



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.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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 wick-

ets in their allotted 20 overs. Koushal Suman was the top scorer with 41 runs off 38 balls, hitting two boundaries, while Depinder 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.

Laith was declared Man of the Match for his impressive performance. The second quarter-final was played between Shiva Verma Club and Sports Club Jalandhar. Sports Club Jalandhar won the toss and chose to bowl first.

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. Bhagwinder was adjudged Man of the Match for his outstanding all-round performance, scoring 49 runs and taking 3 wickets for 11 runs in 3 overs.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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.

Referring directly to the Congress press conference, Gupta said the moment jour-

JKCA on cusp of historic milestone: First BCCI Vijay Merchant Trophy in sight

Smagey, Adnan, Sanil, Jaskaran shine as young guns chase glory

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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 Lawma top-scored with a gritty 36, while Johan managed 14. No other batsman reached double figures, underseering the bowlers' mastery.

Promising left-arm spinner Sanil Singh and pace ace 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.

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

nalists raised the question of brutal persecution of Hindus in Bangladesh, senior Congress leaders K.C. Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh panicked, stood up and ran away from the dais. "This was not an accident or coincidence—this was fear, guilt and ideological hatred on full display," he said.

"Congress leaders who shamelessly monopolise microphones to sermonise about Gaza suddenly developed cold feet when the suffering of Hindus was mentioned. Their



dramatic escape is a loud confession of Congress's anti-Hindu mindset," Gaurav Gupta said.

He accused Congress of practicing rank hypocrisy and weaponising human rights selectively. "For Congress,

human rights are not universal; they are transactional and driven by vote-bank compulsions. When Hindus are targeted, Congress chooses silence—or worse—cowardly flight," he added.

Calling the incident an embarrassment to India's democratic discourse, Gupta said the press conference proved that Congress neither has the courage to face questions nor the integrity to stand with persecuted minorities if they happen to be Hindus. "This is not

ignorance; this is deliberate contempt," he asserted.

Gupta further said the nation has now clearly seen Congress's real face. "Today's visuals will be remembered as the moment Congress publicly exposed its hatred, intolerance and complete disconnect from Hindu suffering—both within India and beyond its borders," he said, demanding a public apology from the party.

"The country is watching, and Congress has nowhere left to hide," Gupta concluded.

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



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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
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.

The programme was presided over by Purushotam Dadhichi, Jammu and Kashmir In-charge and senior functionary of the

Sanatan Dharma Sabha, along with Nirmal Swaroop Swami. Several eminent saints and distinguished personalities attended the conference, including Sant Radhe Radhe, Sant Narendra Das Maharaj, former Chief Information Commissioner and Law Professor at Jammu University Sudesh Sharma, Subash Chaudhary (retired Principal), Somnath (retired

Naib Tehsildar), Bodhraj (retired SP Prosecution), Desraj Bhagat (retired Director, Geology and Mining, Government of India), Ravi Kaith, Sunil Rampal (retired Forest Department), and many other respected members of society.

Addressing the gathering, saints and speakers expressed concern over social issues, including declining

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.

Union Power Minister begins two-day tour of J&K, reviews progress of hydroelectric projects

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Union Power Minister Manohar Lal on Sunday reviewed the progress of the 690-MW Salal Hydroelectric Project in Reasi district as he began his two-day tour of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. NHPC's Salal Power Station, on the Chenab river, is undertaking sediment removal works following the termination of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), aimed at removing accumulated silt and maximizing utilization of water resources.

Bhupendra Gupta, CMD, NHPC, briefed the minister on the progress of various NHPC hydroelectric projects in Jammu & Kashmir.



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.

"The concept of Hindutva is very vast and is not restricted to

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 prayers... 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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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		
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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	

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12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
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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)		
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Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
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Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
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