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## BRIEFLY

### Army personnel injured in firing incident along LoC in Rajouri

JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): An Army personnel was on Wednesday injured in a firing incident along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The soldier was manning a forward post in Kalsiyar area of Nowshera sector when he was hit by a bullet from across the border, they said.

The injured soldier was given first aid before being evacuated to military hospital Udhampur for specialised treatment.

The cause of the firing was under investigation, the officials said.

They said an explosion was also reported along the zero line in the area around 6 am followed by three rounds of gunfire.

However, there was no immediate report of any casualty in the blast, the cause of which is not known immediately, the officials said.

### J&K Govt suspends officer after ACB action

JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir government has suspended Asif Ahmad Bhat, Section Officer in the Agriculture Production Department (Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries), following his arrest by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

Kashmir plans to continue to receive rains and snowfall at Gulmarg

SRINAGAR, Mar 12 (Agencies): Kashmir plans continued to experience intermittent rains while some upper reaches, including the ski resort of Gulmarg, received another spell of fresh snowfall during the past 24 hours.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said the wet weather is likely to affect Jammu and Kashmir till the weekend.

Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir Valley were lashed by intermittent rains, leading to a drop in the temperature and disrupting the normal activities.

Some higher reaches in Kashmir Valley, including the ski resort of Gulmarg, received light snowfall during the past 24 hours. In the Union Territory of Ladakh, Leh, Kargil, Drass, and Tangste also received light snowfall during the period, resulting in a significant drop in the temperature, officials said.

Giving parameters of rainfall, the MeT office said that the highest precipitation was recorded at Kupwara, 11.2 mm of rainfall, followed by

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## Need to develop infrastructure at Gulmarg to make it World-Class destination for Skiers: Omar

SRINAGAR, Mar 12 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that there is a need to develop the infrastructure at the picturesque ski resort of Gulmarg to make it a world-class destination for the skiers. Jammu travel packages Jammu travel guide

The Chief Minister who is in Gulmarg to attend the concluding function of the 5th edition of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) said this



in reply to a question on Wednesday.

"It is true that there is no match of Gulmarg for conducting winter games". Omar said and added "But it is also true that there is a dire need

to expand the infrastructure so that to organise the games in a big way in future and make it a world-class destination for the skiers".

He said this is the fifth consecutive year that

Gulmarg is hosting the KIWG. Earlier it was not seen that the games were possible this year due to less snowfall on the slopes of Gulmarg.

"Thanks to Almighty that sufficient snow was received in Gulmarg and we could organise these games in which athletes from all across the country participated", Omar said.

"We want to uplift the local skiers by helping them and providing them training and this year we are going to consult a

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## Pakistan Train Attack: 27 terrorists killed, 155 passengers rescued

KARACHI/ISLAM-ABAD, Mar 12 (Agencies): Pakistani security forces killed at least 27 militants and rescued 155 passengers from a train hijacked by Baloch insurgents in the troubled Balochistan province as they continued to battle rebels for a second on Wednesday.

Security sources said 37 passengers were injured during the rescue operation and have been sent for medical treatment.

The Jaffar Express, with around 500 pas-

sengers on board in nine coaches, was travelling from Quetta to Peshawar when armed men intercepted it in a tunnel near the mountainous terrain of Gudalar and Piru Kunri in the Bolan area on Tuesday afternoon.

The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) later claimed responsibility for the attack.

Bolan is a mountainous area of more than 100 kilometres between Quetta and Sibi. There are 17 tunnels in this area through which the

railway track passes. The speed of trains is often slow in the area due to the difficult terrain.

Security sources confirmed that in an ongoing gun battle with the militants, they managed to rescue 150 passengers, including women and children.

At least 27 militants have been killed by security forces so far.

According to security sources, the terrorists have positioned suicide bombers wearing suicidal vests very close to

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## Balloon with Pakistan Flag found in Samba



JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): A balloon with a Pakistani flag and name was found on Wednesday in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on the Indian

side of the International Border (IB).

Officials said that a suspicious balloon was found in the Palauna village of the Ghagwal sector of Samba district

in the morning, creating a stir.

"The balloon had Pakistan's name and flag mark on it. This balloon was found in the fields by a woman of the village. After finding the balloon, the woman immediately informed the local people and police post Ghagwal. The police team reached the spot and seized the balloon," officials said.

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## J&K Police books six infamous drug peddlers under PIT NDPS Act in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Mar 12 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police have booked six infamous drug peddlers under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PIT-NDPS Act) in Srinagar and lodged them in different jails.

The drug peddlers have been identified as Imtiaz Ahmad Sheikh, a resident of Beigh Mohal-



la Allochibagh presently staying at Sharja Bemina, Abid Rasool Dar of Check Kalan Kanihama B.K.Pora, Raza

Rauf Mirjan of Gulshan Abad Hyderpora, Azan Parviyaz Glitsaaz of Kani Mohalla Rainawari, Javid Ahmad Wani of

Sonwar presently residing at Gasoo and Danish Ahmad Bhat of Panzina have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining the formal detention orders from Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on the basis of dossiers prepared by Srinagar police against them, police said on Wednesday.

The drug peddlers

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## LoP Sunil Sharma criticizes Mehbooba Mufti for opposing ban on ACC, JKIM

JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition (LoP) and BJP MLA in J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, on Wednesday welcomed the Ministry of Home Affairs's decision to ban the Awami Action Committee (ACC) and JK Ittehadul Muslimeen (JKIM) and criticised former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti for opposing it.

Sunil Sharma said, "In J&K two organisations, Awami Action Committee led by Maulvi Umer Farooq and Ittehadul Muslimeen led by Abbas Ansari were working against the unity of India.

"Today, the Ministry of Home Affairs has banned these two organisations. This is an appreciable decision.



BJP welcomes this decision taken by the union home ministry to ban these two separatist organisations under the unlawful activities (Prevention) Act. No person and no organisation should be allowed to work against the integrity and solidarity of the country," Sharma said.

When asked about former Chief Minister and PDP President

Mehbooba Mufti, who opposed the ban order, Sharma said, "The PDP is a party formed on the separatist sentiment. Separatist groups like the Hurriyat and the Jamaat-e-Islami are the foundation of the PDP. Whenever radical and anti-India parties are hammered, Madam is pained, and the pain shows in her statements," he said.

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## PDP MLA raises issue of ban on J&K outfits in Assembly

JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): People's Democratic Party (PDP) member Wahid Para on Wednesday raised in the assembly the issue of ban on two Jammu and Kashmir-based groups, seeking its revocation.

The Centre on Tuesday banned two Jammu and Kashmir-based groups —Awami Action Committee and Jammu and Kashmir Ittehadul Muslimeen — for five years under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention)

Act, 1967.

As the House assembled for the day, Para raised the issue. Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather instructed him to sit down as the Question Hour had begun.

Speaking to reporters outside the House, Para said, "This move chokes political and socio-religious space in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP has been attempting this for several years." Condemning the ban, he added "Mirwaiz (Umar

Farooq) sahib was the first to initiate talks with Parliament. The treatment he received is regrettable. We oppose and condemn it. We demand the ban be revoked." Criticising the BJP, he said, "Through Parliament, we urge the BJP government to reconsider the ban on all organisations and provide them with an opportunity. Mirwaiz's institution is a symbol of religious

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## EDITORIAL

Kidney Disease  
Management

**K**idney disease is a global health challenge, affecting millions of people and placing a heavy burden on healthcare systems. With the increasing prevalence of chronic kidney disease (CKD) due to lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, the future of kidney disease management is shifting towards early detection, personalized medicine, regenerative therapies, and advanced dialysis solutions. Revolutionary technologies and scientific breakthroughs are paving the way for more effective, less invasive, and patient-centered approaches to kidney care.

One of the key advancements in kidney disease management is the move toward early diagnosis using artificial intelligence (AI) and biomarkers. Traditional methods of kidney disease detection, such as blood tests measuring creatinine levels, often diagnose the condition in later stages. However, newer biomarkers like cystatin C, neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin (NGAL), and kidney injury molecule-1 (KIM-1) are showing promise in detecting kidney damage at an earlier stage.

Additionally, AI-driven predictive analytics are being integrated into electronic health records (EHRs) to identify patients at high risk of developing CKD. Machine learning models analyze vast amounts of patient data, recognizing patterns that might indicate the onset of kidney dysfunction before symptoms appear. This enables proactive intervention, slowing disease progression and improving patient outcomes.

Furthermore, the concept of precision medicine is gaining momentum in nephrology. Genetic profiling and molecular diagnostics allow doctors to tailor treatment strategies based on an individual's genetic makeup and disease subtype. This personalized approach is expected to optimize drug efficacy and reduce side effects, revolutionizing the way kidney disease is treated.

For patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD), dialysis has been the primary treatment option. However, traditional dialysis methods, such as hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, come with limitations, including high costs, time-consuming procedures, and long-term health complications.

The future of dialysis is centered on portable and wearable artificial kidney devices. Researchers are developing lightweight, user-friendly dialysis machines that allow patients to undergo treatment at home, improving their quality of life. The Wearable Artificial Kidney (WAK), a battery-operated miniaturized dialysis device, is currently under clinical trials and has the potential to replace conventional dialysis machines.

Even more exciting is the development of bioartificial kidneys—implantable devices that mimic the natural functions of the kidney. Scientists are exploring the use of nanotechnology, bioprinting, and stem cell engineering to create functional kidney structures that could eliminate the need for dialysis altogether. The Kidney Project, for instance, is working on a bionic kidney that combines living kidney cells with microchip technology to filter waste, regulate electrolytes, and produce essential hormones, offering a permanent solution for kidney failure patients.

A groundbreaking advancement in kidney disease treatment is regenerative medicine, which aims to restore damaged kidney tissue through stem cell therapy and tissue engineering. Scientists are investigating the potential of induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) to generate new kidney cells that can replace damaged ones.

Organoid technology, where miniature functional kidney structures are grown from stem cells, is another promising area of research. These kidney organoids could eventually be used for transplantation or drug testing, reducing reliance on traditional kidney transplants. While the technology is still in its early stages, it holds great promise for curing kidney diseases rather than just managing them.

## Are the politicians even giving advice on drinking cow dung?

By: - Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

**P**oliticians are breaking the limits of language; real issues are missing; politics has become a mess.

As elections approach, the rhetoric of political parties often reaches its peak. Party leaders start speaking their minds boldly, which leads to a round of allegations and counter-allegations. Personal attacks have also increased in Parliament and Vidhan Sabhas recently. For example, Haryana MLA Rajkumar Gautam commented about the quality of jalebi in Gohana, to which Gohana MLA and Cabinet Minister Arvind Sharma reacted sharply and said that Gautam even eats cow dung and he should not worry about the quality of jalebi. It is unfortunate that such people keep getting embroiled in petty controversies at the cost of public money. This raises questions on the ability of those who shape the future of our country. The language of politics can improve only when voters are more aware and participative. Amidst these debates, the meanings of words are changing, which is a matter of great concern. The public should also think about whether a leader who resorts to such harsh and abusive language deserves a place in the temple of democracy. In a democracy, leaders derive their power and authority from the people, which they can use as well as misuse.

Amid concerns like unemployment, corruption, national security, and development, a disturbing new trend has emerged: political parties breaking promises and leaders using indecent language. Political parties have failed to keep their

promises, and leaders are resorting to inappropriate language. Our roads are in a very bad state; in many areas, they barely resemble roads. Essential services like water management and sewage systems are lacking. Medical facilities are similarly inadequate, with hospitals in short supply relative to the population, and those that exist often lack the necessary resources. Leaders seem to have become mere window-dressers, neglecting to address real issues. In the past, politicians honored their commitments, and the sense of culture, civility, and decency that prevailed in politics has now disappeared. Nowadays, leaders often engage in personal attacks, crossing the limits of discourse. Language plays a vital role in politics; in a democracy, a leader's power is largely tied to his command over language. Since Independence, the political landscape has changed dramatically, as has the tone and style of accusations by politicians. Today, some leaders make derogatory comments against their opponents, while others use offensive language. Is there any sense of dignity left in our political arena? Before resorting to such language, these politicians seem oblivious to the potential repercussions for the country and its citizens. In an attempt to undermine their opponents, leaders often make statements that are not only meaningless but also objectionable. Such comments tarnish the ideals of healthy and constructive politics. Are these negative influences acceptable in our political system? These statements also stain the very idea of healthy and good politics. Yet no action is taken on them. Are these stains good in politics?

Words like "cow dung drinkers"

have been used by leaders in the Haryana Assembly. As elections approach, political parties often cross the limits of acceptable language. Party leaders speak their minds boldly, often speaking out loudly. Apart from allegations and counter-allegations on the election platform, personal attacks have now started happening in Parliament and Assemblies as well. For example, when MLA Rajkumar Gautam talked about adulterated jalebi being made in Gohana, Gohana MLA and Cabinet Minister Arvind Sharma retorted by saying that if Gautam even drinks cow dung, he should not worry about the quality of jalebi. It is unfortunate that such people are doing trivial things at the cost of public money. We should think about how bad the language of those who shape the future of our country has become. Political discourse can improve only with aware voters. Amidst arguments and misconceptions, the meanings of words are getting distorted, which is a matter of great concern. It is evident that the dignity of language is being disregarded in today's political landscape, and all this is happening in the very houses that are meant to represent democracy. The choice of words by leaders raises many questions. They must understand that their followers will echo their rhetoric. This is not an isolated incident; many leaders have tainted the political arena with controversial remarks in the past. Political differences are natural, but they are increasingly turning into outright discord. Leaders must remember that people like the late former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had the skill to respond to the most vitriolic remarks with grace.

The deterioration of language is

a measure of the declining political standards in today's times. The true caliber of a leader is often reflected in his choice of words. If political leaders are reading this, they must recognize that respect for language enhances their stature, while rudeness diminishes it. Supporters may welcome personal jokes, but discerning voters—those who think independently—form a lasting impression of a leader that remains unchanged no matter how many positive things are said later. The deterioration of language in politics has eroded the ability to question, as leaders see their statements as absolute truth. The eloquence of figures like Atal Bihari and Indira Gandhi still impresses people. Unfortunately, scathing attacks on opposition parties only create discord and unrest in society. It is important for the Election Commission to set standards that impose strict penalties on leaders who make inappropriate comments. The public must also ponder whether a leader who resorts to such harsh and abusive language deserves a place in the temple of democracy. In a democracy, leaders derive their power and authority from the people, which they can use as well as misuse.

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## The Unmatched Multitasking Skills of Women

By: Vijay Garg

**A**ccelerate Action, the theme of this year's International Women's Day is both timely and vital. It is of the utmost importance to take a moment to contemplate the unique skills that women possess, which even the most advanced AI-driven robots cannot replicate. Even though artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionised sectors by simplifying jobs and increasing productivity, it is still incapable of matching the nuanced and deeply human multitasking talents that women easily demonstrate daily. Women can accomplish several tasks with empathy, emotional intelligence, and adaptability, which are attributes that no algorithm can completely replicate. Women can perform multiple tasks simultaneously.

Multitasking encompasses not only the simultaneous execution of many tasks but also the capacity to manage diverse jobs with effortless proficiency. In both professional and domestic settings, women manage multiple tasks, including swift decision-making, emotional acumen, and innovative problem-solving. In the

professional environment, women frequently lead high-stakes projects, coach peers, and manage team relationships while also addressing personal obligations. Within the household, they effortlessly transition between roles as carers, financial strategists, educators, and providers of emotional support. Their capacity to sustain equilibrium in these intersecting domains is a challenge that AI finds difficult to understand, much less to implement. One of the defining strengths of women's multitasking abilities is their agility in decision-making, even in the most unpredictable situations. AI operates within predefined parameters and algorithms, excelling in structured environments where data is abundant. However, real life is often chaotic, requiring decisions to be made with incomplete information, intuition, and adaptability—qualities that women exhibit daily.

Consider a nurse in a hospital emergency room who is simultaneously monitoring multiple patients, making split-second decisions, and comforting distressed families. Her ability to assess a patient's condition, liaise with doctors, and offer emo-

tional support all at once goes beyond mere task execution—it embodies human instinct, prioritisation, and care. No AI-driven robot can truly replace such intricate decision-making layered with empathy. While AI can enhance efficiency, automate routine tasks, and provide data-driven insights, it lacks the human touch that is central to multitasking.

AI-driven robots may be able to perform designated tasks in controlled environments, but they do not possess the depth of human interaction, compassion, or intuition required in complex, real-world situations. Women's multitasking is not just about efficiency but also about the ability to connect, empathise, and inspire—traits that no AI can replicate. While we are moving further into an era driven by artificial intelligence, the objective should not be to replace the multitasking abilities of women; rather, it should be to improve such abilities with technology while ensuring that their human strengths continue to be prioritised. India offers countless examples of women who exemplify unparalleled multitasking abilities in varied fields.

The first woman to lead

an Indian missile project and hundreds of others. As we celebrate International Women's Day 2025, it is essential to recognise that while AI can augment specific tasks, it can never replicate the intricate multitasking abilities of women. Women's ability to think, feel, and act simultaneously with an unparalleled blend of intuition, intelligence, and empathy remains their superpower—one that even the most advanced robots cannot match.

'Accelerate Action' should not be about replacing human capabilities with AI but about leveraging technology to enhance and support women's indispensable contributions to society. The future of progress lies not in automation alone but in the harmonious coexistence of human intelligence and technology, with women leading the way in shaping a world that values both efficiency and empathy.

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## Govt identifies 5000 kanal land for establishment of Industrial estates in Kashmir: Dy CM

Intends for 9661 kanal land submitted to Revenue deptt in Jammu

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Wednesday informed the House that about 5000 kanal of land has been identified for establishment of industrial estates in different districts of Kashmir division while intends for 9661 kanal of land has been submitted to the Revenue department in Jammu division.

The Deputy Chief Minister was replying to a question raised by Rajiv Jasrotia in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that the intends of 14956. 15 kanal land have been placed for establishment of Industrial estates in different districts of Jammu division while 5532.19 kanal land has been transferred during the past two years in Kashmir.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that focus sectors for Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy 2021-30 included Manufacturing, IT and ITeS, Agriculture and Food Processing, Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals, Infrastructure and Real Estate,

Skill Development, Tourism and Hospitality, Film Tourism, Horticulture and Post-Harvest Management, Renewable Energy, Handloom and Handicrafts and Agriculture.

He said that package of incentives, including up to 100 percent subsidy components, turnover incentives, entrepreneurship and skill development fund, ease of doing business, investment promotion agency for promotion of investment and exports besides establishing industrial grievance forum are among various salient features of Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy 2021-30.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that several important reforms and measures are being implemented by the departments like Health & Drug Controller, Agriculture, Pollution Control Board, Public Health Engineering, Labour, Forest, Power Development Department, Fire, High Courts, Housing & Urban Development, Industries and Commerce to ensure

a smoother regulatory ecosystem. These reforms are being taken up in areas like labour, property registration, single window clearance system and central inspection framework under District level BRAP.

"Various policy initiatives are being taken up by Jammu and Kashmir government to boost the industry sector and making it as investor friendly destination. These included New Central Sector Scheme, 2021, J&K Industrial Policy 2021-30, J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy, J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy, Policy for Promotion of Foreign Investment in Industrial Sector in J&K 2022, J&K Single Window Rules 2021, Turnover Incentive Scheme 2021, J&K Wool Processing, Handloom and Handicraft Policy 2020, Financial Support Scheme for Cooperatives/Self Help Groups 2020, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers, Karkhandar Scheme for Development of Craft Sector in J&K

2021, Export Subsidy Scheme 2021, Revised Education Scheme 2022 for Artisans/Weavers of Handicrafts and Handloom Department and J&K Start Up Policy 2024-27", informed the Deputy Chief Minister.

The Deputy Minister said that the special marks have been kept in the evaluation criteria of land allotment applications, so that Women get a higher merit by virtue of their participation. He said that sanction has been accorded to establishment of an exclusive Industrial Estate for Women' on 329 kanal land, out of 1347 kanal land at Seen, Thakran, District Udhampur under the Prime Ministers' Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for setting up of new micro enterprises.

He added that any business enterprise having 51 percent stake held by women entrepreneurs shall qualify to apply for allotment in the designated industrial estate. He said that the department has also granted short

term/disposal permits to various executing agencies of National Highway Authority of India, NHIDCL, IRCON, the Ring Road, PWD (R&B), PMGSY, Irrigation and Flood Control, Airport Authority of India and others engaged in developments projects of National/UT importance during the past 2 years.

He said that the department has granted 36 limestone mining leases, 24 mineral gypsum mining leases besides 202 mining leases of e-auctioned minor mineral blocks. Besides, it has reserved/granted 8 mining leases in favour of J&K Public Sector Undertakings (J&K Mineral Limited and J&K PCC limited), 6 mining leases on private land, 2 quarry licenses on private land, one cluster quarry on state land and 23 quarry licenses in favour of government projects for providing key construction material to various developmental projects across J&K.

Mubarakh Gul and Saifuddin Bhat raised the supplementaries.

## BJP stands firm with daily wagers, demands immediate regularization: Dr. Abhijeet

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Senior BJP leader Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia strongly reiterated the party's unwavering commitment to securing justice for daily wagers, highlighting the decades of betrayal they have endured at the hands of successive governments.

Addressing the media, Dr. Jasrotia said that daily wagers have been struggling since 1996-97, initially appointed on false promises made by the National Conference (NC), followed by the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Congress — all of whom played the same role of misleading and exploiting them. For over two decades, these workers have toiled under harsh conditions, surviving on meager wages of 500-700 per month, while their hopes for regularization were repeatedly crushed.

Dr. Jasrotia asserted that it was the BJP that first took a proactive stand, ensuring a significant increase in their salaries, raising it to 9,000 per month.



He further pointed out that during the previous elections, the BJP had made a clear promise to the daily wagers — that the first decision of the assembly would be their regularization. However, despite securing 1.5 lakh votes more than the NC, the BJP unfortunately found itself in the opposition.

Dr. Jasrotia criticized the Omar Abdullah-led NC government for deceiving daily wagers. He highlighted that when BJP Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma raised the issue, Omar Abdullah tried to deflect the matter. According to Dr. Jasrotia, Omar Abdullah's statement suggested a six-month timeline for forming a committee to review the issue, followed by potential consideration

in the next year's budget — a move BJP condemns as an eyewash designed to delay and mislead.

Backing Sunil Sharma's strong intervention in the assembly, Dr. Jasrotia emphasized that the BJP continues to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the daily wagers in their fight for regularization. He assured that BJP remains dedicated to ensuring these workers receive the justice they deserve.

"In every protest and agitation led by the daily wagers, BJP leaders have stood with them, offering unwavering support," Dr. Jasrotia said, reaffirming the party's commitment to their cause.

Dr. Jasrotia concluded by stating that the BJP will continue to fight for the immediate regularization of daily wagers and will hold the current government accountable for their promises. He urged the administration to stop playing with the lives and livelihoods of these hard-working people and take swift, concrete steps to secure their future.

## JKMEF forms new unit at Jagti Hospital



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: A meeting of the Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF), Jammu Province, was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Sushil Sudan at Sub District Hospital Jagti, Nagrota.

The meeting focused on addressing the grievances of medical employees and improving healthcare services.

After thorough discussions with the employees, a new unit of the JKMEF was unanimously formed for Jagti Hospital.

The newly elected

office bearers are Sandeep Pandita—President, Monik Gupta—Vice President, Sanjay Parihar—General Secretary, Rajni Sharma—General Secretary, Vikas Gupta—Treasurer, and Ashir Bhat—Joint Secretary.

While addressing the gathering, Jaswinder Singh, President of JKMEF, congratulated the newly elected team and assured them of full support from the Federation.

He emphasized that healthcare professionals have a noble duty, and patient care should always remain their top priority.

General Secretary of JKMEF, Parfulat Singh, also spoke at the meeting, urging the authorities to fill all vacant positions in healthcare facilities.

He stressed that a shortage of medical staff adversely affects patient care and that immediate steps must be taken to strengthen the healthcare system.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment from the newly formed unit to work diligently for the welfare of medical employees and to ensure the best possible healthcare services for patients at Jagti Hospital.

### Rashtriya Ekta Yatra inaugurated in Ladakh

## ABVP is empowering youth for national unity: Adv. Tashi Gyalson

### Top News Report

LEH, Mar 12: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Kashmir inaugurated the Rashtriya Ekta Yatra on Wednesday which is a unique initiative aimed at strengthening the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat."

The inaugural ceremony took place at the CEC Office, Leh, Ladakh, and was graced by the presence of Adv. Tashi Gyalton, Chairman/CEC LAHDC Leh.

'Students Exposure in Regional Understanding' (SERU) initiated by ABVP is an exposure tour which started in 1991 to provide students with an opportunity to explore diverse cultures and foster regional understanding.

In this exposure tour students from Ladakh visit other parts of the country and similarly students from other parts of the country visit Ladakh.

In 1991 a diverse



group of 30 students ranging from Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, with the purpose of experiencing, understanding, and assimilating India's cultural unity.

The tour aims to provide a unique opportunity to students for showcasing the country's cultural diversity and raising awareness among youth about the importance of national unity.

This year, Twenty students from different parts of Ladakh, including Nubra, Kargil, Leh, Lamayuru, Shang,

Nyoma, and Zaskar and all corner of Ladakh will embark on a journey to Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, with the purpose of experiencing, understanding, and assimilating India's cultural unity.

The tour aims to provide a unique opportunity to students for showcasing the country's cultural diversity and raising awareness among youth about the importance of national unity.

Tashi Gyalton, CEC, LAHDC Leh stated, "This tour is a unique opportunity to showcase our country's cultural diversity and raise awareness among youth about the importance of national unity. We hope this tour will inspire the youth of our country to unite and work towards national unity."

Dorjay Namgyal, Tour Coordinator, added, "We are excited to embark on this journey, which will not only provide a platform for cul-

tural exchange but also foster national unity and brotherhood among the students. We believe that this tour will be a life-changing experience for the participants and will help in shaping their perspective on national unity."

The group will visit iconic locations such as Rajya Sabha, Prime Minister Museum and Library, Wagah Border, Dharamshala and Many other Personalities and Institute of Historic Importance and will engage in cultural exchange programs, discussions and various activities, sightseeing and will give the message of national integration.

On this Occasion the Director of Sowa - Rigpa Padma Gurmet and State Organising Secretary of ABVP Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Tilak Thakur and LPT organising secretary Balvinder Singh were also present.

## Army conducts awareness lecture on 'Drug Abuse' for youth in Dessa

### Top News Report

DODA, Mar 12: In a continued effort to engage with and uplift local communities, Gei Company of Indian Army organised an awareness lecture on Drug Abuse for the youth of Dessa area. The session aimed to educate young individuals about the detrimental effect of drug addiction and the importance of leading a healthy and disciplined life.

During the lecture, 70 attendees including stu-

dents, teachers and parents at High School, Gei were informed about the physical, mental and social consequences of drug consumption. It was highlighted how substance abuse negatively impacts personal well-being, family relationships and career opportunities. The session also focused on legal consequences and preventive measures, encouraging the youth to stay away from drugs and contribute positively to society.

The Indian Army



remains committed to the welfare of the nation's youth and will continue conducting such awareness programs to foster a drug-free and progressive

society. Local residents appreciated this initiative and expressed gratitude for the Army's efforts in shaping a brighter future for the younger generation.

## Shiv Sena warns to refrain from communal terrorism, demands stronger intelligence agencies

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has demanded strict crushing of the module of communal terrorism and strengthening of intelligence system, fixing accountability.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that Pak-sponsored terrorism, along with narco terror, is now continuing its activities in Jammu division with the help of 'communal terrorism'. Hiding behind the forests and hilly areas, security forces and innocent, unarmed people are being targeted.

In the year 2024, 8 out of 10 districts of Jammu division have



been shaken by terrorist attacks. In about 10 major terrorist attacks, about a dozen soldiers made the supreme sacrifice and about the

same number of innocent and unarmed people were killed.

The recent disappearances and suspicious deaths of people in Billawar of Kathua district are a clear picture of the nefarious and cowardly activities of terrorists. In the last 25 days, five innocent and unarmed people have been killed. Sahni has demanded strict action against the terrorists camping in the jungles and hilly areas along with strengthening the modern communication network and intelligence system.

Sahni has demanded a warning to those who adopt the module of spoiling the communal atmosphere and a stop to these nefarious and cowardly activities.



## International Women's week celebrated by Centre for Women's Studies at GCW Parade

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: An International Women's week was celebrated by Centre for Women's Studies at GCW Parade Ground, Jammu under the supervision of Principal, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo on the theme 'Accelerate Action'. 'Health Talk' was organized in collaboration with Department of Home Science.

Dr. Nitu Sharma, Hod Home Science welcomed resource persons of the event, Dr. Nancy Sharma, clinical nutritionist and physiotherapist.

The resource person delivered an engaging presentation on "Women's Health" and shared valuable insights on the importance of health education, nutritious diet, healthy life style habits, exercise to keep oneself healthy, early disease detection etc.

A dynamic quiz competition was done by Dr. Aakriti Verma and Dr. Samriti Gupta. The students participated with great enthusiasm and winners were felicitated with gift hampers.

On 8th March, poetry recitation was organized in collaboration with MKM (International Organization J&K).

The programme started with lighting of the traditional lamp followed

by Sarswati Vandana by students of Music Dept. The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Nalini Kohli, Former Director Colleges and Special Guest was Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal GCW Parade, Jammu.

A total of 22 participants from different streams of the college and Dr. Arti Devi and Dr. Mamta Sharma of the college also participated in poetry recitation. A heart touching and emotional skit based on the theme 'Survivors of Acid Attacks' was performed by the students of the college. Mementos were awarded to all the participants. Chief Guest elaborated on the significance of the day and focused on the theme. Suman Pal and other members of MKM also graced the occasion with their presence. The programme was sponsored by Silver lines and Formation.

In continuation of the celebration of International Women's Week, the Centre for Women's Studies, Govt. College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu, organised an awareness talk on 'Cervical Cancer: Screening and Prevention on 11th march, 2025. The Resource person of the program was Dr. Neha Gupta Sr. Consultant, Obste-

trician & Gynaecologist, Medanta Medcity, Gurugram. Dr. Neha Gupta delivered a comprehensive presentation on Cervical Cancer, its risk factors, symptoms, and its prevention tips. She also discussed in detail about screening methods, PAP smear procedure, HPV vaccine, FOGSI recommendation & Breast Cancer. The session concluded with an engaging question-and-answer segment fostering greater awareness and understanding.

Sandeep Singh Jamwal from Medanta Medi consult Centre, Jammu along with Dr. Seema Malhotra, Convener, CWS coordinated the whole event. Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tickoo principal of the college appreciated the efforts of the convener and members of CWS Prof. Anita Sharma, Dr. Shally Chadha, Prof. Usha Devi, Prof. Sukhvinder Kaur, Dr. Pallavi Jamwal for organising the programme. The event was attended by students of all semesters, senior faculty members and members of the organising committee. The events were compered by Dr. Iesha Sharma. On the whole the events honored the spirit, strength and achievements of women.

## NSF celebrates 112th birth anniversary of Yashwantrao Chavan

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a program in University Campus, and on the Birth anniversary of Yashwantrao Balwantrao Chavan who laid his life for the country.

A programme in this connection was organized wherein Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District and Zonal Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF, Presided over the function. Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF, was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life history of Yashwantrao Chavan and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

Yashwantrao was born in a Kunbi-Maratha family on 12th March 1913 in the village of Devrashtre in Satara District of Maharashtra. Chavan lost his father in his early childhood and was brought up by his uncle and mother. His mother taught him about self-dependency and patriotism. From his childhood he was fascinated by the freedom struggle of India. He was very closely associated with many poets, editors and several Marathi and Hindi writers.

On this occasion, Dr Sukhdev Singh threw light on the life and supreme sacrifices of "Yashwantrao Chavan". He said that the real tributes to Yashwantrao Chavan would be eradicating evils prevailing in the society like drug addiction.

Dr Sukhdev also said that Yashwantrao Chavan was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and played a significant role in the Indian National Movement, which aimed to achieve independence for the nation. After independence, he also became the last first Chief Minister of Bombay State and the first of Maharashtra after the latter was created by the division of Bombay state.

Vikshay Vashist also addressed this occasion and said that Chavan was an active participant in the struggle for independence of India. As a schoolboy in Karad in 1930, he was fined for his participation in the Non-cooperation Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi. In 1932, he was sentenced to 18 months in prison for hoisting the Indian flag in Satara. During this period, he came in contact with Swami Ramanand Bharti, Dhulappa Bhaurao Navale V and Govind Kruparam Wani. Their friendship lasted forever.

Gourav Partap Singh President University Unit delivered the welcome address, Abhishek Uppal Jammu District Chairman was delivering the vote of thanks.

## Amit chairs twin MeitY eGovernance related Workshops in Mizoram

Top News Report

JAMMU /MIZORAM, Mar 12: Amit Sharma, Secretary to Government, Information, Technology and Communications Department, Government of Mizoram chaired two important Digital India related Workshops held here in Aizawl, capital of Mizoram which have been organised with the primary objective of preparing Mizoram for knowledge-based transformation into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Amit Sharma, while inaugurating these Workshops, emphasized that in order to achieve desired goals towards technology implementation across the board in all states of the nation, uniform e-Governance Standards and Guidelines are very important.

He also expressed that these kinds of Workshops must be held on a regular basis especially in North-Eastern states, which are constantly pushing towards implementing e-Governance reforms.

Amit also shared various perspectives, views, experiences and insights on various Government initiatives, whole of Govt. approach, Digitization, DigiLocker (an Initiative towards paperless Governance), BHASHINI (National Language Translation Mission), and many more.

Another parallel Workshop on DigiLocker/Entry Locker and other MeitY initiatives was held in the Conference Hall of Mizoram Secretariat in which Amit Sharma addressed the Secretariat officials and requested them to take maximum advantage of these lead programmes and softwares meant for citizens of the nation and after attend-

ing the Workshop, he requested that all officials should disseminate this knowledge gained here with other colleagues, families and friends so that maximum people can take advantage of same.

The twin Workshops featured expert talks, presentations, discussions & deliberations on the Digital Signature Standards, Localization & Language Technology Standards, Cyber Security Standards & Guidelines, Open API Policy for e-Governance Applications in India, Indian Accessibility Standards for ICT Products & Services, Interoperability Framework for e-Governance (IFEG) and India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA) 1.0 Framework.

Amit Sharma expressed gratitude towards Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune, and Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate, New Delhi who organised these Workshops in Mizoram on his request, with the support of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. He especially thanked Karimullah Shaikh, Scientist G, C-DAC Pune, Dr M. Srinivasa Rao, Scientist E, C-DAC Pune and Anoop Kumar, Deputy General Manager, National eGovernance Division (NeGD) and the entire team for organising these two important state-level awareness workshops on "e-Governance Standards and Guidelines" and "DigiLocker/Entry Locker" in which about 150 participants including senior officials and representatives from various Central and State Government departments, agencies, academicians, researchers, subject matter experts and students from various renowned organizations attended and shared their positive experiences and insights here.

## CLUJ student Ridima Bajpai wins 1st prize at 38th National Youth Festival



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Ridima Bajpai, a talented student of Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, a constituent college of Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), has brought immense pride to the institution, Cluster University of Jammu and the region by securing the 1st prize in the Indian Classical Vocal Solo Event at the prestigious 38th National Youth Festival.

The festival was being organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and hosted by Amity University, Noida.

The competition witnessed participation from 147 universities across India, representing all zones and competing in various categories, including Music, Theatre, Fine Arts, and Literary events. Ridimas victory is particularly significant as she is the first student from Jammu and Kashmir to clinch the top position in the Classical Vocal Solo Category. A dedicated disciple of renowned

music mentor V.K. Sambyal (Rangeley Thakur), Ridima delivered a spell-binding performance, accompanied by Rahul Bhardwaj on Tabla and Vishal Pandita on Harmonium.

The contingent representing Cluster University of Jammu was accompanied by Teacher In-charges Asha Rani and Vishal Pandita.

Expressing immense pride in Ridimas achievement, Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, Sr. Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar, extended his heartfelt congratulations.

He also commended the efforts of the Department of Students Welfare, led by Dr. Raj Shree Dhar, for their continued dedication to fostering young talent in cultural and literary activities.

Dr. Raj Shree Dhar, Dean Student Welfare CLUJ added that Ridimas remarkable success marks a milestone in the regions cultural landscape, inspiring aspiring artists and reinforcing Cluster University of Jammu's commitment to excellence in arts and academia.

## Bike lifter arrested with stolen bike

Top News Report

SAMBA, Mar 12: Samba Police has arrested an accused person involved in a theft case registered at Police Station Vijaypur and recovered stolen bike from his possession.

As per report, on February 17, 2025, a written report was lodged at Police Station Vijaypur by one Jarnail Singh, son of Partab Singh, resident of Vijaypur regarding theft of his motorcycle Hero Splendor bearing registration No. JK21F-5938 from Hospital Vijaypur.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 22/2025 under Section 303(2)

BNS was registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, a police team headed by SHO PS Vijaypur after hectic efforts coupled with technical analysis has rounded up suspect namely Mohd Saleem, son of Mohd Munshi, resident of Beli Charana district Jammu who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case.

The said accused has been arrested and stolen bike has been recovered from his possession. Further investigation of case is going on.



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