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D.O.B:- 24-11-2014

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Harsh Mahajan

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Dhrishti Khajuria

Class:- 6th 'B'

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STATE TIMES

## Dr Raj Kumar Thapa Memorial Cricket Tournament

### Rajouri Administration XI triumphs over CEO XI in 6th match



Chief Guest Prof. Saleem Wani with other dignitaries and participating teams.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In the ongoing Dr Raj Kumar Thapa Memorial District-Level Cricket Tournament, Rajouri Administration XI registered an impressive victory over CEO XI, further energising the spirit of sportsmanship in the district.

The tournament, organised by Principal Boys Higher Secondary School Muslim Wani, has drawn enthusiastic participation from teams representing all zones of the Education Department.

The 6th match of the tournament was played today, with Prof. Saleem Wani gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. After winning the toss, Administration Rajouri XI

opted to bowl first. CEO XI posted a competitive target of 140 runs in 12 overs. In response, Administration Rajouri XI displayed remarkable coordination and chased down the target within 10 overs.

Dr Gopal Sharma, whose stellar knock of 66 runs anchored the chase, was declared the Man of the Match. Pertinently, Deputy Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma has extended crucial support to the school by releasing funds from the united grant for levelling and beautification of the school ground. The initiative has made the venue fully functional, drawing appreciation from the Principal, civil society members and the youth. They thanked the DC for

providing constructive avenues that help steer young people away from the menace of drugs.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Prof. Saleem Wani lauded the organising committee headed by the School Principal for successfully hosting the tournament and promoting sports culture in the district.

The commentators for the match were Vikrant Sharma, Awais Ganai and Vicky Mahajan, who kept the players and audience motivated. Physical Education Lecturer Amir Ahmed, Teacher Gulzar Ahmed along with several officials of the Education Department, played a vital role in the smooth conduct of the event.

## MY Bharat organises District-Level Sardar@150 Unity March at Poonch

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POONCH: To commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, MY Bharat Poonch- under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, in collaboration with the District Administration Poonch, organised the Sardar@150 Unity March - District Level Padyatra today. The Department of Youth Services and Sports, along with its players and officials, also participated in the grand event. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik flagged off the Padyatra from Children's Park. He appreciated the initiative for strengthening community spirit and promoting national integration. More than 500 individuals, including officials, youth, students and civil society members enthusiastically joined the Padyatra. Slogans promoting national unity echoed throughout the route. The participants carried the National Flags, symbolising togetherness, pride and the spirit of harmony.

The Padyatra culminated at the Sports Stadium, marking a symbolic confluence of unity and national pride at the iconic venue. Youth participants presented patriotic cultural performances, including songs, adding vibrancy to the event and celebrating India's rich cultural heritage. To promote the spirit of Swadeshi and entrepreneurship, stalls were put up by departments of Handloom & Handicrafts, AYUSH, Agriculture, Employment, J&K Bank and Horticulture, attracting active engagement from visitors and participants. At the end, the participants took the Atmanirbhar Bharat, Unity and Nasha Mukht Bharat pledges, reaffirming their commitment to building a progressive, united and drug-free society.

Among others present at the event included Additional Superintendent of Police Mohan Lal; ACD Shakeel Malik; SE PWD K. K. Khatri; Prof. Shamin Bandy; Cricket Coach Pervaiz Malik Afridi and Deputy Director MY Bharat Nitin Hangloo, along with other district officers. They interacted with the participants and encouraged the youth to uphold the values of unity, discipline and patriotism.

## Manawa elected President, Manga Ram General Secretary of J&K Prajapati (Kumhar) Sabha



Newly elected office bearers of J&K Prajapati (Kumhar) Sabha at a meeting.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Fresh elections for the Zonal Bodies, State President, and General Secretary of the J&K Prajapati (Kumhar) Sabha (Regd.) were held on Sunday for a five-year term from 23rd November 2025 to 22nd November, 2030.

The polling process concluded smoothly at the Prajapati Bhawan, Below Indira Chowk, Sant Sri Gora Ji Marg, Jammu. As per the official notification issued by the Office of the Election In-Charge (Ref. No. PPS/179/25), only two nominations were received fol-

lowing the Election Notice No. PPS/169-171 dated November 9, 2025. The nominations were filed by Ayodhya Kumar Manawa for the post of State President and Er Manga Ram for the post of General Secretary. Since no other nominations were submitted, both

candidates were declared elected unopposed. A.K. Manawa has assumed the charge of State President, while Er Manga Ram has taken over as General Secretary for the tenure spanning 23rd November 2025 to 22nd November 2030. Following his election, the newly appointed State President has been empowered, as per the Constitution of the Prajapati Sabha, to nominate members of the Central Working Committee and constitute other committees necessary for the efficient and seamless functioning of the Sabha.

The Election In-Charge expressed satisfaction over the smooth completion of the zonal and central elections and extended best wishes to the newly elected leadership for their upcoming term.

## Kashmiri migrant students experience Beating Retreat at Suchetgarh Border



Kashmiri migrant students at Suchetgarh Border.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On the fifth day of World Heritage Week 2025, the Department of Archives, Archaeology & Museums, under the supervision of Director K.K. Sidha, organised an extensive visit to the Suchetgarh Border and Oetroi Post for

51 students from Migrant School, Bohri. The group was led by Assistant Director, Dr. Sangeeta Sharma.

The initiative was aimed to give students a firsthand connection to India's border heritage, patriotic traditions and military discipline. The visit began with students witnessing the Beating Retreat ceremony, which commenced with patriotic songs performed by Kishore Kumar, energizing the audience and encouraging the student participation through dance.

The ceremony concluded with the ceremonial lowering of the Indian flag by the Rashtriya Dhvaj Rakshak Toli under the command of Nandan Kumar.

Following the parade, the students visited nearly 200 year old Raghunath Ji Temple, believed to date back to the era of Maharaja Gulab Singh.

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## Army Organises Inter-School Quiz Competition

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NOWSHERA: In a continued effort to empower youth and foster educational excellence in border-area regions, Indian Army organised the Nowshera Knowledge Warriors Inter-School Quiz Competition for students of Nowshera. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation

from eight school teams, with a total gathering of 98 students, teachers and parents. Designed to promote curiosity, academic competitiveness and critical thinking, the competition provided a platform for young learners to showcase their knowledge across multiple subjects.

Beyond the quiz rounds,

students engaged in interactive discussions with Army personnel, gaining valuable insights into leadership, discipline, teamwork and goal-setting. These interactions helped boost the students' confidence while strengthening the bond between the Indian Army and the local community.

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## Gojri book "Baghta Neer" by Ch Sadiq Naz released



Gojri poetic collection "Baghta Neer" authored by Gojri writer Ch. Sadiq Naz being released.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: The Gojri poetic collection "Baghta Neer" authored by the prominent Gojri writer Ch. Sadiq Naz was released today at an impressive literary event organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages at the Gujjar Bakarwal Hostel, Talwara, Reasi.

To mark the occasion, a Gojri Mushaira, a music programme, and a short story reading session were also held on the sidelines of the book release, drawing wide participation from the literary and artistic community.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Javaid Rahi, Chief Editor and Divisional Head of JKAACL, said that the primary objective of such dis-

trict-level programmes is to provide a vibrant platform for Gojri writers and artists to share their creative experiences. He informed that around 50 writers and artists took part in today's event. Dr. Rahi also highlighted the literary contributions of the late Ch. Sadiq Naz, whose poetic work forms the core of the newly released book.

Kalsoom Chowdhary, noted Gojri writer and compiler of the book, spoke about her father's immense contribution to Gojri literature. She shared that much of Ch. Sadiq Naz's work had remained unpublished, and "Baghta Neer" is an effort to document and preserve his poetic legacy.

Khalid Chowdhary in his speech highlighted the issues of Gujjar Bakarwal communi-

ty of Reasi. In his address, Ch. Naseem Gulabghadi noted that Reasi district has produced several distinguished Gojri authors, including Ibrar Zafar, Masroof Ghulandhi, Noor Mohammad Majroh, and the late Sadiq Naz who have enriched Gojri language and Culture. Presiding over the function, Prof. Munir Hussain emphasized the need for the community to come forward to document the creative contributions of tribal poets, writers, artists, and elders in book form so that future generations may benefit from their legacy.

The programme was conducted by Ch. Mehmoos Chohan, Research Assistant (Gojri), while Shokat Naseem presented the vote of thanks.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: The two-day National Seminar on 'Linguistic Relationship of Sanskrit, Hindi and Urdu (Ancient Roots to Modern Divergence)' concluded yesterday evening at Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur, organized under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The event was hosted by the Departments of Sanskrit, Hindi & Urdu, GCW Udhampur.

The Valedictory Session was graced by the Chief Guest, Balwant Singh Mankotia, MLA Chenani-Ghordi, congratulate GCW Udhampur and the Departments of Sanskrit, Hindi & Urdu for organizing such an intellectually significant seminar under the aegis of IQAC.

MLA Mankotia said that the relationship between Sanskrit, Hindi, and Urdu is not merely academic; it is the story of a shared civilization. Sanskrit is our ancient foundation, Hindi is its natural evolution, and Urdu is a magnificent example of cultural confluence. Together, these languages represent India's composite identity, where knowledge, poetry, and culture flow seamlessly across centuries.

MLA also express his heart-



MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia with participating students and other dignitaries.

felt appreciation for the cultural programme presented by the students. Mr. Mankotia said that Dogra Geetru, Kashmiri dance, Gojri folk song, and Dogri folk dance showcased today were not mere performances they were reflections of the soul of Jammu & Kashmir.

He informed that our region is blessed with cultural richness, and seeing young students preserve and celebrate this heritage fills me with pride. MLA compliments to the Department of Music for preparing such beautiful performances.

In her address by the Principal Dr. Nalini Pathania, it gives me immense pleasure to welcome you all to the Valedictory Session of this National Seminar. Over the

## GCW Udhampur holds National Seminar

last two days, we have witnessed meaningful discussions, scholarly interactions, and inspiring cultural reflections, all centred around the theme 'Linguistic Relationship of Sanskrit, Hindi and Urdu: Ancient Roots to Modern Divergence.'

She said that at GCW Udhampur, we take great pride in hosting academic activities that create a bridge between knowledge, culture, and innovation. This seminar stands as a shining example of how education can illuminate our understanding of history, language, and identity. She added. Seminar Convenor; Dr. Mool Raj, briefed the audience about the theme, objectives, and academic significance of the seminar; emphasizing the need to understand the histor-

ical connections and modern divergences among Sanskrit, Hindi, and Urdu. The seminar featured two academic sessions. In the Morning Technical Session, research papers were presented by scholars from various institutions. The session was presided over by Prof. Ram Bahadur, Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu, and Dr. Pervez Ahmed, Associate Professor, Urdu, JNU, who also addressed the gathering with their insightful remarks.

Following the paper presentations, students from the Department of Music showcased a vibrant cultural programme representing the rich heritage of Jammu & Kashmir. The performances included: Dogra Geetru Dance

by Pooja and Group, Kashmiri Dance by Harshita and Group, Gojri Folk Song by Naseem Akhter and Group, Dogri Folk Dance by Shruti-Mehak and Group. The cultural items received loud applause and appreciation from the audience for their energy and artistic excellence.

Prof. Sunil Mangotra, Department of Hindi, conducted the proceedings of the programme. The formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Om Parkash, Department of Sanskrit, who acknowledged the support of participants, guests, Media, organizers, and students. During the ceremony, the Chief Guest distributed certificates to paper presenters and participants, appreciating their contributions to the academic discourse.

Among others, Dr. Indu Khajuria Convenor IQAC, Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Geetanjali Rajput, Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Prof. Swarna Devi, Prof. Kusha Sharma, Prof. Rachna Bharti, Prof. Pardeep Singh, Prof. Yash Paul, Prof. Sunil Mangotra, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Yash Kumar, Dr. Simran Khajuria, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Ujwal, other faculty members, staff and large number of students were also present on the occasion.