

# Opposition afraid of our By-Election victory: Yogi

**■ SHAHZAD AKHTAR**  
LUCKNOW: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressed the felicitation ceremony of the newly elected MLAs who won the by-elections held at the BJP headquarters on Friday.

During this, he praised the newly elected MLAs, party workers, ministers and officials for their hard work and dedication towards the responsibilities given during the by-elections. The Chief Minister said in his address that the impossible can also be made possible by working with team spirit and unity.

Targeting the opposition, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the opposition parties have become afraid of the massive victory of the BJP in the by-elections. They can now only make allegations.

Yogi Adityanath assured everyone that the BJP will



CM Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath addressing felicitation ceremony of newly elected MLAs.

achieve an even bigger victory in the 2027 assembly elections.

The Chief Minister said that under the inspiration, guidance and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the NDA scored a hat-trick in Haryana, won a massive majority in Maharashtra and won 7 out of 9 seats in the Uttar Pradesh by-elections.

The Chief Minister said, we had made a strategy to

win seven seats even before the elections, which the organization and workers made successful by implementing it on the ground.

Yogi described the victory in difficult seats like Kundarki and Katehari as the result of the party's strategy and the collective efforts of the workers and officials.

He said that where people questioned the possibility of victory, BJP not only

won but also strengthened its position. The record-breaking victory by 1.45 lakh votes in Kundarki is an example of this.

Emphasizing the party's ideology and dedication towards the workers, the Chief Minister said that BJP has the ability to turn every challenge into an opportunity.

He described the victory in all seven assembly seats as the result of strong

efforts of the workers and leaders. He said that this victory will create fear in the mind of the opposition for the 2027 assembly elections.

He said that we have to live up to the expectations of the public and reach the government's schemes to every person through intensive public relations. This will make our success even bigger in 2027. The Chief Minister, while making a special mention of former MP and former MLA Rajveer Singh Diler, father of Surendra Diler, who won from Khair assembly constituency, said that the party always stands with the families of its workers.

The victorious MLAs of BJP and ally RLD were congratulated in the Abhinandan ceremony. All the newly elected MLAs participated in it.

# Sanskrit Scholars delegation meets National Secretary BJP

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A delegation of Sanskrit scholars and students from Jammu Kashmir met with Dr. Narinder Singh Raina, National Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and MLA from Jammu South (RS Pura), to discuss the pressing issue of the omission of Sanskrit subject posts in the recent notification.

The scholars and students expressed their deep disappointment and concern over the neglect of Sanskrit education in the region, emphasizing its significance as a vital part of India's cultural heritage and its importance in preserving the region's rich history and traditions.

The department had referred 575 posts to the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission



Delegation of Sanskrit scholars meeting with Dr. Narinder Singh Raina, MLA Jammu South (RS Pura).

(JKPSC), but shockingly, not a single post was allocated for Sanskrit subject. Moreover, there are over 50% vacant posts in the school education department.

Ramnik Sharma, a Ph.D. scholar, urged Dr. Raina to take immediate action to

address the issue, requesting the inclusion of Sanskrit subject posts in the recruitment notification.

The delegation demanded that the government provide justice to Sanskrit students and scholars by offering posts in the subject as soon as possible.

# Gayatri Kotwal wins second prize at WCC's 60th Jubilee Celebration



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Srinagar hosted the grand 60th Jubilee Celebration of the World Crafts Council (WCC) at the Sheri-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), bringing together artisans, craft enthusiasts, and dignitaries from across the globe

to celebrate traditional and innovative crafts. A standout moment of the event was the UT-Level Craft Awards, where Gayatri Kotwal received the second prize in the 'Languishing & Innovative Craft' category. This prestigious recognition honors her efforts to preserve and

innovate within the craft sector, particularly focusing on crafts at risk of fading from memory. Kotwal has become a leading figure in Jammu & Kashmir's artisan community, making significant contributions to the revival of traditional crafts through innovative approaches.

The award was presented by distinguished dignitaries, including Atal Dullo, Chief Secretary; Sa'ad Hani AL-Qaddumi, President of the WCC; and Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary of the Industries & Commerce Department, J&K.

The event highlighted Srinagar's status as a UNESCO Creative City of Craft and Folk Art, underscoring the city's global role in artisan excellence and cultural heritage preservation.

# GGM Science College organizes Educational Zoological Trip

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In an effort to enhance students' understanding of aquarium settings and fishkeeping, GGM Science College organized an educational trip to the Bagh-e-Bahu Aquarium. The excursion, which took place on Friday, saw a group of enthusiastic students depart from the college campus under the guidance of Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College, and Prof. Lekh Raj, Head of the Department.

The trip to Bagh-e-Bahu Aquarium, one of the region's premier zoological attractions, was designed to provide students with hands-on learning about aquatic life, aquatic ecosystems, and environmental conservation.



Principal, Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta posing with students and faculty members.

Students had the opportunity to observe a variety of ornamental species, ranging from exotic fish to endangered aquatic species, while learning about the ecosystems that support them. The aquarium also showcased modern conservation efforts aimed at protecting endangered species and preserving aquatic habitats.

Speaking on the occasion,

Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, emphasized the importance of such educational excursions.

He stated, "Our goal is to offer students a deeper understanding of biodiversity and the importance of preserving our natural world. This trip allows them to connect theory with real-life experiences, which is invaluable for their academic

and personal growth."

The students were particularly fascinated by the variety of species on display and the informative sessions conducted by the aquarium staff. The trip provided them with insights into the intricate process of aquarium maintenance and the complexities involved in managing such a diverse collection of aquatic life.

The students were also accompanied by Prof. Bal Krishan, Dr. Sheetu Raina, Dr. Jyotdeep Kour, Prof. Reetika Rani, and Rajpal Singh. A lecture on Fish Keeping and Aquarium Maintenance was delivered by Hafsa and Moin, Deputy Inspectors in Fisheries, who provided valuable knowledge on setting up and maintaining aquariums.

The excursion concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Bal Krishan, expressing gratitude to the aquarium management staff for their hospitality and educational support.

This educational initiative is part of the college's ongoing efforts to promote practical learning, environmental awareness, and student engagement through field visits.

# CUJ holds Capacity Building Training Programme for stakeholders

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Commerce, School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu, in collaboration with IEC Committee of Mission YUVA, on Friday organised a Capacity Building Training Program under Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyaan).

The event was held under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Professor KS Chandrasekar.

The program focused on Youth Empowerment, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship. The event witnessed participation from all four Schools of the Cluster University of Jammu, with over 100 students and faculty members actively engaging in the program's objectives. Dr. Neetu Kumari, Coordinator of the Department of Commerce,



CUJ faculty and students posing for a photograph during the programme.

warmly welcomed the attendees, emphasizing the critical role of youth engagement in nation-building. She encouraged students to pursue entrepreneurial ventures to contribute to the economic development of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir.

Special Secretary, Department of Labour and Employment, Pawan Parihar highlighted the importance of Mission Yuva in equipping young minds

with essential skills and opportunities for self-employment. He urged the youth to adopt a proactive approach to knowledge-based learning and to immerse themselves in innovation, skill development, and entrepreneurial endeavors.

Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jammu, emphasized that the entrepreneurial potential of Mission Yuva participants

could be transformed into actionable ventures through proper training and guidance. He discussed the ecosystem created by this scheme for growth of youth. He also discussed employment status in J&K UT and across the country also. He further elaborated the program design including financial assistance provided by the government and its implementation strategy, creation of nano entrepreneurs, MSMEs.

Dr. Vishal Sharma, resource person and Nodal Officer for the Higher Education Department, UT of J&K, provided a comprehensive overview of the program's goals and implementation phases.

The program was coordinated under supervision of Dr. Vishal Sharma, Dean School of Social Sciences by Dr. Neetu Kumari (Convenor), with support from Dr. Rajneesh Karloopia (Co-convenor), Dr. Roshi Charak (Member), Dr. Parul Chhibber (Member) and Dr. Vaishali (Member).

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Vaishali, while the event proceedings were efficiently conducted by Dr. Roshi Charak. Other faculty members present were Dr. Ajay Kumar Chalotra and Dr. Anil Kumar.

# Balbir presents portrait of Guru Ravidass to Dr. Nirmal Singh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Guru Ravidass Vishwa Mahapeeth national general secretary and also Indian Branch General Secretary of British Ravidassia Heritage Foundation, Balbir Ram Rattan, presented portrait of Guru Ravidass to former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, former Speaker, J&K Assembly, Dr. Nirmal Singh on Friday.

Dr. Nirmal Singh, on this occasion, said that the lives of great gurus have long served as a source of inspiration, offering timeless lessons for generations. From their unwavering commitment to truth to their acts of selfless service, their teachings provide a way for a life of purpose, peace, and progress.

Dr. Nirmal Singh further said that their teachings are not confined to a particular religion or ideology; rather, they inspire all individuals to embrace values such as kindness, integrity, and perseverance. Their lessons remain more relevant than ever. Balbir Ram Rattan told Dr. Nirmal Singh that different social organisations in India and abroad are working to spread



GRVM national general secretary Balbir Ram Rattan presenting portrait of Guru Ravidass to former Dy CM Dr. Nirmal Singh.

the message of great Indian saint Guru Ravidass.

The followers of Guru Ravidass are settled in other countries also and getting educated about the life and teachings of Guru Ravidass through such organisations.

# APS Rakhmuthi celebrates Annual Day



Chief Guest honouring students during Annual Day function at APS Rakhmuthi.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Rakhmuthi celebrated its Annual Day with great fanfare at the Byram Auditorium, Rakhmuthi Station. The theme of the event was "Dhoroar - The Heritage of India."

The function was presided over by the Patron and Chairman of APS Rakhmuthi, along with other distinguished dignitaries. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with props and rangoli based on the theme, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

The program commenced with the presentation of the annual report by Principal Shaswati Ghosh, highlighting the school's achievements. This was followed by a Sanskrit shloka invoking the blessings of the Almighty.

The cultural program

included a performance on "Ek Soch Hai Jagi," emphasizing harmony with Mother Earth. The patriotic drama and group song captivated the audience, leaving them enthralled with a sense of nationalism. The English play focused on the importance of respecting teachers, while the Hindi play highlighted the value of elders' advice.

A patriotic drama showcased the significance of patriotism, and a performance by junior learners from Class 1 delighted the audience with their energetic song and dance.

Other performances included "Dhak Dhak," "Aisi Lagi Lagan," and "Kahe Ched Ched," which emphasized harmony with nature and devotion. A graceful dance drama depicting the deep bond and devotion between

Krishna and Sudama captivated the audience.

The vibrant dance performance enthralled the audience by showcasing cultural diversity and unity, featuring dynamic dances from all regions-north, south, east, and west.

The grand finale beautifully illustrated the strength of unity in diversity.

The function culminated with the distribution of prizes to academic toppers and students excelling in cultural and sports fields by the Chief Guest.

In his address, the Chief Guest emphasized the importance of co-curricular activities alongside academic learning. He praised the students and staff of the school, acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

The Principal presented the vote of thanks.

# IIMC Jammu hosts book discussion on "I am Shiva"

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu, on Friday organized a book discussion on "I am Shiva" authored by Prof. (Dr.) Raj Nehru, Vice Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University. Students of English Journalism, Hindi Journalism, and Digital Media attended the session

Acharya Khemraj, offered valuable insights into the nature of ultimate consciousness and the spark within each individual.

He also discussed the importance of self-awareness as the foundational parameter for emotional intelligence, the concept of ultimate consciousness, symbolized by Shiva, as the unity of awareness and awareness itself, and the significance of witnessing consciousness, living in the moment, and its role in igniting creative power within individuals.

The event provided a platform for students and the staff members to engage in thought-provoking discussions, exploring the intersections of philosophy, spirituality, and personal growth.

The session commenced with a warm welcome by moderators Anuja Jain and Saloni Sharma, followed by



Prof. (Dr.) Raj Nehru, VC Shri Vishwakarma Skill University and IIMC faculty releasing book.

under the presence of IIMC Jammu's Regional Director Dr. Dilip Kumar.

During the discussion, Prof. (Dr.) Nehru delved into the philosophical aspects of Shaivism, highlighting the importance of self-awareness, consciousness, and the synergy between the astral, emotional, and physical selves.

Prof. Nehru's research, drawing from ancient Sanskrit texts, including "Prativigya Hridayam" by

nificance of witnessing consciousness, living in the moment, and its role in igniting creative power within individuals.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Dilip Kumar who expressed gratitude to the guest speaker and faculty for their invaluable contributions to the session.

Along with students, faculty members Prof. Anil Saumitra, Dr. Vinit Utpal, Dr. Raviya Gupta, Rajiv, Gulshan Kumar, and Madhusudan also attended the lecture.

a brief introduction of the guest speaker by Pranav Shukla of the Digital Media department, and a welcome address by Associate Professor Vishv.

Dr. Raviya Gupta, Assistant Professor, while sharing about the book, said that it is the most need-of-the hour book. The discussion was complemented with a Q&A session where Dr. Nehru answered the students' queries related to their day-to-day demeanour.

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# GHSS Kathar Manwal conducts Industrial Visit for students



GHSS Kathar Manwal students visiting to Reliance Smart Bazaar, Udhampur.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: An industrial visit was organized for the students of Class 9th and 11th (vocational trade IT/TITES) of Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Kathar Manwal, to Reliance Smart Bazaar, Udhampur. The visit was conducted under the guidance of Principal Vandana Gupta and Vocational Trainer Anil Gagan, accompanied by the school's staff members.

During the visit, students gained valuable insights into the role of Information Technology (IT) in the retail sector. They observed firsthand the implementation of Point-of-Sale (POS) systems, which streamline transactions, and learned about inventory management using advanced software. The students were also introduced to Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tools that enhance customer service and experience, as well as how data analytics and business intelligence are leveraged to make informed decisions and drive personalized marketing strategies. Rohul Singh, the manager of Reliance Smart Bazaar, played a key role in providing an in-depth demonstration of how IT systems integrate into modern retail operations. He explained the functionality of POS systems, inventory tracking, and customer service tools, which enriched the students' understanding of how technology optimizes retail processes. The students also gained practical exposure by witnessing retail transactions, interacting with staff, and learning about customer engagement strategies.

This immersive experience not only helped bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications but also enhanced their understanding of how IT is revolutionizing the retail industry. Overall, the visit was an enriching experience, combining theoretical knowledge with practical insights into modern retail operations.