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Sr DCM Jammu to receive 'Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar'

Jammu : Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (DCM) of northern railway's Jammu division Uchit Singh has been selected for the 'Ati Vishisht Rail Seva Puraskar', to be conferred by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, in recognition of his outstanding service in 2025, an official said on Monday.

The award ceremony would be held on January 9 in Delhi to facilitate more than 100 outstanding employees from various railway zones and departments across the country. The award is being given to Singh for bringing unprecedented improvements and innovations in commercial and passenger services in the Jammu division, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January last year, the northern railway's Jammu division said in a statement.

Woman found dead under mysterious condition, probe launched

Poonch, Jan 05 : A woman was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Tehsil Mandi, Poonch, on Monday morning. Official sources said the deceased has been identified as 25-year-old Asia Kousar, wife of Mohd Jahangir, resident of Jandrola.

The circumstances of her death are considered suspicious. Authorities have registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident. Police are conducting inquiries to determine the cause and circumstances surrounding the death, as the investigation progresses.

Police attresed 3 drug peddlers, heroin seized in Indora

Jammu : Himachal police attresed 3 Jammu drug peddlers, heroin seized in Indora. During routine patrolling and surveillance under the NDPS Act, CIA Nurpur police received a credible tip-off that a white Hyundai Verna car (registration number JK-02CF-1088) was transporting heroin near Barrier Chowk, Indora. Acting swiftly under Section 42 of the NDPS Act, the police team intercepted the vehicle near the rain shelter at Indora in the presence of independent witnesses. Three individuals were apprehended: Jitendra Singh (40), resident of Batala, Punjab - driver Mandeep Singh alias Mantu (30), resident of Jammu and Rajji Bala alias Rajju (20), resident of Indora, District Kangra.

Upon searching the vehicle, police recovered 34.37 grams of heroin (chitta) concealed in a plastic container under the driver's seat. A case has been registered against the accused under Sections 21, 25, 29, 61, and 85 of the NDPS Act. Further investigation is underway.

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With Operation Sindoor, armed forces demonstrated India's resoluteness to World : Vice President

New Delhi, Jan 05 : Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Monday said the armed forces made India proud with Operation Sindoor as they demonstrated to the world the country's resoluteness while successfully carrying out the military action.

In his address at the National Cadet Corps' Republic Day Camp at Delhi Cantonment, he also hailed the role of the NCC during the operation. "The NCC made a commendable contribution during Operation Sindoor when nearly 72,000 NCC cadets turned into 'NCC warriors' by volunteering services for civil defence measures. These cadets helped in emergency drills, blood donation camps and other civil defence-related activities. Operation Sindoor was carried out by the Indian armed forces in the early hours of May 7, 2025, elimi-

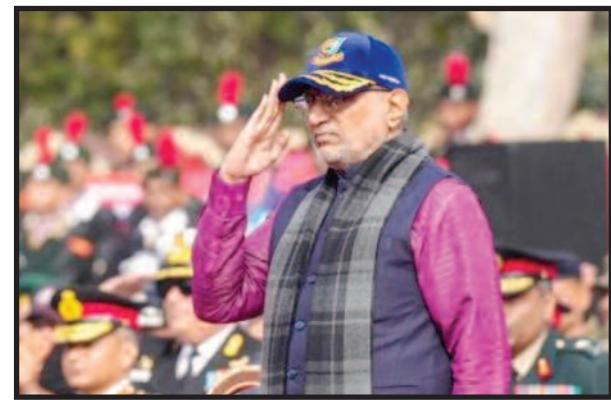
nating at least 100 terrorists, in response to the horrific Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 innocent civilians. Last year, our armed forces made the country

the Indian armed forces to protect the nation's honour, sovereignty and its citizens," he asserted. Vice President Radhakrishnan on Monday formally inaugu-

rated the NCC's Republic Day Camp, which will culminate with a PM Rally on January 28. A total of 2,406 NCC cadets, including 898 girls, from across the country are participating in the nearly month-long camp. In his address, the Vice

"Operation Sindoor was a powerful symbol of the unwavering commitment of

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Lt Governor Ladakh meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Jan 05 : The Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, today met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on the overall development and welfare of the region.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor briefed the Prime Minister on key developmental initiatives, welfare schemes, and major infrastructure projects currently underway in Ladakh. He highlighted efforts being made to strengthen road and air connectivity, improve public infrastructure, and ensure the timely delivery

of essential services in the geographically challenging and strategically significant region.

Kavinder Gupta also apprised the Prime Minister of initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable tourism, preserving Ladakh's unique cultural and ecological her-

itage, and creating livelihood opportunities for local youth. Issues related to education, healthcare facilities in remote and border areas, and the implementation of Central Government schemes were also discussed in detail.

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Rusted mortar shell found in J&K's Poonch; destroyed

TT Correspondent

Jammu : A rusted mortar shell was found in a forward village near the Line of Control (LoC) on Monday in Poonch district and was subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion. The mortar shell was noticed lying in an

open field by villagers of Upper Ghani in Balnoi area of Mankote sector around 11.15 am, officials said. They said a police team immediately secured the area and Army experts later destroyed the shell in a controlled explosion without causing any damage.

Delhi Blast case: NIA court sends accused Yasir Ahmed Dar in judicial custody after interrogation

New Delhi, Jan. 05 : Special NIA court at Patiala House on Monday remanded Yasir Ahmed Dar to judicial custody till January 16. He was produced before the court after expiry of his NIA custody. He was arrested last month by the NIA.

Principal District and Session judge (Special NIA Judge) Anju Bajaj Chandana remanded Dar in Judicial custody after hearing submissions of counsel for the agency. The court held the hearing in a closed room. On December 36, the court had extended the custody of Dar. A total of 15 people were killed and over two dozen others injured in the Delhi blast that rocked the national capital.

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Pakistan has no say in J&K Hydropower Projects : Khattar

Jammu, Jan 5 : Union Minister for Power and Housing & Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar asserted that Pakistan's objections to hydroelectric projects in Jammu and Kashmir hold no relevance, stating that India will proceed with all power projects strictly in national interest.

The Union Minister made these remarks while launching the dam concreting works of the Ratle Hydroelectric Project in Kishtwar, marking the beginning of his two-day visit to the Union Territory. He urged engineers and executing agencies to ensure timely and efficient completion of the project.

Speaking to reporters Manohar Lal Khattar said the Ratle project had faced a delay of more than two years due to various constraints, but added that work has now picked up pace. Once completed, he said, the 800 MW project will significantly enhance power availability in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country.

Emphasising inclusive

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development, the Minister said local residents must be given priority in employment opportunities related to the project, describing them as the primary stakeholders.

On Pakistan's repeated objections to projects such as Dul Hasti, Khattar said India undertakes such infrastructure works solely for its own developmental needs and that Pakistan has no role or authority to question them. He made it clear that no objection from across the border would be entertained.

Replying to a question on the Indus Waters Treaty and recent fast-tracking of projects, Khattar said the

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domestic requirements and serve the interests of India's people. The Union Minister also stressed strict vigilance at project sites, stating that individuals with unlawful backgrounds would not be allowed to work on hydropower projects in Kishtwar. Regarding reports of alleged Over Ground Workers (OGWs) being spotted at project locations along with local leaders, Khattar said the

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World's 2nd 'Environmental Benchmarks' facility, world's 5th 'Solar Calibration' unit inaugurated

New Delhi, January 5 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, PMO, Department of Space and Department of Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh today inaugurated the world's second "National Environmental Standard Laboratory" and the world's fifth "National Primary Standard Facility for Solar Cell Calibration" at the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL).

Addressing the 80th Foundation Day celebrations of CSIR-NPL here, the Minister said, while the "National Environmental Standard Laboratory" marks for India a major leap in Environmental Governance, the "National Primary

Standard Facility" makes India a member of Elite Global League in Solar Metrology. Describing India's post-Independence scientific architecture. He said CSIR itself is older than independent India, making

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Minister said, underscoring the laboratory's role in establishing Indian Standard Time (IST). He said that this contribution quietly but profoundly shaped everyday life in India and remains a symbol of national integration through science. Emphasising public outreach, he suggested that such institutions must be showcased to students and citizens, much like historical monuments, to inspire scientific curiosity and help young minds discover their aptitude for science and innovation.

On the occasion, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the National Standard Facility for Solar Cell Calibration (Solar Energy Complex), terming it a "future-ready facility" that places India among a select group of global leaders in

photovoltaic measurement standards. Developed in collaboration with PTB, Germany, the laser-based Differential Spectral Responsivity (L-DSR) system achieves the lowest uncertainty globally at 0.35% (k=2) for reference solar cell calibration. Dr. Jitendra Singh said the facility would reduce India's dependence on foreign certification agencies, save foreign exchange, shorten turnaround time for calibration and enhance investor confidence in the country's rapidly expanding solar sector. Highlighting the government's openness to public participation, the Minister said that even sectors traditionally considered closed are now being opened.

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