

Police extends helping hand to tourists and general public amid heavy snowfall in Ganderbal

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**GANDERBAL, JAN 23:**  
Demonstrating its unwavering commitment to public service, Police in Ganderbal has been providing timely assistance to tourists and local residents stranded due to heavy snowfall and adverse weather conditions at Gund and Sonamarg. Police teams, deployed on the ground despite harsh conditions, are working relentlessly to ensure the safety and well-being of the stranded individuals. The assistance included evacuation of vehicles stuck in deep snow, facilitation of safe movement, and on-spot help to vulnerable commuters. The swift and coordinated response of J&K Police is widely appreciated by tourists and locals alike, reflecting the force's dedication to humanitarian duties beyond law enforcement. Police appeals to the general public and tourists to exercise utmost caution, adhere to travel advisories, and strictly follow safety protocols while travelling.

Police assist woman & her newborn amid heavy snowfall in Kulgam

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**KULGAM, JAN 23:**  
Police in Kulgam, in a display of prompt action, compassion, dedication and commitment to public service, responded to another distress call amidst incessant snowfall and slippery road in the region. A distress call from Uppermunda, Qazigund was received for assistance, stating that one lady along with her new born baby were stuck on way at Chango Crossing and the family members were unable to take them to home at their own because of incessant snowfall and slippery road. On the directions of SSP Kulgam Shri Anayat Ali Chowdhary-IPS a team of police led by IC PP Jawahar Tunnel under the supervision of ASP NHW Qazigund, Kulgam Shri Mumtaz Ali Bhatti-JKPS was constituted and despite of adverse weather conditions, shifted the lady along with her new born baby on foot to their residential place at Uppermunda Gujjar basti, Qazigund safely, where the respectables especially family members of the said lady thanked SSP Kulgam for prompt action and assistance. The timely intervention underscore J&K Police's unwavering dedication to serving the community, even in challenging circumstances. Police urges the public to exercise caution during severe weather conditions and to reach out in emergencies for assistance.

GCW Udhampur celebrates Basant Panchami with devotional musical programme

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**UDHAMPUR, JAN 23:**  
The Department of Music, Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur, organized a devotional and culturally enriching programme on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at the college campus. The event was held under the able supervision and guidance of the Principal, Dr. Nalini Pathania. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the sacred jyoti, symbolizing knowledge, wisdom, and enlightenment. On the occasion, Dr. Seema Sharma, Former Head of the Department of Music, along with faculty members of the Music Department, other teaching staff, and students, participated in the ceremonial inauguration. Students of the Department of Music presented soulful devotional songs, Saraswati Mata bhajans, and stutis, beautifully capturing the spiritual essence of Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge, art, and music. The melodious performances created a serene and devotional ambience across the campus and were highly appreciated by the audience. The programme concluded on a pious note with the distribution of prasad among all attendees, leaving behind an atmosphere of devotion, harmony, and cultural enrichment.

TNTA President Abhinav Anand meets Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Jammu

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**JAMMU, JAN 23:**  
President, Trikuta Nagar Traders Association, Sector-7, Canal Site, Jammu (J&K), Abhinav Anand today met the Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Jammu, Er. R.K. Agastam, and held a detailed discussion on various important developmental works of the Jammu Division. During the meeting, Abhinav Anand highlighted several key infrastructure issues, particularly concerning major roads of the division, and emphasized the need for timely execution and upgradation of these projects to facilitate smoother traffic flow and improve public convenience. He urged the Chief Engineer to take up certain critical works on a priority basis, keeping in view the growing commercial and residential needs of the area. The Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Jammu, gave a patient hearing to the issues raised and assured that the concerns brought to his notice would be examined carefully. He further stated that appropriate action would be initiated at the earliest as per feasibility and departmental norms. The meeting reflected the proactive role of the Trikuta Nagar Traders Association in advocating for infrastructure development and public welfare in Jammu.

EOW Kashmir cracks major property fraud; chargesheet filed in Ompora land scam

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**SRINAGAR, JAN 23:**  
In a significant breakthrough against land-related fraud, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Kashmir of Crime Branch J&K has filed a chargesheet before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Budgam, in a high-profile case involving allegations of cheating, forgery, and use of fabricated documents to illegally claim ownership of a government housing plot at Ompora, Budgam. The chargesheet has been filed in connection with FIR No. 61/2023 under Sections 420, 467, 468, and 471 IPC, pertaining to Plot No. 1165, measuring 30×50 feet, located at the Government Housing Colony, Ompora. The case originated from a written complaint by a woman who claimed lawful ownership of the plot through a valid chain of powers of attorney from the original allottee. Simultaneously, another individual claimed ownership based on a separate set of documents, raising suspicion of fraud and criminal conspiracy. A detailed investigation was conducted, during which statements of the complainant, original allottee Satish Kumar Sharma, and other relevant persons were recorded. Official verification from the offices of Sub Registrar Budgam and Sub Registrar IV, 2nd Additional Munsif Jammu, revealed that an alleged irrevocable General Power of Attorney purportedly executed in 2010 was never registered. The original allottee categorically denied executing such a document. The investigation established that Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Dar S/o Mohd Shaban Dar R/o Nowgam Bypass, Srinagar, had fraudulently used forged documents to claim ownership and execute further transactions. Confirmation from the J&K Housing Department validated the complainant as the legitimate owner. Accordingly, EOW Kashmir has established a prima facie case and filed the chargesheet for judicial adjudication. The Economic Offences Wing, Kashmir, reiterated its firm resolve to take stringent action against fraudulent land and property dealings and to safeguard public assets under the rule of law.

Shiv Sena pays tribute to Balasaheb; Sahni addresses meat sale controversy in Jammu



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**JAMMU, JAN 23:**  
The Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit today paid heartfelt tributes to the party's founder, Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray, on the occasion of his birth centenary at a programme held at the party's state central office. Speaking on the occasion, State Chief Manish Sahni addressed the ongoing controversy related to a peaceful awareness campaign against the open sale of meat in Jammu, the City of Temples. He firmly refuted what he termed as baseless and misleading statements being circulated by certain elements, stating that the issue was being unnecessarily given a communal colour despite it being a matter of public health, law, and religious sensitivity. Sahni criticized those who, according to him, remained silent against violations of rules by vendors openly selling meat, while instead targeting those who raised concerns through a peaceful campaign. He said such actions hurt the religious sentiments of the Hindu community and compromise public health norms. He further stated that attempts to label the issue as a Hindu-Muslim dispute were mischievous and aimed at derailing the real concern. Referring to the incident at Gujjar Nagar, Sahni said that during the peaceful campaign, a small group of Shiv Sainiks was allegedly manhandled by a large crowd. He added that due to the timely intervention and vigilance of the police administration, a major untoward incident was averted. While an FIR has reportedly been registered against Shiv Sainiks, Sahni questioned why no similar action was being demanded against those who allegedly attacked them or against vendors flouting established rules. Reiterating the party's ideological commitment, Sahni said that Shiv Sainiks, inspired by Balasaheb Thackeray, remain steadfast in safeguarding Sanatan Dharma and religious values, and will continue to raise their voice through democratic and peaceful means. He also appreciated the police administration for maintaining law and order and thanked various Hindu organizations for extending their support. Prominent party leaders present on the occasion included Vikas Bakshi (General Secretary), Sanjeev Kohli (Working President), Raj Singh (President Kamghar), Aditya Mahajan (Vice President), Raju Kapoor (Co-Chairman), and Shashi Pal, among others.

18th Board of Studies meeting of SoECE held at SMVDU

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**KATRA, JAN 23:**  
The 18th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering (SoECE), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, was successfully held under the chairmanship of the Head of SoECE. The meeting witnessed active participation from all faculty members, who provided valuable inputs towards strengthening and updating the academic curriculum in line with emerging academic and industry needs. The meeting was further enriched by the presence of Prof. Asok De, Bharti ARIAN Chair Professor, and Prof. K. R. Jha, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, who offered insightful suggestions and expert guidance on curriculum design, academic excellence, and future-oriented program development. The session also witnessed the esteemed participation of the external expert Prof. Rajeshwari Pandey from Delhi Technological University (DTU), who joined the meeting through online mode. Prof. Pandey provided valuable recommendations focusing on curriculum enhancement, industry alignment, and the promotion of research- and innovation-driven initiatives. During the meeting, the Board deliberated on key academic agenda items aimed at keeping pace with emerging technologies and evolving industry requirements. The Board approved partial modifications to the syllabuses of select courses to enhance conceptual understanding and practical relevance. To foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and a startup culture among students, the Board approved the introduction of a new subject titled "Understanding Incubation and Entrepreneurship." Recognizing the growing demand for skilled professionals in advanced technology domains, the Board also approved the introduction of a new M.Tech. program in VLSI, with specializations in VLSI Design and IoT and Sensor Systems. In addition, the existing course structure of the M.Tech. ECE program was reviewed and suitably modified to ensure curriculum modernization, flexibility, and better alignment with current research trends and industry expectations. The Head of SoECE appreciated the constructive contributions of faculty members and external experts, emphasizing that the decisions taken during the meeting would significantly enhance academic quality, research orientation, innovation culture, and student employability.

Brotherhood and diversity: Pillars of India's strength a vision for Viksit Bharat 2047

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**JAMMU, JAN 23:**  
India's aspiration to achieve Viksit Bharat 2047 encompasses more than just economic expansion, technological advancement, and infrastructural progress; it is also contingent upon the robustness of its social fabric, cultural integration, and institutional development. Within a nation characterized by unparalleled linguistic, cultural, and geographic diversity, the concepts of brotherhood and unity transcend mere abstraction, manifesting as tangible realities that unify the populace. India's most significant asset resides in its diversity, wherein a multitude of languages, traditions, and identities coexist in a state of harmony, thereby collectively fostering national advancement. Educational establishments, athletic venues, cultural platforms, research facilities, and civic organizations serve as the arenas where this diversity is cultivated into a source of national strength. Furthermore, India's musicians, dancers, and cinematic artists have historically functioned as crucial representatives of unity and national pride. Legendary Hindustani musicians such as Pandit Ravi Shankar, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Pandit Hridayanath Mangeshkar, Ustad Bismillah Khan, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Ustad Zakir Hussain, and Ustad Alla Rakha, along with Carnatic stalwarts like M.S. Subbulakshmi, Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna, Dr. K.J. Yesudas, and K.S. Chithra, have brought India's diverse musical heritage to global audiences while uniting millions at home across linguistic and regional lines. Kathak dancers, folk performers such as Chaturbhuj Rathod, and other regional artists preserve indigenous arts while integrating them into the national consciousness. Contemporary icons like Ilaiyaraaja, Jagjit Singh, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, and Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt demonstrate how classical depth, innovation, and cross-cultural collaboration can create pan-Indian and global impact. Cinema, with collaborative produc-

JKSA writes to Health Secretary seeking simplification of Medical College recruitment process

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**JAMMU, JAN 23:**  
The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) on Friday has written to the Health & Medical Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, seeking simplification of the recruitment application process in Government Medical Colleges by removing the mandatory requirement of offline/hardcopy submission after completion of the online application. In a formal representation addressed to the Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department, the Chairman of the Association, Mushtaq Habeeb, highlighted that several recent recruitment notifications issued by Government Medical Colleges including GMC Udhampur and GMC Handwara; require candidates to submit hard copies of application forms and supporting documents despite having already completed the online application process. He stated that in an era of digital governance and online verification, compulsory physical submission of documents defeats the very purpose of digitisation and causes unnecessary hardship to applicants, particularly those from rural, remote, and economically weaker backgrounds. "The two-step application process imposes avoidable financial and logistical burdens on unemployed youth. Candidates are compelled to spend on printing, travel, and repeated visits to offices; often within short and rigid deadlines. Many deserving applicants risk rejection despite completing the online application in time," the Association stated. Habeeb further pointed out that mandatory offline submission leads to duplication of work, avoidable crowding at college offices, administrative delays, and an increased workload for staff, even though the same documents are already available in digital form. He added that candidates from far-flung areas of Jammu, Kashmir,

GDC Ramban organizes a series of activities to mark 150 years of national pride "Vande Matram"

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**RAMBAN, JAN 23:**  
A series of activities were organized to commemorate the National Pride—"Vande Matram" in GDC Ramban with regard to celebration of 150 years of the National Song composed by eminent freedom fighter and literary figure – Bankim Chander Chatterjee. These activities were aimed at fostering a spirit of National Pride and unity among the participants and larger community. The activities carried included a debate competition, a poster making competition, an essay writing competition and National Song singing competition. These activities were held under the patronage and guidance of Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri, Principal of the college. The debate completion on the theme of importance of celebrating Vande Matram witnessed a tough competition among the participating students and finally the first three positions were bagged by Miss Shafiya Katoch, Miss Misty Thakur and Mr. Rudra Pratap Singh of semester 3rd, 5th and 5th respectively. The event was adjudicated by Prof. Aditya Sharma and Prof. Ram Prakash faculty members of the college. This event was organized by Department OF Political Science and department of History GDC Ramban. In the National Song singing competition the first three prizes were won by Miss Sonali Sharma of 7th sem, Miss Shruti Devi of 1st sem and Mr. Soojal Singh of 1st sem respectively. The event was organized by the Department of Music of the college. An essay writing competition was organized by joint collaboration of department of English, department of Urdu and Department of Hindi were Miss Shafiya got 1st position, 2nd prize was won by Miss Misty and 3rd prize went to Kanaiya Sharma. A Poster making competition was organized by Department of EVS and Department of Dogri were first three positions were taken by Mr. Junaidd Khateeb, Mr. Bal Krishan and Miss Meenakshi Devi. The winners were given prizes by the Principal Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri in presence of senior faculty members Prof. Satish Kumar Hod Zoology and Dr. Romesh Chander HOD Economics. In the concluding ceremony Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri steeased upon celebrating the National Pride-VandeMatram with full enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. He instructed the participants to maintain a disciplined life following the constitutional values and a spirit of duty and discipline. He paid rich tributes to the contribution of Bankim Chander Chatterjee the National Hero OF India. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Mir-Nodal officer celebration of Vande Matram campaign. All other faculty members including Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Ajay Kumar, Prof. Samir Ahmed, Dr. Arjun Gupta, Prof. Narotam, Dr. Varun Sharma and other non-teaching staff attended the programme. The event concluded with mass singing of the National Song – Vande Matram.

maecutical sciences. Likewise, Prof. Amartya Sen, awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 1998, reshaped the global development conversation through his contributions to welfare economics, social choice theory, and human development, underscoring the importance of education, health, equity, and human dignity for advancement. Their worldwide influence illustrates how India's intellectual diversity and ethical scholarship foster both national unity and global leadership. Social reformers and humanitarian leaders have, in turn, translated the principle of brotherhood into concrete societal outcomes. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule, Vinobha Bhave, Dr. Ravindra Kolhe, Dr. Smita Kolhe, Baba Amte and Family, Sunil Dutt, Nargis Dutt, Dr. Verghese Kurien, Ela Bhatt, Medha Patkar, Kailash Satyarthi, Padmashri Dr. Milind P. Kamble, and others have championed inclusion, empowerment, and equitable development throughout various states; concurrently, grassroots social workers cultivate community cohesion, civic responsibility, and ethical conduct. Their endeavours exemplify how shared values and collective action bolster national solidarity. Furthermore, political leadership in India has formalized unity in diversity, with figures ranging from Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to present-day leaders advocating for federalism, inter-state collaboration, and linguistic pluralism. Policies that prioritize education, cultural preservation, regional development, and civic engagement demonstrate that diversity is not a hindrance but rather a strategic national asset, fostering resilience, creativity, and strength. India's inherent value stems from its capacity to transform plurality into unity and diversity into a collective benefit. The achievements of musicians, athletes, scientists, social reformers, and political leaders demonstrate how local accomplishments collectively shape a cohesive national identity. Institutions of higher education, such as the Indian Institutes of Management and the Indian Institutes of Technology, serve as microcosms of this integration. Within these settings, multilingual classrooms, interdisciplinary research, student mobility, and executive education foster ethical leadership, intercultural understanding, and collaborative problem-solving. Management development programs and industry-academia partnerships further extend these principles to public sector enterprises, startups, and government organizations, reinforcing cohesion and a shared vision. India's ascent to global prominence will depend not only on its economic and technological capabilities but also on the enduring strength of its social, cultural, and institutional bonds. The principles of brotherhood, unity in diversity, and collective striving for excellence transform regional and linguistic differences into strategic national assets. India's richness lies in its diversity, and its strength stems from its unity, as exemplified by the accomplishments of its musicians, dancers, athletes, scientists, social reformers, and political leaders. Progress, however, is not possible without the active involvement of the general public. Inclusive collaboration, where individuals from different cultural and regional backgrounds work together for the nation's benefit, promotes all-around development. This fosters brotherhood, strengthens social cohesion, and accelerates progress through both individual and collective efforts. Brotherhood and diversity thus emerge as cornerstones of India's national strength and as guiding principles for achieving Viksit Bharat 2047. Brotherhood will remain the nation's most enduring competitive advantage, while ethical leadership, inclusive growth, cultural confidence, and institutional collaboration will collectively contribute to realizing the noble vision of a Viksit Bharat 2047, as articulated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji.