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

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

Nabin is young and carries a lot of experience in governance and working for the people and

on 8,704 grievances

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

## JK Samadhan logs...

secretary Atal Dulloo to review the functioning of the JK Samadhan public grievance redres-

The meeting took an extensive assessment of grievance disposal performance across depart

nents, 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, reflect-

ng 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

nouseholds

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

While many departments received favourable satisfaction ratings and high responsivenes 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 veapons 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 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 tems, 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 min-"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

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



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

Addl. General Secretary, Arvinder Singh Amn delivered a motivating welcome address followed by explain-

ing 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 newcomers announced the appointments given to the new

members who were honored

with garlands President, Working General President. Secretary and executive members which included Col. Vir Sahi (VC), Brig. M.S. Jamwal, Brig. V.S. Dhiman, Jagdeep Singh, Ali Shah, Amanat Singh, Ravi Shhankar Singh, and Dr. Vidyasagar Sharma.

The list of the new members of Jammu Urban Youth Wing and their appointments are Bhavanyu (Convenor); Bhagat 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 Diyas 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

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

After a series of closely contested matches, Doon InternationalSchool emerged as the champions, securing the first position.  $_{\mathrm{KB}}$ 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.

President of the Shooting Association Jammu and Kashmir and Managing Director, IDPS Jammu, attended as the Guest of Honour, while Dr. K. C. Mehta, Dean Academics, Akhnoor, was present as the Special Guest.

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

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

Rajeev Sharma appreci-

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

## 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

programme 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 Guest region.The ofHonour, 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 distrac-

Speaking on the occasion. Krishna Prem expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Dogri ing a prestigious platform for the release of her books. She shared that her primary aim in writing for children is to instil confidence, moral strength and joy through simple language and relatable themes. She emphasized that literature can become a guiding companion for children if it speaks to them with warmth and honestv.

A detailed paper on the books was presented by Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice President, Dogri Sanstha Jammu, who highlighted the educational relevance, thematic richness and childfriendly language of the works. The programme was efficiently conducted by Pawan Verma, while the vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Veena Gupta, who acknowledged the presence of dignitaries, writers and literature lovers.

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

NEW DELHI: India on Sunday asserted that it has never allowed its territory to be used for activities inimical interests 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 Hasinaled Awami League while staving in India.

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

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.

The Awami League has rejected the elections saying the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus will not be able to hold the polls in a free and normal environ-

"It is now clear that the current occupying authority is entirely biased, and that under their control it is impossible to ensure a fair and normal environment where transparency, neutrality, and the people's will can be reflected," the Awami League said in a statement on Thursday.

Last month, Hasina, 78, was sentenced to death by a special tribunal in Dhaka for "crimes against humanity" over her government's brutal crackdown on the student-led protests last year.

The Awami League leader has been living in India since she fled Bangladesh on August 5 last year in the face of the protests.

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

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

CHTTACK (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.

court to the constitutional occurs at the top, the pressure only intensifies below," need to strengthen judicial out sufficient courts, even the strain," he said.

Justice Kant said technology was very useful during the

He, however, said that one cannot afford to forget that

technology comes with its own shadows "In an age of deep fakes and

afford naive optimism... A reform that excludes the poor.

"Pendency of cases in courts clogs every level of the judicial structure, from the trial court. And when a blockage he said. He also stressed the infrastructure to reduce pendency. "This is because withmost sincere judicial system will collapse under logistical

COVID pandemic.

elderly, or digitally unfamiliar is not reform at all, it is regression. That is why I have always maintained that technology must remain a servant of justice, not its substitute. It should amplify human judgment, not replace it." the CJI said. He said a system where the executive, legislature and judiciary do not move in harmony resembles a tricycle missing a wheel -- the rule of law cannot balance, let alone move forward. 'And the consequences are stark -- laws may be enacted. offences registered, even liberty curtailed, yet the citizen is left waiting for the one thing that completes the promise of justice: a timely trial that the infrastructure

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

is simply too frail to deliver,

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS 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

Divisional Senior 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.

# 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

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 oneand-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

and Jammu divisions - under the supervision of separate selection committees, followed by final selection by a different panel comprising members from both regions.

The trial for the Santosh trophy was simultaneously conducted in Jammu and Srinagar for three days from November 15 to 17, the Sports Council

"While 74 players participated in Jammu and 18 of them were shortlisted by the coaches for the final trial, 194 players turned up for trial in Srinagar, and 33 among them were shortlisted. The final trial was held for three days from November 19 to 21 in Jammu, as the government decided to carry out maximum activities in Jammu, where no football matches could take place in the past two years," the official

Out of 51 players, 32, including eight from the Jammu region, were shortlisted for the residential coaching camp in

Jammu from November 21. The camp continued till December 12, and the selection committee finally selected 23 players, including four from Jammu, for the team to represent J&K in the Santosh Trophy, the official said.

He said one of the boys from Jammu could not join due to some examination, while another is joining the team in the coming days.

Further, the official said, the government is planning a Jammu super league in the coming months to provide an opportunity to the youngsters to hone their skills in the absence of club culture in the

As part of the government policy, he said council's secretary Nuzhat Gul ordered the holding of all winter camps in the Jammu region. "We recently held a camp for the under-19 girls team, and all the 14 players were selected from the Jammu region based on their

# ISRO lines up 7 launches, including uncrewed Gaganyaan mission by March 2026

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: ISRO has lined up seven launch missions by March next year, including one to demonstrate home-built electric propulsion systems for satellite and quantum key distribution technologies, and the first uncrewed mission of the Gaganyaan project. The first of the seven launches is expected to take place next week. India's heaviest rocket "LVM3 will place in orbit the Bluebird-6 communication satellite for US-based AST Spacemobile through a commercial agree ment with ISRO's New Space India

Limited (NSIL), Union minister Jitendra Singh recently told Parliament.

The human-rated LVM3 will soar into the sky early next year carrying the first uncrewed mission of India's human spaceflight Gaganyaan with a robot 'Vyommitra'' onboard the crew module. One more uncrewed mission is planned later next vear before ISRO sends Indian

astronauts into low earth orbit in 2027.

"First uncrewed mission of Gaganyaan to demonstrate end-to-end mission, including aerodynamics characterization of human rated launch vehicle, mission operations of

Orbital Module, re-entry and recovery of Crew Module," Singh said.

Next year will also see the launch of India's first industry-built Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) that will put in orbit Oceansat satellite. The PSLV will have two more passengers --" Indo-Mauritius Joint Satellite and LEAP-2 satellite of Dhruva Space.

To increase commercial launches of satellites, NSIL had given a contract to a HAL-L&T consortium to manufacture five PSLV rockets, under a technology transfer agreement signed in September this year.

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