

# Music, Art & inspiration mark Day 3 of MSCBMC’s ‘Rang-E-Khiza’ Workshop

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CHENANI: The third day of the ongoing National Art Workshop "Rang-E-Khiza", organised by MSCBMC Trust in collaboration with Petronet LNG Ltd (PLL), brought an energetic blend of music and creativity to Government Girls Middle School, Upper Karlah, Zone Chenani.

The day turned special with a live singing session by Master Younis, Mubashir Dar, and Tabaan Feroz, whose soulful performances captivated the young audience. Students listened in awe, clapped along to the rhythms, and interacted joyfully with the performers. The musical engagement boosted their confidence and added a refreshing cultural



Trust members along with artists and students during the camp.

dimension to the ongoing art activities. Alongside the musical programme, national-level artists: Sharmila Sharma (Delhi), Rakhi Kumar (Delhi), Manish K. Rao (Delhi), Jiwan Biswas (Kolkata), Sanghal Mhaske (Maharashtra), Aditya Shankar Prasad (Delhi),

Rahul Mhetre (Mumbai), Taslim Sona (Rajasthan), Apurba Karati (West Bengal), and Rakhee Kumari (Patna)-continued their live art demonstrations and interactive sessions. Students observed them closely, drawing inspiration from their creativity and techniques.

MSCBMC Trust President Anuradha Rishi, daughter of legendary artist Master Sansar Chand Baru, encouraged students to embrace creativity without fear. She reiterated that Rang-E-Khiza is not just an art workshop but a platform that nurtures imagination, courage, and self-expression.

"Music and art together create a powerful learning environment. These experiences stay with children for life," she said.

She also acknowledged the participating artists for their dedication and thanked the local administration and school staff for their continuous support.

Teachers and organisers described Day 3 as one of the most engaging so far, as rural students were exposed to both fine arts and performing arts-an experience rarely available in remote areas. The workshop will continue until December 3 with more art demonstrations, cultural sessions, and creative learning activities aimed at strengthening artistic expression among the youth.

# SMVDU's NCC Cadet completes prestigious para basic course at Agra



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KATRA: A proud moment for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) as NCC Cadet Bhumika Sharma has successfully completed the Para Basic Course at the AATS, Agra. She was selected from among 25 Senior Wing (SW) cadets across India, showcasing her exceptional merit, perseverance, and dedication.

During the prestigious course, Cadet Bhumika received rigorous training in

airborne techniques and successfully performed para jumps from the AN-32 aircraft, demonstrating both courage and discipline. Upon completion, she earned the coveted Paratrooper Badge, marking a major milestone in her NCC journey. Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Coordinator, SMVDU, lauded the cadet for her unwavering commitment and outstanding performance that led to this remarkable achievement. This accomplishment stands

as an inspiration for all NCC cadets of SMVDU and reflects the university's commitment to supporting students in pursuing excellence in adventure and leadership. Prof. Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, and Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU, also extended their warm congratulations to Cadet Bhumika Sharma and conveyed their best wishes for her future endeavours after successfully completing the Para Basic Course.

# Development and Political shift mark day in Bishnah: Dr Rajeev Bhagat



MLA Bishnah Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat inaugurating developmental work.

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BISHNAH: Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, today reaffirmed his dedication to infrastructure development and political strengthening in his constituency. The day was highlighted by the commencement of a crucial culvert construction and a significant induction of prominent personalities into the Bharatiya Janata Party.

The MLA officially kick-started the construction of a new culvert at Chak Jaralan Palli Morh, near the Aypdhyapura Devsthan. This vital infrastructure project features a 1.50-meter span and flooring, sanctioned at an estimated cost of ₹6.50 lakhs.

The project is expected to enhance local connectivity and improve safety for commuters. Witnessing the inauguration were several local leaders and citizens, including Jatinder Singh, Rattan Lal, Vivek Khajuria, former Sarpanch Kuldeep Raj, Pardeep Singh, Ranjeet Sharma, Kewal Krishan, Davinder Sharma, Kuldeep

Shastri, Rajinder Kumar, Pawan Kumar, and Ankush Sharma.

In a separate function in Bishnah, the political landscape of the area saw a notable shift as several prominent local personalities joined the BJP. The new entrants included spiritual and community leaders such as Mahant Ram Puri, Ram Dass, Surinder Puri, along with former corporators Romesh Lal and Sat Pal. They were joined by other key figures: Raj Kumar, Som Nath, Garu Ram, Vihari Lal, Kartar Chand, Inderjeet, Radha Krishan, Swarn Singh, Kala Ram, and Ashok Kumar.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Rajeev Kumar Bhagat welcomed the new members and outlined his ambitious political vision. He stated his commitment to transforming Bishnah into a 'Congress Mukht Model Constituency', focusing on development and good governance under the BJP banner. The induction is seen as a major boost to the party's grassroots strength and its efforts to consolidate power in the region.

# Adopt beekeeping as a promising livelihood option: MLA Mohan Lal to farmers

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AKHNOOR: The 128th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat was listened to collectively on Sunday at Booth No. 25 and 26 of Panchayat Gandarwan in the Akhnoor Assembly segment. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of local residents, farmers, women, youth, and BJP workers. MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat graced the programme as the chief guest, accompanied by BJP District Prabhari Vinay Gupta and District President Kuldeep Raj Sharma. The programme was organised under the chairmanship of Devinder Singh.

During his address, the Prime Minister highlighted India's remarkable achievements in sports in recent months. He praised the Women's Cricket Team for creating history by winning the World Cup and congratulated athletes from boxing, women's kabaddi, and the Deaflympics for bringing



MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat and BJP workers listening to PM's Mann Ki Baat programme.

pride to the nation with their stellar performances. He further expressed delight over India being awarded the hosting rights for the Commonwealth Games, describing it as a proud moment for every Indian.

PM Modi urged citizens to prefer local products while making purchases for the New Year celebrations, emphasising that strengthening local artisans, small businesses, and traditional industries is vital for achieving the vision of

Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

A special highlight of the PM's address was the mention of Ramban district's White Honey, which has recently earned the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) Tag. The Prime Minister lauded the region's beekeepers and noted that India's honey sector is rapidly expanding, with unique varieties gaining national prominence.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat expressed pride over the

Prime Minister citing an example from Jammu & Kashmir on a national platform. He said, "The climate of Akhnoor is highly conducive for beekeeping. I appeal to farmers to adopt beekeeping as a sustainable and profitable livelihood. The Agriculture Department will extend all possible assistance to those willing to take up this enterprise."

BJP District Prabhari Vinay Gupta said that Mann Ki Baat has emerged as a powerful medium of direct

communication between the Prime Minister and the masses, reflecting the aspirations of a progressing nation. District President Kuldeep Raj Sharma added that party workers must take the PM's message to every household to strengthen the spirit of community participation.

The programme was attended by Mandal President Dipesh Singh, former BDC Chairperson Kiran Pawar, Jagdish Sharma, Ram Pal Sharma, Suleman Choudhary, former Councillor Rakesh Malhotra, Hindu Takht President Balbir Singh Bhanu, District Treasurer Anil Sharma, Ayush Singh, Kashmir Singh, Raghubir Singh, and a large number of local residents and BJP workers.

The event concluded with a collective pledge to disseminate the Prime Minister's message across the constituency and encourage widespread participation in nation-building efforts.

# 350 years Shaheedi Purb of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji observed

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POONCH: In order to pay homage to martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji and Bhai Mati Dass ji, Bhai Sati Dass ji and Bhai Dayal Dass ji a special Gurnat Samagam was organised in Gurdwara Yaadgaar Sant Bhai Bahadur Singh Ji Dharmal Kharrhi Poonch on extreme India Pakistan LOC near Chakan da Bagh Poonch.

Sri Akhand Path Sahib was started on 28th of Nov and with the bhog of Sri Akhand Path Sahib a mahan Gurnat Samagam was organised in which hundreds of Sangat participated and paid homage to great myrttrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, and his Sikhs Bhai Mati Dass ji Bhai Sati Dass Ji and Bhai Dayala ji who sacrificed against the cruelty of Aurangzeb ,religious tolerance and freedom of faith religion.

This year their 350 year myrttyr day is celebrated throughout the world by different religious, social and governmental organisations to give the message of great guru regarding humanity ,brotherhood, peace and religious tolerance.

In the Samagam in addition to local Raagis, Special invited Raagi Jatha of Bhai Ravinder



Singh Raahi from Ludhiana Punjab also participated and recited the Gurbani keertan . S Sukhdev Singh preacher was also specially invited who adressed sangat with the philophy and services of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji humanity . Deputy Commissioner Poonch Sh Ashok Sharma and ACR Poonch also addressed the Sangat regarding the life history and contribution off guru Tegh Bahadur Ji and his martyrdom for noble cause of humanity ,brotherhood , communal harmony religious freedom and tolerance .S Harcharn Singh Khalsa also addressed the sangat and urged to follow the teachings and path shown by great Guru ji .

He stressed upon sangat to be united and serve community and humanity as per the gurbani and Gurnat philosophy . He also discussed the great myrttrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji and his Sikhs against the cruelty of Aurangzeb . Local preachers also adressed Sangat . SHO Poonch and other govt officers were honoured by management for their cooperation . S Harcharn Singh Khalsa thanked Sangat for their participation and support in organising Samagam and also administration for their cooperation.

# JKAACL organises Gojri Cultural Conference

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KALAKOTE: In order to promote Tribal languages and literature, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages organized a one-day Gojri Cultural Conference at the Gujar Bakarwal Hostel Kalakote Rajouri. The event witnessed the participation of over 50 writers, poets, and artists of Gojri language from across the Rajouri district. The inaugural session of the conference was presided over by prominent Gojri author Mian Javed Nizami, while Prof M K Waqar , Tanveer Malik Additional Deputy Commissioner , and Dr Javaid Rahi, Chief Editor and



Divisional Head, JKAACL Jammu, Gulzar Ahmed Gulzar Warden Gujar Hostel shared the presidium. Welcoming the participants, Dr Javaid Rahi stated that the primary objective of the conference was to assemble Gojri writers to share their creative experiences and guide the younger generation in developing modern Gojri literature. He emphasized the need to preserve both written and oral traditions of the Gojri language and urged writers to actively participate in documenting the culture and history of the Gujar and Bakarwal communities.

Prof M K Waqar, in his address, underlined the richness of Gojri literary and musical traditions. He commended the consistent contributions of Gujar writers in promoting the art, craft, and literature of the community.

Mian Javed Nizami, in his presidential remarks, highlighted the contribution Hazarat Baba Ji Sahib Mian Abdullah Larvi (RA) and the Lar

Darbar for promotion of Gojri language and literature. He reiterated the long-standing demand for the inclusion of Gojri in the Eighth Schedule of

the Constitution of India.

Notable presenters included , Haji Abdul Haq, Master Ibraheem, Bashir Khaki, Kareem Darhalvi, Yaseen Naz, Tariq Fahim, Shokat Naseem, Mehmood Chouhan, among others. A special segment of Gojri music performances was also held during the event, featuring soulful presentations by Sadaqat Bajran - a prominent singer. The conference concluded with a Gojri Mushaira, jointly presided over by M K Waqar.

# SMVDU holds awareness campaign on ‘Prevention of Sexual Harassment’

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KATRA: Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized an Awareness Campaign on "Prevention of Sexual Harassment" at SMVDU. The main objective of this event was to enhance the awareness about constitutes of sexual harassment, better understanding of individual responsibility, rights and the available redressal mechanisms towards prevention of such crimes. The formal welcome address of the programme was delivered by Dr. Kakali Majumdar, Presiding Officer, ICC, SMVDU. The event was graced by Dr. M. Sharada Potukuchi , former Presiding Officer, ICC, other distinguished faculty members, staff members, scholars and students. In this Campaign different dimension of sexual harassment was elucidated by the speakers. Sexual harassment can be of different forms-ver-

bal, non-verbal, physical and digital. These types of unwanted activities create long-lasting emotional, psychological, and professional impact on survivors. The speakers also highlighted the role of the ICC, legal provisions, complaint mechanisms, and the importance of confidentiality and empathy while handling such cases. Prevention is better than cure; this point was emphasized in this campaign. Both male and female students were debated on a burning topic "Are false accusations of sexual harassment significantly affecting the credibility of genuine survivors?". It was clarified that false cases are rare, while fair inquiry and due process remain essential. The session was highly interactive. The organizing committee of the event comprised of Dr. Archana Purwar, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Ritu Sharma, Akshay Raj, members from ICC and the student volunteers from NSS, SMVDU.

# Cross Swords Gunners inspire future leaders about Career Guidance

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JAMMU: Cross Swords Gunners, in association with the Indian Armed Forces, successfully conducted an engaging Career Guidance Program at Government Higher Secondary School, Chowki Chowra. The session, themed "Intro to a Life Less Ordinary," aimed at encouraging young minds to explore the diverse officer entry pathways into the Indian Armed Forces. The program provided students with a unique opportunity to learn about the values of honour, discipline and dedicated service to the nation. Through an interactive and informative session, the students were introduced to the various avenues for joining the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force, including the National Defence Academy (NDA), Combined Defence Services (CDS) and



direct entry schemes for aspiring officers. The initiative, led by experienced military personnel, was designed to motivate and inspire students to pursue careers that not only promise personal growth but also contribute to the security and strength of the nation. It also highlighted the various challenges and rewards of a career in the armed forces, emphasizing leadership, teamwork and the sense of pride that comes with serving the country. The ses-

sion received an enthusiastic response from the students, with many expressing their keen interest in exploring military career options. Several students interacted with the speakers, seeking guidance on how to begin their journey into the forces. The program concluded with a call to action for the students to take proactive steps towards shaping their future, with the Cross Swords Gunners offering continued support and mentorship.

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