



Glimpses of a meeting of Executive Body and General Body members of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Hotel Lemon Tree, Jammu. (Detail on Page 1)

14th Police Martyrs' Memorial NZ T-20 Championship Champions CA Chandigarh, Shiva Verma Club enter semis



A player receiving Man of the Match award at Kathua.

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KATHUA: Two quarter-final matches of the ongoing 14th Police Martyrs' Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship 2025-26 were played on a knockout basis at the Sports Stadium, Kathua, on Sunday.

The matches witnessed keen competition and attracted a large gathering of cricket lovers from the region. In the first quarter-final, Champions CA Chandigarh faced L.B. Shastri Delhi.

After winning the toss, L.B. Shastri Delhi elected to bat first and scored 160 runs for the loss of 7 wicks-

ets in their allotted 20 overs. Koushal Suman was the top scorer with 41 runs off 38 balls, hitting two boundaries, while Deepinder Thakur contributed 25 runs off 14 balls, including three boundaries and a six.

Chasing the target, Champions CA Chandigarh reached 160 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in 19.5 overs in a closely fought encounter. Jatin played a vital knock of 35 runs off 19 balls with four boundaries and two sixes, while Dikshant added 34 runs off 37 balls, including two boundaries and two sixes. Champions CA Chandigarh won the match

by one wicket to become the first team to qualify for the semi-finals.

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Batting first, Shiva Verma Club posted a strong total of 174 runs for 6 wickets in 20 overs. Digvijay scored a fluent 53 runs off 36 balls with six boundaries and one six, while Bhagwinder smashed 49 runs off 29 balls, hit-

ting three boundaries and four sixes.

In reply, Sports Club Jalandhar failed to chase the target and were bowled out for 81 runs in 11.5 overs. Shiven was the lone notable contributor with 15 runs off 14 balls, including one boundary and one six. Shiva Verma Club won the match by a massive 92-run margin and became the second team to reach the semi-finals.

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birth rates and challenges to cultural continuity.

They emphasized the importance of awareness, unity, and responsible action to preserve social harmony and cultural values. A collective pledge was taken reaffirming the principles of Sanatan Dharma, stressing equality, social harmony, and the absence of caste-based divisions.

Hundreds of local residents participated in the conference, displaying unity and solidarity. Speakers highlighted that organizational strength, mutual respect, and unity beyond differences are essential for ensuring a secure, stable, and prosperous future. The conference concluded with a call for social awareness, cultural awakening, and collective responsibility.

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status, security arrangements, production capacity, and technical activities with senior officials in the dam control room," the minister said in a post on X.

Lal's visit comes a day after the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Jitendra Singh, announced that a canal system on the Ujh River has been approved to check infiltration and harness the uncontrolled flow of water towards Pakistan, and the proposal has been cleared by the ministries of defence and home affairs. The Union minister also attended a Hindu Samelan organised as part of the centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) at the Mahadev temple.

"Today, I inspected NHPC's Salal Power Station in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. On this occasion, I conducted a thorough review of the power station's operational

offering prayers alone. Hindutva is nationalism, and anyone, even if an atheist, who loves the country and is ready to make any type of sacrifice for it, is part of Hindutva," he said, addressing the gathering.

After the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, Lal said, the Hindutva wave started in the region. "We should not oppose anyone on the basis of their religious beliefs... Sangh teaches us that the nation is before self and is working with the sole aim to strengthen the country so that nobody can cast an evil eye on our nation," he said. He said the tradition of service cultivated by the RSS, with the motto "Country first, self later," has, in the past 100 years, transformed into a broad, powerful, and influential social movement. "With a patriotic

resolve, millions of volunteers are dedicated to serving the nation. Once a volunteer joins the Sangh, they remain so throughout their lives, committed to serving the nation," he said. Later in the day, the minister went to Kishtwar to review the 1856-MW Ratle Hydroelectric Project, where he laid the foundation stone for the dam concreting works. Talking to reporters in Kishtwar, the minister played down the question on the objections raised by Pakistan over keeping the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance, and said, "We are working in the interest of our own country and will continue to do so."

Asked about the alleged engagement of relatives of terrorists affiliated with the BJP in under-construction power projects in Kishtwar, the minister said he had no knowledge about it.

"The workers are engaged by local contractors, and we believe that only the right people should get the work," he said.

He ruled out an inquiry by the national investigation agency and said local complaints will be solved at the local level.

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JKCA on cusp of historic milestone: First BCCI Vijay Merchant Trophy in sight Smagey, Adnan, Sanil, Jaskaran shine as young guns chase glory

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SURAT: Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association's U-16 squad stands on the brink of a groundbreaking triumph, poised to claim its maiden BCCI Vijay Merchant Trophy in the Boys' U-16 Tournament at Lalbhai Contractor Stadium here.

In a dominant display,

J&K's bowlers orchestrated a stunning collapse of Mizoram in the Vijay Merchant Trophy Plate Group final, bundling them out for a paltry 100

in their first

innings. Skipper Lawman topped the score with a gritty 36, while Johan managed 14. No other batsman reached double figures, underscoring the bowlers' mastery.

Promising left-arm spinner Sanil Singh and pace spear Jaskaran Singh spearheaded the attack with 3 wickets each.

Rajveer Singh and Hamaaf Firdous chipped in with one scalp apiece. J&K responded in style, reaching a commanding 223/4 at stumps on Day 1. Skipper Smagey

Khajuria anchored the innings unbeaten on 74 off 112 balls (11 fours, 1 six), with Jaskaran Singh alongside on 18 not out.

Explosive batter Adnan Manzoor blazed 74 off 55 balls (13 fours, 2 sixes), while Karman Singh and Arsalan Nayak added crucial 27s each. Henry claimed 3 wickets for Mizoram, with Hruaizela taking one. J&K hold a first-innings lead of 123 runs with six wickets intact, poised for a decisive advantage.

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RPF constable injured in accidental firing in Kathua

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JAMMU: A constable of Railway Protection Force (RPF) was injured when his service weapon went off accidentally in Kathua district officials said on Sunday.

Constable Dinesh Kumar was grievously injured in the shoulder after his service firearm accidentally misfired while he was on duty at Kathua Railway Station late Saturday night, the officials said.

He was immediately shifted to Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital, Kathua, by his colleagues.

SFs destroy terrorist hideout in Baramulla

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SRINAGAR: Security forces have destroyed a terrorist hideout in Baramulla district, an official here said on Sunday. They also recovered arms and ammunition from the hideout.

The hideout was detected during a search operation in Suchliwan forest in the Sheeri area of Baramulla on Saturday, the official said.

He said the security forces recovered two hand grenades, 24 rounds of AK-47 rifle, one wireless antenna, one axe, one wire cutter and two umbrellas from the hideout.

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Congress press conference turns into 'Run for Cover', says Gaurav Gupta

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JAMMU: BJP Spokesperson and Convener of International Affairs Gaurav Gupta launched a blistering attack on the Congress party, saying its recent press conference "stripped the party bare before the nation" and exposed its deep-seated bias and moral bankruptcy on the issue of atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh.

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One-day Hindu Conference held, emphasizes unity and social awareness



Dignitaries at one-day Hindu Conference in Jammu on Sunday.

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JAMMU: One-day Hindu Conference brought together saints, social activists, intellectuals, retired senior officers, and a large number of local residents, reflecting a spirit of unity, awareness, and collective participation.

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TRAVEL TIME!	
Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
11078 Jhelum Express	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 660	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	

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WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	: 10:35 AM / 1:30 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:30 PM / 10:35 PM
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