

Lt Gen Pratik Sharma: The Transformational Commander Reinforcing Northern Command's Strength and Vigilance

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Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Army Commander Northern Command, stands today as one of India's most dynamic, visionary, and hands-on military leaders. His leadership has brought a renewed sense of purpose and energy to the Northern Command, which guards some of the nation's most volatile and operationally demanding frontiers.

Known for his optimism, calm decision-making and exceptional understanding of terrain and conflict dynamics, Lt Gen Sharma inspires confidence not only among his troops but also among the people living in remote border communities. His personality blends tactical sharpness with human warmth, making him both a formidable commander and an approachable leader respected across all ranks from the day he assumed command. Lt Gen Pratik Sharma has emphasized the importance of leading from the front.

Unlike many senior commanders who rely primarily on briefings, he makes it a point to regularly travel to the toughest forward locations—often in harsh, high-altitude, heavy snowfall, or periods of heightened threat. These continuous visits across the Line of Control (LoC), Kupwara, Uri, Keran, Gurez, Rajouri, Poonch, Sunderbani, and Ladakh reflect his



commitment to understanding ground realities firsthand. His presence at these posts boosts troop morale and sends a clear message: the Army Commander stands shoulder to shoulder with the men guarding the nation at the most dangerous frontlines. During his recent visit to North Kashmir, Lt Gen Sharma reviewed the anti-infiltration grid in detail. His interactions with soldiers were direct, encouraging, and rooted in personal concern.

He praised their professionalism, resilience, and the sacrifices they make daily. He particularly appreciated the heightened surveillance measures, improved combat readiness, and coordinated operational response achieved over the past months.

His review was not limited to brief interactions; he personally inspected weapon systems, observation posts, night domination setups, and communication networks

to ensure everything aligns with the highest standards of operational preparedness. One of the hallmarks of Lt Gen Sharma's leadership is his insistence on constant preparedness and adaptation. Under his command, Northern Command has significantly upgraded its technological backbone along the LoC. He has overseen the deployment of smart fencing, thermal imagers, long-range radars, seismic sensors, drones, UAVs, and counter-drone systems, recognizing that future warfare will rely heavily on surveillance integration. He has also been based extensively on AI-based platforms such as the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS), which he strongly advocates for due to its ability to provide real-time threat assessments and predictive intelligence. His forward-looking approach

ensures that Northern Command stays ahead of the enemy's infiltration tactics and hybrid warfare strategies. His understanding of inter-agency cooperation is equally remarkable.

Lt Gen Pratik Sharma has strengthened coordination between the Indian Army, CRPF, J&K Police, intelligence agencies, and special forces units, enabling swift joint operations and a seamless flow of information. Thanks to this cooperation, the region has witnessed successful counter-terror operations, the dismantling of multiple terror modules, and the foiling of numerous infiltration attempts in recent months. His operational responsiveness, precision, and operational synergy reflect his meticulous planning and strategic clarity. Historically, Northern Command has led many successful operations, including Operation Sarp Vinas and Operation Sindoor, but under Lt Gen Sharma's leadership, these past legacies have been strengthened with new vigilance, enhanced border management and improved troop mobility. His direction ensures that even the smallest infiltration attempt receives a comprehensive and swift operational response. Soldiers often remark that his leadership gives them confidence that their efforts are understood, valued, and supported at the highest levels. Beyond operations, Lt Gen Pratik Sharma is deeply invested in the welfare of both soldiers and civilians. He takes special interest in Operation Sadbhavana ensuring that developmental works such as school infrastructure upgrades, women's vocational training, solar lighting, and community outreach continue with increased momentum. He believes that strong civil-military relations are essential for long-term peace and stability. Events like the North Kashmir Women Cricket Championship—which empower youth and promote harmony—have received his full encouragement. A story that symbolizes the spirit of Northern Command under Lt Gen Sharma is that of soldier Manzoor, who rescued his injured comrades during an ambush despite heavy gunfire and freezing temperatures.

Adbi Kunj holds special literary session on World Television Day Poets of different languages presented their creations on modern scientific development and benefits of television in their poems



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Jammu (Arsh) A literary organization known for its various weekly literary and cultural activities, Adbi Kunj J&K, organized a special weekly session on World Television Day at the meeting hall of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. In which, writers of different languages presented their beautiful creations on the global benefits of television in modern scientific development.

The special session was presided over by Santosh Shah 'Nadan', Vice President of Adbi Kunj. The special guest of the program was B.S. Jamwal, Retired Deputy Commissioner, a literary personality of Jammu. While the program was managed by M.S. Kamra, General Secretary of Adbi Kunj. On this occasion, more than one poet entertained the audience by displaying the essence of his pen. The names of the poets who participated in this

special session are as follows: Santosh Shah 'Nadan', Harjeet Singh Upal, MS Kamra, KR Salgotra, BS Jamwal, Rajan Singh, Rajan, Jettindia Jali, Ram Krishna Abid, Bishan Das Khak, Uttam Singh Rahi, Rohini Gandharb Charak, Ashok Dogra, Ashik, Dr. AC Bhagat, Vinod Manchanda, RR Mahotra and Arash Dalmotra. At the end of the function, a vote of thanks was proposed by the President of the organization, Arash Dalmotra.

Press conference by Sangarsh Samiti

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POONCH, NOV 24

A Sangarsh Samiti titled as, Shree Mata Vaishno Devi Sangarsh Samiti Poonch was framed. The Sangarsh Samiti initiated its struggle with a press conference to protest against the injustice done with Hindu community while allotting on four seats in medical College erected by shrine Board that on donation of Hindus. The Samiti demanded immediate rectification in the unjustful allotments of seats and requested The L.G Of J and K UT to intervene and effect the



rectification. The Samiti also requested the centre group especially The PM, Home Minister and the Health Minister to direct the concerned authority to allot hundred percent seats to Hindu

community and to make it sure in future as well. The Samiti decided to continue its struggle till the goal is achieved and warned the concerned to accept their demand otherwise the public will come on the roads.

Indian Army Organises Free Medical Camp in Ganderbal: Locals Hail Initiative



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GANDERBAL, NOV 24:

The Indian Army on Sunday organised a free medical camp at the Islamic Education Institute in Gassio, providing essential healthcare services to residents of the area. The camp offered medical consultations, routine health check-ups, and free medicines to villagers. A team of Army doctors also conducted awareness sessions on hygiene, sanitation, and preventive healthcare, advising attendees on managing common ailments and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The initiative has further strengthened the Army's image as a people-centric force, fostering trust and goodwill among the local population. Residents also extended their support by assisting in preparations at the school premises, making the event a collaborative effort.

Such compassionate outreach programmes, locals said, play a vital role in enhancing civil-military relations and ensuring long-term community welfare. They expressed deep appreciation for the organisation of the medical camp and hoped for more such initiatives in the future.

UT Level Badminton Championship 2025-26 (Phase II) Commences in Srinagar



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SRINAGAR, NOV 24:

The second phase of the Inter-District UT Level Badminton Championship 2025-26 began today at the Indoor Sports Complex, Wazir Bagh, Srinagar. A total of 75 boys from 15 districts of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir are participating in the U/17 category. The Indoor Complex witnessed an enthusiastic atmosphere as players showcased exceptional performances in both singles and doubles events. Participants from across the UT are striving hard to secure their places for selection at the national level.

The championship is being organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports (YSS) and hosted by DYSSO Srinagar under the 'Naisha Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan' campaign. The department has ensured full logistical support, including boarding, lodging, and medical facilities, all provided with improved quality standards. The ongoing event highlights the department's commitment to promoting sports and nurturing young talent across Jammu & Kashmir.

Sculptor Ganesh Sharma invited by "School of Fine Arts around the World"

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Well known Eminent Senior contemporary internationally acclaimed Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma son of the soil has been invited at "International Munich Art Exhibition" organized by Art Munich Magazine, Artist Magazine San Michael, and School of Fine Arts around the World.

The International Exhibition will be inaugurated on 25th of November 2025 and will be shown on 15th of December, 2025. The exhibition is organized under the patronage of Dr Michael Anthon, DrIdris Emmanuel, International Artist Khalid Mounir, DrBotrosVesterman, Dr Bays Wirth and Dr Hans Kall.

Sculptor Ganesh Sharma's art work selected among the total 24 artworks selected from across the globe. The International



artists selected for the exhibition are from Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Portugal, Argentina, Iraq, Bosnia, India, Italy, Syria, and Romania. The management and organization committee members of Munich Art Gallery conveyed congratulations and best wishes to all artists.

The International Exhibition aims to open up new horizons to participating artists, highlighting their work with a sophisticated

International platform, combining art, culture and global creativity.

Ganesh Sharma's journey as a sculptor is quite inspiring. Despite facing physical challenges due to a serious road accident in 1991, he continued to pursue his passion for art. Today, he's recognized internationally for his great creative works, with numerous awards and accolades to his name, including the International Nobel Prize for Arts and Literature.

Inter-House Drill Competition-Sainik School Nagrota



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NAGROTA, NOV 24

The Inter-House Drill Competition of Sainik School Nagrota was conducted with precision and enthusiasm on 22 November 25 at the Drill Square. The event was graced by Brig. DN Pandey, Group Commander NCC Jammu, as the Chief Guest. Cadets from Chenab, Jhelum and Sindh Houses put up a sharp and disciplined display of drill movements, turnout and coordinated formations. Their performance

reflected rigorous training, confidence and high military standards. The Junior Category 1st - Jhelum House 2nd - Sindh House 3rd - Chenab House The Senior Category 1st - Sindh House 2nd - Chenab House 3rd - Jhelum House Individual Awards Best Turnout (Junior) - Utkarsh Vivek (4487) Best Turnout (Senior) - Mohd Ilyas (4457) Best Cadet in Word of Command (Junior) - Advik Raina (4555) Best Cadet in Word of

Command (Senior) - Sasthik Kumar (4275) The Chief Guest appreciated the cadets for their sharpness, immaculate turnout and exemplary conduct throughout the event. Principal, Captain (IN) Shibu Devasia highlighted that drill is the foundation of military discipline and cadet bearing and commended the staff, Housemasters and instructors for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the smooth and dignified conduct of this key annual event.

SMVDU NCC Cadets Shine at Special National Integration Camp (SNIC) in Meghalaya



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SMVDU NCC Cadets Shine at Special National Integration Camp (SNIC) in Meghalaya. NCC cadets from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) represented the Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh (JK&L) Directorate at the Special National Integration Camp (SNIC) held in Meghalaya. The camp served as a vibrant platform for cadets from across the country to interact, exchange cultural values, and strengthen the spirit of unity and discipline among the youth of India. During the camp, SMVDU cadets actively participated in a variety

of competitions and activities, including group dance, cultural performances, debates, drill, singing, and sports events. Their enthusiasm, discipline, and teamwork reflected the values of the National Cadet Corps and brought recognition to both the University and the JK&L Directorate. < The Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh NCC Directorate achieved remarkable success at the camp, winning two gold medals in different categories. Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Officer, SMVDU, appreciated the sincere efforts and dedication of the cadets, stating that their participation in such national-level events demonstrates the

true essence of NCC training. He commended the cadets for balancing their academic responsibilities with extra-curricular pursuits, which significantly contribute to their overall personality development, confidence, and leadership qualities. On this proud occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, and Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU, extended their heartfelt congratulations to the cadets for their exemplary participation and achievements. They lauded the NCC unit of SMVDU for providing students with a platform that encourages patriotism, discipline, and holistic growth.

Educated but Unemployed J&K's youth caught between degrees and diminishing opportunities: Altaf Dar

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SRINAGAR, NOV 24

Socio-Political Activist, Senior Trade Union Leader, and civic reformer Mohammad Altaf Dar has expressed deep concern over the growing crisis of educated unemployment in Jammu & Kashmir, calling it a "silent emergency" that threatens the social and economic stability of the region. M Altafdar Rajghab said that every year thousands of well-educated youth complete their degrees

with great expectations, yet struggle to secure dignified employment. "Our young graduates possess academic qualifications, but the job market demands practical skills, industry exposure, and professional competence in areas where our current system falls short," Dar stated. He highlighted that an outdated and theory-heavy education system continues to produce graduates in oversaturated fields, while emerging sectors such as information

technology, renewable energy, hospitality, skilled trades, and digital services face an acute shortage of trained professionals. Poor career guidance, he said, further pushes students into courses without understanding real market demand. M. Altafdar Rajghab warned that the rising unemployment rate among educated youth is already fueling brain drain, psychological stress, and growing frustration, which can have long-term social consequences.