vict Dawson, the Fijian

Broadcasting Corp.

Prasad said that

while the prosecution

alleged that Dawson

was planning to flee

Fiji, authorities failed

to acknowledge that

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reported.

MELBOURNE. Feb 14 (Agencies): A man from Memphis, Tennessee, was sentenced to life in prison for murdering his wife during their honeymoon in Fiji in 2022, a court official said on Friday.

Bradley Robert Dawson, 40, will have to serve at least 18 years in prison before he can be considered for release, a Fiji High Court registry official in Lautoka said.

Dawson was convicted in December of murdering his wife, Christe Chen, who was then 36, at the exclusive Turtle Island resort in the Yasawa archipelago two days after the newlyweds arrived in the South Pacific nation. He then fled by kayak to a nearby island.

He was sentenced by Justice Riyaz Hamza. Hamza told Dawson he had shown disregard for Chen's right to life and her personal liberty.

"Your conduct after

the incident was many of the couple's appalling. Having personal belongings inflicted serious and remained at the resort. life-threatening inju-Prasad also said ries to the deceased Dawson had no injuyou fled the scene of ries to suggest he the crime. leaving the had been involved in deceased alone and a physical altercation helpless," Hamza said, with his wife. according to The Fiji But the judge said he Times newspaper.

was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that Dawson and no one else had committed the crime.

Dawson worked in the information technology department at Youth Villages, a nonprofit child welfare and support organization based in Memphis. An online records search showed no criminal arrests for Dawson in Shelby County, which includes Memphis.

The Turtle Island resort, where the pair stayed, is an exclusive and remote 500-acre island that accommodates only 14 couples at a time. Yasawa is a group of about 20 volcanic islands in the west of Fiji, a nation of 930,000 people.

partners such as the U.S. to build a more resilient and diversified semiconductor supply chain. Lai said that Taiwan will maintain communication with the U.S. to help the new govern-

be willing to work with

ment better understand

that Taiwan is an "indis-

pensable partner in the

United States' process

of rebuilding its manu-

facturing industry and

consolidating its high-

Over the past two

years, more than 40%

of Taiwan's overseas

investments are U.S.

bound, Lai said, exceed-

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Lai also said Friday

that he would propose

a "special budget"

to increase defense

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# LOCAL/CONTD....

# **ABDPSS celebrates Matra Pitra Poojan**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: The Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti (ABDPSS), under the guidance of Pujya Sant Shri Asharam Bapuji, celebrated February 14 as "Matra Pitra Poojan Diwas" across Jammu.

The event aimed to promote respect and gratitude toward parents, emphasizing the values of Sanatan Dharma over Western influences such as Valentine's Day.

A grand function was organized in the City of Temples, graced by revered saints Swami Parmeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Sudershan Dass Maharaj, with the presence of Vipin Sharma.

The ceremony commenced with the chanting of Vedic mantras and Saraswati Poojan, followed by spiritual discourses by Swami Par



matma Nand Ji. Children of all ages, along with students from various schools, participated in the event, offering prayers to their parents in a traditional manner. The practice of seeking blessings from parents was highlighted as a way to foster responsibility and respect within families. Speaking on the occasion. Swami Parmesh

waranand Ji emphasized that the growing influence of Western culture, including the widespread observance of Valentine's Day, is leading the younger generation away from their roots. He stressed the importance of reviving Indian traditions to strengthen family bonds and moral values. Raman Sharma, Prachar Pramukh of the

Samiti, expressed concerns over the increasing gap between parents and children, citing the rise of old age homes as a worrying trend. He stated that Western practices like Valentine's Day are contributing to this disconnect, and initiatives such as Matra Pitra Poojan can help restore the sanctity of the parent-child relationship.

During the ceremony, children worshipped their parents in accordance with Vedic traditions, applying tilak to their foreheads and performing circumambulation as a mark of reverence. Parents, in turn, bestowed blessings upon their children for their prosperity and well-being. The event concluded with expressions of gratitude from the organizers, reaffirming the belief that honoring one's parents is key to a righteous and successful life. Prominent attendees included Rani Devi, Lak-

shmi Devi, Vimla Devi, Rajan Sharma, Satinder Singh, Ummeed Kumar, Vivek Kumar, Pritma Devi, Raju Sharma, Amit Pal Singh, Rajvendra Singh, Kavi Kumari, Simple Sharma, Ravi Sharma, Simmi Sharma, and many others.

Director Vicky Kaith, for

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R.L.Kaith said. Pro-

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Jammu region and pre-

venting its decline due

to the growing influence

of other languages.

he's written.

### **GDC R.S Pura hosts preamble** recitation ceremony to celebrate 75 years of adoption of Indian Constitution



#### **Top News Report**

R S PURA, Feb 14: In commemoration of 75 years of adoption of Indian Constitution, a momentous event was organised collectively by Department of Political Science of Govt. Degree College R.S Pura under the guidance of worthy Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and supervised by Dr. Rakesh Choudhary HOD, Department of Political Science.

In Preamble Recitation Ceremony, the participants read the preamble with the aims to foster a

The student speakers Gupreet Kour and Virain Sharma offered speech and remarks on the significance of the Preamble and its relevance in

equality.

sense of Unity and constitution awareness. The event of Preamble Recitation Ceremony, was dedicated to honoring the principles of democracy, unity, and justice. This ceremony took place on Friday at Smart Room No. 02 bringing together community members, students, and leaders for a shared moment of reflection on the ideals that shape our nation. The event featured a collective recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution, highlighting the enduring values of liberty, justice, and society.

today's society. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour said that this ceremony is open to the public to all the students and officials of the college and all are encouraged to participate in reaffirming the commitment to the founding principles of our nation. The attendees such as Dr. Neena Gupta, Dr. Raj Kumari, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Dr. Kiran Pathania, Prof. Harpreet Kour, Prof. Vijeeta Anand, Prof. Rajinder Singh, Dr. Varinder Kour joined in the recitation and engage in discussions on how these values can be upheld in modern

# **GDC R.S Pura conducts cleanliness** drive in Nowabad Fish Farm

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Feb 14: The NSS unit of GDC RS Pura in collaboration with Department Zoology under the patronage of Prof Dr. Preetpal Kour Principal GDC RS Pura, conducted cleanliness drive in Nowabad Fish farm to reaffirm its steadfast commitment to promote cleanliness and environmental sustainability across the fisheries sector.

The campaign which took place on Friday witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials, staff, and key stakeholders within the sector focusing on cleanliness drives, awareness activities, and environmental preservation efforts.

The drives focused on removing plastic waste,

marine litter, and other pollutants, contributing to the creation of cleaner and more sustainable marine and inland ecosystems.

The volunteers/students of Zoology Department were briefed about various techniques of fish farming such as seeding, breeding and rearing by Sandesh Gupta Assistant Director, Department of Fisheries (J&K).

He also stressed that various initiatives have been taken by the government for capacity building of the students under different schemes wherein they acquire technical skills in the field of fish farming and develop entrepreneurship in aquaculture. The students also took Swachhata Pledge, reaffirming their dedication to maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings and to foster a cleaner and greener

environment for future generations. This initiative, held under the visionary leadership of NSS PO Dr. Chanchal Angral.

This initiative has been a resounding success, reinforcing the commitment of NSS to create a cleaner environment and promoting sustainability across fisheries sector.

The event witness participation of Prof Shifali Abrol and NSS members Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Dr. Akrity Parihar, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Savleen Kour.

### Lyrics of devotional songs written by Neeraj **Kaith hailed**

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: BJP Activists R.L.Kaith, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Naresh Kumar Kaith, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Rashpal Sargotra, Ram Dass Nandan and many others at a meeting held here on Friday hailed the lyrics of devotional songs written in Dogri by Neeraj Kaith of Village Phillore of Tehsil Marh.

They conveyed congratulations to Neerai Kaith through Music

### Heritageans Shyra, Kritaarth make their mark in India Book of Records

### Samsung launches community-led programme "Galaxy Empowered" to upskill 20,000 teachers by 2025

the institution of choice

for parents, improving

their reputation and

gaining recognition in

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gramme is free for both

teachers and schools,

ensuring valuable

resources for education

advancement without

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ers the tools to enhance

student engagement

and create lasting edu-

cational impact. By

investing in teacher

any financial barriers.

the community.

Empowered"

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has announced the launch of "Galaxy Empowered", a one-ofa-kind community-led programme designed to transform education in India by empowering teachers, principals, and administrators in the education sector.

The initiative, launched in the presence of Abhinav Bindra, legendary shooter and 2008 Olympic Gold Medallist, aims to build a culture of innovation and inspire creativity in education by integrating technology into teaching practices. It will prepare teachers for the classrooms of tomorrow through recurring on-ground and online learning events. As a global leader in technology, Samsung is committed to shaping the future of education by creating future-ready classrooms that will help teachers embrace the latest technology and modern pedagogies. "Galaxy Empowered"

the forefront of innovation and every educator has the resources to succeed," said Raju Pullan, Senior Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India.

Over 2,700 teachers have been awarded certificates across India via live training sessions since December 2024 under the umbrella of "Galaxy Empowered".

The programme aims to empower 20,000 teachers across India by 2025. For the Delhi phase, Samsung has successfully conducted the "Galaxy Empowered" programme in 250 schools. Apart from partnering with Mahattattva Educational Advisory and STTAR for the first phase, specialized trainers and academicians have been appointed to help the teachers through the programme."Education lies at the heart of societal progress, and Samsung has recognized the importance of enabling teachers with the right tools and support to harness technology in the classroom.

not only benefits educators but also supports schools in becoming leaders in education innovation. By enhancing teaching practices and creating technology-driven learning environments, schools can position themselves as

pro-

### serving common man: Keshav

Samvedna Society committed to



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Chairman of Samvedna Society and prominent social activist Keshav Chopra organized a program to distribute Ration Cards, PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards), and ABHA cards to local residents, ensuring access to essential government schemes. During the event, Keshav Chopra expressed gratitude to the Director of Food, Civil Supplies, and Con

sumer Affairs and her team for expediting the approval of ration cards. He emphasized the significance of ration cards in availing benefits under various schemes, including Ayushman Bharat Golden Card, pension schemes, and other government welfare programs. PMJAY, the larg-

est health insurance scheme in the world, provides free treatment to millions, while the ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account)

Card allows individuals to access healthcare services and store medical information digitally. Keshav reiterated Samvedna Society's commitment to delivering these essential services at the doorstep of the common man to ensure maximum accessibility. Local residents

expressed their appreciation for Keshav Chopra's efforts in facilitating these crucial documents. The event was attended by notable personalities, including Anju Chopra, Manoj Tandon, Sourav Gupta, Vikas Kumar, Dr. Krishan Kumar, Parshotam Gupta, Sushil, and others who lauded the initiative.

Samvedna Society continues to work towards the upliftment of society by providing essential services and empowering citizens with access to government welfare programs.



#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Heritage School announced the remarkable milestone achieved by Shyra Gupta, Kritaarth Anand of class IF and Arshiya Gupta of class IB, studying in Heritage School, who have individually earned the title of 'IBR Achiever' for reciting the names of 7 Wonders of the World, 8 neighbouring countries of India, capitals of 28 Indian states and 8 union territories; identifying the flags and recalling the names of 26 Asian countries, at the tender age of 6 years and 5 months and identifying and naming flags of 50 countries in 28 seconds respectively.

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The BSF Jammu frontier guards

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**Information**, High-

Their remarkable talent, honed in grammar and mapology classes at Caren N Berry, enabled them to achieve the feat for which they have been awarded a certificate, a medal, a metal pen, an IBR badge and the IBR book of records. With this, they now proudly hold the title of 'IBR Achievers. Their accomplishments highlight the importance of cognitive

skills along with memory training. Heritage School extended its heartfelt congratulations to Shyra, Kritaarth and Arshiya Gupta on this outstanding achievement and wishes them the very best in all their future endeavours.

development, Samsung empowers educators to maximize their classroom impact, supporting the backbone of the education system. This initiative aligns with our vision of innovating for a better tomorrow, ensuring education remains at

#### Manmeet Sudan expresses gratitude to Delhi voters, calls it a victory of Modi's guarantee

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: BJP youth leader Manmeet Singh Sudan expressed gratitude to the people of Delhi, stating that the national capital has been freed from misgovernance. He declared, "Now, there is Modi in the nation and Modi in Delhi as well." Calling it a victory of the people, Sudan emphasized that this triumph signifies the trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his guarantees.

"The leadership of PM Modi has inspired the people of Delhi to reject excuses and baseless allegations. Now, the focus is on development, and those making excuses have been shown the exit," he said. Sudan criticized the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, stating

that it relied on free schemes for years to sustain itself politically. However, this time, the people of Delhi prioritized "Modi's Guarantee.'

He asserted that the real reason behind this victory is the BJP's agenda of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" (Together with all. Development for all, Trust of all). He further acknowledged the dedication of BJP workers, saying, "Every BJP worker worked with full commitment in this election, and the results are visible to all."

He concluded by stating that after many years, Delhi is set to witness a BJP-led government that will be entirely dedicated to public service.

### **Pulwama attack** anniversary: PM, HM pay tribute to fallen soldiers

history. This tragic event shook the nation and serves as a reminder of the supreme sacrifices made by soldiers.

### **Newly appointed BSFIG discusses**

### border security with LG Manoj Sinha

security situation in the area of his responsibility besides discussing various important issues of border security, the Raj Bhavan spokesperson said.

He said the Lt Governor emphasized the need for constant alertness and synergy among various security agencies to effectively

### FromPage No:1 deal with any emergent situation

light Industry Concerns

> affecting the sustainability of local newspapers.

During the meeting, the delegation highlighted the economic constraints that have significantly impacted the print media sector, including rising operational costs, declining advertising revenue, and increasing competition from digital platforms. They stressed the urgent need for a more supportive regulatory framework to ensure the growth and viability of print media outlets. The delegation also underscored the necessity of revising advertisement rates to provide financial relief to newspaper owners, enabling them to maintain quality journalism and sustain their operations.

The Director of Information gave a patient hearing to the concerns raised and assured the delegation that their issues would be taken into serious consideration. He

acknowledged the vital role played by newspapers in informing and educating the public and emphasized the department's commitment to working towards solutions that benefit the print media industry.

The newspaper owners expressed optimism that their concerns would be addressed and reaffirmed their commitment to upholding journalistic values while continuing to serve the public with responsible and credible news reporting.

# LOCAL

# Union Minister Dr. Virendra distributes PPE Kits, Ayushman Cards to Sewer, Septic Tank Workers

**Top News Report** 

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JAMMU, Feb 14: Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment (SJ&E), Dr. Virender Kumar, visited Jammu in connection with implementation of schemes of the Ministry, in the Union Territory. On the occasion, the Minister distributed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits and Ayushman health cards to Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) (Safai Mitras), under the flagship scheme of National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE).

The Government has formulated the NAMASTE scheme with an objective to provide dignity to Safai Karamcharis and to empower them socially and economically. The scheme is to ensure safety and dignity of sanitation workers in urban India and enhancing their occupational safety through capacity building and improved access to PPE Kits, safety devices and machines.

PPE kits consist of various protective garments and accessories designed to shield indi-



viduals from potential health hazards or infections. These kits typically include items such as masks, gloves, goggles, face shields, gowns, and shoe covers. They are crucial for ensuring the safety of frontline workers, especially those who are exposed to hazardous environments or infectious diseases, such as sewer and septic tank workers.

The Ayushman health card is a form of identification issued under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), a government-sponsored health insurance scheme in India. It provides beneficiaries with access to cashless and paperless healthcare services at empaneled hospitals. The card contains essential information about the beneficiary, including their unique identification number and details of covered healthcare services.

During the visit, the Minister also visited the Outreach and Drop In Centre (ODIC), run by the NGO, 'JK Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses' at Jammu, under Scheme of National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR). The event witnessed the reaffirmation of the government's commitment to 'Vanchiton Ko Variyata', ensuring that those who have been historically underserved or overlooked are given the attention and support they deserve. This dedication to prioritizing the marginalized reflects the government's broader vision of 'Viksit Bharat', where every individual has the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from India's development journey. Through collaborative efforts and concerted initiatives, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment remains steadfast in its mission to leave no one behind and build a more equitable and empowered society.

The occasion was also attended by Sakina Masood (Itoo), Minister for Education, Health & Medical Education and Social Welfare Department, Jammu & Kashmir; Sham Lal Sharma, MLA (Jammu North); Yudvir Sethi, MLA (Jammu East); Shri Arvind Gupta, MLA (Jammu West); Prabhat Kumar Singh, Managing Director, National Safai Karamcharis Finance & Development Corporation (NSKFDC), Devansh Yadav, Commissioner (Jammu Municipal Corporation).

# GGM Science College pays tribute to heroes of Pulwama



Prof. G.M Bhat (Retd.

Prof. University of

Jammu ) said that, we

should pledge to sup-

port our armed forces

, stand against terror-

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peace and secure

future. Lt. Dr. Devin-

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ANO ) pledged that we

should not forget our

National Heroes and

their supreme sacrifice.

We also pledge that we

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migration, adaptation,

and interaction with pre-

historic environments.

The interactive Q&A

session that followed

allowed attendees to

engage directly with the

experts, gaining deeper

insights into the subject.

The members of the

organising committee,

viz. Dr. Rajesh Kumar,

future.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: NCC Cadets of GGM Science College paid tribute to the fallen Heroes of Pulwama Attack. Under the supervision of Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma (ANO), Cadets paid tribute by organizing candle march, speech and various activities.

Also other dignitaries and College Staff were present. Dr. Vandana Khajuria (In charge Principal) remarked that we should never forget the supreme sacrifice of our heroes who laid their lives for our better that bravery of our soldiers reminds us that freedom comes at a cost, and it is our duty to honor and remember those who pay that price for us. Cadets reflected the

Patriotism, Nation building Character and Quality of valour. Cadets pledged that they would always keep integrity of Nation and would always help in the time of need for the country. This 14th Feb., the Black Day of Indian history, would always be remembered and would inspire youth to contribute for Nation Building.

### Navya Srijan Sewa Sansthan organizes Blood Donation Camp

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Navya Srijan Sewa Sansthan successfully organized their 2nd Blood Donation Camp today to pay tribute to the 44 CRPF jawans who lost their lives in the Pulwama attack in 2019.

The event saw 30 units of blood being donated, along with free screening for the volunteers.

Deepak Gupta, Head of the Organization, emphasized the importance of blood donation in overcoming the shortage of blood in hospitals.

He also highlighted the significance of the youth's willingness to donate blood as a tribute to the martyrs.



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Shaheed Sidharth, with a memento.

Dr. Niti, the program coordinator from GMC Bakshi Nagar Blood

### Program on "Discovery of Palaeoloxodon Fossil and antiquity of humans in Kashmir" held at GGM Science College

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Feb 14: The PG Department of Geology, GGM Science College Jammu organised an awareness program on the recent discovery of Palaeoloxodon fossil and its implications for understanding the antiquity of human civilization in Kashmir.

The objectives of the program were to raise awareness among the students about the significance of the Palaeoloxodon fossil discovery in Kashmir and its implications for understanding early human settlements in the region.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of more than 100 postgraduate and undergraduate students. The event featured renowned geologist and researcher, Professor G M Bhatof Geology at the University of Jammu.



The programme commenced with a warm welcome address delivered by Dr. Mateen Hafiz, Head of the Department of Geology, who emphasized the significance of such discoveries in understanding prehistoric life in Kashmir. Special gratitude was extended to the host College Principal, Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta for his continuous aspects of the Palaeoloxodon fossil discovery. He elaborated on the fossil's significance in reconstructing past environmental conditions and its implications for human history in the region.

Prof. Bhat discussed the discovery of the Palaeoloxodon fossil, which acts as a missing link between elephant species. He also highlighted that the stone tools found alongside the fossil provide insight into the possibility that this elephant species was butchered. He emphasized that cally participatedin the event.

Other faculty members of the college including Dr. VandanaKhajuria, Dr. Devinder Sharma, Dr. NishaSlathia, Dr. Arun Kumar, Dr. Neha Sharma, Reetika Rani, Dr. Jyotdeep Kour, Dr. Amit Bali also attended the event.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Arjun Singh Rathore, expressing gratitude to the distinguished speakers, the Principal, faculty members, organizing committee, and students for their active participation and making the event a resounding success.

This awareness programme has contributed significantly to academic discourse and has inspired students and researchers to explore further studies in palaeontology, geology, and human antiquity in Kashmir.

The event was attended by notable guests, including Vikram Randhawa, MLA Bahu, who felicitated the donors. Floral tributes were also paid to Shaheed Siddemanding a memorial in memory of Shaheed Siddharth Chib. The organization also honored Retd. Prof. Harbans Singh Chib, head of the family of

brial Bank, presented a certificate of appreciation to the volunteers also of Navya Srijan Sewa Prof. Sansthan for organizing hib, a well-managed blood y of donation camp. support in facilitating such academic initiatives.

Prof. G M Bhatdelivered an insightful lecture on the geological and paleontological e Dr. Sandeep Kumar, e Dr. Meenu Sharma, Dr. tt Shiv Panday, Dr. Arjun tt Singh, Mr. Sumit Johar, s Dr. Rouf Ahmed, Dr. Huny Sharma, Dr. Tantt veer Ahmed enthusiasti-

# Motor Parts Dealers Association highlights issues in Transport Nagar

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Feb 14: A meeting was held on Friday under the chairmanship of Rajinder P. Kakkar, President of the Motor Parts Dealers Association (MPDA), Transport Nagar, Jammu, to discuss pressing concerns regarding illegal encroachments, sanitation, water supply, and drainage issues. The association has unanimously decided to raise these demands through print and electronic media, urging the civil administration, law enforcement agencies, and J&K UT authorities to take immediate action.

The association highlighted the growing problem of illegal encroachments at the entrance of Transport Nagar, particularly from the SDPO South Office to Yard No. 7 Main Road. Rental workshops, accessory shops, and scrap dealers have occupied

ing major obstructions in traffic movement. These violations have not only led to inconvenience for shopkeepers but also created congestion during peak business hours. MPDA has demanded weekly anti-encroachment drives by JDA, JMC, Traffic Police, and law enforcement agencies to clear the roads and impose heavy penalties on encroachers. They have also called for the confiscation of illegally parked vehicles and materials to discourage further violations. Another major con-

roads illegally, caus-

cern raised in the meeting was the lack of sanitation and increasing anti-social activities in the ISBT area. Shopkeepers pointed out that junked vehicles and unauthorized condom vending spots have turned the area into a nuisance, making cleanliness efforts difficult. The association suggested that JMC should provide a des-



ignated shed for Safai Karamcharis, along with proper storage for tools and changing rooms for sanitation workers. Additionally, a dedicated garbage dumping site should be established for daily waste disposal, ensuring a cleaner and

more organized ISBT. The shortage of drinking water in Transport Nagar, especially in Yard No. 1, 4 & 6, was another key issue discussed during the meeting. Despite repeated complaints, the PHE department has not addressed the missing supply pipes, causing significant inconvenience to traders and workers. The MPDA urged the authorities to

take immediate action to restore proper water supply and ensure that all necessary repairs and upgrades are completed without further delay.

Drainage and waterlogging have also become a major challenge in Transport Nagar. While new deep drains and nallahs have been constructed as part of the area's upgradation, they require monthly desilting to prevent blockages and maintain sanitation. The MPDA observed that there is a lack of coordination between JMC's transport division, which has led to neglect in this area. The association strongly recommended

regular cleaning and maintenance to ensure the effective functioning of the drainage system. During the meeting, several prominent members, including Sanjay Dogra, Sham Parshad Gupta, Mohinder Singh, Deepak Daftari, Jaswinder Singh, Naresh Gupta, Sudhir Bakshi, Raman Gupta, and Sham Singh Bhau, along with a large gathering of shopkeepers, shared their concerns and experiences regarding these issues. The MPDA Secretary urged the authorities to take immediate corrective measures to resolve the long-standing issues and ensure a hassle-free business environment for traders and commuters in Transport Nagar, Jammu. The association remains committed to working for the welfare of the business community and hopes that the administration will take necessary steps to address their concerns at the earliest.

# Gunsheen of DPS Jammu secures 1st position in J&K UT Senior Basketball C'ship-2024



Top News Reportstudent of Delhi PublicJAMMU, Feb 14: Gun-School Jammu broughtlaurels to the school andher parents by secur-

ing 1st position in J&K UT Senior Basketball Championship 2024 organized by J&K Basketball Association held from 23-25 December, 2025 at M.A Stadium, Jammu.

She had participated in Senior Open Category. Gunsheen had also received a trophy and Certificate of Participation.

The esteemed management, DPS Jammu under the visionary leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated Gunsheen, her parents and coach, Shaktish Kumar Chopra for the achievement. They also extended their best wishes to her for all her future competitions.

# **SPORTS**

# **Not under consideration: Sports Ministry rubbishes** talk of turning cricketers into baseball players

### Baseball has been part of Asian Games since 1994 and Olympic Games since 1992

NEW DELHI, Feb 14 (Agencies): The Sports ministry has rejected speculation that it would consider harnessing the country's massive pool of aspiring cricketers to turn them into baseball medal prospects at the Asian Games or Olympics, saying that such an idea has never been discussed or considered at any level.

A ministry source said that suggestions that this came up for discussion at the Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) meeting earlier this week are "wrong", pointing out that baseball is not even a recognised national federation at this point.

"This is completely imaginary. Baseball is not even recognised by the ministry. Why will SAI (Sports Authority of India) get into cricket or turning cricket players into baseball players?" a senior ministry



ministry, nor entitled to any fund-

"This was not discussed at

MOC meeting. We are busy

ensuring that we improve and

build upon sports in which we

are doing reasonably well, there

is no time to get involved in

something like this," the ministry

source said.

ing from the government.

source said. Baseball has been a part of the

Asian Games since 1994 and the Olympic Games since 1992. India has never participated in the event. The country does have an Amateur Baseball Federation of India, which is affiliated to the sport's global body, but it is not recognised by the sports Los Angeles Olympics, where cricket will make its debut in T20 format, the BCCI will be entrusted with team selection. According to a senior official of the Board, no serious cricketer would consider moving to baseball given how financially rewarding even state-level T20

leagues are at this point. "Why would any aspiring cricketer turn to baseball? Is it a commercially viable career option? And especially when you have options like the IPL and state T20 leagues. Even the unofficial tennis-ball leagues are offering close to Rs 40-50 lakh per annum," a senior BCCI official told agency.

To tap into country's cricket

resources would require a

degree of coordination with the

BCCI, which is an autonomous

body that generates its own

funds. However for the 2028

# **ICC Champions Trophy:** Winners to receive prize money of USD 2.24 million

amount, USD 1.12 mil-

lion (INR 9.72 crore),

while each losing semi-

finalist will take home

USD 560,000 (INR 4.86

crore). The total prize

pool has increased to

USD 6.9 million (Rs 60

"The substantial prize

pot underscores the

ICC's ongoing commit-

ment to investing in the

crore approx).



DUBAI, Feb 14 (Agencies): The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday announced a 53 per cent hike in its Champions Trophy prize money pool with a winners' share of USD 2.24 million for the upcoming edition in Pakistan and UAE. The runners-up will receive half the

Well-settled top six, Bumrah's absence: Team

India's SWOT analysis as they aim to play

sport and maintaining the global prestige of our events," ICC chairman Jay Shah said in a statement ahead of the tournament starting February 19.

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Each group stage win would worth over USD 34,000 (INR 30 lakh) for the victorious team. Teams finishing in fifth or sixth place will receive USD 350,000 each (INR three crore), while the seventh and eighth-placed sides will take home USD 140,000 (INR 1.2 crore).

Additionally, all eight teams will receive a guaranteed USD 125,000 each (INR 1.08 crore) for participating at the event.

# India crash out with 0-3 loss to second-string Japan in Asia Mixed Team Championship

With PV Sindhu sidelined due to hamstring injury, India faced an uphill task against Tomoka Miyazaki

QINGDAO, Feb 14 (Agencies): HS Prannoy fought valiantly, but India succumbed to a 0-3 defeat against a second-string Japan in the quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships, ending their campaign on a disappointing note here on Friday.

India, the 2023 bronze medalists in Dubai, struggled to find their rhythm, and trailed 0-1 after going down in the mixed doubles.

Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto, ranked 37th in the world, showed resilience before going down 13-21, 21-17,



precise, quickly surging to an 11-3 lead after Malvika hit long Despite some good net

play from the left-handed Indian, Miyazaki's cross-court drops and winners kept Malvika on the back foot.

things settled and falling in place nicely, with perhaps the only glaring negative of Jasprit Bumrah being out due to injury poses a threat to the Men in Blue's run in another ICC tournament at a venue where they do not have the nicest moto six game points memories with a net error, and another mistake sealed

The biggest match of the Champions Trophy between two archrivals, India and Pakistan, will be played on February 23.

NEW DELHI, Feb 14

(Agencies): Following

a short nine-match ODI

run after a heartbreak-

ing loss to Australia in

2023 ODI World Cup

final at home, Team

India is heading into

the ICC Champions

India will start its campaign against Bangla-

and their last league

New Zealand on March

ODIs after a 3-0 clean

sweep series win over

England at home, with

plenty of positives to be

proud of and some seri-

Trophy, but the long

road ahead for the 2027

ICC Cricket World Cup.

Bilateral series form

following the Ahmed-

abad heartbreak. India

of three series they par-

ticipated in, losing one

to Sri Lanka in a shocker

However, a new-look

Indian side won in South

Africa under the captain-

cy of KL Rahul in 2023-

end and a full-strength

India completed a 3-0

whitewash against Eng-

land at home, denying

them a chance to put

cricket under new head

coach Brendon McCul-

Out of their nine match-

es, India managed to

win five, lost three while

one game ended in a tie.

to the Sri Lanka series,

losing twice while chas-

ing low totals, tying once

India's series results:

and winning thrice.

India's incredible abil-

lum on display.

last year.

India played nine ODIs

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#### "selfless" way in CT2025 2-1 series win over South Africa (away from home), 2-0 loss to Sri Lanka (away from home), 3-0 win over England (at home). Positives

-A well-settled top-six: India has a top-six which Trophy with a lot of has displayed red-hot form in ODIs during the last couple of years, consisting of skipper Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul and Hardik Pandya. The role clarity within the team is top-notch. Rohit and Shubman maximise the powerplay as they have Virat's safety and reliability to fall back on. Once the top three give a fine foundation, the rest of the batting order wastes no time in attacking and dismantling their opposition. -Presence of quality all-rounder options: match will be against In Hardik Pandya, the team has a quality pace bowling all-rounder with India ended their run of a wicket-taking pace of up to 140 kmph and several clutch batting/ bowling performances to his name. On the other hand. Ravindra Jadeia's ous issues to ponder on experience, and ability not only for Champions to unleash a spin-web, chip in useful runs and save valuable runs with his electrifying fielding makes him a real threedimensional player. Other than this, the presence of left-handed managed to win two out all-rounders Axar Patel and Washington Sundar is an added bonus that gives India depth in every department. Axar's improvement in recent years as a batter and Sundar's potential at such a young age of 25 make them valuable figures. -Winning momentum: Winning momentum counts, and India's their 'Bazball' brand of clean sweep against strong side like England in their last series before the tournament will give them plenty of confidence. -Several ODI specialists: In Gill, Rohit, Virat, lyer and Rahul, India ity to chase down totals has five top-level batters has taken a small hit due who have mastered the art of ODI batting, irrespective of their form in other formats. -Return of Mohammed Shami: Shami has

finally made his return from an injury. While he has taken just two wickets in two ODIs so far against England, It is just about peaking at the right time. Moreover, just mere presence of Shami will have a positive effect on younger fast-bowling talent.

-Talent willing to walk the talk and improve: Within the captaincy of Rohit, India has played a much more attacking brand of cricket, and since the World Cup year back in 2023, India has largely walked the talk. If players have had some weakness, they have corrected it or have put active efforts to do so. During the recent ODI series against England, Shreyas was seen dispatching shortpitched deliveries, a weakness of his, into the skies for sixes. During his half-century against England, Virat offered a glimpse of good things that could follow, with some fine backfoot shots, cuts and sweeps, amid calls from experts and fans alike to use these shots. Negatives

on the other hand has displayed immense efficiency with the new-ball in his career so far in ODIs. Since 2022, Siraj has been India's top wicket-taker in ODIs, with 71 scalps at an average of 22.97 in 43

matches. Without these two stars, India is left with Shami, a three-ODIold pacer, Harshit Rana and nine-ODI-old quick Arshdeep Singh. While Arshdeep has a five-wicket haul to his name, and even Harshit impressed in the recent series against England, the inexperience is still glaring and could backfire on India. There is a lack of pace options with just three frontline pacers and all-rounder Hardik's valuable overs,

T20I captaincy would end after this tournament, the game offered him the most devastating farewell possible from this role: A double whammy of 10 wicket loss to arch-rivals Pakistan and group stage exit after another loss to New Zealand. This time around, Pakistan and NZ are still in India's group. Will the history repeat itself in Dubai? \*India's top performers since the end of 2023 WC till now:

-Top run-getters: Shubman Gill (316 runs in six matches at an average of 52.66, a strike rate of 92.12, with a century and two fifties), Rohit Sharma (279 runs in six matches at an average of 46.50, a strike rate of 132.85, with a century and two fifties), Shreyas lver (271 runs in seven matches at an average of 38.71, a strike rate of 117.31, three fifties), Axar Patel (193 runs in nine matches at an average of 27.57, with a half-century) and KL Rahul (160 runs in eight matches at an average of 22.85, with one fifty). -Top wicket-getters: Arshdeep Singh (14 wickets in six matches at an average of 16.64), Axar (eight wickets in nine matches at an average of 34.25), Washington Sundar (eight wickets in five matches at an average of 23.25), Kuldeep Yadav (seven wickets in seven matches at an average of 34.85) and Avesh Khan

13-21 to world number 12 Hiroki Midorikawa and Natsu Saito.

With PV Sindhu sidelined due to a hamstring injury, India faced an uphill task against Tomoka Miyazaki, who has quickly risen to world number 8 following her triumph at the 2022 World Junior Championships.

World number 31 Malvika Bansod, stepping in for Sindhu, put up a brave fight, especially in the second game, but struggled to match the control and consistency of her younger opponent and lost 12-21, 19-21, leaving India 0-2 behind. It all came down to Prannoy to keep India alive, but despite a determined effort, the 32-year-old, returning after a long break and struggling with earlyseason form, couldn't sustain the pressure against world number 16 Kenta Nishimoto.

The Japanese star sealed the rubber with a 21-14, 15-21, 21-12 victory in 1 hour and 17 minutes.

India will be disappointed with the loss, especially as Japan did not field their fullstrength team, with several top players absent. Japan were the inaugural edition champions in 2017 and were runners-up in 2019.

Miyazaki vs Malvika Miyazaki, leading the new-look Japanese team, was sharp and

Malvika narrowed the gap to 12-19, capitalising on unforced errors from Miyazaki.

However, two mistakes from the Indian allowed the Japanese to take the first game. The second game was

more competitive as Malvika took a 5-3 lead, engaging in tight rallies. She managed a slim 11-10 advantage after Miyazaki went long. Malvika stayed sharp, not allowing her opponent to play her usual drops freely, moving to 17-15.

But Miyazaki fought back, taking the lead at 18-17 after Malvika went wide.

Miyazaki earned two game points, and despite Malvika saving one, a miscue handed the game to the Japanese, leaving India 0-2 down in the tie. Prannoy vs Nishimoto

In the men's singles, Prannoy fell behind 4-7 as Nishimoto dominated with angled returns.

The Indian clawed back to 8-8 after Nishimoto made a few errors, but two unforced mistakes gave the Japanese a three-point cushion at the break. Prannoy kept up the pressure, reducing the gap to 12-13 with a couple of jump smash-

es. However, there was little net play, and Nishimoto surged ahead 17-12, winning four straight points. Prannoy handed Nishi-

court smashes from Prannoy leveled the score at 7-7, followed by a huge roar and a fist pump.

6-6.

However, a subsequent smash led to a warning from the umpire, asking Prannoy not to celebrate in such a manner.

the first game for Japan.

The second game was

intense, with Prannov

and Nishimoto tied at

Two powerful cross-

Prannoy moved to 10-9 after a brilliant net block, and took a onepoint lead into the break. A cross-court return left Prannov flat on the floor, and Nishimoto moved to 14-12. However, the Indian

erased the deficit to lead 16-15 after winning a lengthy rally.

He then earned five game points after Nishimoto sent a shot wide, converting the first to roar back into the contest. In the decider, Nishi-

moto controlled the pace to take a 6-0 early lead.

At 2-8, a shot was called out by the umpire, much to Prannoy's frustration as the Japanese grabbed a huge 11-3

lead at the interval. The Indian fought back, drawing out errors from Nishimoto to move to 12-15 but unforced errors crept up again as a cross court forehand went to net and another net error followed.

Soon he found himself facing an eight-point deficit.

Nishimoto sealed the match after Prannoy went wide again, securing the victory for Japan. desh on February 20

-Absence of Jasprit Bumrah: India's chances during the matches of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, India's previous big assignment, could be easily summarised by pacer Mohammed Siraj's words in broken English after T20 World Cup 2024 title win: "I only believe on Jass Bhai, game changer player he is". After Bumrah's return from injury, India's chances at glory have hinged on Bumrah's spell as much as it has on the success of its batters, mainly Rohit and Virat. The "National Treasure" as he was called by Virat following the T20 WC title win, is however out of action due to back stress injury. -Inexperience and shortage in main-pace bowling attack: With Bumrah out and Siraj sitting in non-travelling reserves, India's mainpace attack is severely inexperienced. While Mohammed Shami has returned to action, he has not looked in the best rhythm so far. Siraj

which could go up and down depending on his body and potential injury scares.

-Concerns over forms of Rohit and Virat: While Rohit and Virat never really lost their form in white-ball cricket, there are concerns over their consistency due to their recent and highly underwhelming Test cricket returns. Fans and experts have placed their trust in "Ro-Ko" to repeat their World Cup 2023 heroics and play their contrasting roles to perfection, but at the back of the mind, a question sometimes still arises: Are age and reflexes truly by their side?

Virat's glaring problems against spin and outside-off stump deliveries are a major issue. While these have not affected his ODI game at any point in his career, it is absolutely right to be concerned. However, the blistering hundred by Rohit in the second ODI against England and the good-looking fifty by Virat in the final ODI give hopes of a strong performance by the Ro-Ko duo in the ultimate platform. -Psychological dis-

advantage: Last time India was in UAE for an ICC event, it did not end well for India. It was the 2021 T20 World Cup in UAE. After Virat had announced that his (six wickets in three matches at an average of 19.16). India's squad for ICC Champions Trophy, 2025: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Shubman

Gill (Vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (WK), Rishabh Pant (WK), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohd. Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Ravindra Jadeja, Varun Chakaravarthy.

Non-travelling substitutes: Yashasvi Jaiswal, Mohammed Siraj and Shivam Dube. The three players will travel to Dubai as and when required.

# LOCAL/ADVT

# **Students of GDC Neeli Nallah receives Rajya Puraskar by LG**

#### **Top News Report**

UDHAMPUR, Feb 14: Students of GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur received Rajya Puraskar for J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Convention Centre, Jammu.

Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services and Sports; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Wg. Cdr MM Joshi, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides; Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General, Youth Services and Sports; Administrators, Guides & Captains were also present.



The Lieutenant Governor presented J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides Rajya Puraskar Certificates to Scouts & Guides, Rovers and Rangers and extended his felicitations to all the recipients. He said these certificates are recognition of their dedication, selfless service, hard

work, and discipline and

lauded the exem

plary contribution of everyone associated with the Bharat Scouts and Guides movement towards community services and nation building.

He further said that "J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides is on the mission to ensure that service to others is a motto of society before the self. With this vision

J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides are doing commendable work in fostering the spirit of national integration and working selflessly for betterment of society. I want J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides to create a network of youth leaders in different sectors, connect the youth with the cultural heritage and traditions, and build a dedi-

# Nation will forever remain indebted to **Pulwama Martyrs: Kavinder** remember the sacri-

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Feb 14: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Friday paid heartfelt tributes to the CRPF personnel who lost their lives in the cowardly terror attack in Pulwama on this day in 2019. Remembering their unparalleled valor, he said that the nation will forever remain indebted to their supreme sacrifice in safeguarding the sovereignty and integrity of India.

Speaking at the solemn event at Party Headquarters here today, Kavinder Gupta emphasized that the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers will never be forgotten, and their courage continues to inspire generations. "The martyrdom of our jawans in Pulwama strengthens our resolve to fight terrorism in all its forms. Under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has given a befitting response to those who dare to chal-

peace," he stated. Kavinder Gupta also highlighted the commitment of the BJP government towards national security, asserting that

lenge our unity and

decisive actions have been taken to dismantle terror networks and protect the lives of citizens. He reiterated that the entire nation stands in solidarity with the families of the martyrs, who displayed extraordinary resilience in the face of adversity.

Several BJP leaders and prominent personalities joined in paying tribute to the bravehearts, including Sanjay Baru, Vinay Gupta, Parduman Singh, Veenu Khanna, Anu Gupta, Sunil Prajapati, Lucky Puri, Ashok Naidu, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, and Kulbhushan Mahotra. The gathering

observed a moment of silence, offering prayers for the departed souls and reaffirming their commitment to upholding the values of patriotism and national integrity.

Kavinder Gupta urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to always

fices of security forces and support the government's mission to eliminate terrorism from the region. "Our soldiers are the backbone of our nation's security, and it is our duty to honor their bravery by working for a strong and united India,"

cated team of Scouts and Guides who lead the fight against drug abuse.' Prof. Dr. Seema Arora, the Principal of the college also attended the

ceremony. Ramneek Sharma Sheetal Sharma and Vaishali Devi of Semester 6th received the Rajya Puraskar award. The Principal congratulated the students and said that "Youth is the only power that we have today to develop a

progressive society and a prosperous nation. Through youth we can ignite the flame of transformation.' She also appreciated the efforts of Prof.

Shaista Yasmeen, Convenor Bharat Scouts and Guides for her selfless services and dedication.

### Two days national seminar on "Roadmap for Revamping Higher Education through NEP-2020" organized



Dr. Ranvijay Singh, Dr.

Monika Sharma, Dr Mohd.

Zubair, Dr Vishal Sharma

and Dr. Jyoti Parihar were

also present in the inaugu-

The occasion was further

graced with the presence

of principals of colleges of

Jammu Division Prof. Anjali

Mahajan, Prof. Manisha

Kohli, Prof. Meeru Abrol,

Prof. Anuradha Pandoh,

Prof. Alka Sharma, Prof.

Sangeeta Sudan, Prof.

Seema Arora, Prof. Ashok

Kumar, Prof. Rajni Bhagat,

Prof. Archana Koul, Prof.

Nirlape Kour, Prof. Ashu

Varishit, Prof. Jai Paul

Singh, Dr. Mohd, Azam, Dr.

Jasbir Singh, Dr. Prit Paul

Kour, Dr Shalini Sharma,

Dr Seema Arora Dr

Meeru Abrol, Dr. Satinder

Singh, Dr. Romesh Chan-

While addressing the dig-

nitaries and participants,

Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar.

Vice- Chancellor discussed

one of the most transforma-

tive educational reforms in

the History of India: Nation

der and Dr. P.K. Sharma.

ral ceremony.

#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Two days national seminar on "Roadmap for Revamping Higher Education through NEP-2020" organized by School of Teacher Education, School of Social Sciences. Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) in collaboration with Government College of Education (GCOE), Jammu on Friday. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar, Vice- Chancellor, CLUJ, who was also the chief patron for the event and Ankur Mahajan, Reg-

istrar, CLUJ. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Prof. N. Panchnadam, Vice Chancellor, GRI, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed to be University and Former Vice- Chancellor, Teacher Education University, Tamil Nadu.

Deans of Cluster University of Jammu, Dr. Naveen Anand, Dr. Satinder Kour,

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He added that NEP-2020 is a vision for a new Indiaan India that focuses on holistic, flexible and multidisciplinary education

The Chief Guest of the occasion, Prof. N. Panchnadam also explained briefly about the NEP-2020, and various reforms that are being undertaken to implement this policy successfully

He also stressed on the significance of practical/ experience-based learning and multidisciplinary for fostering innovation and long-term impact on the students. Lastly, a formal vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Vishal Sharma. Dean, SOSS

The proceedings of the event were conducted efficiently by Dr. Shalini Rana, College of Education. Post inaugural, the participants presented their research papers in two parallel sessions (online and offline) covering NEP theme.

# NC leader Ajeet Bhagat demands investigation into CVPP violations

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KISHTWAR, Feb 14: Senior National Conference leader and spokesperson of Chenab Valley Zone, Ajeet Bhagat, has called for an investigation into the alleged viola-

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tions in the Chenab Valley Power Projects (CVPP). He alleged large-scale irregularities, including the use of substandard materials in hydroelectric projects and instances of backdoor appointments Bhagat highlighted the

rising unemployment in the districts of Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban. He recalled that before 2014, numerous youth were employed in the Dul-Hasti and Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Projects, However, despite the execution of major

projects like Pakal-Dool, Kiru, Kawar, and Ratle by reputed companies, fewer job opportunities have been provided to local youth. He accused the CVPP management of prioritizing profit over employment by

engaging minimal manpower and alleged that CVPP officials receive hefty commissions to overlook these misdeeds. Bhagat urged authorities to intervene and ensure fair employment practices in these power projects



# Shiv Sena demands complete ban on liquor sale in J&K

Pays tribute to 40 CRPF jawans martyred in Pulwama attack



PDP, and other party MLAs regarding a liquor ban proposal but questioned their intent, stating that private bills have historically been ineffective and lack party-level

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#### **Top News Report**

JAMMU, Feb 14: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit staged a demonstration demanding the implementation of complete prohibition of liquor sale in Jammu and Kashmir in the assembly session starting on March 3.

Led by party state chief Manish Sahni, demonstrators held placards with messages such as "Liquor sale should be banned on the Holy land of J&K" and "City of temples turned into a city of alcohol."

Sahni emphasized that the religious sanctity of J&K is being hurt by the increasing number of liquor shops, particularly near religious sites, schools, and colleges.

Sahni highlighted that Jammu and Kashmir, home to sacred places like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi's Darbar. Shri Amarnath Dham, and Hazratbal Dargah, should uphold its spiritual significance.

He further warned that liquor shops serve as a gateway to drug addiction, citing a 100-fold increase in individuals seeking de-addiction treatment over the past five years.

Sahni called upon Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to introduce and pass a bill on liquor prohibition in the upcoming assembly session, urging Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to give his consent. Sahni also welcomed the claims of some NC, endorsement. Sahni also urged BJP

MLAs and leaders to clearly state their position on the liquor ban, questioning their commitment to religious and cultural values.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena UBT Jammu and Kashmir unit paid an emotional tribute to the 40 CRPF jawans martyred in the Pulwama attack on February 14, 2019.

Sahni remarked that the painful memory remains fresh in the hearts of all Indians and serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by the nation's brave soldiers.

Prominent leaders present included General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Meenakshi Chhibber, Raj Singh, Ashu, Ashok Kumar, Saloni Sharma, Kajal, Yashpal, and Vishal.

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Shradhanjali Sabha held to pay tributes to Leel Kumar Bassa

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JAMMU, Feb 14: R.L.Kaith, Ex Subedar Karam Chand Bassa, Ex Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu, Ex Subedar Karam Chand Bassa, Ex Sub Inspector Darshan Kumar Bassa, Ex Havildar Des Raj Kaith, Rashpal Bassa, Des Raj Mandi, Sat Pal Sargotra, Ram Dass Nandan, Jeet Raj Motan, Naresh

Kumar Kaith, Jagdish Raj Kaith and many others paid tributes to Leel Kumar Bassa in a Shradhanjali Sabha held at Channi Nanak here on Friday.

R.L.Kaith said, Leel Kumar Bassa was a man who consistently demonstrated kindness and consideration towards others, treated everyone with politeness regardless of their

social standing, always upheld his word and ethical principles, and gracefully navigated situations with a calm and composed demeanor, prioritised the well-being of those around him above his own personal gain.

Leel Kumar Bassa's absence has left a significant void, and we will all miss him dearly, his elder brother Tilak Rai Bassa said.

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