

# SMVDU Stages Rangyug s Acclaimed Dogri Play Chanchlo



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JAMMU, SEPT. 17 : Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) hosted Rangyug s much-celebrated Dogri play Chanchlo at its Matrika auditorium.

The performance, sponsored by Board of Cultural Activities (BCA) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) and presented in collaboration with 92.7 BIG FM through their initiative Hands for Humanity, was witnessed by faculty members, students, theatre enthusiasts, members of the cultural fraternity, and dignitaries including Dr. Rakesh Thusoo, President of the BCA. Chanchlo, originally written in Hindi by eminent playwright Nadira Zaher Babbar (Sakubai) and adapted into Dogri by RJ Dr. Juhie Mohan, has been designed and directed by veteran theatre personality Shri Deepak Kumar. The performance by RJ Dr. Juhie Mohan (BIG FM) deeply moved the audience, as her powerful and emotionally charged portrayal of the character held them spellbound for over 90 minutes.

Dr. Rakesh Thusoo, President

BCA, lauded the initiative, stating: We are delighted to host Rangyug and their remarkable production Chanchlo. Theatre has the power to not only entertain but also to sensitize society to deeper issues. Chanchlo has brought to light the unspoken struggles of many in our community while celebrating the strength of the Dogri language. We are proud to host such a meaningful performance at our University. We believe such initiatives greatly enrich the academic and cultural environment of our university, inspiring students to engage with the arts, broaden their horizons and carry forward the responsibility of preserving our linguistic and cultural heritage.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Deepak Kumar, Director Rangyug, said: Chanchlo is not just a story of one woman, but of countless voices from the margins. Through this play, Rangyug is attempting to hold a mirror to society, to encourage self-realisation, and to inspire collective responsibility. I am grateful to SMVDU for providing this platform and to the students and faculty whose

overwhelming response strengthens our resolve to continue creating theatre that transforms.

The play was backed by a dedicated creative and backstage team: Ashish Sharma as Assistant Director, Shivan Gupta on music and sound, Pankaj Sharma and Gourav on lights, make-up by Shammi Dhamir, and props by Neharika. Soham Kashyap, Sumit, Poonam and Aamir Akram Khan also played an important role, ensuring the seamless execution and success of the performance.

The play, which had its premiere at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu, in a landmark presentation sponsored by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, was later staged at the University of Jammu to an equally enthusiastic response. Its performance at SMVDU marks another milestone in the journey of this experimental Dogri theatre production, reaffirming its artistic relevance and cultural impact.

The story of Chanchlo highlights the struggles and resilience of a domestic worker navigating displacement, exploitation and survival, making it both a poignant theatrical experience and a commentary on contemporary social realities.

The audience at SMVDU responded with standing ovations and heartfelt appreciation, acknowledging Rangyug s efforts in preserving and promoting Dogri language and culture through innovative theatre.

Rangyug also announced that Chanchlo will be staged as a charity show at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu, on September 20, 2025. This special performance will be held on donor tickets, and the proceeds will go towards relief for flood-affected families in Jammu & Kashmir.

# BJP launches blood donation drive in Jammu to mark PM Modi's birthday, emphasizes seva and service to humanity

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JAMMU, SEPT. 17 : J&K BJP today launched a massive blood donation campaign in Jammu & Kashmir to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, celebrating his lifelong commitment to service, humility, and dedication to the nation and society. The campaign also marks the beginning of the "Seva Pakhwada" (Service Fortnight) being observed from September 17, the birthday of Prime Minister Modi, to October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

In Jammu region, the campaign was jointly led by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA), Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly, and Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha). Senior leaders, MLAs, office bearers and activists enthusiastically participated across 11 organizational districts of Jammu region on the first day.

About 50 units of blood were donated in Kathua, 30 in Jammu, around 20 in Jammu South, 30 in Akhnoor, 26 in Rajouri, 50 in Poonch, 20 in Reasi, 40 in Udhampur, 10 in Ramban, 2 in Doda, and 20 in Kishtwar.

The drive will continue in the coming days at the



district and mandal levels to ensure maximum public participation.

Sat Sharma, addressing on the occasion, said that the true celebration of the birthday of our beloved Prime Minister Narendra Modi lies in serving humanity.

He said that the Blood donation is the highest form of service because it gives life to the distressed, whether in cases of accidents, natural disasters like floods, or even war-like situations where blood is urgently needed. He said that the Prime Minister Modi has lived his entire life in humility and selfless service, and through Seva Pakhwada we want to instill the same spirit among our youth and soci-

ety at large.

Sunil Sharma said that every drop of blood donated today will save lives tomorrow.

He said that the culture of service is what strengthens our nation. He said that the initiative of Seva Pakhwada is not just symbolic, it is a reminder that each of us has a role to play in nation-building. He added that on the birthday of a leader who has dedicated himself tirelessly to the people, it is most befitting to engage in acts that directly benefit the needy and underprivileged.

Jugal Kishore Sharma also emphasized the significance of the campaign, saying that during regular as well as mass tragedies, be it accidents, earth-

quakes, or conflict situations, where blood is the first and foremost requirement to save lives. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Modi, BJP is determined to create a culture of compassion, seva, and responsibility in every corner of the society, he said.

Earlier in the day, Sat Sharma also participated in a cleanliness drive at Goushala and Shree Radha Krishan Temple, Shakti Nagar, and visited Mata Bawe Wali Mandir to pray for the Prime Minister's long and healthy life. He, along with BJP leaders, also distributed ration material to the needy at Satwari, furthering the spirit of service that marks the Seva Pakhwada.

## Sewa Parv inaugurated at Govt Polytechnic Reasi

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JAMMU, SEPT. 17 : Under the directions and guidance of Administrative Department Skill Development Department and District Administration Reasi, Government Polytechnic college Reasi organized various activities on the inaugural day of 17-day 'Sewa Parv' from 17th September to 2nd October 2025. The program started with lighting of ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries and pledge on the occasion. The Saraswati vandana was by presented by Ms Khushi and group students of the college. While speaking on the occasion Er Arun Bangotra, Principal of the college briefed the students about the Sewa parv which is organized with the aim to sensitize the students about various entrepreneur and skill schemes such as Mission Yuva and other social schemes through awareness programs.

On the occasion awareness session on Women Empowerment was also conducted by the Ms Sonali from the District Social welfare office and plantation drive was organized. Annie Vaid, Asst Director, Employment gave a presentation to the students on Mission Yuva app and students were register on the Skill courses available on the Mission Yuva App. An online session was also conducted on India Skill Competition by Khalid Sheikh and Ms Radhika from Skill Development Mission. Ms Arti Student of the college recited a poem on the Swachhta. The programme was coordinated by Ms Ayushi, Faculty Computer Engg and arrangement were made by Himanshu Bakshi, Demonstrator.

## ABTYP and RED DROP Organize Mega Blood Donation Camp Across Kashmir



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JAMMU, SEPT. 17 : In a significant initiative to address blood shortage and promote voluntary blood donation, the Akhil Bhartiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad (ABTYP), in association with RED DROP (a unit of dedicated blood donors), successfully organized a large-scale blood donation camp at various locations across the Kashmir Valley today.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response from volunteers, social activists, and the general public, all coming forward to contribute to this life-saving cause. The event was organized with the support of the health administration and local hospital authorities.

Dr. Touseef Ahmed, Chairman of RED DROP,

highlighted the national context of this drive. "Last year, the ABTYP, under its Mega Blood Donation Drive, created a national record by collecting an incredible 5 lakh pints of blood in a single day across the country. However, our purpose is not merely to create records but to foster a sense of duty and create lasting awareness among the youth about the critical need for regular blood donation," he stated.

The event was graced by the presence of renowned philanthropists and dedicated blood donors, who served as an inspiration for all attendees. Shabir Hussain, famously known as the 'Blood Man of Jammu & Kashmir' for his record of donating blood 193 times, and Bilkees Ara, acknowledged as the 'Blood Woman

of Kashmir,' were present to motivate and support the donors. Their lifelong commitment to the cause significantly boosted the morale of the volunteers.

Dr. Touseef Ahmed extended his heartfelt gratitude to all the partners who made the event possible. "We are profoundly thankful to the District Administration, the Director of Health Services, Kashmir, and the administration of LD Hospital for their unwavering support and cooperation. Their assistance was instrumental in ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of this camp across multiple locations," he added.

Akhil Bhartiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad (ABTYP) is one of India's largest youth organizations, with a massive network dedicated to social welfare, community service, and youth empowerment. Their nationwide mega blood donation drives are a cornerstone of their humanitarian activities.

The organizers praised the spirit of the Kashmiri people, whose enthusiastic participation underscored the community's commitment to saving lives and supporting the healthcare system.

## AJBRCEAK Delegation Calls on CM, Pushes for Comprehensive Transfer Policy, Reservation in Promotion

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SRINAGAR, SEPT. 17 : A high-level delegation of the All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJBRCEAK) held a crucial meeting with Hon ble Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar today. The delegation, led by its Chairman Vipin Kumar, highlighted several key issues, with a strong focus on the immediate notification of a comprehensive transfer policy and the restoration of reservation in promotions.

The meeting provided a platform for the association to articulate the long-pending grievances of thousands of Jammu-based reserved category employees serving in the Kashmir division. The delegation stressed that these demands are not just administrative but are deeply associated with the sentiments of the affected employees, who have long awaited a transparent and compassionate framework for transfers.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Vipin Kumar reminded the Chief Minister of the government's prior commitment to these employees for the creation of a definitive transfer policy. He emphasized that the



notification of this policy, for which an empowered committee has already been constituted, would provide significant relief and bring an end to years of uncertainty and hardship. The association called for an expedited process to ensure the early redressal of this critical demand.

Beyond the transfer policy, the delegation also ardently pressed for the restoration of reservation in promotions for reserved category employees across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Vipin Kumar reiterated the fundamental principle behind reservation rules, stating that they are meant for the welfare and empowerment of marginalized communities. He urged the government to honor the popular mandate and take prompt action to implement reservation in promotion, ensuring that the benefits of reservation extend to career advancement.

After giving the delegation a patient hearing, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah assured them of appropriate action on the demands that were projected. The Chief Minister's assurance was received positively by the delegation, who expressed hope for swift and effective measures to resolve their long-standing issues.

The delegation that met with the Chief Minister included several key members of the association: Yashpal Bhagat, General Secretary of AJBRCEAK; Shashi Goutam, District President of AJBRCEAK Srinagar; Naveen Kumar, District President of Ganderbal; Deepak Kumar, District President of Bandipora; and Lalit Kumar, Legal Advisor for the association. The meeting marks a significant step in the ongoing dialogue between the government and the reserved category employees of the region.

## BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan launches Swachhta Abhiyaan at Manda



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JAMMU, SEPT. 17 : The Department of BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, JKUT, today launched a Swachhta Abhiyaan in different parts of the Union Territory as part of the Sewa Pakhwada, which commenced on the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

As part of this initiative, a Shiv Vandana and Swachhta Abhiyaan was organized at the Prachin Hanumaan Ji Temple, Manda. The programme was coordinated by UT Incharge Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal and UT Co-Incharge Er. T. K. Sharma. The campaign was especially focused on cleaning temples in view of the upcoming festive season.

Speaking on the occasion, Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal said that BJP Jammu & Kashmir has launched a massive cleanliness drive as part of the Sewa Pakhwada beginning on the birthday of our beloved Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji. He highlighted that the initiative aims to spread awareness about cleanliness and hygiene across the Union Territory and the nation. He further emphasized that the Swachhta Abhiyaan is a nationwide campaign to promote sanitation and sustainable cleanliness.

Addressing the gathering, Er. T. K. Sharma, Co-Incharge of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan JKUT, said that Swachhta is the dream project of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. He extended heartfelt congratulations to PM Modi on his 75th birthday and stated that, on this special day, BJP leaders and karyakartas across the country are actively participating in cleanliness drives. He also appealed to the general public to join hands in making the Union Territory cleaner, greener, and healthier, thereby fulfilling the vision of the Prime Minister.

On the occasion, Anu Rajesh Gupta also spoke and lauded the initiative of Prime Minister Modi Ji, stating that cleanliness is not just a campaign but a responsibility of every citizen. She appreciated the efforts of BJP JKUT leaders Er Dil Bahadur Singh and Er TKSharma for taking this mission to every corner of the UT and encouraged the youth to come forward and actively participate in Swachhta drives.

She said that by working together, people can create a sustainable and healthier environment for future generations.

## Restore constitutional rights of J&K People by granting Statehood: Rattan

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JAMMU, SEPT. 17 : Rattan Lal Gupta Senior leader and Provincial President JKNC, Jammu said that the BJP Government at the Centre has once again exposed its double standards by denying Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, despite making repeated promises before the nation. On the floor of Parliament, both the Prime Minister of India and the Home Minister of India gave categorical assurances that Statehood would be restored. Yet, Six years have passed and the people of J&K are still being deprived of their democratic and constitutional rights. It is evident that the delay in granting Statehood is not due to administrative or constitutional hurdles, but due to political considerations of the ruling dispensation at the centre. By keeping J&K under Union Territory status, the BJP Government wants to retain direct control over our resources, land, and institutions, thereby undermining the demo-

cratic aspirations of the people.

Gupta emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are not beggars seeking concessions. Statehood is our right, our identity, and our dignity. Denying us this right while making hollow promises is an insult to the people's mandate of J&K.

Gupta said that he National Conference, under the leadership of Omar Abdullah Honble Chief Minister J&K, will continue to fight for the restoration of full Statehood. National Conference will raise this demand consistently in every forum inside the Assembly, in Parliament, and among the people. The denial of Statehood is an insult to the sacrifices and democratic spirit of the people of J&K.

Gupta urged the Centre to stop playing with the sentiments of our people and immediately fulfill its own solemn promise. The time has come to restore dignity, democracy, and the constitutional position of Jammu and Kashmir without any further delay.

## Observance of Seva Pakhwada at Govt Polytechnic Jammu

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JAMMU, SEPT. 17 : Government Polytechnic College Jammu launched the Seva Pakhwada from 17th September-2025 to 02nd October-2025, enthusiastically under the dynamic leadership of Er. Talet Mahmood Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu. A fortnight activity dedicated to service and social responsibility, with a series of activities aimed at promoting community welfare, cleanliness, and student engagement is organized. Today on 17th of September 2025 under the Mission SEVA PAKHWADA organized in which large number of students and faculties participated. The observance began with a pledge ceremony where faculty, staff, and students reaffirmed their commitment to the values of selfless service and nation building. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Er. Talet Mahmood of Government Polytechnic College Jammu highlighted the importance of Seva Pakhwada in instilling a



spirit of empathy and social responsibility among students. He appreciated the enthusiastic participation of students and staff, emphasizing that such initiatives strengthen the bond between educational institutions and society.

An awareness session on YUVA (Youth for Unnati and Vikas Abhiyan) mission was organized today at Government Polytechnic College Jammu by Tahmeed Ahmed Badam Lecturer-II T&T department (Nodal Officer YUVA-Udyam Jagriti) with the objective of sensitizing students about the importance of skill development, entrepreneurship, and nation building through youth empowerment. Speaking on the occasion Er. Talet

Mahmood Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu who highlighted the vision of the YUVA Mission aimed at channelizing the energy of young students towards constructive and innovative initiatives. He emphasized that the mission provides a platform for the youth to develop their potential, contribute to society, and play a significant role in India's growth story. Those who present during the session were Er. Sakshi Kapahi Lecturer-I & C, Er. Yogesh Raina Lecturer-I Automobile Engineering Department (Resource Person Mission YUVA), Er Rishab Sharma Lecturer-I Civil Engineering Department (Resource Person Mission YUVA), and other faculties and students of the College.