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STATE TIMES

## BYS celebrates Mahila Yog Shakti Diwas

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bharatiya Yog Sansthan, a leading non-profit organization devoted to the promotion of yoga and Indian culture, celebrated Mahila Yog Shakti Diwas with great enthusiasm at its ashram in Gole Gujral, Jammu.

The programme witnessed the participation of over 600 sadhaks, with a large number of women devotees, highlighting the vital role of yoga in women's empowerment, physical fitness, and mental well-being.

The occasion gained added significance as the



Bharatiya Yog Sansthan J&K member speaking at a programme.

Sansthan also celebrated receiving the prestigious National Yoga Award 2025,

conferred by the Prime Minister of India on December 19, 2025.

The award recognizes Bharatiya Yog Sansthan's exceptional contribution to spreading yoga across India and abroad, and its consistent efforts toward promoting holistic health and a balanced lifestyle.

Several eminent dignitaries graced the event. Arunima Sinha, Lifestyle Consultant, was the Guest of Honour. Other distinguished guests included Arvind Karwani, Relief Commissioner; Parvinder Bharti, DGM SBI Chandigarh; and senior

## NBF praises LG Sinha for swift action to expedite delayed Junior Cultural Assistant recruitment



NBF expressing gratitude to LG Manoj Sinha.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Tarun Uppal, Chairman of Nirbhay Bharat Foundation (NBF), today expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for acknowledging and acting on the prolonged delay in the recruitment process for Junior Cultural Assistant positions in the Information Department. The Foundation and a delegation of applicants met the Lieutenant Governor last month to submit a memorandum outlining the hardship caused by the recruit-

ment pause that has persisted since April 15, 2025.

Uppal noted that the delay in finalizing the recruitment has inflicted considerable mental, social, and economic strain on unemployed youth who have been awaiting appointment. "Many deserving candidates have faced uncertainty, financial stress, and career setbacks due to the extended hold on this process," Uppal said. He thanked the Lieutenant Governor for instructing the relevant authorities to conclude the recruitment with-

out further delay and ensuring full compliance with Notification No. 01 of 2021. The Nirbhay Bharat Foundation emphasized that timely resolution of the recruitment will restore confidence among applicants and remove barriers to cultural and public service careers for young professionals.

The Foundation will continue to monitor implementation and support coordination between candidates and the Information Department to ensure transparency and adherence to the notification's provisions. "We are grateful for Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha's commitment to expediting this recruitment. His prompt direction to finalize appointments will relieve many families facing prolonged uncertainty and help the youth move forward with dignity," said Tarun Uppal, Chairman of Nirbhay Bharat Foundation.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The All Jammu and Kashmir Sikh Coordination Committee (AJKSCC) on Thursday announced the organization of a Vishesh Shaheedi Samagam at Digiana Ashram, Jammu, to pay homage to the supreme sacrifice of the Chaar Sahibzada of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

A press conference in this regard was held on December 25, 2025, at Digiana Ashram and was addressed by Ajit Singh, Chairman, along with senior members of the Committee.

While briefing the media, Ajit

## Kesri demands expulsion of illegal Bangladeshi, Rohingya immigrants

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiv Sena Hindustan, in a strongly worded press conference, has demanded the immediate expulsion of illegal Bangladeshi and Rohingya immigrants from India, citing concerns over their alleged involvement in anti-Hindu activities. The event, presided over by Jammu Kashmir President Pandit Rajesh Kesri, saw the partic-

ipation of prominent party members, including Rajkumar Baba, Sanjeev Sharma, and Ajay Kumar.

Addressing the media, Kesri expressed outrage over the persecution of Hindus in Bangladesh, stating, "The Indian government must intervene immediately to stop the genocide of Hindus in Bangladesh. We demand that the government takes a strong stance against countries that harbor extremist elements and perpetuate violence against Hindus." Kesri further emphasized that the presence of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and

Rohingya is a threat to India's national security and cultural identity. "These people are involved in anti-Hindu activities and have no place in our country. We demand that the government takes immediate action to deport them and prevent further infiltration."

The Shiv Sena Hindustan leader also urged the international community to take cognizance of the issue and bring pressure on the Bangladesh government to ensure the safety and security of minority communities. "We need to launch a global campaign to isolate countries

that harbor extremist elements and perpetuate violence against Hindus. The flow of funds and aid to such countries should be stopped, and we should take concrete measures to bring those responsible to justice." Shiv Sena Hindustan demands that the Indian government takes immediate and decisive action to address the crisis in Bangladesh and ensures the safety and security of Hindus and other minority communities. The party also demands that the government takes stern action against illegal immigrants and prevents further infiltration.

## Harman Kaur shines at National Cultural Programme, secures 2nd position for J&K UT

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The National Cultural Programme, held in Pune from 19th to 21st December 2025, witnessed enthusiastic participation from 37 States and Union Territories, making it a highly competitive national event. Harman Kaur, a Class 12 student of S.C.T.M Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Udhampur, represented the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. She competed in the Instrumental Solo (Melodic) category, presenting a captivating performance on the Dilruba. Her exceptional skill, musical finesse, and dedication impressed both judges and the audience, earning her the 2nd position at the national level. This remarkable achievement brought



immense pride and honour to Team Jammu & Kashmir UT, highlighting the exceptional cultural talent of the region. Special congratulations were extended to CEO Subash Kumar Gupta and Principal Pawan Salathia of S.C.T.M Government Girls Higher Secondary School for their guidance and support in nurturing young talent. Appreciation was also

expressed to District Nodal Officer (DICC/DNO) Udhampur, Rakesh Singh, and Zonal Nodal Officer (ZICC/ZNO) Udhampur, Rinku Khanna, for their dedicated efforts and coordination. The achievement also reflects the visionary leadership and constant encouragement of the SPD and the Director, along with the effective coordination of State Nodal Officer Raj Kumar Chadha, which played a pivotal role in Harman Kaur's success. Her accomplishment serves as an inspiration to young artists and vividly highlights the rich cultural heritage and emerging talent of Jammu & Kashmir UT, demonstrating the Union Territory's growing prominence on national cultural platforms.

## AJKSCC to hold Vishesh Shaheedi Samagam at Digiana Ashram on Dec 26



Chairman AJKSCC, Ajit Singh addressing a press conference.

Singh provided full details of the programme, stating that the Vishesh Shaheedi Samagam will be held on December 26, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Digiana

Ashram, Jammu.

He informed that the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, will grace the occasion and pay

obisance to the greatest martyrs of Sikh history.

The Committee appealed to people from all sections of society to participate in large numbers in this special religious

congregation to pay their respects and remember the unparalleled sacrifices of the sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh for righteousness, faith, and humanity.

Prominent members who addressed the media included S. Avatar Singh Khalsa, Balvinder Singh, Surat Singh Toofani, Fateh Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Balwant Singh, Paramjeet Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Chanchal Singh, Satwant Singh, Daljit Singh, and several others.

The event aims to uphold the values of courage, sacrifice, and unity, which continue to inspire generations.

## Satish participates in Christmas celebrations

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma today joined the Christian community in celebrating the joyous festival of Christmas at various locations across Jammu, including Birpur, Garrison Church, Gandhinagar, and Kunjwani.

The Minister was warmly received by church authorities, community leaders and residents, who welcomed his presence as a strong gesture of communal harmony and inclusive governance.

Satish Sharma conveyed heartfelt greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion and said that Christmas is not merely a religious festival but a celebration of universal values such as love, peace, sacrifice and service to humanity.

Highlighting Jammu and Kashmir's

age-old tradition of unity in diversity, the Minister said that the region has always been a shining example of peaceful coexistence among different faiths and cultures. He called upon all sections of society to work together to further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, tolerance and mutual respect in order to build a harmonious and progressive Jammu and Kashmir.

"True development is possible only when communities live in peace and solidarity. Festivals like Christmas remind us that humanity, compassion and empathy must guide our collective journey," Satish Sharma remarked.

Recalling the visionary and transformative role of Jesus Christ, the Minister said that His teachings of love, forgiveness and selfless service have left an indelible mark on human civilisation and continue to inspire people across the world to work for the welfare of others.

He urged citizens, particularly the youth, to follow these ideals and contribute positively to society. The Minister also interacted with members of the Christian community and local residents, appreciating their contribution in nurturing a spirit of harmony and social responsibility. He assured them of the government's continued commitment to safeguarding the rights, dignity and cultural heritage of every community and ensuring that the benefits of development reach all sections of society. Satish Sharma said that such occasions reinforce the shared values that bind the people of Jammu and Kashmir together and reaffirm the collective resolve to move forward on the path of peace, inclusiveness and prosperity.

The celebrations at the churches were marked by special prayers, hymns and messages of goodwill, creating an atmosphere of joy, unity and spiritual reflection.

## J&K crushes Sikkim by innings and 190 runs, clinches 4th straight innings win; tops table with 28 points

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SURAT: Jammu & Kashmir delivered a clinical demolition of Sikkim, sealing a commanding innings-and-190-runs victory- their fourth consecutive innings triumph in the ongoing U-16 Men's Vijay Merchant Trophy at CK Pithavala Ground here today.

This masterclass propelled J&K to the top of the table with 28 points, ahead of Mizoram (18) and Sikkim (14).

Opting to bat first, J&K posted a formidable 405/9 declared in 85 overs. Karnan Singh anchored the innings with a masterful 142 off 258 balls, featuring 17 boundaries. Hadi Amin (54) and Hammad Firdous (50) added sparkling flicks, while Arslan Nayyar's brisk 43 provided the finishing flourish as J&K's young batters



asserted total dominance.

Sikkim's bowlers fought back gamely, with Biswash claiming 3 wickets and Ladip, Towel, and Sahil Rai picking up one apiece. In reply, Sikkim collapsed spectacularly for 120 all out. Athrav Sharma orchestrated the rout with a mesmerizing 8/24 in 19 overs of leg-spin wizardry, backed by Sanil Singh's tireless 2/39 in 21.3 overs.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight 30/3 in their second innings, Sikkim folded tamely for 95. Ariantha Sachdeva (17) and Abinav (16) offered minor resistance, but Sanil Singh and Rajveer Singh (3 wickets each) led the charge, with Harinder Singh and Hammad Firdous grabbing 2 apiece. Sikkim's top scorers in the first dig-Raunak (17), skipper Yoovel (13), and

Bishwash (11)-couldn't stem the tide.

JKCA Member-Administration Brig Anil Gupta lauded the "young brigade" for their relentless brilliance: "In our fourth match, Karnan's third ton (142), Hadi Amin's 54, and Hammad's 50 propelled us to 405/9 declared. Athrav then spun a web with 8/24."

## Dir Estates inspects offices, residential accommodations at Srinagar

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Director Estates, Kashmir; Ashwani Khajuria conducted an extensive inspection and review of office and residential accommodations and allied facilities at multiple locations in Srinagar, including Civil Secretariat, Assembly Complex, Old Secretariat Complex and Tulsibagh and Jawahar Nagar residential quarters.

During the inspection, the Director was accompanied by senior officers of department including FA/CAO, Deputy Director Estates, Deputy Director(P) and Assistant Director Estates, along with other officers.

At the Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, the Director took comprehensive tour of various blocks, reviewing ongoing renovation, upgradation, cleaning, fumigation and sanitation works.

He impressed upon the concerned officers and executing agencies to ensure their time-

bound completion so that officers and officials do not face any inconvenience regarding office accommodation and related facilities.

He inspected different offices, enquired about the pace and quality of works and stressed that all amenities for Civil Secretariat employees must be kept in a functional, clean and employee-friendly condition. The Director also enquired about the proposed additional block being constructed within the Secretariat premises and instructed the executing agency to submit the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the proposed building at the earliest so that work on the new block can be started as soon as possible to augment office accommodation. During the visit, the Director also held a comprehensive meeting with accompanying officers and took stock of all office and residential accommodations

being provided by the Department. He also reviewed issues and requirements projected by different sections. The Director also visited the Assembly Complex and Old Secretariat Complex, where he took stock of all office accommodations and issued instructions for their proper upkeep, timely repairs and optimal utilization in the interest of government functioning.

In the meanwhile, the Director also undertook a detailed inspection of residential accommodations at Tulsibagh, Jawahar Nagar, where he reviewed the ongoing repair and renovation works and physically checked various quarters to assess the condition of facilities and the progress on maintenance activities.

He directed the field functionaries to closely monitor all renovation and sanitation works across these locations and promptly address bottlenecks.