

## Indian Languages always support world peace: Padma Shri Prof. Tomio Mizokami

### International Conference on Indian Language Confluence held at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages at the Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal and Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, organized an International Conference on Indian Language Confluence. The event was held under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain.

The distinguished guests included Deputy Commissioner of Samba, Rajesh Sharma, eminent scholar from Japan, Padma Shri Prof. Tomio Mizokami, Registrar CUJ, Prof. Yashwant Singh, and Prof. Dilip Kumar from IIMC, Jammu.

The Head of the Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages, Prof. Bharat Bhushan, introduced and welcomed all the



Dignitaries lighting ceremonial lamp at a programme.

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Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain honored the guests with mementos and ceremonial coconuts as tokens of respect.

In his keynote address on the topic "Indianness in Indian Languages," Padma Shri Prof. Tomio Mizokami remarked that India is fortunate to possess a multitude of languages, which form its unique identity.

He emphasized that Indian languages have always supported world peace and high-

lighted the linguistic family convergence within India. He presented a comparative analysis of the similarities and mutual intelligibility among Indian languages like Sanskrit, Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, and Tamil, including their grammatical parallels.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, as the patron of the conference, observed that the English-based education system has diminished interest in education through Indian languages. He emphasized that this could hinder India's devel-

opment. The New Education Policy (NEP), he noted, promotes education in Indian languages to address this gap. He commended Prof. Mizokami's dedication to mastering multiple Indian languages and encouraged students to draw inspiration to prioritize education in Indian languages.

Prof. Jain also appreciated the recent governmental efforts to revive Prakrit, ensuring the preservation of India's ancient heritage.

Deputy Commissioner Samba underlined that the development of Indian languages is key to India's holistic development. He noted that the preservation of Indian languages is crucial for safeguarding Indian culture.

At the end of the inaugural session, Prof. Yashwant Singh extended a vote of thanks. Dr. Ketan Bhatt recited the invocation Dhyā Mantra and Kalyan Mantra, while research scholar Vishnu presented a Dhyā Vyākya. Dr.

Vandana Sharma, a faculty member, conducted the program.

In subsequent sessions, speakers like Prof. Gurpal Singh Sandhu from Punjab University, Chandigarh; Prof. Vinod Taneja, retired professor from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar; Prof. Neelam Saraf, retired professor from Jammu University; and Sanjay Pandit, an expert on Sharda script, inspired the audience with their profound insights.

The concluding session was graced by Prof. Dilip Kumar from IIMC, Jammu, who elaborated on the contributions of Indian languages and literature to Indian knowledge traditions.

Competitions and a language exhibition were held during the event, and winners were felicitated. The program concluded with the national anthem, marking the end of a successful and enriching conference.

## 150th Foundation Day of IMD celebrated



Incharge S.C. Sharma with other officials and students during a programme at Meteorological Office, Jammu.

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JAMMU: The 150th Foundation Day of the IMD was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Meteorological Office, Jammu on Wednesday.

On the occasion, a program was organized at the local office of the Meteorological Department. The program was presided over by Incharge S.C. Sharma.

During the program, the students of K.C. Public School and May Fair School were informed about the

work being done by the Meteorological Department and various types of weather equipments used by the department. The students showed their keen interest.

S.C. Sharma gave information about the remarkable progress in the field of weather in the 150 years of Meteorological Department.

He said that the Meteorological Department will remain dedicated to serving the nation in future also. The Meteorological Department is providing its services in air, agriculture,

marine, and many other areas of the country. There has been a significant increase in the accuracy of forecasts made by the Meteorological Department in recent years.

"IMD shall augment its operational and technical capabilities through 'Mission Mausam' launched by Prime minister Narinder Modi in the main function held at Bharat Mandapam New Delhi on January 14, 2025 to commemorate the glorious 150 years of IMD," he said.

## Sanskrit language is soul of Sanatan Sanskriti: Prof. Shridhar



Prof Shridhar Mishra speaking at a programme at Basohli on Wednesday.

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BASOHLI: The fourth foundation day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Choodamani Sanskrit Sansthan Vishwasthali (Basohli) on Wednesday. Many eminent guests participated in it.

MLA Basohli, Darshan Singh Thakur attended the function as chief guest. Ramakrishna Mission Ashram Pramukh, Jammu Kashmir, Yagyadharanand Ji Maharaj, eminent scholar, Director of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (Ranbir Campus Jammu Kashmir) Professor Shridhar Mishra,

Madan Kumar Jha (Assistant Acharya) Ranbir Campus Jammu Kashmir and Chief Trustee of the Institute Shakti Pathak were present also present on the occasion.

In his address, the keynote speaker, Prof Shridhar Mishra, said that Sanskrit language is the soul of Sanatan culture, without Sanskrit language we cannot know our values.

While addressing the function, MLA Darshan Singh Thakur said that Gurukul is the root of real education. He said that without Gurukul education, we cannot know

our duties.

The guests also enjoyed the cultural drama and singing performed by the students of Gurukul.

The families of the students and many officials including the teachers of Gurukul also participated in the program, includes Principal Dr. Soumyaranjan Mohapatra, Acharya Shashinath Upadhyay, Acharya Shatrughan Tripathi, Acharya Sahil Sharma, Ramani Sharma, Rajesh Sharma, Shri Sohan, Acharya Anjubala, Acharya Praveena, Acharya Lalita, Acharya Rama and others.

## Sadhotra exhorts students to contribute positively in Nation Building

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NAGROTA: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra ON Wednesday called upon students to contribute positively to nation-building and to actively strengthen the bonds of unity and amity.

Addressing students at an event at Nagrota organised by Arun Pal Working President National Conference Students Union (NCSU), Tayub Rashid, Mussarat Malik and Sakib Kitchloo, Ajay Sadhotra said the students have huge responsibility of preserving the idea of India and the distinct ethos of Jammu and Kashmir while working collectively for a strong, progressive nation.

Sadhotra also underscored the need for students to remain vigilant against divisive forces that aim to disrupt the social fabric by dividing communities along religious or communal lines. The students must stand as a bul-



Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra with new entrants of NCSU at Nagrota in an event.

wark against such elements and ensure that the idea of India, founded on secularism and inclusivity, remains intact, he added.

He emphasized the crucial role students can play in shaping the nation's future while safeguarding its diverse and inclusive fabric.

"Students are the torchbearers of progress and have to shoulder their responsibilities towards the society," he stressed.

To play their healthy role in building a harmonious society, Sadhotra advised students to prioritize their studies, as education is key to shaping responsible citizens.

"Education is not just a pathway to personal success but also a means to contribute meaningfully to society. By excelling academically, students can prepare themselves to lead the nation toward a brighter future," he said.

Sadhotra reaffirmed the

commitment of National Conference to providing a conducive academic environment under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and assured that the present government is dedicated to fostering an atmosphere where students can thrive and realize their full potential.

Responding to the long-standing demand for a Degree College Building in Nagrota, he said the issue

would be taken up with the Minister of the concerned department.

On the occasion, hundreds of students joined the National Conference Students Union.

Welcoming the new entrants, Sadhotra reiterated the commitment of his party to nurturing the potential of young minds as the future architects of the Nation and Jammu and Kashmir.

Prominent who joined are Deep Kumar Sharma, Chanchal Sharma, Jatini, Ashfaq Ahmed, Abhishek Sharma, Furkan Ali, Vikram Singh, Danish Choudhary, Jatinder Pal Singh.

Others who were present on the occasion are Mohd Ayoub Malik Provincial Secretary, Chander Mohan Sharma District President, Raghubir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural-A, Abdul Gani Teli OBC President, Ch Mohd Aslam Zonal Vice President, Ch Rehmat Ali Chairman BDC, Rajesh Bakshi.

## JKPSA Jammu delegation meets Director School Education, projects demands

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JAMMU: Members of the J&K Private Schools Association (JKPSA), Jammu met with the Director School Education Ashok Kumar Sharma, and apprised him about their genuine problems and demands.

While discussing, President of the Association, Ajay Gupta briefed the director that current government of Jammu & Kashmir has reversed the earlier order of uniform academic calendar issued by L-G administration in 2022 from March session to the traditional November-December session for the Kashmir Province and winter zone of the Jammu Province. A worrisome situa-



JKPSA delegation after meeting with Director School Education Jammu on Wednesday.

tion has now arisen for all those students who want to migrate from the private schools functioning in winter zone to the schools functioning in the summer zone of Jammu division as all the CEOs/ZEOs of winter zone of Jammu division are

reluctant to countersign / authenticate / confirm the result of all such private schools whose recognition had lapsed due to the non adaptation of PSGA 2021 by the different departments for the issuance of different NOCs or whose files

for the want of recognition are in the pipeline, they added.

While highlighting the issues, members demanded that to prevent the exploitation of the students as well as the private schools functioning in the winter zone, generate a provision for smooth transfer of the students from class 1st to 9th (Home classes) from one school to another so that all the CEOs/ZEOs of the winter zone could countersign / authenticate / confirm hassle free result of all private schools of winter zone.

Director School Education Jammu Ashok Kumar Sharma gave a patient hearing to the members and said that although the career of the students is at stake but we will try to come up with certain remedies so that no one suffers.

Prominent members who accompanied the delegation included Sanjeev Luthra, Siddheshwar Sadotra, Chain Singh and Gaurav Charak.

## DLSA Jammu conducts inspection in District Jail Amphalla

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JAMMU: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu, under the guidance of Y.P. Bourney, Chairman DLSA Jammu, Principal District and Sessions Judge (PDJ) Jammu, and under the supervision of Smriti Sharma, Sub Judge/Secretary DLSA Jammu, on Wednesday conducted Jail inspection in District Jail Amphalla regarding Sukanya Shanta Vs Union of India & Ors and also a meeting conducted regarding Under Trial Review Committee, 2025.

The Pr. District and Sessions Judge Jammu along with Sachin Kumar Vaishya, District Magistrate (Deputy Commissioner), Jammu, Joginder Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu, Smriti Sharma, Secretary DLSA Jammu, Veerinder Kumar Bhat, Superintendent of Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu, Harish Kotwal, Superintendent of District Jail Amphalla



Y.P. Bourney, Chairman DLSA Jammu, Principal District and Sessions Judge (PDJ) Jammu interacting with officers during visit to District Jail Amphalla.

Jammu and Anil Sharma, Chief Legal Aid Defense Counsel personally visited and inspected District Jail Amphalla, Jammu to gain first-hand knowledge of the living conditions of inmates and the overall functioning of the jail.

He held interaction with the inmates and took first hand stock of facilities available there.

The inspection covered a wide range of areas, including the Jail Legal Aid Clinic, Welfare Block, Vocational Training Centre, Jail Hospital, Tailoring, weaving of cloth,

Kitchen Area, Carpentry and Women Block Prisoners.

The Medical Centre within the jail premises was also thoroughly inspected. During the visit, Principal District and Sessions Judge and the team, along with Deputy Commissioner, Senior Superintendent of Police and both the Superintendents of Jails inspected all the barracks and interacted with inmates, including female prisoners.

The team listened to the inmates' concerns and grievances, and provided them a platform for feedback on the services provided by DLSA

Jammu. The inspection served as a vital step in ensuring that the rights and welfare of inmates are upheld within the District Jail Amphalla Jammu.

An Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) meeting conducted today in District Jail Amphalla Jammu and the committee members review cases of under trial prisoners and recommends actions, such as release as per the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) provides guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for UTRC Meetings.

## FCI Jammu continues to set benchmarks in culinary and hospitality education

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JAMMU: The Food Craft Institute (FCI), Jammu, is establishing itself as a premier institution in culinary arts, hospitality, and hotel management.

Located in the scenic region of Jammu, the institute is dedicated to empowering students with world-class training and practical experience, equipping them for rewarding careers in the rapidly growing hospitality industry.

FCI Jammu is recognized for its commitment to innovation and excellence, shaping the next generation of professionals in these fields.

Since its inception, FCI Jammu has been at the forefront of providing high-quality education. The institute offers a diverse range of professional diploma and certificate courses in culinary arts, food production, bakery, front office management, food and beverage services,



housekeeping, and allied sectors. Its curriculum is meticulously designed to align with industry standards, and students benefit from the guidance of experienced faculty who ensure they are well-prepared for the competitive global market. The institute boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including modern, fully-equipped kitchens, training

restaurants, and specialized labs. These facilities provide students with a real-world environment to refine their skills under expert supervision. This hands-on approach ensures that students graduate with practical knowledge and confidence to excel in their chosen careers.

FCI Jammu also plays a significant role in promoting

the rich culinary heritage of Jammu and Kashmir.

By incorporating local cuisines into its training programs, the institute contributes to preserving the region's cultural identity while enhancing its tourism potential. This dual focus on professional training and cultural promotion makes FCI Jammu a unique player in the field of hospitality education. One of the hallmarks of FCI Jammu is its strong industry connections. The institute has partnerships with top hotels, resorts, and culinary establishments across India, providing excellent placement opportunities for its students.

Many alumni have achieved significant success, both nationally and internationally, further solidifying the institute's reputation as a leader in hospitality education.

Looking to the future, FCI

Jammu has ambitious plans to upgrade to the level of an Institute of Hotel Management. New courses, such as a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Hospitality Administration, are being introduced to meet the evolving demands of the industry.

The institute is also focusing on fostering entrepreneurship, encouraging students to become leaders and innovators in their respective fields.

For more information about FCI Jammu, its programs, or upcoming events, visit [www.fcijammu.org](http://www.fcijammu.org) or contact the institute at 7889579294, 7006536087, or 9797256789.

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