

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !! Nitin Nabin appointed...

Congratulations to him on becoming the BJP National Working President," PM Modi said on X.

Nabin is young and carries a lot of experience in governance and working for the people and the organisation, party leaders said.

He has also worked extensively for Yuva Morcha and has experience of being a state-incharge as well.

### JK Samadhan logs...

secretary Atal Dulloo to review the functioning of the JK Samadhan public grievance redressal system here.

The meeting took an extensive assessment of grievance disposal performance across departments, districts, and their allied offices.

The Department of Public Grievances (DoPG) informed the meeting that the platform has received 1,02,110 grievances till December 11, of which 88,091 have been redressed, reflecting an overall disposal rate of 86.27 percent.

The redressal patterns were also analysed separately for Samadhan-origin grievances (87.59 percent disposal) and Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System linked grievances (76.35 percent disposal), the officials said.

The chief secretary appreciated the progress in district-level citizen registration under JK Samadhan, noting that several districts have achieved exemplary household coverage with Ganderbal leading with 115 percent, Shopian (105 percent), and Kishtwar (101 percent).

The overall registration coverage across the Union Territory stands at 69 percent of target households.

The meeting reviewed department-wise grievance loads and disposal efficiency.

Key departments such as revenue, PWD (R&B), rural development, power development, housing and urban development, home, and Jal Shakti reported the highest grievance traffic and were directed to ensure faster disposal and improvement in public satisfaction ratings, the officials said.

They said several departments displayed strong performance, maintaining disposal rates above 85 percent, while others were instructed to reduce pendency further.

Reiterating the government's commitment to accountable and citizen-centric governance, Dulloo stressed that timely, transparent, and empathetic grievance redressal is a core responsibility of every department.

He said JK Samadhan has emerged as the central platform for transparent citizen-services monitoring and emphasised the need to further streamline responsiveness, improve appeal mechanisms, and enhance integration with CPGRAMS for seamless grievance handling.

He urged all administrative secretaries, heads of departments, and district administrations to bring down pendency levels, improve departmental communication with complainants, and ensure that every grievance stands resolved up to the satisfaction of the complainants.

The chief secretary also reviewed the citizen feedback dashboard, which recorded feedback on 8,704 grievances.

While many departments received favourable satisfaction ratings and high responsiveness scores, certain departments were advised to improve citizen communication, especially in cases where users reported not receiving follow-up calls or messages from officials, the officials said.

### Gunmen kill 11...

"an act of evil, antisemitism, terrorism that has struck the heart of our nation."

"This attack was designed to target Sydney's Jewish community," the state's Premier Chris Minns said. The massacre was declared a terrorist attack due to the event targeted and the weapons used, Lanyon said.

Hundreds had gathered for the gathering at Bondi Beach called Chanukah by the Sea, which was celebrating the start of the eight-day Hanukkah festival.

Chabad identified one of the dead as Rabbi Eli Schlanger, assistant rabbi at Chabad of Bondi and a key organiser of the event.

Chabad is an Orthodox Jewish movement that is known for its outreach to non-religious Jews. It runs scores of centres around the world that are popular with Jewish travellers and often sponsors large public events during major Jewish holidays.

Video footage filmed by onlookers appeared to show two gunmen with long guns firing from a bridge. One dramatic clip, apparently filmed by a member of the public and broadcast on Australian television channels, showed someone appearing to tackle and disarm one of the gunmen, before pointing the man's weapon at him.

Police said emergency services were called to Campbell Parade in Bondi about 6.45 pm, responding to reports of shots being fired.

Police said their operation was ongoing and officers were examining a number of suspicious items, including several improvised explosive devices found in one of the suspects' cars.

Albanese told reporters in Canberra that he was "devastated" by the massacre.

"This is a targeted attack on Jewish Australians on the first day of Hanukkah, which should be a day of joy, a celebration of faith, an act of evil, antisemitism, terrorism that has struck the heart of our nation," Albanese said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condemned the terrorist attack in Australia and expressed solidarity with the people of that country in their hour of grief.

"Strongly condemn the ghastly terrorist attack carried out today at Bondi Beach, Australia, targeting people celebrating the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah," the prime minister said.

"On behalf of the people of India, I extend my sincere condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. We stand in solidarity with the people of Australia in this hour of grief," he said.

The Prime Minister said India has "zero tolerance" for terrorism and supports the fight against all its forms and manifestations.

## DSS reviews preparations for Dogri Manyata Divas; youth induction held



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JAMMU : Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) held a special meeting organized by the Working President and Incharge Youth Wing Gambhir Dev Singh Charak.

The meeting was presided over by the DSS President Col Karan Singh. The meeting reviewed the arrangements for the celebration of Dogri Manyata Divas scheduled for 20 Dec 2025.

On this occasion 40 youth from various education disciplines motivated by the youth wing president joined the DSS. The energetic youngsters, mostly dressed in traditional Dogra attire and flaunting the Dogra turbans entered the Sabha Hall carrying Dogra flags and raising "Jai Duggar" slogans. They were cheerfully received by the members of the executive committee of the DSS.

Addl. General Secretary, Arvinder Singh Amn delivered a motivating welcome address followed by explaining the background and contributions of the DSS. President Col Karan Singh spoke to elaborate the aims, achievements and objectives of the Sabha touching upon the background and major landmarks in the 121 years of long and distinguished history of the DSS.

The Working President, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak in a lively motivational speech exhorted the new members to effectively dedicate themselves to boost the social welfare activities taken up by the DSS from time to time.

He called upon the youth to be purposeful and useful by dedication and sincere devotion into the society and join in progressive nation building by overcoming all futile differences of caste, communities as the DSS are strictly an 'apolitical' body. He introduced the executive body members to the newcomers and announced the appointments given to the new members who were honored with garlands by the President, Working Secretary and executive members which included Col. Vir Sahi (VC), Brig. M.S. Jamwal, Brig. V.S. Dhiman, Jagdeep Singh, Amanat Ali Shah, Shhankar Singh, Ravi Singh, and Dr. Vidyasagar Sharma.

The list of the new members of Jammu Urban Youth Wing and their appointments are Bhavanyu Bhagat (Convenor); Tanishq Singh (President); Kr. Akhileshwar (Vice President); Rewel Chouhan, Amit and Ranvijay (General Secretaries); Suryansh and Raghav (Secretaries); Ayan Raina, Dhruv Sodi, Rudhra, Vaibhav and Kartik Meenia (Joint Secretaries).

The meeting concluded with a resolve to celebrate Dogri Manyata Divas 2025 in a befitting manner and to further strengthen youth participation in the activities of the Dogra Sadar Sabha.

## Asmita Khelo India Shooting Ball Women's League concludes

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JAMMU: The Asmita Khelo India Shooting Ball Women's League 2025-26 concluded successfully at IDPS Juniors, Jammu. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 13 teams representing various schools, showcasing impressive talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The league was formally declared open by Anuradha Thakur, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, who attended the opening ceremony as the Chief Guest. She was accompanied by Randeep Wazir, Principal of IDPS Jammu, who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

After a series of closely contested matches, Doon International School emerged as the champions, securing the first position. KB Public School claimed the second position, while DBN Mubarak Mandi finished third.

The valedictory function was graced by Rajeev Sharma, Member, J&K Sports Council, as the Chief Guest. Dr. Suminder Singh, President of the Shooting Ball Association of Jammu and Kashmir and Managing Director, IDPS Jammu, attended as the Guest of Honour, while Dr. K. C. Mehta, Dean Academics, IDPS Akhnoor, was present as the Special Guest.

Dr. Puneet Gupta, General Secretary of the Shooting Ball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, served as the Chairman of the Organising Committee. Madhu Abrol, School Manager, IDPS Jammu, played a key role in the organisation of the event.

Rajeev Sharma appreciated the organisers for the smooth conduct of the league and lauded the athletes for their spirited performances. He announced that tracksuits would be distributed to every participating athlete as a gesture of encouragement under the Asmita Khelo India Women's League.

The event concluded on a high note, reaffirming the commitment to promoting women's participation and excellence in sports across Jammu and Kashmir.

## Never allowed territory for activities against Bangladesh's interests: India

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India on Sunday asserted that it has never allowed its territory to be used for activities inimical to the interests of Bangladesh and pressed for holding the upcoming parliamentary polls in that country in a peaceful atmosphere.

India's reaction came hours after the Bangladesh foreign ministry summoned Indian envoy to Dhaka, Pranay Verma, and conveyed its concern over former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's "incendiary" statements from Indian soil.

According to a readout released by Dhaka, the foreign ministry also brought to Verma's notice the activities of some members of Hasina-led Awami League while staying in India.

"India categorically rejects the assertions made by the interim government of Bangladesh in its press note," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

It said India has consistently reiterated its position in favour of free, fair, inclusive and credible elections in Bangladesh in a peaceful atmosphere.

"India has never allowed its territory to be used for activities inimical to the interests of the friendly people of Bangladesh," the MEA said.

"We expect that the interim government of Bangladesh will take all necessary measures for ensuring internal law and order, including for the purpose of holding peaceful elections," it said in a statement.

The parliamentary elections in Bangladesh will be held on February 12. It will be the first general election after the collapse of the Hasina government in August last year following massive protests.

## J&K BJP alleges discrimination in Santosh Trophy squad selection; Sports Council rejects charge

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir unit of the BJP on Sunday demanded the resignation of Sports Minister Satish Sharma, alleging discrimination against the Jammu region in the selection of the squad for the Santosh Trophy football tournament.

Alleging an "illegal and discriminatory" selection process, J&K BJP Spokesperson Rajni Sethi said, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, J&K has been assured equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal development for all regions. However, the National Conference government continues to repeatedly hurt the sentiments of the youth of Jammu through biased and discriminatory policies. The charge was, however, rejected by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, which dismissed the allegations as misleading and defended the selection as merit-based and transparent.

Training guns at the sports minister; Sethi said that the people of Jammu had high expectations from Sharma, as he belongs to Jammu.

"Unfortunately, the minister has followed the same discriminatory approach of the NC government, shattering the trust of the people of Jammu," she said in a statement, alleging that all players from Jammu were rejected and only players from Kashmir were selected.

A sports council official said, "The players for the Santosh Trophy were selected in a process lasting more than one-and-a-half months. In the absence of the J&K football Association due to non-conduct of elections, the sports council has been raising the teams in coordination with the All India Football Federation for the past two years and has ensured merit-based and transparent selection."

First, the official told PTI, the council holds the divisional level trial - separately for Kashmir

## Dogri Sanstha Jammu organises book release ceremony of Children's Literature by Krishna Prem

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu (Regd.), the oldest and most prestigious literary organisation of the region, organised an impressive book release ceremony at the Kunwar Viyogi Auditorium, Dogri Bhavan, Karan Nagar, Jammu. The event marked the release of two dogri and one Hindi children's books authored by Krishna Prem, a noted writer devoted to enriching literature with creativity, values and sensitivity. The books released on the occasion were "Koshish Karne Walon Ki Kabhi Haar Nahin Hoti", "Kundli Udaari", and "Indradhanush", which reflect the author's deep understanding of children's psychology and her effort to inspire young readers through meaningful stories and poems.

The programme was presided over by Padma Shri Prof. Lalit Magotra, President, Dogri Sanstha Jammu. In his presidential address, Prof. Magotra observed that children's literature lays the foundation of a society's moral and cultural consciousness. He appreciated Krishna Prem for addressing young minds through positive narratives



and imaginative expression. The Chief Guest, Ashok Angurana, Retired IAS Officer and a well-known Dogri writer, congratulated the author and remarked that writing for children is a demanding literary genre which requires sincerity, responsibility and emotional depth. He also lauded Dogri Sanstha Jammu for its consistent efforts in promoting literary activities in the region. The Guest of Honour, Padma Shri Dr. Jitendra Udhampuri, described the books as colourful and value-oriented creations that encourage curiosity, optimism and creativity among children. He added that such writings are crucial in today's times when children are increasingly exposed to digital distractions.

Speaking on the occasion, Krishna Prem expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Dogri

## Technology should amplify human judgment, not replace it: CJI

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CUTTACK (ODISHA): Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Sunday said technology should amplify human judgment and not replace it. He was addressing a symposium on 'Ensuring justice for the common man: strategies for reducing litigation costs and delays' here.

"Pendency of cases in courts clogs every level of the judicial structure, from the trial court to the constitutional court. And when a blockage occurs at the top, the pressure only intensifies below," he said. He also stressed the need to strengthen judicial infrastructure to reduce pendency. "This is because without sufficient courts, even the most sincere judicial system will collapse under logistical strain," he said.

Justice Kant said technology was very useful during the COVID pandemic. He, however, said that one cannot afford to forget that

## Over 1,600 passengers travel on two special Katra - New Delhi trains

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JAMMU: More than 1,600 passengers travelled on two reserved trains operated by Northern Railway's Jammu Division between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and New Delhi over the past two days, railway officials said.

The special train, numbered 04082/04081, was introduced to manage increased passenger demand. On the first day of operation on Saturday, over 700 passengers travelled on the train, while more than 900 passengers availed the service on Sunday, the officials said.

They said the successful operation of the reserved special train has provided a reliable mode of transport with reduced travel time for devotees and other passengers visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Jammu, Uchit Singhal said the overwhelming response from passengers and the successful operation of the special train without any major inconvenience reflects the efficient management of the railways and the commitment of its staff.

Meanwhile, he said a special checking drive was conducted by a Magistrate along with ticket checking staff at Jammu Railway Station on Saturday to ensure passenger convenience and smooth adherence to railway rules.

Trains on both the Up and Down lines were checked during this drive, and a total of 50 cases involving ticketless travel, illegal vendors, and littering were registered, he said, adding a fine of Rs 25,000 was imposed by the Magistrate.