

## BJYM slams “Jammuiyat” narrative, demands immediate withdrawal of term by JU

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:** Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) strongly condemned the use of the term “Jammuiyat” by the University of Jammu, terming it a “fabricated and divisive narrative” that undermines the historical and cultural identity of the Jammu region. Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, BJYM President Arun Prabhat and BJP Spokesperson Girdhari Lal Raina sharply criticized the attempt to introduce the term and alleged that it is part of a well-thought agenda to gradually propagate a misleading ideological narrative about the region. Several BJYM leaders were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the media, Arun Prabhat said that the term “Jammuiyat” has no historical, cultural, or civilizational basis and is being artificially promoted to redefine the identity of the Jammu region. He asserted that the region has historical



ly been a unified geo-cultural landscape comprising ten districts, sharing a rich cultural heritage and civilizational continuity for centuries. Arun said that reducing such a vast and diverse cultural identity to a newly manufactured narrative is unacceptable and has deeply hurt the sentiments and emotions of the people of Jammu. He said that the people of Jammu have always taken pride in their shared cultural heritage, traditions, and values, which cannot be diluted by the introduction of an artificially created term like ‘Jammuiyat’. Arun further

stated that academic institutions are expected to promote scholarly integrity and preserve cultural heritage, but the attempt to propagate such a provocative and misleading narrative raises serious concerns. He demanded that the University immediately withdraw the term and instead use expressions that genuinely represent the true cultural ethos of Jammu in its entirety. Girdhari Lal Raina termed the move a deliberate and calculated attempt to frame the cultural identity of the Jammu region through an artificial construct. He said that it appears to be part of a

larger agenda to create divisions within the Jammu division, which will never be tolerated by the people.

Raina said that Jammu has always stood united with a shared cultural and historical legacy, and any attempt to distort this identity through fabricated narratives must be firmly opposed. He said that it seems to be a planned move to create confusion and divide the social fabric of Jammu, which is not acceptable at any cost.

The BJYM asked the University authorities to take immediate corrective steps and ensure that such mislead-

ing narratives are not promoted in academic spaces. They also demanded that the masterminds behind this attempt to distort the cultural identity of Jammu be identified and exposed, and strict action be taken so that no one in the future dares to promote such divisive and false narratives. Reiterating Yuva Morcha’s commitment to protecting the cultural heritage and unity of Jammu, the leaders said the organization will continue to raise its voice strongly against any attempt to undermine the region’s historical identity and social harmony. Others who were present on the occasion included BJYM Vice Presidents Priyanka Gupta, and Luv Sharma, General Secretaries Ranjit Singh, and Anant Khajuria, Secretary Sonika Dutta, and Sagar Kotwal, District President Jammu South Dheeraj Arora, District President KDD Vatsal Bhan, Spokesperson Abineesh Khajuria, senior BJYM leaders Adv Kanav Sharma, and Bhanu Sharma.

## Jasrotia inaugurates 16 lane drains, transformer in Sowla-Tridwan; pledges flood prep and water fixes



**Public darbar in Keerian Gandyal brings RDD, Flood Control, PWD, PHE, PMGSY, PDD on spot-load-balancing, standpost revival, culvert survey assured**

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**JASROTA, MAR 11:**

BJP MLA Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia inaugurated multiple development works on Tuesday in Panchayat Sowla and Tridwan of Keerian Gandyal block, Kathua. The package included \*16 new lane drains\* with cover slabs, hard-facing of interior lanes and commissioning of a \*new transformer\* to improve voltage stability for homes, tubewells and small enterprises.

The program was attended by field teams from \*RDD, Flood Control, PWD, PHE, PMGSY\* and \*PDD\*. At a public darbar, residents flagged low water pressure in Sowla, pending flood-control compensation for 2022 breaches, and vulnerable culverts ahead of monsoon. PHE committed to revive a defunct standpost and conduct a chlorination check; PDD scheduled load-

balancing and tripping audits; Flood Control agreed to a joint survey of weak embankments; PMGSY and PWD noted Phase-II lane priorities. Jasrotia said routine inspections would fast-track approvals and extended matching support to local \*Self-Help Groups\* for kitchen-garden and tailoring units, with work to be reviewed fortnightly.

In his address, Jasrotia framed the works as “last-mile delivery”—linking drains to monsoon safety, lanes to market access, and the transformer to study hours for children and evening shifts for artisans. He praised engineers for completing soak-pits ahead of schedule and asked RDD to photograph each stretch weekly to keep payments transparent. He told locals that development “is not ribbon-cutting once, it is

inspection every week.” On grievances, he acknowledged thin tap pressure and compensation delays, promising Flood Control’s survey within 15 days and PHE’s standpost revival before peak summer. He urged PDD to publish feeder-outage data in the panchayat office and advised farmers to stagger irrigation loads until the new transformer settles. “We work in sunlight, not in files,” he said, pledging fortnightly reviews with officials present.

He closed by highlighting border-area women’s Self-Help Groups, inviting proposals for poly-greenhouses and tool-kits backed by matching panchayat grants. He reiterated that Phase-II lanes and additional culverts would follow a joint priority list drawn up with residents, so budgets follow local need, not political cycles.

## Poet Abdul Quddir Kundria meets DIG Rizvi, presents Dogri poetry collection

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**UDHAMPUR, MAR 11:**

Eminent Dogri and Urdu poet Abdul Quddir Kundria called on Sarah Rizvi, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Udhampur-Reasi Range, during his visit to Udhampur. He was accompanied by Amod Ashok Nagpure, Senior Superintendent of Police, Udhampur, and Sandeep Bhat, Additional Superintendent of Police, Udhampur. On the occasion, Kundria presented his recently published Dogri poetry collection “Gottey Ge Gottey.” The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere where various social issues were discussed, particularly the growing menace of drug abuse and its adverse impact on society, especially among the youth. Kundria emphasized that literature and cultural activities can play a vital role in guiding society and spreading awareness among the masses.

He appreciated the efforts of the police department in organizing awareness programmes against drug abuse in different parts of the region. Kundria suggested that these initiatives could be further strengthened by involving writers, poets, and artists so that the message against drugs reaches people in a more effective and meaningful manner.

Kundria also proposed organizing literary programmes, mushairas, poetry recitations, and cultural events in different areas of Udhampur and Reasi districts in collaboration with the police department. According to him, literature is a powerful medium of social awareness, as poetry directly touches the hearts and minds of people.

Highlighting his new book “Gottey Ge Gottey,” Kundria said that several poems in the collection address the issue of drug abuse and portray its devastating impact on fami-

lies and society. Through these poems, he has attempted to depict the pain caused by addiction and encourage youth to stay away from drugs. DIG Sarah Rizvi, SSP Amod Ashok Nagpure, and Additional SP Sandeep Bhat appreciated Kundria’s literary contributions and acknowledged the importance of community participation in combating drug abuse. They stated that the involvement of intellectuals, writers, poets, and artists can significantly strengthen awareness campaigns and help the police spread positive social messages among the public. The officers also observed that literary and cultural initiatives can effectively connect with the younger generation and inspire them to stay away from drugs and other social evils. They welcomed the proposal of organizing literary awareness programmes and assured their support for such initiatives in the region.

## SPF hails JU VC’s initiative to celebrate Jammu’s literary, cultural heritage on March 13-14

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

The Sikh Progressive Front has expressed deep appreciation for the initiative taken by the University of Jammu in organizing, for the first time, a significant literary and cultural programme titled “Jammuiyat: Sahitya-Sanskriti Samagam”, scheduled to be held from 13th to 14th March 2026 at the University campus. In a statement issued here today by S Balvinder Singh President SPF along with S Surinder Singh Wazir Vice President, S Manjeet Singh Bali Secretary, S Rajinder Singh Sudan joint Secretary, S Paramjit Singh, S Janak Singh the Front particularly lauded the visionary leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai, for initiating this meaningful platform that seeks to celebrate and reflect upon the rich literary and cultural heritage of the Jammu region. The SPF stated that Jammu has historically remained a vibrant centre of cultural confluence and

literary creativity, where diverse communities have lived together in harmony for centuries. The concept of “Jammuiyat,” the statement noted, represents the spirit of coexistence, mutual respect, shared belonging, and cultural harmony that characterizes the region’s social fabric.

The Front observed that the cultural ethos of Jammu has found expression through a wide range of regional languages, including Dogri, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Gorkh, Pahari, Siraji and Paddari, as well as through various artistic traditions such as poetry, folklore, oral storytelling, theatre, folk music and devotional expressions. Over generations, numerous writers, poets, scholars and artists have contributed immensely to shaping the literary and cultural landscape of the region. The Sikh Progressive Front further remarked that in the present era of rapid globalisation, digital transformation and changing social patterns, regional languages and tradi-

tional cultural expressions face significant challenges. In such a context, initiatives like “Jammuiyat: Sahitya-Sanskriti Samagam” assume great importance as they provide a structured and meaningful platform for celebrating, critically engaging with, and preserving the region’s literary and cultural heritage.

The Front expressed hope that the two-day Samagam will bring together scholars, writers, artists, students and cultural practitioners from across the region, thereby fostering intellectual dialogue and inter-generational exchange. Such forums, it added, not only encourage emerging voices but also help strengthen cultural confidence rooted in pluralism and shared heritage. The Sikh Progressive Front also noted that the programme is expected to promote discussions on regional literature, languages and artistic traditions while actively engaging the youth in conversations on identity, creativity and cultural continuity.

## SSP Reasi flags off emergency response vehicles linked with helpline 112

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**REASI, MAR 11:**

Strengthening emergency response and public safety mechanisms, Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi Paramvir Singh (JKPS) flagged off newly launched Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) integrated with the national emergency helpline 112 from the premises of District Police Lines (DPL) Reasi. The ceremony was attended by Additional SP Headquarters Reasi Ifkhar Ahmed (JKPS), DySP Headquarters Reasi Vishal Singh Jamwal, DySP DAR Reasi Sarbjit Singh, and other officers of District Police Reasi. These ERVs are equipped with modern communication systems and are designed to ensure swift response to distress calls received through helpline number 112. Speaking on the occasion, the SSP stated that the deployment of ERVs will significantly enhance the police’s ability to respond promptly to emergencies such as crimes, accidents, medical assistance, and other public safety concerns. He emphasized that the vehicles will remain on round-the-clock duty and will be strategically deployed across the district to provide quick assistance to the public. District Police Reasi also appealed to the public to make responsible use of the 112 emergency helpline and cooperate with police in maintaining peace and law and order.

## Baldev Singh appointed State President of J&K Peoples Party United

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**SRINAGAR, MAR 11:**

Baldev Singh, son of Shri Inder Singh and a resident of Gupkar Road, Srinagar, has been unanimously appointed as the State President of J&K Peoples Party United. The decision was taken with full consensus by the party’s senior leadership and members, reflecting strong confidence in his leadership and commitment to the party’s vision. Baldev Singh has long been associated with social and political activities in the region and is widely known for his dedication to public service and active engagement at the grassroots level. Party leaders believe that his appointment will further strengthen the organizational structure of the party and energize its cadre across Jammu and Kashmir. Senior leaders and party workers have extended their heartfelt congratulations to Baldev Singh and assured him of their full support. They expressed confidence that under his leadership the J&K Peoples Party United will continue to expand its outreach and work towards the welfare, development, and empowerment of the people. Speaking briefly after the announcement, Baldev Singh thanked the party leadership and members for reposing their faith in him. He assured that he would work with dedication and unity to strengthen the party at every level and ensure that the organization remains committed to addressing the concerns and aspirations of the people. The party leadership also informed that further organizational decisions and upcoming programmes of the party will be announced in due course.

## JKSA urges Amit Shah to revoke FIRs, suspension of 50 Kashmiri students at Mewar University

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) on Wednesday wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking the revocation of FIRs, suspension orders, and an end to the academic uncertainty and harassment faced by Kashmiri students studying at Mewar University in Chittorgarh, Rajasthan. In its letter to the Union Home Minister, the Association highlighted the plight of more than 50 Kashmiri students currently enrolled in the 5th semester of the B.Sc. Nursing programme at Mewar University. The students recently came to know that the programme in which they were admitted allegedly lacks the mandatory statutory approvals from the Indian Nursing Council (INC) and the Rajasthan Nursing Council (RNC), the regulatory bodies responsible for regulating nursing education in India.

National Convener of the Association, Nasir Khuehami, stated that with their degree programme

scheduled to be completed within the next four months, the students are facing deep distress and anxiety over the validity of their qualifications, their eligibility for professional registration, and their future employment prospects. If the programme indeed lacks the required approvals, the degree obtained by the students may not be recognized for professional practice, thereby putting several years of their academic effort and financial investment at serious risk.

He said the students were admitted under a J&K scholarship scheme funded by the Indian Army. Having already completed several semesters, they have invested considerable time, effort, and financial resources in the programme. However, the recent revelations have created deep uncertainty regarding the legitimacy of their degree and the recognition of their academic qualifications.

Khuehami said the students approached the university administration seeking clarification about the approval status of the programme and

requested official documentation confirming that the B.Sc. Nursing course had been duly recognized by the Indian Nursing Council and the Rajasthan Nursing Council. However, the university authorities allegedly failed to provide clear and satisfactory responses to these legitimate concerns.

He added that the students subsequently staged a peaceful protest within the campus premises demanding transparency, accountability, and assurance regarding the recognition status of their course. However, instead of addressing the students’ grievances through dialogue, the university administration allegedly adopted coercive and punitive measures, including lodging an FIR against 17 Kashmiri students who participated in the protest. The students were subsequently detained by the authorities, and 33 Kashmiri students were also suspended by the university.

The Association emphasized that the students have only demanded that either the university secure the neces-

sary statutory approvals for the B.Sc. Nursing programme without further delay or facilitate their transfer to a duly recognized institution where they can continue their education without jeopardizing their academic and professional prospects. Such a step would ensure that the years of study they have already completed do not go to waste.

The Association stated that young students who leave their homes in pursuit of education represent hope, trust, and a sincere desire to build stronger bonds with the nation’s institutions and society. Incidents such as these risk undermining that trust and confidence and therefore require sensitive and timely intervention.

National President of Association Umar Jamal urged the Union Home Minister to safeguard the academic interests, dignity, and safety of Kashmiri students studying at Mewar University and to intervene urgently to resolve the matter. He appealed to the Union Home Minister to direct the Government of Rajasthan, particularly the Chief

Minister, to take immediate steps to address the crisis and restore confidence among the affected students and their families. The Association further urged the Home Minister to take strict action against the university, including blacklisting the institution if serious violations and irregularities are found in the conduct and recognition of the programme.

He also requested the Union Home Minister to take up the matter with the Government of Rajasthan regarding the revocation of the FIR lodged against 17 Kashmiri students and the suspension of 33 students, and to order an independent and impartial inquiry into the allegations of assault, harassment, intimidation, and misconduct by the university authorities against the students. It further requested the Home Minister to facilitate the migration or transfer of the affected students to another recognized university or nursing institution so that their academic future and careers are adequately protected.

## Central University of Jammu, School of Business Studies, Rated AAA+ in India’s Best B-School Ranking 2026

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**JAMMU, MAR 11:**

The Central University of Jammu has achieved a significant milestone as its School of Business Studies has been rated AAA+ in the Careers360 India’s Best B-School Ranking 2026. This prestigious recognition places the university among the leading management institutions in the country.

The ranking has been awarded after a comprehensive evaluation of several parameters including the quality of students and faculty, learning engagement, infrastructure, graduate outcomes, placements, diversity, and research output. The AAA+ rating reflects the university’s consistent commitment to excellence in management education and its efforts to provide high-quality academic and professional training to students. The recognition highlights the strong academic ecosystem and progressive learning environment developed by the university. The Business School at the Central

University of Jammu has been actively engaged in industry-oriented learning, research-driven education, and skill development among students to prepare them for leadership roles in the corporate world. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu congratulated the faculty members, students, and staff for their collective efforts in achieving this notable recognition. He reiterated the university’s commitment to further strengthening academic standards, research initiatives, and industry collaborations in the field of management education. It is pertinent to mention that Careers360 evaluates institutions across the country through a rigorous assessment process to identify and acknowledge institutions that demonstrate excellence in higher education. This achievement adds another feather to the cap of the Central University of Jammu, reinforcing its position as an emerging centre of academic excellence in the region and the country.