

## JMC celebrates 15th National Voters' Day



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**JAMMU, JAN 25:**  
Like the other parts of UT of J&K, Jammu Municipal Corporation also organized a function to celebrate 15th National Voters' Day in its premises here under the aegis of Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner highlighted the importance of vote and massive participation of voters in the democratic process. He said that the primary objective of National Voters' Day is to raise awareness about the significance of voting and encourage citizens, especially the younger generation, to exercise their right to franchise.

Dr. Devansh Yadav complimented ERO, AC-76, Jammu East and ERO AC-78- Jammu West for their efforts in successful conduct

of Parliamentary and Assembly elections in 2024. He also hoped that with the continued efforts of all stakeholders, the upcoming elections would also be conducted smoothly and with full participation, ensuring that the electoral process remains robust and transparent.

The Commissioner said that NVD celebrations serve as a reminder of the importance of casting a vote and its role in strengthening democracy. The observance of NVD plays a pivotal role in sensitizing voters, particularly young voters, about the importance of their votes, the Commissioner said and added that young voters representation a crucial segment of the electorate, whose involvement can make a significant difference in the electoral outcomes.

Highlighting the theme, 'Nothing Like Voting, 1 Vote

for Sure,' the commissioner elaborated how this theme reflects the personal commitment of individuals toward exercising their right to vote.

Joint Commissioner, (A), (ERO ,AC-76- Jammu East), Krishan Lal in his welcome address expressed his gratitude to the officials for extending cooperation during both the elections. AEROs, Supervisors, BLOs were felicitated by presenting mementoes and certificates. Earlier, a pledge was also administered among the participants on the occasion. Secretary, JMC (ERO, AC-78- Jammu West) S. Chand Singh presented Votes of thanks on the occasion. Among others, Joint Commissioner, H&S, Abdul Star, Deputy Commissioner, (South) JMC, Lal Chand, officers, officials of JMC, AEROs, Supervisors, BLOs were present on the occasion.

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Observing a fast for the peace of ancestors on Mauni Amavasya satisfies not just the ancestors but also Brahma, Indra, Surya, Agni, Vayu, sages, animals, and birds. Observing a vow of silence on this day ensures timely marriage, onating sesame, milk, and sesame-based sweets removes poverty. On every Amavasya, remember your ancestors and offer raw lassi, a little Ganga water, black sesame seeds, sugar, rice, water, and flowers at the base of a Peepal tree while chanting the mantra "Om Pitribhya: Namah". After this, reciting the PitrSuhta grants auspicious results.

## Mauni Amavasya on Jan 29: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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Purity and simplicity in speech are essential for spiritual progress. Observing a vow of silence (Maun Vrat) is a unique practice. While this vow can be observed anytime, scriptures recommend observing silence on Mauni Amavasya. Amavasya occurs only once a month and is associated with ancestors. Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya and president of Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, explained that this year, the Magha Amavasya Tithi begins at 7:37 PM on Tuesday, January 28, and ends at 6:06 PM on Wednesday, January 29. Since the sunrise falls on January 29, this year's Mauni Amavasya will be observed on Wednesday, January 29.

This Mauni Amavasya will witness a Triveni Yoga as the Sun, Mercury, and Moon align in Capricorn. Additionally, Jupiter's ninth aspect will influence all three. Venus will be in Pisces, creating the Malayva Raj Yoga.

The day will also coincide with Shraavan Nakshatra, along with the effects of Shasha Raj Yoga and Budhaditya Raj Yoga. Spiritually and astrologically, the day is highly auspicious. The second royal bath of the Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj will also take place on this day. According to the Skanda Purana, the term "Mauni" originates from "Muni." Observing silence strengthens inner resolve. Bathing in holy rivers while observing silence is particularly significant on this day. If bathing in

the Ganges or other sacred rivers is not feasible, mixing Ganga water in your bath at home is recommended to gain the equivalent merit.

## Symposium on role of Urdu in promoting national integration held at GCW Udhampur



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**UDHAMPUR, JAN 25:**  
To create awareness among the students, the Department of Urdu under the aegis of IQAC Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur organized a Symposium on "Role of Urdu in Promoting National Integration" at the college campus here today. The aim of the programme was to encourage students to express their views and opinions on the importance of Urdu language in promoting national unity and integrity. Principal of the College, Dr. Nalini Pathania was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Pathania congratulated the Urdu Department for organizing such events. She highlighted the importance of Urdu language and its vital role in promoting national unity. Earlier, the programme began with a formal welcome address by Dr. MoolRaj, Head of the Department of

Urdu. In his address, he said that with its rich cultural heritage and widespread use across the country, Urdu has been a connecting force for people from different regions and communities.

A total of 09 students from different semesters participated in the competition. The participants were from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, making the event a true representation of national integration. The competition was judged by a panel of three experts comprising Dr. Om Prakash (Assistant Professor Sanskrit) and Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed (Assistant Professor Hindi) and Dr. Azad Ahmed (Lecturer Economics).

The judges evaluated the participants on the basis of their content, presentation and overall impression. Babli Devi (1st semester) secured the first position, Tasneem-ul-Nissa (6th semester) bagged the second position and Sakshi Thakur (6th

semester) stood the third position respectively.

The competition was a huge success, with participants showcasing their exceptional oratory skills and highlighting the significance of Urdu language in promoting national integration. The event provided a platform for students to express their thoughts and opinions on a critical issue and to promote awareness about the importance of Urdu language in national integration.

The proceedings of the event were carried out by Dr. Sareer Ahmad Bhat (Lecturer Urdu). He extended his gratitude to the teaching, non-teaching staff, students and dignitaries for their contribution to the success of the event. Among others, Dr. Neha Gupta, Prof. Parvinder Kour, Prof. Sarbajeet Kour, Dr. Pardeep Singh, Prof. Meenakshi Jamwal, other senior faculties and a large number of students were also present on the occasion.

## National Voters Day organized at Bn. Hqrs JKAP-8th Battalion Miran Sahib

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**JAMMU, JAN 25:**  
In order to celebrate National Voters Day a function was organized at Bn. Hqrs JKAP-8th Battalion Miran Sahib Jammu today on 25.01.2025 under the overall supervision of Sh. Suram Singh-JKPS (SSP) CO JKAP-8th Bn. Speaking on the occasion Commandant JKAP-8th Bn. told that since 2011, National Voters' Day is being celebrated on January 25 every year, across the country to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of

India, i.e. 25th January 1950. The main purpose of the NVD celebration is to create electoral awareness amongst citizens and encourage them to participate in the electoral process. Dedicated to the voters of the country. The National Voters' Day is also used to facilitate enrolment of voters, especially the newly eligible young voters. During the course of celebration pledge ceremony was also held in the unit. Among others Sh. Parmet Singh-Insp(PTO), Sh. Sheikh Sohil-SI (lines officer) and other officers/officials also participated.

## Week-long awareness campaign on National Voters Day under SVEEP concludes at GCW Udhampur

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**UDHAMPUR, JAN 25:**

Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur organized a series of activities under the "Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Process" (SVEEP) campaign to promote electoral awareness among students and masses. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of girls, who participated in various activities including poster marking, pledge taking, Rally, Nukkad Natak and colourful cultural program. The main objective of the event was to sensitize and educate first-time voters about the importance of exercising their franchise in the world's largest democracy and making their vote count. The activities were conducted under the directions of Principal Prof.

(Dr.) Nalini Pathania with a view to take the SVEEP campaign to every nook and corner of the college and surrounding area. The students participated with great enthusiasm and exuberance. The event provided an excellent



platform for students to actively engage in electoral awareness activities while enjoying awareness programmes and recreational activities. Principal of the college while addressing the students appealed to the students to exercise their democratic right with responsibility and diligence, thereby contributing to the democratic process of then ation. The proceedings of weeklong activities commenced with the pledge taking ceremony

by the entire staff and students in the electoral process and encouraging their peers to take part in the festival of elections with national pride on 21st January followed by formation of Human chain to highlight the significance of a vote in Indian Democracy on 22nd January, 2024.

On Wednesday, 60 students participated in the voter's awareness Rally flagged off by Deputy Commissioner Udhampur from DC office Via Ramnagar Chowk, Gole

Market, MH Chowk and culminated at Subhash Stadium Udhampur. A Nukkad Natak was enacted on "Mera Vote, Mera Adhikar" to create awareness and target special groups including the illiterate and women voters. The play was staged by the students of the college near Banyan Tree in front of Geography Block on 24th January 2025. Convener of the SVEEP Committee Prof. Yash Paul highlighted the objectives of the SVEEP

campaign (2022-2025) in detail and underscored the role of students in shaping the future of the Nation through their voting decisions. The entire proceedings of the event were conducted and carried under the supervision of Prof. Yash Paul [Convener SVEEP]. The organizing committee for the program were Prof. Om Parkash (HOD Sanskrit), Prof. Manju (Department of Dogri), Prof. Meenakshi Jamwal (Department of Commerce), Prof. Pooja Bhatti (HOD Geography), Prof. Sanjay Kumar (Department of Music), Dr. Nazim Mohi-ud-Din (Department of Political Science) and Dr. Rool-ul-Amin (Department of Political Science). The program culminated into a Cultural performance by the students of Department of Music, GCW Udhampur at DC office Udhampur on 25 January 2025. The formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Prof. Yash Kumar department of Music on the concluding day.

## Petition filed in NHRC regarding 17 mysterious deaths in Rajouri

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**JAMMU, JAN 25:**

RTI Activist Raman Sharma has urged the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to intervene in the ongoing health crisis in Badhaal village, Rajouri district, where 17 people, including children, have tragically lost their lives since December 2024. The deaths are believed to be linked to water contamination caused by harmful pesticides or insecticides, leaving the affected families in deep distress. Sharma has filed formal petition to the NHRC on 23/Jan/2025 which has been allotted diary number 1614/IN/2025, in the petition, besides other demands, he has

requested the commission to issue directions to the Union Health Ministry to assist the Jammu and Kashmir government in addressing the health crisis. The petition also demands immediate financial compensation for the grieving families, who are struggling emotionally and financially after these devastating losses. Sharma has stressed the need for medical and psychological support for the survivors, especially vulnerable children and the elderly.

The plea highlights the urgency of NHRC's involvement to expedite the investigation into the cause of these deaths, ensuring transparency and accountability. Sharma has also urged the NHRC to

recommend preventive measures to avoid such tragedies in the future, including regular testing of water sources, awareness campaigns on chemical safety, and improved healthcare infrastructure in rural areas.

He has further requested that the NHRC depute a team to Rajouri to interact directly with the affected families and gather firsthand information. This will ensure that the Commission takes informed and decisive action to address the urgent needs of the community. Sharma's petition underscores the need for prompt intervention to safeguard the rights and well-being of vulnerable citizens in Jammu & Kashmir.

## ADG BSF Chandigarh felicitates meritorious students of BSF School

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**JAMMU, JAN 25:**

ADG (Western Command) BSF Chandigarh, Shri Satish Shriramaji Khandare, IPS, felicitated meritorious students of BSF School Jammu in a solemn ceremony held at the BSF Jammu Frontier. The event was organized to honor students who have excelled in academics and sports at both national and international levels. The presence of D.K. Boora, Inspector General (IG) BSF Jammu Frontier, Shri O.P. Upadhyay, IG BSF Chandigarh, and Shri Sukhdev Raj, DIG/PSO, added prestige to the occasion. Several officers from the Border Security Force (BSF), along with Dr. S.K. Shukla, Principal of BSF School Jammu, and the school's faculty and students, were also in attendance to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the school's top-performing students.

During the event, Satish Khandare was provided with an overview of the school's numerous accolades, covering both academic achievements and its remarkable record in sports events. The briefing highlighted the school's continuous efforts and important initiatives aimed at fostering a well-rounded education. BSF School Jammu is known for its emphasis on excellence in both scholastic and extracurricular pursuits, which has contributed to its distinguished reputation across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The students of the school



presented an enchanting cultural program, which added a lively and celebratory atmosphere to the ceremony. Through their performances, the students showcased the rich cultural heritage of the region while also underscoring their talents beyond academics and sports. This cultural presentation was a testament to the school's holistic approach to education, encouraging creativity, discipline, and teamwork.

Satish Shriramaji Khandare, in his address to the gathering, expressed his deep appreciation for the school's exemplary performance in various arenas. He praised BSF School Jammu for its outstanding goodwill and reputation, not only within Jammu and Kashmir but also at the national level. He attributed the success of the school to the dedication and hard work of the school management, the principal, and the staff, whose collective efforts have fostered a nurturing environment for students to excel. In his commendation, Shri Khandare applauded the efforts of the prize-winning students, acknowledging their com-

mitment to excellence. He encouraged them to continue their pursuit of knowledge and skill, urging them to stay focused on achieving even greater milestones in the future. His motivational words were aimed at inspiring the young achievers to push the boundaries of their potential and maintain their drive towards success in all their future endeavors. The ceremony served as an important platform to recognize and encourage the young talents of BSF School Jammu, further strengthening the school's commitment to nurturing future leaders and achievers. The felicitations not only acknowledged the hard work and determination of the students but also highlighted the school's role in contributing to the overall development of young minds through a balanced emphasis on academics, sports, and cultural activities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, marking yet another proud moment for BSF School Jammu, which continues to be a beacon of academic and extracurricular excellence in the region.

## GDC Majalta celebrates Republic Day

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**JAMMU, JAN 25:**

GDC Majalta organized Jashni Jamhooriya (Republic Celebration) in which the students of all the departments participated. The event was organised by department of Urdu & Gandhian Studies under the able guidance of Prof (Dr) Shalini Sharma principal GDC Majalta. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Sahinawaz

ful. The students and heads of various departments including other faculty members Dr Chander Mohan, Prof Kamal jeet, Prof Anuradha Chaudhry Dr Peer Aamir, Dr Irshad and other members of the staff grace the function by their presence. The proceedings of the program were conducted by 6th sem student Mohammad Toufeeq & The vote of thanks was presented by Dr Reyaz Rahi.

## National Voters Day observed at HQ J&K Police

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To commemorate National Voters Day, pledge-taking ceremony was held in the lawns of the Headquarters of J&K Police this morning. ADGP Armed J&K/Commandant General HG/CD/SDRF, J&K Sh. Vijay Kumar administered the oath. Police officers and personnel from different wings attended the oath taking ceremony.