

BJP demands action to preserve Languages, Arts, and Heritage

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir BJP leaders on Friday criticized the state government for its inaction in preserving the region's cultural heritage, promoting local languages, and supporting displaced communities.

Speaking at a press conference, J&K BJP spokespersons Ajay Bharti, Dr. Tahir Chowdhary, and Zorwar Singh Jamwal highlighted the widening gap between political promises and ground realities, calling for immediate government intervention to protect the state's linguistic and cultural diversity.

Ajay Bharti noted that despite CM coming to power 353 days ago with a manifesto



J&K BJP spokespersons Ajay Bharti, Dr. Tahir Chowdhary, and Zorwar Singh Jamwal talking to reporters.

promising to preserve J&K's cultural landscape, key commitments on pensions, electricity, gas, and ration remain unfulfilled. Cultural initiatives, such as connecting Shankaracharya and Hari Parbat via a gondola, have also not progressed.

He stressed that displaced Kashmiri Hindus have specific cultural needs, including recognition of their languages, and called for the establishment of a local film industry to promote arts, language, food, and traditions.

Dr. Tahir Chowdhary high-

lighted that languages such as Dogri, Pahari, Gojri, and Kashmiri are gradually fading. With Gujar-Bakarwal communities numbering 18-19 lakh and Pahari speakers around 12-13 lakh, their cultural expressions remain underrepresented.

He emphasized the need for national and international platforms for local foods, dress codes, folk dances, and music, while assuring that the BJP is ready to collaborate with the government to support such initiatives.

Zorwar Singh Jamwal recalled the decade-long struggle that led to Dogri being recognized in the constitutional schedule alongside Kashmiri. He said successive govern-

ments, including National Conference and Congress alliances, have failed to promote composite culture or support local artists and performers.

Local theatres, folk singers, and cultural infrastructure remain neglected, despite Jammu & Kashmir's potential to develop film and cultural industries that could boost the local economy and showcase the region globally.

The BJP leaders collectively urged the government to take proactive measures to revive and promote Jammu & Kashmir's languages, arts, traditions, and culinary heritage, stressing that private efforts alone cannot sustain the region's cultural legacy.

JU organizes Inter-Collegiate Shooting (Men) Championship

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu (JU), organized the Inter-Collegiate Shooting (Men) Championship 2025-26 at Aim 10x Shooting Academy, Vikas Lane, Talab Tillo.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of shooters from various affiliated colleges in the 10m Air Pistol (Men) category.

In a display of skill and precision, Vibhav Sharma (GCET Jammu) clinched the gold medal, while Mahim Satti (Jammu



Winner shooters with dignitaries.

College of Physiotherapy) secured the silver medal. The bronze medal went to Samarvir Singh (GDC Marh).

The championship was conducted under the supervision of a technical panel

led by Tarun Singh Jamwal and Padam Dev Singh, who ensured fair play and adherence to official shooting standards. The event highlighted the growing talent pool in shooting sports across Jammu colleges.

Jammu's Ridhiman Sharma shines in CBSE National Fencing Championship, wins silver



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JAMMU: Ridhiman Sharma, an upcoming young Epee fencer from KC International School, Jammu, brought laurels to the Union Territory by clinching the silver medal in the 1st CBSE National Fencing Championship 2025-26 held at Rudrapur, Uttarakhand.

Competing against a strong field of 61 fencers from across the country, Ridhiman showcased exceptional skill and determination throughout the tournament. His most thrilling performance came in the semi-final bout, where he edged past his opponent in a nail-biting finish with a score of 15-14, earning a spot in the finals.

In the championship clash,

Ridhiman put up a spirited fight but went down against a strong contender from Punjab with a scoreline of 15-11, settling for the prestigious silver medal.

A trainee of JU Fencing Academy under the guidance of NIS qualified coach Bhisham Salathia, Ridhiman's achievement has been widely appreciated by the fencing fraternity in J&K. His success is being seen as a promising sign for the growth of fencing in the region.

School authorities, coaches, and fellow fencers hailed his remarkable feat, expressing confidence that the young talent will continue to bring more glory to J&K and the nation in the future.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association (JKRA) felicitated the medal winners of the 14th J&K UT Shooting Championship in a well attended function at Anuthm Hotel and Resorts, here on Friday.

The championship, which took place between August 23 and 29, was conducted across multiple venues, including the DYSS Shooting Range, Gandhi Nagar; IDPS Shooting Range, Sunjwan and NCC Shooting Range, Nagrota.

Held under the aegis of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), the event conducted in collaboration with the Department of Youth Services and Sports and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

Meanwhile, in the ISSF category, Aneesha Sharma from MOSAJ was the highest scorer in the Air Rifle Category while Vijay Kumar from J&K Police was the higher scorer in the Pistol Category.

The competition featured a wide range of small-bore events in both Pistol and Rifle categories, including 10m Air Pistol, 25m Sports Pistol, 25m Standard Pistol, 25m Centre Fire Pistol, 50m .22 Free Pistol, 10m Air Rifle, 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Three-Position Rifle. These events were contested in both the men's and women's categories. Medals and certificates were awarded to the winners by Surinder Singh Sodhi, in the presence of Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, Satpal Singh



(Divisional Sports Officer, JKSC), Sharat Chander Singh (general secretary/CEO, JKRA); Paramjeet Singh (vice-president, JKRA), Arun Mansotra (treasurer, JKRA) and Suminder Singh (Director, IDPS Sunjwan, Jammu).

Earlier, Surinder Singh Sodhi, president of the JKRA and chairman of the organizing committee welcomed the distinguished gathering while Sharat Chander Singh provided an overview of the Association's activities.

Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, chairman of JKRA, delivered the vote of thanks.

The event conducted under the supervision of the JKRA technical panel comprising Rajesh Virdhy (chairman), Madhupal Singh, Pranav Sambyal, Vijay Kumar, Surjeet Singh, Vishal Mehra, Aman Singh, Shamsheer Singh, Sahil Sharma, Tarundeve Singh and Shruti Sharma.

The Results: 10 M Rifle (NR) Sub-Youth MEN: Laksh Chetan Wazir; MOSAJ, Gold; Dakash Chib,

Samba, Silver and Shaurya Mahajan, MOSAJ, Bronze.

10 M Rifle (NR) Sub-Youth Women: Madhvi Dabbas from MOSAJ Gold Medal, Hiya Dogra from MOSAJ Silver Medal and Sheikh Zainab Iqbal from MOSAJ Bronze.

10 M Rifle (NR) Junior MEN: Laksh Chetan Wazir from MOSAJ Gold; Shaurya Mahajan from MOSAJ Silver and Danish from Aim 10 X Academy, Bronze.

10 M Rifle (NR) Junior Women: Bhavya Sharma from Aim 10x Academy, Gold; Madhvi Dabbas from MOSAJ, Silver and Hiya Dogra from MOSAJ, Bronze.

10 M Rifle (NR) Youth Men: Laksh Chetan Wazir from MOSAJ, Gold; Shaurya Mahajan from MOSAJ, Silver and Parth from Aim 10X Academy, Bronze.

10 M Rifle (NR) Youth Women: Bhavya Sharma from Aim 10X Academy, Gold; Sahil Kumar from Aim 10X Academy, Silver and Samarvir Singh from Aim 10X Academy, Bronze.

50M Pistol (NR) Men: Aman Singh from MOSAJ, Gold; Laksh Chetan Wazir from MOSAJ, Silver and Gurpreet Singh from Aim 10X Academy, Bronze.

50M Pistol (NR) Women: Anesha Sharma from MOSAJ, Gold and Oshien Dutta from MOSAJ, Bronze.

50M Rifle Prone (NR) Master Men Individual: Rajesh Sambyal from Aim 10X Academy, Gold.

50M Rifle Prone (NR) Men: Pranav Sambyal from Aim 10X Academy, Gold; Utkarsh Khajuria from MOSAJ, Silver and Sainath Jogd and from MOSAJ, Bronze.

50M Rifle Three Position (NR) Men: Pranav Sambyal from Aim 10X Academy Gold; Tajinder Paul Singh from J&K Police, Silver and Rajinder Singh from J&K Police, Bronze.

10 M Pistol (NR) Junior Men: Sahil Kumar from Aim 10X Academy, Gold; Mohd. Ibrar from MOSAJ, Silver and Jatin Mehra from MOSAJ, Bronze.

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Women: Vedanshi Mahajan from MOSAJ, Gold; Ritika Devi from MOSAJ, Silver and Serena Chib from MOSAJ, Bronze.

10M Pistol (NR) Master Men Individual: Sheikh Zaffar Iqbal from MOSAJ, Gold; Shamsheer Singh from General Zorawar Singh Club, Silver and Jagdeep Kumar from SMVDSB, Bronze.

10M Pistol (NR) Men: Amit Kumar from MOSAJ, Gold; Pintu Hans from MOSAJ Silver, and Amir Iqbal from J&K Police, Bronze.

10M Pistol (NR) Sub-youth Men: Gurdeep Singh from General Zorawar Singh Club, Gold; Aarav Khataia from MOSAJ, Silver and Yashovardhan Prashar from MOSAJ, Bronze.

10M Pistol (NR) Sub-youth Women: Aradhya Jamwal from General Zorawar Singh Club, Gold; Vedanshi Mahajan from MOSAJ, Silver and Amodini Malhotra from MOSAJ, Bronze.

10M Pistol (NR) Youth Men: Jatin Mehra from MOSAJ, Gold; Aarav Khataia from MOSAJ, Silver and Vishav Choudhary from General Zorawar Singh Club, Bronze.

10M Pistol (NR) Youth Women: Vedanshi Mahajan from MOSAJ, Gold; Amodini Malhotra from MOSAJ, Silver and Charvi Arora from MOSAJ, Bronze.

Martand appeals to BCCI President for JKCA Reforms, World-Class Stadium in J&K

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JAMMU: Martand Singh, scion of the Dogra Royal Family and Trustee of the Hari Tara Charitable Trust, has extended his greetings to the newly appointed President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Mithun Manhas, and appealed to him to undertake much-needed reforms in the Jammu & Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), where elections were last held in 2016.



Union Territory as a vibrant destination for sports and culture," he emphasized.

In a press release issued here today, Martand Singh underlined that reforms in JKCA are vital to ensure transparency, accountability, and professionalism in its functioning. He observed that a democratically elected and restructured association would enable better utilization of resources, provide fair opportunities to budding cricketers across the Union Territory, and create an encouraging atmosphere for the youth to shine in the sport.

In addition, he called for the establishment of a world-class cricket stadium in Jammu & Kashmir. He stated that such an infrastructure would not only expose local players to international standards but also bring J&K into the spotlight of global cricket. Hosting national and international matches in the Union Territory, he noted, would strengthen sportsmanship, inspire youngsters to consider sports as a career, and generate significant economic benefits through tourism, hospitality, and related industries. "A modern stadium in J&K can become a hub of sporting excellence while simultaneously creating employment opportunities, boosting tourism, and presenting the

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WEATHER ADVISORY

An active western disturbance most likely to affect Jammu & Kashmir and adjoining areas from 04th October, 2025. Under the influence of this system, widespread light to moderate rain/ snow (at higher reaches) are expected in J&K from 05th October to 07th October, 2025 with peak activity during 05th night to 07th Morning.

The above system most likely to cause moderate to heavy snowfall over higher reaches (Anantnag-Pahalgam, Gulgam, Singthan Pass, Shupiyan, Pir Ki Gali, Sonamarg-Zojila, Bandipora-Razdan Pass, Gulmarg and Kupwara-Sadhana Pass) and light snow over middle reaches, Moderate to heavy rain over the plains of Kashmir and isolated Heavy to very heavy rain over Jammu division with thunderstorm/lightning/hailstorm/strong winds of the order 40-50 KMPH gusting to 60-70 KMPH.

Probable impacts :

1. Adverse weather activities may lead to disruption of surface transport including Jammu-Srinagar & Srinagar-Leh National Highway and other major roads of middle & higher reaches of J&K.
2. Possibility of moderate to severe thunderstorm/lightning accompanied with gusty winds at many places.
3. Chances of landslides, mudslides & shooting stones most likely over the vulnerable areas.
4. Farmers are advised to suspend all farm operations from 05th October to 07th October, 2025.
5. Rise in water level in rivers, local streams & nallas and water logging in low lying areas. **DIP/J-6447/25 -Dated:- 03/10/2025**

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDER)	
DRM/Engineering/Northern Railway/ Lucknow acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites following E-Tenders closing date 31.10.2025 at 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.	
1 N.I.T. No.	01042025 dated 03.10.2025
2 Tender No.	20-Sr.DEN-IV-LKO-2025-26
3 Name of work	Provision of track-based rail gauge face lubricator (Electronic type) with dual grease applicator/ Wiper Bar 153 Nos Over Lucknow Division.
4 Approximate Cost	Rs. 202694400.00
5 Earnest Money	Rs. 1163500.00
6 Completion period	Sixty months from the date of issue of acceptance letter.
7 Bidding Start Date	17.10.2025
8 Tender Closing date and Time	31.10.2025 at 15:00 hrs.
9 Website	www.ireps.gov.in
Note :- Other detail of these works is available at above website.	
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Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	715
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320
Booking:	Available on IRCTC
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
Booking:	Available on IRCTC

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