

## BJP holds meet of ST Morcha at Jammu



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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** J&K BJP President and MP (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma, and General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, along with General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria, and Gopal Mahajan, addressed an introductory meeting of the newly nominated team members of ST Morcha, J&K BJP, at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

ST Morcha President Choudhary Abdul Ghani alongside Morcha office bearers, executive members, and district presidents from across Jammu & Kashmir participated in the meeting.

The meeting aimed at formally introducing the new team, outlining organizational responsibilities, and setting priorities for strengthening the ST Morcha at all levels.

Addressing the Morcha functionaries, Sat Sharma congratulated the newly nominated members and emphasized the crucial role of Morchas in the BJP's organizational structure. He said that Morchas act as a strong bridge between the party and society, ensuring that the vision of the BJP reaches every section of the population. Highlighting the importance of the ST Morcha, Sat Sharma said that the tribal communities have a special place in the party's inclusive ideology and development agenda. He urged the Morcha leaders to work with full dedication to strengthen both the ST Morcha and the BJP, and to reach out to community members in every part of Jammu & Kashmir. Our aim is to work for the nation and society, while sincerely raising and addressing the genuine issues faced by the ST community in a constructive manner, he said, adding that the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently focused on empowerment, welfare, and dignity of tribal communities.

Ashok Koul, in his address, stressed the need to complete the formation of various teams of the ST Morcha across Jammu & Kashmir at the earliest. He underlined the importance of organizational discipline, structured working, and regular outreach programmes. He said that Morcha activists must effectively communicate the BJP's programmes and policies among the masses, especially those aimed at socio-economic upliftment, education, health, and self-employment for tribal communities. He also called for coordination between the Morcha and the main party structure to ensure impactful implementation of activities.

Choudhary Abdul Ghani thanked the senior leadership for their guidance and expressed confidence that the new team would work tirelessly to strengthen the Morcha. He said that the ST Morcha would actively highlight community issues, promote awareness about government welfare schemes, and contribute to nation-building under the leadership of the BJP.

## 359th Parkash Purab of 10<sup>th</sup> Guru Sri Gobind Singh celebrated at Gole Gujral



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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** 359th Parkash Purab of 10<sup>th</sup> Guru Sri Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj was celebrated at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Kapoor Singh Nagar Gole Gujral Jammu under the supervision of Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji of Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch. Thousands of devotees participated in the Gurmat Smagam. Various Sikh Organization of J&K including Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Bhai Kanahya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K, Sikh Naujwan Sabha, participated with zeal and enthusiasm. Bhai Bakshish Singh ji Batale Punjab wale, Bhai Bharat Singh ji Sant Baba Sucha Singh Ji Jawaddi Taksal, Bhai Amreek Singh Dhadi jatah pathankot wale, Bhai Satnam Singh Jatha local Gurdwara, Bhai Gian Singh, Bhai Randhir Singh from DGPC Jammu, Bhai Ranjeet Singh ji (UP) Jatha Digiana Ashram Jammu

Mahant Manjit Singh Ji of Shiromani Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch also threw light on the life of Guru Gobind Singh Ji who sacrificed all their family to save the humanity and stress upon Sikh community to adopt the path shown by Guru Gobind Singh ji in every field of life to become true and pure Sikh for serving the poor and needy people in the society and who work for the betterment of the country and become Amritdhari and come to the field of education. He also highlighted that Guru Gobind Singh ji made five things essential to wear for a Sikh who shares Amrit, starting with the word 'K' Kaish, Kanga, Kara, Kirpan and Kacha each having its own meaning and function.

Sant Tejwant Singh ji also spoke and threw light on the life of Guru Gobind Singh ji. He also highlighted that Guru Gobind Singh ji made five things essential to wear for a Sikh who shares Amrit, starting with the word "K" Kaish, Kanga, Kara, Kirpan and Kacha each having its own meaning and function.

S. Manmohan Singh Chairman Gurudwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gole Gujral Jammu, thanks all the devotees and other personalities especially Mahant Manjit Singh Ji and Sant Tejwant Singh Ji by presenting a Saropa.

Other who participated in the Gurmat Smagam were, S. Darbinder Singh President Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, S. Mohinder Singh chief Organizer Bhai Kanhiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K & Ex-Member DGPC Jammu, S. Rajinder Singh General Sectary Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, S. Kultar Singh, S. Surinder Singh (Pappa) President Gurudwara Sri Singh Sabha Kapoor Singh Nagar Gole Gujral Jammu, S. Narinder Pal Singh General Secretary Gurudwara Sri Singh Sabha Kapoor Singh Nagar Gole Gujral Jammu.

## Indian Army Conducts Awareness Lecture on Road Safety at Khawas, Rajouri

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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** In order to strengthen the bond between the Indian Army and Avam and to generate awareness about Road Safety and prevention of road accident among students, an awareness lecture on Road Safety and Preventive Measures was organised by Indian Army at Govt Higher Secondary School, Khawas on 29 Dec 2025. A total number of 51 Staff/ Students witnessed the said awareness lecture. The aim of the lecture was to sensitise students and citizens about the importance of following traffic rules and adopting safe road behaviour in daily life.

# Bhalla urges action on public issues, vows Congress will stand with citizens

*Stresses accountability, development and timely fulfillment of govt promises*

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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Working President Raman Bhalla has once again underscored the critical public issues confronting the citizens of the Union Territory. Speaking at corner meetings in various areas of RS Pura Jammu South constituency, Bhalla highlighted that while the region continues to face numerous socio-economic challenges, many promises made by successive governments-both Union and erstwhile State-remain unfulfilled. He stressed that Congress will continue to raise these concerns at every level, from legislative platforms to public outreach, ensuring that the voice of the people is not ignored.

Bhalla pointed out that unemployment and lack of livelihood opportunities remain among the most pressing concerns for youth and families across J&K. Despite repeated assurances, job creation pro-



grams, skill development initiatives, and incentives for local entrepreneurs have not been fully implemented. "Thousands of young graduates remain without employment while talent goes unutilized. The government must act decisively to create jobs and revive the industrial and service sectors," he stated.

The Working President also highlighted crumbling infrastructure and inadequate public services. Roads in remote and hilly areas continue to remain in poor condition, while electricity and water supply disruptions cause daily hardships for households. Schools and healthcare facilities in far-flung

regions still suffer from shortage of staff, lack of equipment, and poor maintenance. "Children should not have to travel long distances to attend school or receive medical care. Citizens deserve access to basic services in their own neighborhoods," Bhalla emphasized.

Raman Bhalla drew attention to the plight of farmers, horticulturists, and small-scale industries in Jammu and Kashmir. Despite assurances from both the Union and State Governments, procurement policies, subsidies, and incentive schemes have largely remained on paper. Local industries, handicraft units, and artisans who

form the backbone of the region's economy face uncertainty and declining income. "The government must ensure timely implementation of all welfare and incentive programs for farmers and artisans, so that economic growth benefits every citizen," Bhalla asserted.

The JKPCC leader also raised concerns regarding law and order, safety of women, senior citizens, and vulnerable communities, along with urban civic issues such as solid waste management, street lighting, and traffic congestion. Citizens are often left to fend for themselves in matters that directly affect their daily life.

Bhalla urged both the Union and State Governments to prioritize community safety, responsive policing, and modern civic infrastructure to ensure peaceful and orderly living conditions.

Raman Bhalla reiterated that the Congress Party has consistently taken up public issues, whether through legislative debates, public demonstrations, grievance camps, or outreach campaigns. He emphasized that Congress will not remain a silent spectator to administrative negligence or unfulfilled government promises.

The party has been actively documenting citizen grievances, raising them with authorities, and mobilizing citizens to demand accountability. "Our efforts are rooted in the belief that governance should be people-centric, transparent, and responsive," he said.

Bhalla strongly directed both the Union Government and the J&K Administration to urgently implement all pending promises-whether regard-

ing employment schemes, infrastructure projects, farmer incentives, or industrial policies. He stressed that citizens cannot wait indefinitely for the assurances that were repeatedly made by officials. "Promises without action erode public trust. Congress will continue to fight for justice, development, and dignity of the people of J&K," he affirmed.

In conclusion, Raman Bhalla articulated Congress's vision for a progressive, equitable, and inclusive Jammu and Kashmir, where public welfare, rights, and development take precedence over political rhetoric. He reiterated that Congress stands committed to addressing every citizen concern, empowering communities, and holding governments accountable.

"Our mission is to ensure that no issue affecting the public remains unresolved, and that every promise made is converted into action," he said, reaffirming the party's role as the true voice of the people in the Union Territory.

## Two-Week Online Refresher Course in Commerce and Management Concludes at JU

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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** A Two-Week Online Refresher Course in Commerce and Management, organized by the Department of Commerce, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (UGC-MMTC), University of Jammu, successfully concluded today. The course commenced on 15 December 2025.

The successful conduct of the programme was made possible with the continuous support and guidance of the University administration, especially Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu; Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies; Prof. Alka Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies; and Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Senior-most Faculty Member, Department of Commerce. Their academic vision and encouragement played a key role in the effective

organization of the programme.

The programme received strong support from the UGC-MMTC under the guidance of Prof. Sandeep Pandita, Director, UGC-MMTC, with active coordination by Ranjit Kalra, Deputy Director, UGC-MMTC, whose cooperation ensured the smooth conduct of the course.

The refresher course was coordinated by Prof. Tarsem Lal, Course Coordinator, with able assistance from Dr. Harleen, Deputy Course Coordinator. Their dedicated efforts ensured seamless academic and administrative functioning throughout the two-week programme.

Around 124 participants from universities and colleges across different regions of the country actively participated in the course.

The programme aimed to enhance teaching skills, research capabilities, pedagogical innovation, and professional development

of faculty members in the higher education sector.

During the programme, expert lectures, interactive sessions, seminars, and microteaching presentations were conducted. Eminent academicians deliberated on topics such as Artificial Intelligence in teaching and research, innovative management practices, sustainable development, research methodology, business intelligence, time management, publication in high-impact journals, outcome-based education, NEP-related challenges, research ethics, academic well-being, and student diversity and inclusion.

The resource persons included Prof. Tejinder Sharma, Prof. H.K. Singh, Prof. M.K. Agrawal, Prof. Kavita Sharma, Prof. Mustaq Ahmed Darzi, Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Prof. Umesh Arya, Prof. Gurucharan Singh, Prof. Hardeep Chahal, Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Prof. Manjit Singh, Prof. Mandeep Kaur, Prof. Bashir Ahmed Joo, Prof.

Sarika Manhas, Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Prof. Monika Koul, Prof. Dipanker Sengupta, Prof. Komal Nagar, Prof. Suparn, and Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, along with faculty members from the University of Jammu and other reputed institutions.

Daily seminars and micro teaching sessions provided participants with opportunities for experiential learning, peer interaction, and reflective teaching practices.

The organizers expressed gratitude to the University administration, UGC-MMTC, Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, Head, Department of Commerce, Prof. Tarsem Lal, Dr. Harleen, resource persons, research scholars, participants, and the organizing team for their contributions.

The programme concluded with the confidence that the knowledge and skills gained will enhance teaching quality and research excellence across higher education institutions.

## JKSPYM organises 15 day certificate course on skill development



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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** JKSPYM, State Level Coordinating Agency (SLCA) for the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, successfully organized a 15-day Certificate Course on "Intake, Screening, Assessment, Enhancing Motivational Interviewing (MI) Skills, and Working with Families with Substance Use" for GIA functionaries (DDAC, ODIC, CPLI functionaries) from Dec 15th to Dec 29th, 2025 at Training Hall, SLCA, Jammu in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, reflecting a continued commitment towards capacity building and quality service delivery under national drug demand reduction initiatives. The training witnessed the active participation of 25 functionaries representing various GIA institutions from different districts of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The course aimed to strengthen professional competencies of frontline service providers by enhancing their skills in evidence-based assessment, client engagement through Motivational Interviewing, and family-focused interventions in substance use treatment. Content covered by Resource persons from SLCA included topics- Understanding SUD, overview of projects DDAC, ODIC and CPLI and documentation, Residential Treatment Protocols & Therapeutic Community, Data Reporting & MIS, Book Keeping and PFMS, Assessment & Intervention, Counselling Skills, Motivational Interviewing (MI) & Relapse Prevention & Recovery Management. The training provided an interactive learning platform through expert-led sessions, practical exercises, and experience sharing, contributing significantly to improving the effectiveness of substance use prevention and treatment services in the region.

## Punjabi Deptt, NSS Units Organize Veer Bal Diwas with Screening of "Chaar Sahibzaade" under the Aegis of IQAC



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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** The Punjabi Department, in collaboration with the NSS Units, under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized Veer Bal Diwas with great solemnity and patriotic fervour through the screening of the inspirational animated film "Chaar Sahibzaade."

The programme was aimed at commemorating the unparalleled courage, sacrifice, and martyrdom of the Sahibzaades of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and at instilling values of bravery, faith, and righteousness among students.

The event began with a warm welcome address by Dr. Mamta Rani, Head of the Department of Punjabi, who welcomed the audience and spoke about the histori-

cal background of Chaar Sahibzaade. She briefly highlighted the supreme sacrifices made by the four Sahibzaades at a tender age and emphasized the relevance of their martyrdom in contemporary times. She underlined how their lives stand as eternal symbols of courage, moral strength, and unwavering commitment to truth.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal of the College appreciated the initiative taken by the Punjabi Department, NSS Units, and IQAC in organizing such a meaningful programme. In her/his remarks, the Principal stated that "Veer Bal Diwas reminds us of the extraordinary valor and spiritual strength of the Sahibzaades. Such programmes play a vital role in sensitizing students

towards our rich cultural heritage while nurturing values of patriotism, integrity, and resilience." The Principal further emphasized the importance of value-based education in shaping responsible and compassionate citizens.

The screening of Chaar Sahibzaade left a profound emotional impact on the audience, prompting reflection on the timeless ideals of sacrifice, faith, and justice. Students and NSS volunteers actively participated and expressed deep appreciation for the initiative.

The programme concluded with an interactive reflection session, reinforcing the institution's commitment to holistic education and the promotion of cultural and moral values among the youth.

Among those present on the occasion were Dr. Reena Rani, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Dr. Sunal Sharma, Prof. Esha Abrol, Dr. Vipul Chaloitra, Dr. Roomi Rani, Prof. Anju Gotra, Dr. Gagandeep and Dr. Jaspreet. The whole programme was coordinated and managed by Dr. Deepshikha Sharma NSS PO and Dr. Mamta Rani HOD Punjabi.

## Rich Harvest Bids a Heartfelt Adieu to Outgoing Class XII

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**JAMMU, DEC. 29 :** RHS organized a graceful and emotionally resonant Farewell Ceremony to bid adieu to the outgoing Class XII students of the academic session 2025-26. The event was marked by dignity, warmth, cultural vibrance and heartfelt blessings for the students stepping into a new phase of life.

The programme commenced with a formal welcome address by Ms. Anita Bhatia, Head of the Institute, who warmly greeted the Chief Guest Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary, Dogra Educational Trust, Management, staff members, parents, and the students. She applauded the resilience, discipline, and achievements of the outgoing batch and wished them success in all future endeavours.

A solemn moment of Shradhanjali was offered to the Late Chairman, Thakur Gulchain Singhji Charak, remembering his visionary leadership and invaluable contribution to the institution.

The atmosphere was filled with reverence and gratitude as the Rich Harvest family paid homage to his enduring legacy. Adding colour and



youthful energy to the event, students of Class XI presented melodious songs and vibrant dance performances, beautifully expressing their affection, admiration and best wishes for their seniors.

In her emotional address, Mrs. Ruchi Charak, Director of the School, shared heartfelt reflections, motivating the students to remain grounded in values, compassion and integrity while pursuing excellence in their chosen paths. Her words deeply touched everyone present.

This was followed by the formal address by Shri Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Managing Director, who encouraged the students to face future challenges with confidence, discipline and a sense of responsibility, carrying forward the ethos of Rich Harvest wherever they go.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the Title Ceremony, where deserving students were honoured with prestigious titles such

as Ms & Mr. Perfect : Aadhya Kalgotra & Bhargav Padha, Ms & Mr. Elegant : Nafeesa Choudhary & Binit Mahajan, Ms & Mr. Charming: Sehar Malik & Ishan Sakolia, Ms & Mr. Consistent: Divyanshi Thapa & Atif Akbarand and Ms & Mr. RHS: Yashwarya Charak & Raghav Sharma, celebrating their personalities, confidence, and all-round excellence.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary, Dogra Educational Trust, who, in his inspiring address, congratulated the students and urged them to remain committed to lifelong learning, ethical values, and service to society.

The farewell concluded on a note of pride, nostalgia, and hope, leaving the students with cherished memories and the blessings of the entire Rich Harvest fraternity as they embark on their future journeys.