

Symposium on "The Teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji in the Modern World" held at CLUJ

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JAMMU: The Department of BBA and BCA, Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), organized a symposium on "The Teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji in the Modern World" to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

The symposium aimed to inspire students to embrace the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji - promoting equality among all, leading an ethical life through honest work, selfless service, and compassion. The event was graced by Ankur Mahajan, Registrar, CLUJ as the Chief Guest. Prof. Chander Shekhar, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, was the Special Guest, and Prof.



Ankur Mahajan, Registrar CLUJ along with other dignitaries at a symposium.

Vishal Sharma, Dean, School of Social Sciences, served as the Guest of Honour.

In her inaugural address, Ankur Mahajan emphasized the importance of ethics and moral values as guiding principles in the modern world, drawing upon the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Prof.

Chander Shekhar appreciated the efforts of the faculty in providing a meaningful platform for students to express their thoughts and creativity, while Prof. Vishal Sharma congratulated the Departments of BBA and BCA for organizing the event. The competition witnessed enthusiastic partici-

pation from students of the School of Social Sciences (BBA) and the School of Engineering & Technology (BCA), where participants shared insightful reflections on the timeless teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

The panel of judges included Dr. Bharti Slathia, Coordinator, BBA,

and Raj Kumar, Coordinator, BCA. The first position was secured by Dhanshika (PG History), the second position by Muskaan (BCA), and the third position by Pawana (BBA).

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Niharika Sharma, while Sahildeep Singh Raina and the organizing committee coordinated the overall arrangements.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Minakshi Kapoor, who extended heartfelt appreciation to all guests and participants for their valuable contributions in promoting a spirit of honesty, humility, and service inspired by the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

GGF Women Wing Jammu organises Langar Sewa on Guru Purab



GGF Women Wing Jammu members serving Langar on Guru Purab.

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JAMMU: On the pious occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Prakash Utsav (Guru Purab), the Global Gandhi Family (GGF) Women Wing, Jammu organised a Langar Sewa with great devotion and enthusiasm. The initiative aimed to spread the message of universal brotherhood, selfless service and compassion as taught by Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Members of the Women Wing viz. Dr. Alka Sharma, Summi Sahi Seth, Dr. Parvinder kour, Joginder Kour, Dr. Jyoti Malhotra, Punit Kour, Dr. Himani Bhutyal and Kavita Kotwal actively participated in serving the langar to devotees and the underprivileged, exemplifying the spir-

it of Seva (service) and Sarbat Da Bhala (welfare of all). The atmosphere was filled with devotion, humility and gratitude as community members joined hands in this noble service. Speaking on the occasion, the members highlighted the timeless teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, emphasizing equality, love and service to humanity. They reiterated the commitment of GGF Women Wing to continue such humanitarian initiatives that promote peace, harmony and social responsibility.

The event concluded with prayers for peace and prosperity for all and a collective resolve to follow the path of truth and compassion shown by Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

RCB lifts Capt. Atul Somra Cricket Cup 2025



RCB team receiving Capt. Atul Somra Cricket Cup 2025 trophy.

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JAMMU: The much-anticipated Capt. Atul Somra Cricket Cup 2025, Hosted by 12 Rashtriya Rifles, concluded in grand style at the Banihal Cricket Stadium, marking the end of an exciting season of competitive and spirited cricket.

The tournament, which featured 32 teams from across the region, showcased exceptional talent, sportsmanship, and community spirit throughout its duration. The final match, held before an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 1,000 spectators, saw a thrilling contest between RCB and Warriors XI. Both teams displayed outstanding skill and determination, keeping fans on the edge of their seats until the very last ball. "In a gripping finale, RCB clinched the Capt. Atul Somra Cup after defeating Warriors by 17 runs. Delivering the closing address, Commanding

Officer 12 Rashtriya Rifles praised the participating teams for their dedication and the organizing committee for hosting a smooth and successful tournament. He highlighted that the Capt. Atul Somra Cricket Cup is not merely a sporting event but a tribute to Capt. Atul Somra's legacy of courage, leadership, and unity. The event concluded with the presentation of trophies, medals, and special awards recognizing outstanding performances throughout the tournament - including Best Batsman, Best Bowler, and Player of the Tournament.

The organizers extended heartfelt thanks to all participants, officials, sponsors, and supporters for making the 2025 edition of the Cup a resounding success. The spirit of the game and the enthusiasm of the crowd reaffirmed the growing passion for cricket in the region.

Satish highlights Omar-led Govt's pro-people initiatives, commitment to inclusive development

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JAMMU: Satish Sharma, Cabinet Minister for Food, Civil supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Trainings along with Shamim Begum NC Candidate for 77-Nagrota Assembly Constituency and Joginder Singh Kaku DDC Member Nagrota of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) today campaigned in Mathwar and Bhalwal in Nagrota Constituency in support of the party's candidate Shamim Begum for the upcoming bye-elections, appealing to the electorate to give her a decisive mandate in recognition of her dedicated work as District Development Council (DDC) member.

Addressing a series of public gatherings, Cabinet Minister Satish Sharma, party candidate Shamim Begum and Joginder Singh Kaku DDC Nagrota highlighted the pro-people initiatives taken by the Omar Abdullah-led govern-



Cabinet Minister, Satish Sharma with NC leaders addressing public rally.

ment. They cited measures such as the enhancement of the AAY ration quota, free transport for women, and the significant improvements in road, rail, health, and education infrastructure in Nagrota during successive NC-led governments.

The leaders also welcomed the restoration of the Darbar Move, stating that it would help revive trade and commerce in Jammu and bring economic relief to local traders. Speaking on the occasion, Satish Sharma reaffirmed the

party's commitment to fulfilling all promises made in its manifesto, saying, "A number of pro-people initiatives have already been taken, and many more are in the pipeline."

Joginder Singh Kaku said that the Jammu region had suffered developmental setbacks during non-NC governments, but expressed confidence that with Omar

Abdullah at the helm of an elected government, "Jammu will once again make a strong comeback on the developmental front."

Shamim Begum Candidate 77- Nagrota Assembly Constituency emphasized the NC's legacy of fostering communal harmony, asserting that "the National Conference has always stood for Hindu-

Muslim unity and upheld the spirit of unity in diversity."

Expressing gratitude for the people's support, Shameem Begum assured that, if elected, she would focus on strengthening sports infrastructure, improving civic amenities, and accelerating pending development works in Nagrota.

Among those who were present in the meeting included: S. Tejinder Pal Singh Aman Provincial President YNC Jammu, Nitish Gowsami Provincial Vice President YNC Jammu, Jaseem Malik District President Samba, Zamir Quershi, Ashanand and others.

Meanwhile, party leaders Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, former MLA Chaman Lal also addressed a series of public meetings in the constituency, seeking a decisive mandate for Shamim Begum to continue her people-centric initiatives.

Billawaria launches voter outreach campaign for Devyani Rana in Nagrota



BJP J&K General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria campaigning for Devyani Rana.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, launched an extensive voter outreach campaign in support of BJP candidate Devyani Rana in the Nagrota Assembly constituency. As part of the campaign, Billawaria conducted door-to-door visits in Kore Jagir, Nadore, and nearby villages, meeting residents and urging them to extend their full support to Devyani Rana in the upcoming by-election.

While interacting with locals, Billawaria discussed in detail the public welfare policies, developmental projects, and transformative reforms initiated in Jammu and Kashmir under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He emphasized that the BJP government, guided by the vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas," has taken concrete measures to ensure the upliftment of every section of society. Billawaria stated that the Nagrota Assembly by-election would shape the consti-

ty's future, calling upon voters to choose a representative who is honest, hardworking, and dedicated to public service. He highlighted that Devyani Rana embodies these values and possesses the vision and energy to carry forward the legacy of her late father, Devender Singh Rana, who shared a deep emotional bond with the people of Nagrota. He recalled Devender Singh Rana's remarkable contributions in education, healthcare, roads, water supply, and social development, adding that his spirit of service continues to inspire the people.

"The time has come for the people of Nagrota to bless the daughter of the late Devender Singh Rana and help her fulfill his unfinished dreams," Billawaria said, urging voters to ensure a resounding victory for the BJP.

A large number of people pledged unity and full support for Devyani Rana's candidature. Prominent among those present were former Sarpanch Rajinder Singh Katoch, Vinod Kumar, Balbir Singh, Ram Dass, Vijay Kumar, and several key BJP workers.

From Dansal to Bhalwal, people's support will shape a new Nagrota: Anil Sharma

Anil bats for establishing National Law University in Nagrota

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JAMMU: Anil Sharma, Independent candidate from the Nagrota Assembly Constituency and President of the All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC), on Wednesday addressed a press conference in Jammu and expressed deep gratitude to the people of Nagrota for their incredible support during the election campaign.

While interacting with media persons, Sharma thanked the people, especially the youth and women of Nagrota constituency, for their massive response and warmth.

"I was not sure that I would receive so much love and attention from the people," he said. "The trust shown by residents across all four blocks including Dansal, Nagrota, Bhalwal, and Mathwar has strengthened my resolve to work even harder for their development and dignity."

He noted that despite being the gateway to Jammu and Kashmir, Nagrota has faced years of neglect, with poor infrastructure, limited job opportunities, and weak basic amenities. He said the innocent people of all



Anil Sharma, Independent candidate talking to reporters.

four blocks of the constituency continue to face irregular water supply, erratic electricity, and broken roads. Sharma promised to address these issues on a war footing.

Referring to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's recent statement in the J & K Legislative Assembly about establishing a National Law University, Sharma said the best location would be within the Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

"Nagrota deserves this recognition

as it lies on Jammu Srinagar National Highway and connects multiple districts of Jammu," he added.

He informed the media that around 80 percent of people who interacted with him during his campaign, especially women and elderly villagers, complained about the scarcity of clean drinking water.

"People allege that the Jal Jeevan Mission has become a source of corruption, and on the ground, it has failed to deliver the desired results," he added.

Reiterating his developmental blueprint as mentioned in his election manifesto, Sharma said his vision is based on modern infrastructure, youth empowerment, women's welfare, and people-centric growth.

He pledged uninterrupted electricity, clean drinking water, all-weather roads, and the creation of a multi-specialty healthcare centre in the constituency.

On being asked about the attempts by some political parties to divide voters on the basis of caste and religion, Sharma said he firmly believes in unity, equality, justice, and the rule of Constitution of India.

He explained that his mission, "Ekta Sankalp," is inspired by the teachings of Guru Parshuram Ji and Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, two great luminaries who showed the path of courage, knowledge, and justice for all.

He said Guru Parshuram Ji taught that real strength comes from good character, discipline, and humility, not from power. Likewise, Dr. Ambedkar devoted his life to creating an India based on equality, brotherhood, and justice.

Highlighting Nagrota's immense potential in religious and adventure tourism, Sharma said, "Nagrota can become a model constituency."

He added that the boundaries of Nagrota constituency touch four districts including Jammu, Samba, Udhampur, and Reasi, and there is huge potential for the area to be developed as a business circuit as well.

He called upon the local youth, to rise above divisive politics and support a movement built on development, dignity, and transparency. "My politics is not about promises but performance," he affirmed.

IWC Jammu Sampark celebrates Gurupurab with devotion



IWC Jammu Sampark members at Gurupurab celebration.

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JAMMU: The Inner Wheel Club Jammu Sampark celebrated Gurupurab with great religious fervour and joy at Gurudwara Sahib, Sarwal, Jammu. Prayers were offered, followed by Langar Sewa, where the club donat-

ed Rs. 5,100 from members' contributions. Devotional musical performances marked the occasion.

The event was led by Club President Rattan Prabha (Retd. Principal), along with Charter President Reva Raina and Treasurer

Shayma Anand. Active participation was seen from Anuradha Manhas, Sapna Gupta (Editor), Anuradha Sharma, Jyoti Lamba, and Avinash J, making the celebration spiritually enriching and memorable.

Historic initiative by Mahant Rohit Shastri to revive glory of Sanskrit: Pallavi Mishra

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JAMMU: Under the aegis of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur (Thather), a free class of the Sanskrit Mobile Gurukul was inaugurated today with great enthusiasm at the Baba Jitto Ji Temple Fair, Jhiri.

The event marked a significant step towards the revival of Sanskrit language, Vedic culture, and Indian knowledge traditions.

The event was inaugurated by SDM Marh Pallavi Mishra (IAS) and SSP Brijesh Sharma, while the programme was presided over by Mahant Rohit Shastri, State Awardee and President of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust.



SDM Marh Pallavi Mishra with police officers inaugurating free class of the Sanskrit Mobile Gurukul at Jhiri Mela.

merely a language but the very foundation of Indian culture, spirituality, philosophy, and ethical living. She commended Mahant Rohit Shastri for his tireless efforts to connect the younger generation with India's ancient roots and described the Sanskrit Mobile Gurukul as a revolutionary initiative for cultural renaissance.

Guest of Honour SSP Brijesh Sharma lauded the Trust's campaign, stating that the study of Sanskrit connects youth with India's timeless wisdom and moral values.

He said such noble efforts inspire society to preserve and promote the nation's rich heritage.

Mahant Rohit Shastri informed that the Sanskrit

Mobile Gurukul was inaugurated earlier by Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha. Presently, the Trust is running two mobile Sanskrit Gurukuls that offer free Sanskrit education to students in both rural and urban regions.

Dr. Satya Priya, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit,

University of Jammu, emphasized the inseparable bond between Sanskrit and Dogri, asserting that Indian culture and knowledge traditions cannot survive without Sanskrit.

The programme began with Vedic prayers and lamp lighting, followed by melodious Sanskrit hymns recited by students, creating an atmosphere of spiritual serenity.

Prominent attendees included Mahant Jagdish Mehta, Rakesh Gandotra, Sunil Sharma, Bhushan Jamwal, Mann Mehta, and Bhuvnesh Mehta, besides students, teachers, saints, and Sanskrit enthusiasts.

The event concluded with felicitation of guests, a vote of thanks, and a Sanskrit mangalacharan, celebrating the timeless glory of Devayani Sanskrit.