

## JU celebrates Indian Sign Language Day

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**JAMMU, SEP 25:**

The Department of Home Science, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the Association of the Deaf & Aphasic Jammu and the Composite Regional Center (CRC), Jammu, organized a program to commemorate the Indian Sign Language Day, which coincides with the International Day of Sign Languages observed by the United Nations on 23rd September worldwide.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Head, Department of Home Science, and Coordinator Disability Initiatives, JU emphasized that sign language is not only a tool of communication but also a symbol of identity, culture, and empowerment for the Deaf community. She highlighted the importance of inclusion, stating that true progress in society is possible only when no one is left behind, and inclusion means embracing every individual irrespective of their abilities. She also drew attention to the magnitude of the issue, noting that according to the World Health Organization, more than 430 million people worldwide live with disabling hearing loss, while India alone accounts for nearly 63 million people—about 6.3% of the popula-



tion—who experience significant auditory impairment.

The special guest on the occasion was Dr. Rohnika Sharma, Director, Composite Regional Centre (CRC) Jammu, who spoke about the wide range of activities and facilities available at CRC.

She highlighted initiatives related to skill development, rehabilitation services, and community outreach, which are contributing significantly towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Dr. Sharma also underscored the urgent need for society to adopt an empathetic approach, stating that embracing persons with disabilities is not an act of sympathy, but of humanity and responsibility. She was joined by Sh. Naveen Gupta, Administrative Officer, CRC and Sh. Rahul Singh, Rehabilitation Officer, CRC, who also interacted with the

participants. Representing the Deaf and Aphasic Association, Sh. Munceer Mir emphasized the role of community-led initiatives in promoting inclusivity. Members of the Association showcased their creative acumen through dance, painting, and other artistic performances, which received much appreciation from the audience. The program was conducted by Ms. Meghna Sharma and Ms. Purvi Verma, research scholars of the Department. Students of the Department of Home Science also participated enthusiastically in the event, further reinforcing the values of inclusivity and social responsibility among the younger generation.

The program concluded with a collective call to action for promoting and learning sign language to create a more empathetic, inclusive, and equitable society.

## BJP Minority Morcha commemorates Birth Anniversary of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya

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**JAMMU, SEP 25:**

The BJP Minority Morcha, Jammu and Kashmir organized a meeting today at its office in Trikuta Nagar to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, the founder of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The program was conducted under the chairmanship of Vice President BJP Minority Morcha, Narinder Jain, who along with other prominent members, actively participated in the proceedings.

Speaking on the occasion, Narinder Jain highlighted the enduring relevance of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of Integral Humanism, emphasizing that his vision of service to society, unity, and empowerment of marginalized communities continues to guide the party's

work.

He stated, "Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji was not only a political thinker but a visionary whose ideas on humanism, ethical governance, and nation-building remain as relevant today as ever. Our duty is to carry forward his legacy through active engagement and service to the people, particularly minority communities."

Advocate Jasmeet Kour Pandey, another speaker at the event, lauded the founder's ideology and urged all attendees to translate these principles into tangible social action, stressing that service is the core of political and societal responsibility.

The meeting witnessed enthusiastic participation from several party leaders and members, including Joginder Singh Raju, Pawanjeet Singh, Prithpal

Singh, Dr. Surjeet Singh, Parvez Malik, Jasmeet Singh, Harvinder Singh Vicky, Gurdeep Singh Raju, Surjeet Singh Chopra, Jagjeet Singh Nanawant, Javed Rana, and others. Discussions revolved around the significance of social harmony, minority welfare, and community engagement in line with the values propagated by Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya.

The gathering concluded with a collective pledge to uphold the ideals of service, unity, and social responsibility, ensuring that the vision of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya continues to inspire future initiatives of the BJP Minority Morcha. The event also reaffirmed the Morcha's commitment to work closely with communities to promote inclusive development and social welfare programs across the region.

## Sawhney meets DC Jammu, discusses restoration of flood-hit roads and connectivity issues in Jammu East

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**JAMMU, SEP 25:**

Former Minister J&K and Ex-MLA Jammu East, Yogesh Sawhney, senior Congress leader, met with the Deputy Commissioner Jammu to discuss urgent issues concerning road connectivity and infrastructure repair in Jammu East, which suffered immense damage due to the recent heavy rains and flooding. Sawhney raised several pertinent matters related to restoration work in affected areas, commended the administration's ongoing efforts, and pressed for immediate attention to critical routes linking localities and religious destinations.

Speaking on the restoration works, Sawhney said that people appreciate the Administration for their efforts in restoring roads in

flood-affected areas of Jammu East, including Sandhi Road, Peerkho, Rajeev Colony, Rajinder Nagar, and Gujar Nagar. These repairs have provided relief to the residents, but much more needs to be done to ensure full connectivity and prevent further hardship.

Addressing the issue of connectivity, Sawhney stated that they strongly demanded the urgent restoration of the road from Kattal Batal to Baba Bhair Devta, which holds immense significance. He further stated that alternative workarounds such as seeking help from the Army in construction of a temporary bridge should also be looked at. The devotees and locals are eagerly awaiting the restoration of this lifeline, he added.

Highlighting broader connectivity challenges,

Sawhney added that they also raised the matter of road connectivity from Aitham to Bhair Devta. Since complete restoration will take time, temporary arrangements be made in the meantime to ensure accessibility for the public, he said. These roads are essential not just for daily commutes but also for religious and social gatherings, and delays in restoration cause immense difficulty to the people.

The Deputy Commissioner Jammu heard Sawhney's concerns patiently and assured that the administration would take appropriate steps to address the highlighted issues. Sawhney emphasized that while progress has been made, several areas remain cut off, and timely action is necessary to prevent further disruption to people's lives.

## Balvinder calls for immediate policy to regulate unchecked growth of E-Rickshaws and E-Autos in Jammu

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**JAMMU, SEP 25:**

Balvinder Singh, a renowned RTI Activist and Social Activist, has urged the Secretary Transport, Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT), and the Deputy Commissioner Jammu to urgently formulate a comprehensive policy to address the unchecked growth of e-rickshaws and e-autos in Jammu. Singh highlighted the pressing issues arising from the unregulated movement and unlimited sale of these vehicles, pointing out that the recent influx of new e-autos, following the proliferation of e-rickshaws, has further aggravated the city's traffic woes.

Singh emphasized that, apart from a few wide roads,

most of Jammu city comprises narrow streets. This infrastructure is ill-equipped to handle the rapidly increasing number of e-rickshaws and e-autos. As a result, residents are now grappling with frequent and prolonged traffic jams, making it increasingly difficult for citizens to move freely—even within local markets. He stressed that the situation is growing untenable, with public inconvenience and road safety concerns mounting daily.

With the onset of winter approaching, Singh warned of an impending crisis, as Jammu annually receives an influx of more than two lakh people from the Kashmir Valley and hill districts like Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, and Baderwah. This seasonal

migration swells the city's population for five to six months, further straining the already overloaded road infrastructure and threatening to render Jammu a perpetual "Jam City."

Singh has called on the JKUT administration—especially the District Magistrate Jammu—to immediately engage all stakeholders in a thorough discussion to devise an effective mechanism to regulate the growth of e-rickshaws and e-autos. He reiterated his appeal for urgent restrictions on the unchecked mushrooming of these vehicles, emphasizing the need for balanced, sustainable solutions that ensure smooth traffic flow and safeguard the interests of all residents and visitors.

## Next-Gen GST is game-changer for India's economy: Priya Sethi

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**AKHNOOR, SEP 25:**

Vice-President J&K BJP and former Minister Priya Sethi today hailed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) as one of the most transformative economic reforms of the Modi Government, terming it a "game-changer" for India's economy.

"GST has strengthened the vision of One Nation, One Market, One Tax, easing compliance for businesses, increasing transparency, and boosting revenue for developmental works," she remarked. She was speaking at a special programme organized in Akhnoor to deliberate upon the impact and future scope of GST. In her address, Priya Sethi said the Modi Government deserves credit for implementing GST, which replaced the complex web of taxes with a single, transparent, and uniform tax



system across the country.

She further highlighted that GST has empowered small and medium businesses by eliminating the cascading effect of multiple taxes, while also ensuring greater accountability through digitized filing systems.

"The introduction of e-invoicing, digital returns, and continuous reforms in GST are in tune with the Prime Minister's vision of Digital

India and Ease of Doing Business," Sethi added.

Also speaking on the occasion, MLA Mohal Lal Bhagat said that GST has streamlined trade and commerce not only in urban centers but also in semi-urban and rural areas.

"Earlier, traders faced huge challenges at state borders due to different tax regimes. With GST, barriers have been removed, creating a truly unified national market," he

noted. Bhagat further emphasized that the reform has increased efficiency in logistics, reduced tax evasion, and promoted fair competition.

Kuldeep Raj Sharma, District President BJP, described GST as one of the biggest pro-people reforms since independence. He said that the Modi Government's continuous fine-tuning of the tax structure, rate rationalization, and industry-specific

relaxations have provided relief to both consumers and entrepreneurs. "Today, GST is not only a revenue model but also a governance model ensuring transparency and accountability," he said, urging stakeholders to contribute ideas for the upcoming next-generation reforms. The programme concluded with a call to further strengthen awareness about GST among small traders, shopkeepers, and entrepreneurs so they can fully utilize its benefits. Speakers unanimously praised the Modi Government's commitment to simplifying the taxation system and driving India toward becoming a \$5 trillion economy. Convenor GST Akhnoor District, Vijay Dogra, Prabhari Vinay Gupta and Seh Prabhari Vaishno Devi were also present and shared their views on GST reforms.

## RPHQ Srinagar in collaboration with Amar Singh College organizes seminar

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**SRINAGAR, SEP 25:**

Range Police Headquarters Srinagar in collaboration with Amar Singh College (Cluster University) Srinagar organized a Speech Competition (Seminar) at BCA Hall, Amar Singh College Srinagar today, to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The event was organized under the theme "Sardar Patel's Policy of National Integration is Still Relevant" aimed at to engage students in meaningful reflections on the values of unity, discipline, courage and leadership embodied by the 'Iron Man of India'. Students from various departments of the college participated in the event with great enthusiasm presenting thought provoking speeches in English, Urdu, Hindi & Kashmiri languages.

The speech competition was graced by Prof. (Dr) Aijaz Ahmad Hakak,

Principal Amar Singh College Srinagar as the Chief Guest. In his address, the Chief Guest emphasized the enduring relevance of Sardar Patel's vision, stating Sardar Patel's contribution to national integration stands unmatched. The event was also graced by Prof. G.M. Nengroo, HoD, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Shah Nawaz Muntazir, NSS Programme Officer, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad, Coordinator, ELC/CP Cell, Department of Political Science, Amar Singh College Srinagar & Shri Peer Zahoorsp, Staff Officer to DIG CKR Srinagar as Guests of Honour. All the guests delivered remarkable speeches and highlighted Sardar Patel's vision of integrity, self-determination, administrative acumen and deep commitment towards national unity.

Shri Peer Zahoorsp (SO to DIG CKR Srinagar) delivered a valuable speech high-

lighting the unmatched contribution of 'The Iron Man of India' who played a crucial role in India's struggle for independence and its subsequent integration as a unified nation. The officer in his remarkable speech emphasized the importance of the event in fostering Police Public relationship and adoption of the ideas of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Notable attendees at the event include DySP Estates Shri Nisar Ahmad, Pvt. Secretary to DIG CKR (DySP) Shri Showkat Ahmad, Shri Mushtaq Ahmad, AAO, Inspector Syed Sajad Ahmad, Insp. Rifat Jan, Insp. Imran Bashir, Insp. Riyaz Qadir and other ranks of RPHQ CKR.

Prize money was distributed among the top performers and certificate of participation was also distributed to all other participants, followed by vote of thanks by the Chair.

## Conduct of Medical Camp for gujjar and bakkarwals at Hill Kaka & Jotiyanwali

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**POONCH, SEP 25:**

The Indian Army organized a comprehensive medical camp at Hill Kaka with the objective of providing essential primary healthcare services to the residents of Hill Kaka and adjoining villages. This initiative aimed to address the pressing healthcare needs of the region, which is known for its poor road infrastructure and limited access to medical facilities, making it difficult for the local population to access timely medical attention. The camp primarily focused on the Gujjar and Bakkarwal

communities residing in the Pir Panjal ranges, who often face challenges in availing basic healthcare services due to the remoteness of the area. General health check-ups were conducted, covering a range of health issues and free medicines were distributed to the villagers. Special care was given to maternal and child healthcare and efforts were made to educate the community about preventive healthcare measures. The initiative brought healthcare directly to the doorstep of the locals, addressing a critical need for the remote population. The Indian Army's medical team,

comprising doctors, nurses and paramedics, worked tirelessly to ensure that every individual received the necessary care. The effort was widely appreciated by the residents and further reinforced the Indian Army's commitment to community welfare, strengthening its role as a nation-building force in the region. This medical camp not only provided immediate healthcare assistance but also served as an opportunity for the Army to connect with the local community, building trust and goodwill while contributing to the overall well-being of the population.

## Sat Sharma, Ashok Koul lead BJP plantation drives under Seva Pakhwada

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**UDHAMPUR/JAMMU, SEP 25:**

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir led by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma and General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul held multiple tree plantation drives across the Union Territory, as part of the ongoing Seva Pakhwada programmes being organized to mark the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The campaign, titled "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam", symbolizes respect towards mothers while spreading awareness about the need for environmental conservation.

At Udhampur, Sat Sharma led a major plantation pro-

gramme in the presence of MLAs R.S. Pathania, Pawan Sharma, Balwant Singh Mankotia, and other senior leaders. A large number of party activists and locals enthusiastically participated in the drive, pledging their support to the cause of environmental protection.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma underlined the importance of collective responsibility in preserving nature. He said that planting trees is the best tribute we can offer to our mothers and our nation. He termed it as our duty to contribute to the environment by taking such small yet impactful steps. He urged everyone to plant as

many trees as possible, as this will not only save us from pollution but also safeguard future generations from natural calamities. The small efforts made today will lead to a greener and healthier tomorrow, he said. Sharma further said that through such initiatives, BJP J&K reiterated its resolve to contribute towards a clean, green, and sustainable environment while celebrating the life and vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Ashok Koul emphasized that the plantation drive is not only an act of environmental care but also reflects the larger vision of the BJP-led government.

## Blood Donation Camp organized under SEVA PARV Campaign at CHC Kalakote

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**KALAKOTE, SEP 25:**

As part of the ongoing SEVA PARV campaign, the Municipal Committee Kalakote, in collaboration with the Community Health Centre (CHC) Kalakote, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp today.

The camp was held under the visionary leadership of Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah (IAS), Administrative Secretary to the Government, Health & Medical Education Department; Shri Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary (IAS), Mission Director, NHM J&K; Sh. Abhishek Sharma (IAS), District Development Commissioner, Rajouri; and Dr. Abdul Hameed Zargar, Director Health Services, Jammu; and Dr. M.L. Rana, Chief Medical Officer, Rajouri. The camp

was inaugurated by Sh. Mohd Tanwir (KAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kalakote, in the presence of Sh. Manik Rathore (KAS), Tehsildar Kalakote, and Dr. Iqbal Malik, Block Medical Officer (BMO) Kalakote. Speaking on the occasion, BMO Kalakote expressed gratitude to the officers, volunteers, and donors for their active participation. He highlighted the importance of blood donation as a noble cause that saves countless lives. Notably, Tehsildar Kalakote, SHO Kalakote Dr. Wasim Chouhan, along with several volunteers, came forward to donate blood, setting an inspiring example for the community. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents and volunteers, reflecting the spirit of service and solidarity promoted under the SEVA PARV campaign.