

# Shri Hindu Sangh holds National Executive Meet, announces new appointments

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JAMMU: The National Executive Committee meeting of the Shri Hindu Sangh Organization was held on Saturday under the leadership of its National President, Bal Sant Shri Sahil Maharaj.

The meeting focused on strengthening the organizational framework and expanding the activities of the organization across the country. Several key decisions aimed at enhancing outreach and effectiveness at the national and state levels were taken during the deliberations.

The meeting was attended by eminent saints and prominent personalities, including Mahant Shri Rajesh Giri Ji Maharaj, President of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (Jammu-Kashmir & Ladakh), Mahant Shri Keshav Das Ji



Shri Hindu Sangh members during National Executive Meet.

Maharaj, Mahant Shri Subhash Chandra Ji Maharaj, and BJP Spokesperson Zorawar Singh Janwal, along with senior office bearers of Shri Hindu Sangh.

With the unanimous approval of the National Executive Committee, important organizational appointments were announced. Balbir Singh was

appointed as President of Shri Hindu Sangh, Jammu & Kashmir, while Narendra Singh was appointed as Acting President for Jammu & Kashmir. Renowned singer Harvinder Singh, popularly known as Rio Singh, was appointed as President of the Punjab State unit.

Congratulating the newly

appointed office bearers, National President Bal Sant Shri Sahil Ji Maharaj reaffirmed the organization's unwavering commitment to the principles of Sanatan culture, nationalism, and social harmony. He expressed confidence that the new leadership would inject fresh energy into the organization and work dedicat-

edly for social service while preserving and promoting India's rich cultural heritage.

Addressing the gathering, BJP Spokesperson Zorawar Singh Janwal highlighted the civilizational importance of Sanatan Dharma, describing it as a way of life based on universal values such as truth, compassion, harmony, and selfless service. He emphasized that organizations like Shri Hindu Sangh play a vital role in safeguarding Sanatan traditions and fostering unity, cultural awareness, and national consciousness in society.

All the saints and distinguished guests present on the occasion extended their heartfelt congratulations to the newly appointed leaders and wished them a meaningful, impactful, and service-oriented tenure in their respective roles.

# CUJ glow in subject wise world University Ranking-2026

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu (CUJ) has achieved notable recognition in global and subject-specific rankings for 2026, underscoring its growing stature in higher education despite being a relatively young institution established in 2011. According to the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings -2026, Central University of Jammu is placed in the 1001-1200 band globally in the Overall category. This reflects strong performance in key areas, including: Engineering: Ranked in the 801-1000 band. Physical Sciences: Ranked in the 801-1000 band.

These subject rankings highlight CU Jammu focused strengths in STEM disciplines, where research output, teaching quality, and international outlook contribute to its standing among thousands of institutions worldwide.

While National ranking, CU Jammu continues to build on achievements such as its 28th position among Central Universities in the IIRF 2025 rankings, with ongoing submissions to NIRF 2025 indicating sustained efforts toward excellence. Prof. (Dr.)

Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu, expressed pride in these accomplishments and shared an inspiring message:

"This recognition in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026, particularly in Engineering and Physical Sciences, is a testament to the relentless dedication of our faculty, researchers, students, and staff. We are committed to fostering an environment of innovation, inclusivity, and academic rigor. Our motto, 'knowledge refines and purifies the intellect', guides us as we continue to contribute meaningfully to national development and global knowledge creation. These rankings motivate us to aim higher, ensuring that CU Jammu emerges as a beacon of quality education in Jammu and Kashmir and beyond."

The university's leadership under Prof. Jain emphasizes research, cultural heritage integration (as seen in recent initiatives like the 2026 calendar tribute to Dogra traditions), and holistic student development, positioning Central University of Jammu for further upward momentum in future rankings.

# National Voters Day Padyatra, Sundays on cycle-2026 today



State Director MY Bharat J&K and Ladakh, Nisar Ahmed Butt talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Youth Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, will organize a series of programs as part of the National Voters' Day Padyatra / Sundays on Cycle - 2026 on January 25, with the objective of maximizing youth participation in the democratic process under the theme MY Bharat MY Vote.

Addressing a press conference here, Nisar Ahmed Butt, State Director MY Bharat J&K and Ladakh said that the programme will witness the active participation of MY Bharat volunteers and first-time voters. Activities include padayatras or cycling events, felicitation of first-time voters, voter awareness interactions, pledge-taking ceremonies, and public outreach. Youth participation in such democratic exercises is a crucial component of nation-building. Empowering

National Voters Day into a vibrant mass movement led by youth.

He called upon all young citizens to actively participate in the National Voters' Day Padyatras 2026 that are being organized in different districts of J&K and Ladakh and contribute meaningfully to strengthening India's democratic fabric.

Adding more details, Khushal Gupta, Deputy Director, MY Bharat, Udhampur said that the programme will witness the active participation of MY Bharat volunteers and first-time voters. Activities include padayatras or cycling events, felicitation of first-time voters, voter awareness interactions, pledge-taking ceremonies, and public outreach. Youth participation in such democratic exercises is a crucial component of nation-building. Empowering

young citizens with awareness, responsibility, and a sense of ownership in the electoral process strengthens the foundations of democracy. Through this initiative, youth are encouraged to emerge as ambassadors of democratic values and responsible citizenship.

National Voter Padyatra at UTs level in Ladakh will be organized on January 25, 2026 at Leh and in J&K on January 28, 2026 at Jammu.

In Jammu, the Padyatra will start from Govt college for Women, Gandhi Nagar at 09:00 AM and more than 1500 participants hailing from Colleges, Higher Education Sector, NGOs, Youth Clubs and Mahila Mandals will be participating. In other districts, padayatras are being organized on January 25 by MY Bharat Srinagar, Doda, Udhampur and Kargil. Remaining districts will organize the programme in between 26th January to 30th January 2026.

The activities that will be organized during the Padyatra at state level and district levels are Felicitation of First time Voters, Voter's pledge, installation of First Vote Promise Wall and address by the Chief Guest, flagging off of rally and engagement of volunteers in different activities like slogan writing, thematic skit etc.

# Srinagar District Administration holds award ceremony to felicitate meritorious Civil & Police officials in run up to R-Day celebrations DC, SSP & SMC Commissioner hand over awards to officials for excellence in Public services

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SRINAGAR: To acknowledge and recognize the services rendered by the Officers and Officials of District Administration Srinagar, SMC and District Police, who have delivered distinguished and meritorious services, the District Administration Srinagar on Saturday held a Felicitation & Award Ceremony here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The felicitation ceremony was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, Commissioner SMC, Faz Lul Haseeb and Senior Superintendent of Police, Sandeep Chakraborty who awarded the Commendation Certificates and Mementos to the employees who have showcased meritorious service in the run up to Republic Day Celebrations.

Addressing the felicitation function, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated all the award winners and said that hard work and dedication towards one's profession are the keys to achieving success and earning a unique place in society.



DC Srinagar, Akshay Labroo and other dignitaries at award ceremony.

The DC lauded the contributions of all awardees and other officials who have made a difference through their hard work, exemplary performance, and dedication towards ensuring a prompt, efficient, and effective public service delivery system in the district.

The DC also highlighted the importance of coordination among the District Administration, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), and Police in ensuring effective and efficient administration in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner SMC highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts in fostering a better work cul-

ture for the benefit of the public.

He urged the participants to continue working with added zeal, responsibility, and commitment in the future for public welfare and the overall betterment of society.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar also addressed the gathering and lauded the awardees for their dedication and outstanding service.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Rifat Aftab Qureshi; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Intiyaz Ul Aziz; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar,

other senior Officers of District Administration, District/Sectoral Officers and other concerned were present on the occasion.

The Officers/Officials who were felicitated during the programme included Tanveer Ahmad Dar and Ms Aaliya Amin from the Employment Department for successful implementation of Mission YUVA. Ms Rumana, Tariq Ahmad, Rouf Sheikh, Asif Sarwal, and Javed Kathu from J&K Bank were also honoured for their contributions.

From KPDCL, Ghulam Mohammad Ganai, Irfan Ahmad, Mohammad Ashraf, Tafazul Ahmad, Tanveer Ahmad, and Bilal Ahmad were felicitated for effective implementation of Solar Rooftops under PM Surya Muft Bijli Yojana.

Similarly, from District Police, Mohammad Iqbal Sheikh, Masarat Ahmad Mir, Nazir Ahmad Mir, Showkat Ahmad, Waseem Mohi-ud-Din Lone, and Adil Ahmad Tak were honoured for their dedicated service.

From Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Er Sajad Kawoosa was felicitated, while Zahid Rashid from the Irrigation and Flood Control Department was also honoured.

From the R&B Department, Er Khalid Mehmood, Er Muzamil Bashir and Er Noor Mohammad Malik were awarded for their contributions.

Likewise, Yameen-ul-Nabi and his team from the Food Safety Department were felicitated. From Fire and Emergency Services, Dr. Aqib Hussain Mir, Adil Hussain Zargar, and Aijaz Ahmad Shah were honoured.

Additionally, Shahida, Shayista, Tahir Abbas, Rifat Nazir, and Zaid Allaqband from the DC Office, SDM Office and Chief Planning Office Srinagar were felicitated. From the Education Department, Aabid Ahmad Wangnoo was awarded.

Besides, Aditya, Ghulam Hassan, Aijaz Ahmad, and Wasim Bashir were also felicitated during the programme.

# DPS Jammu celebrates Republic Day, Basant Panchami with patriotic zeal

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Delhi Public School, Jammu celebrated the twin occasions of Republic Day and Basant Panchami with great enthusiasm, cultural fervour, and patriotic spirit through a special assembly held in the Pre-Primary Wing. The assembly was organised by Jhelum House, the house on duty, and beautifully blended the essence of national pride with the spirit of wisdom and learning.

The assembly was confidently compered by Urwa Fatima and Marwa Fatima of Class I-D. The programme commenced with a floral tribute to Maa Saraswati on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami, invoking divine blessings for knowledge and enlightenment. This was followed by the morning prayer, 'Thought of the Day', an insightful speech highlighting the significance of the day, and other meaningful presentations by students of Class I.

The cultural segment added colour and vibrancy to the celebration. Students of Class V presented a melodious Basant Panchami group song, while the spirited Republic Day dance performance by Class IV students captivated the audience, beautifully reflecting themes of patriotism, unity, and national pride.

A special highlight of the assembly was the felicitation of student achievers. Mahira Tandon was honoured for securing First Position and a Gold Medal in a National-Level Dance Competition held in Asansol, West Bengal, where she showcased the rich cultural heritage of Dogra dance. Kayra Thakyal of Class I was also applauded



for winning a Gold Medal in the 13th Jammu District Ju-Jitsu Martial Art Championship, bringing laurels to the school.

The school's commitment to future-ready and aptitude-based education was further reinforced through its collaboration with LogIQids and Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (Techfest). Under this initiative, DPS Jammu achieved remarkable success in the Mental Aptitude Olympiad. The prestigious "Leadership Excellence in Future-Ready Education" Trophy was presented to Principal Ruchi Chhabra, while the "Excellence in 21st Century Pedagogy" Trophies were awarded to Navneet Kaur and Dr. Paranjit Singh.

The celebrations extended beyond the assembly into classrooms, ensuring meaningful participation through age-appropriate activities that fostered creativity, joyful learning, and a deep sense of patriotism among students.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated the students

and staff, encouraged the young learners with her pearls of wisdom, and extended heartfelt wishes on the twin occasions of Republic Day and Basant Panchami. The Vice Principal, Meenu Gupta also addressed the students, encouraging them to uphold values of discipline, integrity, and a love for learning. The occasion was also marked by the presence of the Headmaster, Ravi Kumar Kotroo, Deputy Headmaster, Umesh Kumar Sharma, Deputy Headmistress, Rimpi Sharma, Senior Manager Operations, Karandeep Singh, Transport Administrator, M.L. Mehra, Coordinator/ Supervisor, Ms Anu Bali.

The coordinating team included Preeti Abrol, Payal Tandon, Richa Gupta, Preena Malhotra, and Anuradha Wadhwa, whose efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the programme.

The assembly concluded with the National Anthem, filling the atmosphere with pride and reverence.

The management of Delhi Public School, Jammu, under

the visionary leadership of President-RCT Ajatshatru Singh, PVC- Dr. Ritu Singh, and Director S. S. Sodhi, along with the Principal and staff, extended warm greetings to students and parents on the occasion of Republic Day, reaffirming the school's commitment to nurturing responsible, enlightened, and proud citizens of India.

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Changran, Chack Desa Singh, Manke Talab, Shiva Nagar, Durga Nagar, Govt. Degree College, W. No. 2, District Jail, Super bazaar, Jakhbar and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 25 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Bishnah, Chak Hasla, Rehal, Pandorina, Sehora and adjoining areas will remain affected on January 27 from 9 am to 4 pm.

# Vishwa Bharati celebrates Republic Day-2026

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Akalpur Morh Jammu celebrated 77th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The school campus was beautifully adorned with tricolors, bunting and patriotic decorations creating a festive atmosphere.

The Chief Guest of the occasion was Captain (IN) Shibu Devasia, Principal Sainik School Nagrota who graced the occasion along with Dr. S.K. Koul, President Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution, Yoginder Koul, Treasurer Vishwa Bharati, Prof. A.N. Sadhu, Chairman Academic Committee, R.K.Sapuro Member Vishwa Bharati, V.K. Dembi, Member Vishwa Bharati, Annapurna Koul, Principal Vishwa Bharati Hr. Sec. School, teachers and students. The programme, compared by class 11th students, commenced with the 'Welcome Speech' by the School Principal Mrs. Annapurna Koul in the honour of all invited guests and dignitaries. A melodious



Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School students and faculty at R-Day celebration.

welcome song was sung by the students of class 5th to greet all the dignitaries and specially invited guests.

The celebration included a colourful cultural program showcasing the rich and diverse heritage of India. Students presented patriotic songs, dances and skits captivating the audience with their talent and dedication. The beautiful culture items "Yeh Desh hai Veer Jawano Ka", "Aisa Desh hai Mera" and "Ek Tera naam hai Sacha" enthralled everyone. Some students delivered eloquent speeches on the importance of India being a

Republic and the contribution of all those patriots who paved a way for it.

The Chief Guest addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution of India and the responsibility of every citizen to contribute to the nation's further progress. He also asserted on the corporation and collaboration between Sainik School and Vishwa Bharati in the field of games and sports for the holistic development of the students.

Prof. A.N. Sadhu, Chairman Academic

Committee also addressed the audience by highlighting the significance of Republic Day and encouraged the students to strive for excellence and contribute to the nation's further development.

The whole event concluded with a vote of thanks by Praduman Parihar, Head Boy and singing of the National Anthem, leaving everyone with a sense of pride and patriotism.

## Upgraded Basketball Court inaugurated

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Harvinder Singh on Saturday inaugurated the upgraded Basketball Court at City Middle School, Doda.

The upgradation work has been completed under the District Capex Budget 2025-26 at an allotted cost of Rs.15.75 lakh, with the Mechanical and Hospital Division as the executing agency. The Deputy Commissioner Doda emphasized the importance of strengthening sports infrastructure to nurture young talent and promote a healthy sporting culture in the district. He stated that the upgraded basketball court would provide better opportunities to the youth to hone their skills and achieve excellence in sports.

# Prominent citizens join NATF

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JAMMU: Several prominent citizens joined the National Anti Terrorism Front (NATF) in Jammu. Those who joined included Shakeel Bhagat, Raj Rattan Raina, Reeta Devi, Varinder Mahajan, Rabia Khajuria, Kishor Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Kapil Gupta, and others. The new members pledged to work in line with the ideology and vision of the NATF and committed themselves to national service and public awareness. National Chairman NATF, Vishal Chopra,



welcomed them and reaffirmed the organisation's support to all those dedicated to the nation. The programme focused on combating narco-terror-

ism, corruption-terrorism, and anti-national activities, concluding with a collective pledge for national security and integrity.