

## SMVDU NCC & NSS Coordinators Participated in "Thana Diwas" Organized by J&K Police under Civic Action Programme



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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** In a significant step towards strengthening community engagement and fostering cooperation between law enforcement agencies and educational institutions, Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Coordinator, and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Coordinator of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), actively participated in the "Thana Diwas" function organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Police under the Civic Action Programme at Police Post Kakryal.

The event was held in the presence of senior police officials including Paramvir Singh (SSP Reasi), Vipin Chandran (SDPO Katra), and Bhism Dubey, along with several representatives from nearby villages.

The objective of the Thana Diwas initiative is to enhance police-

public interaction, address grievances at the grassroots level, and build trust between the community and the police force. Dr. Varun Dutta and Dr. Rajiv Kumar addressed the large gathering comprising local villagers, students, and police personnel.

During their address, they provided an overview of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, detailing the various undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes offered across disciplines such as engineering, sciences, humanities, management, and social sciences. They emphasized the university's commitment to academic excellence, research, and holistic student development.

In addition to academics, the coordinators also highlighted the various community outreach and social initiatives undertaken by

the university through its NCC and NSS units.

These include regular blood donation camps, tree plantation drives, the "Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan" (Drug-Free India Campaign), awareness drives against sexual harassment, and various cleanliness and health awareness campaigns. These initiatives aim to instill a sense of social responsibility and civic consciousness among students while contributing meaningfully to society.

The event was meticulously coordinated by Rajat Magotra, Sub-Inspector, Police Post Kakryal, and his dedicated team, who ensured the smooth conduct of the programme and facilitated constructive dialogue between the police and the local population. The participation of SMVDU's representatives in the Thana Diwas programme was appreciated by the attendees and police officials alike.

It marked a positive step toward greater collaboration between academic institutions and law enforcement bodies in addressing social challenges, promoting awareness, and encouraging youth engagement in nation-building activities.

## PM Modi prioritised border areas: Dr. Jitendra

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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** Addressing a gathering of farmers, youth, and entrepreneurs during "Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan" in the border area of R.S.Pura sector near here, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said that over the last 11 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi prioritised border areas and sought to do away with the "Last Village" to replace it with "First Village" vision, placing border development at the heart of national growth.

The Minister emphasized that this paradigm shift in the mind-set and approach towards the aspirations of citizens in remote and border regions. Highlighting India's leap from the 5th to 4th largest economy, Dr. Jitendra Singh rebuffed false narratives of economic downfall due to assertive defence strategies. He cited Operation Sindoor as a testament to India's balanced approach - maintaining strategic strength while propelling economic growth.

"This rise is a befitting reply to so-called intellectuals who doubted India's capability to sustain economic growth



with a robust defence policy," Dr. Jitendra Singh asserted, crediting the leadership of PM Modi over the last 11 years for this economic resilience.

Dr. Jitendra Singh quoted Prime Minister Modi's core governance mantra of serving the Women, Poor, Farmers, and Youth, and affirmed that 26 crore citizen have risen above the poverty line over the last decade through initiatives such as Fasal Bima Yojana, Nano Urea, and direct support for marginal farmers, especially in conflict-affected border regions.

He also recognized the role of Ministry of Home Affairs in ensuring insurance coverage for fields exposed to cross-border shelling.

Dr. Jitendra Singh referred to the Purple Revolution, spearheaded from Baderwah under the Aroma

Mission, which has expanded to Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Dr. Singh proudly shared that over 3,000 lavender-based startups are now active, engaging with perfume industries in Mumbai and redefining the concept of agri-entrepreneurship.

He also spotlighted tulip cultivation-once seasonal, now being harvested off-season. The CSIR-Srinagar is poised to lead cultivation of saffron and marigold, opening new vistas in floriculture.

Biotech and AI to Revolutionize J&K Agriculture

Underlining the role of cutting-edge science, Dr. Singh announced that biotech-based value addition projects will enhance the shelf life of produce, with a notable rise in apple production and SHG involvement.

Dr. Jitendra Singh

announced operationalization of Biotech Industrial Park in Kathua, Biotech Kisan Hub under Aspirational Districts Programme, Upcoming AI-based agricultural decision-making system in Srinagar.

In a landmark announcement, Dr. Jitendra Singh revealed that Group Captain Shukla, India's astronaut heading to the International Space Station (ISS) in June, will carry biotech kits for scientific experiments in plant research and seedling growth in the Space milieu, showcasing India's fusion of space science and agriculture. Furthermore, 4 Agromet Observatories under the Gram Krishi Seva Yojana have been set up in Ladakh, Srinagar, Jammu and Poonch, and 4 new district-level Agromet units launched in Kupwara, Baramulla, Kathua, and Reasi, with support from SKUAST.

Concluding the event, Dr. Jitendra Singh stated that the path to a developed India (Viksit Bharat) by 2047 will be paved by value addition in unexplored sectors, and that Jammu & Kashmir will play a pivotal role in this transformation.

## Sachin wins prestigious National Scholarship in Visual Art

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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** Sachin Kumar, a talented visual artist from Jammu & Kashmir, has made his region proud by securing the prestigious National Scholarship Award in Visual Art, granted by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, for a two-year term. A graduate of the Department of Applied Art at the Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu, Sachin stands out as the sole recipient from J&K in the visual arts category this year. His artistic journey, shaped under the mentorship of Shri Rakesh Sharma, HOD Fine Arts, and Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Assistant Professor at IMFA, is marked by unwavering dedication, refined discipline, and creative excellence. Over the years, Sachin has actively participated in various national and international art workshops and exhibitions, earning wide acclaim and encouraging budding artists across the region. His consistent efforts and innovative expression have carved a niche for him in the contemporary Indian art scene.

Dr. Amarjeet Singh lauded the support and values instilled by Sachin's parents, acknowledging their pivotal role in his success and the pride he brings to the University and the Union Territory. This significant recognition not only affirms Sachin's commitment to visual arts but also symbolizes a milestone for J&K's artistic community.

His achievement is a beacon of inspiration for young creators, reaffirming the potential and promise of talent emerging from the region.

## IIM Jammu Organizes One-Day Hindi Workshop on Noting, Drafting, and Unicode



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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, organized a one-day workshop on Noting, Drafting, and Unicode on 30th May 2025 (Friday) at the Agastya Classroom. The workshop aimed to enhance the use of Hindi in administrative and technical communication, in line with the Government of India's Rajbhasha policy.

The session was conducted by Shri Santosh Kumar, Assistant Director, Official Language Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, Hindi Teaching Scheme, Jammu. Present on the occasion were Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson of Anandam, Media and Publication Committee, and Brigadier Neeraj Soni, faculty member, IIM Jammu.

Santosh Kumar, Assistant Director, Official Language Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, Hindi Teaching Scheme, Jammu emphasized the mandatory implementation of Hindi under the Rajbhasha policy, stating that while 55% of official communication should be in Hindi, the set target for Jammu (K zone) is currently at 30%. He provided a detailed overview of Hindi noting and drafting, emphasizing clarity, tone, and structure in official correspondence. He also introduced tools and techniques for Unicode-based Hindi typing and demonstrated the use of phonetic, Remington, and Inscript keyboards. He encouraged staff to enroll in Prabodh, Praveen, and Pragna Hindi training programs, which offer incentives such as annual increments. He also proposed an Inscript Typing Workshop

with performance-based rewards to further promote Hindi usage in official work.

The session began with a welcome address by Shri Ashish Kumar Isher, Hindi Rajbhasha Officer, IIM Jammu, who also introduced the guest speaker. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, also delivered by him. The event saw active participation from officers and staff across departments.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks. Shri Ashish Kumar Isher, Hindi Rajbhasha Officer, IIM Jammu expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, Indian Institute of Management Jammu, for his valuable guidance and vision, and for granting permission to organize such a workshop to promote the Hindi language. He also extended his thanks to Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Vice-Chairperson, and Commander Kesavan Bhaskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, for their support.

The workshop marked an important step in strengthening the use of Hindi in official functioning and reaffirmed IIM Jammu's commitment to promoting linguistic and cultural diversity.

## A BVP Agriculture UJ submits Memorandum to Shivraj Singh, demands Central Agricultural University Status

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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** In a significant move to enhance the academic and research capabilities of the region, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) unit of Agriculture University of Jammu submitted a memorandum to the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, urging the Central Government to upgrade SKUAST-Jammu to the status of a Central Agricultural University (CAU).

The ABVP delegation, comprising student leaders, research scholars, and faculty representatives, met the Hon'ble Minister during his official visit to Jammu and presented a detailed memorandum highlighting the strategic importance of the university and the need for its elevation.

SKUAST-Jammu serves a diverse agro-climatic region, including border, hilly, and tribal areas, and plays a critical role in agricultural development in Kathua Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch, and adjoining districts while talking with Union Minister Sourav Manhas, ABVP State Joint Secretary said Central status would enable increased funding, infrastructure development, and cutting-



edge research facilities for region-specific agricultural innovation and enhanced academic Scope: It would attract faculty and students from across the country, raise academic standards, and promote inter-state collaboration.

Direct Benefit to Farmers: With improved research and extension capabilities, the university can better address local challenges in farming, horticulture, and animal husbandry, ultimately benefiting the farming community.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan lauded the proactive initiative of the ABVP unit and assured the delegation that their demand would be given due consideration. He acknowledged the vital role played by SKUAST-Jammu in regional agricultural development

and reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening agricultural education and farmer welfare.

ABVP student leader Gourav Singh Agrivision State Co-Convenor stated, "Upgrading SKUAST-Jammu to a Central Agricultural University is not just a demand of students, but a necessity for the region's agricultural future. We are hopeful that the Minister will take positive steps in this direction."

On the occasion Dr. Ali Haider former Agrivision State Convenor, Vivekinie Sharma SEC, Unit Secretary Mridul Sharma, Unit Vice President Sunil Kumar and Maithali Kotwal Unit Agrivision Incharge, Divainsh Jasrotia were also present.

## Congress holds massive protest against BJP MLA R.S. Pathania's statement on Indian Air Force



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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) today staged a massive protest in the Jammu North Assembly segment against BJP MLA R.S. Pathania, strongly condemning his controversial and derogatory remarks targeting the Indian Air Force.

The protest was led by senior Congress leader and former Minister Mula Ram and was organized by JKPCC Vice President and Incharge District President Jammu Rural, Hari Singh Chib.

A large number of Congress workers and supporters participated in the demonstration, raising slogans against the BJP and demanding strict action against Pathania for what they termed an "anti-national and trea-

sonous" statement. Addressing the gathering, Mula Ram expressed shock over the BJP legislator's baseless and irresponsible allegations against the Indian Air Force. He emphasized that such remarks not only undermine the morale of the armed forces but also insult the sacrifices of those who risk their lives to defend the nation.

The former Minister Mula Ram lauded the Indian armed forces, particularly the Indian Air Force, for showcasing exceptional bravery and operational excellence during Operation Sindoor, striking enemy targets with unmatched precision and forcing Pakistan to retreat.

"The armed forces displayed extraordinary courage and strategic strength in the face of enemy aggression,

Instead of praising them, BJP Leaders chose to malign their honour - this is not just shameful, it is unforgivable," he said, adding that this was happened first time that the BJP leader has insulted our forces as in the past BJP leaders have insulted the Armed forces.

Hari Singh also slammed the BJP MLA, stating that it is disgraceful for a representative of a party that constantly claims to champion patriotism to indulge in such anti-national rhetoric. "By making such false and demeaning statements, BJP MLA has hurt the sentiments of patriotic citizens and questioned the capability of one of the finest air forces in the world," he said.

Calling the statement a grave insult to national security forces, the protesting Congress leaders demanded immediate disciplinary action against Pathania and urged that a case of treason be registered.

"Attacking the Indian Air Force is nothing short of desh-droh (treason). The BJP must stop politicizing Operation Sindoor and come clean on its legislator's outrageous conduct," he added.

## Centre always stands with J&K people in tough times: Dr. Choudhary

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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** J&K BJP Spokesperson Dr. Tahir Choudhary has hailed the two-day visit of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir, calling it a reaffirmation of the Central Government's deep commitment to the people of the Union Territory.

He also welcomed the likely upcoming visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, describing it as another sign of solidarity with the people of the region.

"Shri Amit Shah Ji's visit demonstrates that the Centre stands with the people of J&K in times of distress, offering not only reassurance but concrete support," said Dr. Choudhary.

"His interaction with border residents and security forces in Poonch reflects the seriousness with which the government views the ground realities."

He lauded the BSF's achievements during Operation Sindoor, which saw the destruction of over 118 Pakistani forward posts and surveillance systems.

"This was a decisive blow to the enemy's capabilities and shows India's

preparedness under Prime Minister Modi's leadership."

Dr. Choudhary expressed optimism about the anticipated visit of Prime Minister Modi, saying it would lift the spirits of people across the region.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have great faith in Modi Ji's vision for peace, development, and security. His visit will further energize the public and reinforce the message that the Union Government is always by their side."

He further noted the Modi government's consistent efforts to improve infrastructure, strengthen border security, and empower the youth.

"From development to defence, this government has proven time and again that Jammu and Kashmir is a priority - not just in words, but in action," he said.

"Whether it's restoring religious and cultural sites, providing relief to victims of shelling, or ensuring a smooth and secure Amarnath Yatra, the leadership of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi continues to bring tangible results," Dr. Choudhary concluded.

## BJP guided by principle of selfless service: Yudhvir Sethi

### Sethi, Bhagat holds public darbar at BJP headquarters

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**JAMMU, MAY 30 :** Yudhvir Sethi, Vice-President of J&K BJP and MLA from Jammu East, and Surinder Bhagat, MLA from Marh, held a public darbar at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The event witnessed participation of many deputations from Jammu and its surrounding areas to voice their concerns and seek redressal of long-pending civic and administrative issues.

The public darbar drew a large number of deputations from across Jammu city and surrounding areas, including Phallian, Mandal, Narwal, Sidhra, Bajalta, Patyali Chak, Budhu Chak, Balwal, Trikuta Nagar, among others. People from these areas came forward to voice their long-pending civic and administrative grievances and to seek redressal through direct dialogue with their elected representatives.

Issues were related to the renovation of the school, repair of damaged lanes and drains, installation of proper functioning of street lighting systems, and improvements



in the supply of clean drinking water. Matters related to the Revenue Department, such as land mutation delays were also brought to the fore.

Yudhvir Sethi and Surinder Bhagat listened patiently to the deputations. In many cases, the leaders responded on the spot by contacting concerned departmental officers, issuing written directives, and instructing immediate action. Several grievances were resolved during the course of the event itself, reinforcing public confidence in responsive governance.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi reaffirmed the BJP's guiding principle of selfless service. "The BJP believes in working for the welfare of every individual, particu-

larly the marginalized and underprivileged. A BJP worker is not just a political representative, but an institution committed to public service. These grievance redressal camps are part of the Modi Government's larger vision of holistic development, where every citizen's issue is acknowledged and acted upon swiftly," he stated.

Surinder Bhagat emphasized the importance of public outreach in strengthening democracy. "Our role as elected representatives is not limited to legislation. We are also facilitators of governance. Public darbars like this empower citizens by giving them direct access to their leaders, promoting transparency and accountability," he said.