

# DSS celebrates Dogri Manyata Diwas, promotes Dogri Language in schools, colleges

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), which has consistently remained at the forefront of preserving and promoting Dogri art, culture, heritage and language, celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the inclusion of Dogri in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution as Dogri Manyata Diwas at Sabha Bhawan, Dogra Hall, Jammu. The celebration recalled the historic struggle that led to the constitutional recognition of Dogri in 2003 and reaffirmed DSS's commitment to further strengthen the language.

MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The programme began with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by a welcome address by DSS President Col Karan Singh, who stressed the importance



MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi and others releasing a book.

of the Dogri language and highlighted growing youth interest through social media. He urged Dogri lovers to contribute quality literature in their mother tongue to ensure its growth and popularity.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi paid rich tributes to Th. Gulchain Singh Charak for successfully leading the decades-long struggle for Dogri's inclusion in the

Eighth Schedule. He emphasized that a language flourishes when its usage base expands, especially among the younger generation.

As a unique initiative, DSS organized a declamation contest on the topic "Dogri Bhasha Kal, Aaj te Kal - Elkk Manthan" with participation from various schools and colleges. A.K. Angurana (IAS) served as Chief Judge, while

Prof. Anita Billawria and Uma Katal were Co-Judges. Winners were awarded separately in school and college categories.

Chief Electoral Officer J&K, Sanjeev Verma (IAS), in his motivational address, applauded DSS efforts and called for promoting Dogri through educational institutions. He urged people to communicate in their mother tongue, stating that respect for language is essential for preserving culture and civilization.

The occasion also witnessed the felicitation of eminent personalities, including Padma Shri awardees and renowned Dogri scholars, for their outstanding contribution to Dogri language, literature and culture.

Working President DSS, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, recalled the historic struggle and demanded an independent Dogri Academy, implementation of NEP 2020 provisions on regional languages, and a dedicated Dogri satellite channel. The event concluded with a vibrant cultural programme and a vote of thanks by Gen. Secretary Adv. H.C. Jalmeria.

# Sanskrit name plate installed at Citizens' Cooperative Bank by SKJVS Trust

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In an initiative for the preservation and promotion of Sanskrit, Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust installed a Sanskrit name plate at the Head Office of Citizens' Cooperative Bank, Panama Chowk, making it the world's first bank to adopt such a measure. The move aims to integrate India's cultural heritage and values into public and financial institutions.



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The programme was graced by DIG Dr. Koshal Sharma, who described Sanskrit as the soul of India and a foundational pillar of knowledge, philosophy, science, yoga, Ayurveda, and culture. He lauded the Trust and the bank for promoting Sanskrit in public life, emphasizing its role in connecting the younger generation with their cultural roots.

SP Operations and Cyber Crime, Kameshwar Puri, highlighted that Sanskrit embodies ethics, discipline, and social harmony, and its integration into public spaces fosters moral values and positive thinking. He termed the initiative exem-

plary and urged other institutions to follow suit.

Parveen Sharma, Chairman of Citizens' Cooperative Bank, stated that the bank is committed not only to financial services but also to social, cultural, and moral responsibilities. He said the Sanskrit name plate enhances the bank's dignified identity and promotes respect for the language.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Trust and State Awardee Jyotishacharya, underscored Sanskrit's richness, including the Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas, Ramayana, Mahabharata, and Ayurveda.

He emphasized the Trust's mission to integrate Sanskrit into daily life, administration, and public spaces. In a symbolic gesture, Mahant Rohit Shastri also became a primary member of the bank, opening an account at the New Plot branch.

The programme was attended by senior officials including Charanjit Singh Raina, MD Ravi Kant, Sanjeev Lamba, Sukhjeet Singh, M. L. Verma, Prabodh Sharma, Rajeev Jandial, Tarsem Gupta, Sanjeev Khajuria, along with office bearers of the Trust, Sanskrit enthusiasts, and eminent citizens.

# LG reviews progress of PM TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan in J&K



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chairing a high-level meeting at Jammu.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at a high-level meeting on Saturday, reviewed the implementation and progress of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan in the UT of Jammu Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health and Medical Education; Baseer UI Haq Chaudhary, Mission Director; NHM J&K; Deputy Commissioners; Heads of Medical & Health institutions and departments and other senior officials. The Lieutenant Governor reaffirmed the UT Administration's commitment to the national goal of tuberculosis elimination.

He emphasised on conducting a deep analysis of TB-related cases, and treatment outcomes. He called for seamless inter-departmental coordination and a robust community-based support system to ensure no patient is left behind.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Health Department and District Administrations to ramp-up testing and prioritizing the mapping of vulnerable populations.

He further directed for intensifying Door to

Door IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) campaign to educate the public on symptoms, diagnostics, and the availability of treatment.

District Administrations were directed to adopt best practices to achieve the goal of TB Mukht Jammu Kashmir and TB Mukht Bharat.

The meeting also discussed the District-wise status of Treatment Outcome, Presumptive TB Testing Rate, TB Case Notification & Drug-resistant TB Cases, Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY) Status, Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative, saturation of Ayushman Bharat Golden cards with special focus on covering all TB patients, incentivisation of ASHAs, implementation of One Patient - One Ni-kshay Mitra' model, procurements of treatment and testing equipment.

It was informed that J&K has achieved the 99% coverage (28,62,686 individuals) in Vulnerable Population.

Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health and Medical Education gave a detailed presentation on performance of Jammu Kashmir on various Parameters under National TB Elimination Programme. He also presented an Action Taken Report on directives passed in the previous meeting.

# Zorawar slams Congress for "false narrative" on Special Intensive Revision

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP spokesperson Zorawar Singh Jamwal today launched a scathing attack on the Congress and its alliance partners, accusing them of spreading a "false and misleading narrative" across the country over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.



J&K BJP spokesperson Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others at a meeting.

While addressing senior party leaders at party District headquarters, Reasi, Zorawar Singh Jamwal alleged that the opposition's campaign against SIR stems from political frustration following repeated electoral setbacks.

District BJP President, Reasi, Rohit Dubey, MLA, SMVD, Katra, Baldev Sharma, MLA, Reasi, Kuldeep Raj Dubey, DDC Katra, Rajinder Mengi, DDC, Arnas, Abdul Rashid, party's Mandal and Moreha presidents attended the meeting and expressed their viewpoints. In his address, Zorawar Singh Jamwal high-

lighted that the Congress has become "politically bankrupt" after the people's mandate has consistently gone against it and its allies. "Instead of introspection, Congress is misleading the people by raising baseless slogans like 'Vote Chor'," he said, adding that the party has failed to answer serious questions related to its own past.

Zorawar Singh Jamwal questioned how Jawaharlal Nehru became the first Prime Minister of India despite having the support of only two votes out of a total of 30, and

asked the Congress to justify the controversial 1971 election of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He recalled that the election was challenged in the Allahabad High Court, which delivered a verdict against Indira Gandhi. "Rather than apologising to the nation, the Congress leadership imposed the Emergency, which amounted to the murder of democracy," Jamwal alleged, remarking that it was a classic case of "chor machaye shor".

Clarifying the BJP's stand on SIR, Zorawar Singh

asserted that the exercise is neither new nor a BJP initiative. "Special Intensive Revision is a regular, constitutionally mandated process under the law framed under the stewardship of Bharat Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar," he said. He pointed out that the first SIR was carried out in 1952 when Jawaharlal Nehru was Prime Minister and continued during the tenures of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, V P Singh and P V Narasimha Rao, all from the Congress party.

He further stated that SIR

was conducted only once during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government between 2002 and 2004, which, according to him, exposes the "hollowness" of the Congress and INDIA bloc's allegations. "They have nothing substantial to offer the people and are therefore manufacturing fake narratives," Jamwal said.

Accusing the Congress of avoiding discussions, Zorawar Singh Jamwal said the BJP has consistently participated in debates on SIR, both in Parliament and in public, while the Congress has been "running away" from meaningful engagement. Reiterating the BJP's agenda, he said the party believes in "Nation First" and is committed to the policy of "Detect, Delete and Deport" infiltrators.

"We will not allow illegal infiltrators, who were repeatedly patronised and even facilitated during Congress rule, to threaten the country's security," he asserted.

# JKFA protests exclusion of Jammu players from Santosh Trophy team, demands judicial enquiry

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Members of the Jammu and Kashmir Football Association (JKFA), Jammu, on Saturday expressed deep concern and anguish over the shocking exclusion of even a single player from the Jammu region in the recently selected J&K team for the Santosh Trophy Football Championship being held in Punjab.

Addressing a press conference, JKFA members led by Surinder Singh Bunty, Advocate and former Treasurer of JKFA, along with senior members Kuldeep Singh, Narinder Gupta, Mohan Lal, Charanpreet Singh Bagga, David Burrat, Moon Stephen, and others, strongly condemned the selection process, terming it biased, unprecedented, and



Former Treasurer JKFA, Surinder Singh Bunty talking to reporters at Jammu.

unacceptable. They unanimously demanded a judicial enquiry into the entire selection episode and categorically rejected the newly constituted enquiry committee, objecting to the inclusion of certain members whose credibility and neutrality, they said, were

been held for the last seven years. They highlighted the acute shortage of infrastructure, qualified coaches, and trainers, which has resulted in a steady decline in young footballing talent in the region. Clarifying the role of the J&K Sports Council, the members stated that it is only a funding and monitoring body and has no role in team selection, which remains the sole prerogative of the concerned sports association. However, they alleged that the current selection list includes a majority of players from "blue-eyed" clubs linked to Sports Council officials.

Emphasizing JKFA's legacy since its inception in 1962, the members said the association has always maintained regional balance without compromising merit, even during the peak

militancy period. Mr. Bunty termed the present situation unfortunate and demanded immediate elections of the JKFA general body to revive football activities.

Highlighting Jammu's rich football heritage, they recalled that the region has produced 11 international players, several departmental players, and notable victories, including J&K's win over Mohun Bagan in 2011 at GGM Science College, Jammu.

The JKFA appealed to the government to restore football's past glory by providing modern infrastructure, more AstroTurf grounds, recruiting coaches, conducting immediate JKFA elections, organizing leagues and state championships, and ordering a judicial enquiry into the selection process.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Sanskrit, University of Jammu, organized a two-day National Seminar at the Kshemendra Auditorium, focusing on the theme "The Position and Relevance of the Schools of Mimamsa Darshana in the Light of the Indian Knowledge System." The seminar aimed to explore the philosophical, ethical, and practical significance of Mimamsa Darshana in contemporary times. Mimamsa Darshana is one of the classical Vedic systems of Indian philosophy that emphasizes dharma, karma, and yajna. Sage Jainini is regarded as the founder of this school, with the Jainini Sutras beginning with the aphorism "Athato Dharma Jijnasa."

The system highlights action (karma) as central to ethical living and elaborates its epistemology through six pramanas: pratyaksha (perception), anumana (inference), upamana (comparison), sabda (verbal testimony), arthapatti (postulation), and anupalabdhii (non-cognition). The Sabara Bhasya occupies a significant place in



Prof. Neelu Rohmetra felicitating a dignitary.

Mimamsa literature, while the Bhatta, Guru, and Misra traditions are considered its major schools.

The inaugural session commenced with Vedic chanting and Saraswati Vandana, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and floral tributes to Goddess Saraswati. The event was graced by Prof. Murli Manohar Pathak, Vice-Chancellor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, as the Chief Guest. Prof. Bhagvat Sharan Shukla of Banaras Hindu University was the Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker, while Prof. Om Nath Bimali, former Head of the Department of Sanskrit and Hindu Studies, University of Delhi, attended as Special Guest. Prof. Neelu Rohmetra,

Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu, presided over the session, with Prof. Sushma Devi also present on the dais.

In her address, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra highlighted the practical relevance of Mimamsa philosophy, emphasizing karma as the foundation of ethical and disciplined living. She noted that its principles can help address contemporary moral and social challenges by promoting integrity, accountability, and responsible conduct. Prof. Ram Bahadur, Head, Department of Sanskrit, outlined the objectives of the seminar and underscored the contribution of Mimamsa to the Indian Knowledge Tradition. Faculty members, scholars, and students actively participated in the inaugural session.

# Police public meeting held at Bhour Camp SP South emphasises vigilance, digital awareness & community partnership

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu Police, South Zone on Saturday organized a Police-Public Meeting at Bhour Camp, Ward No. 1, under the leadership of SP South, Dr Ajay Sharma accompanied by SDPO South, SHO Police Station Satwari, and Incharge Police Post Gadigarh.

During the interaction, the officer addressed local residents on a range of important issues concerning public safety, crime prevention, and civic responsibility. The participants were sensitised about the importance of tenant verification and were informed about the launch of a dedicated web portal by Jammu Police to facilitate online tenant verification, aimed



SP Jammu South, Dr Ajay Sharma being honoured.

at ensuring transparency and strengthening security. The gathering was also made aware of the increasing instances of online and cyber frauds, particularly through emails and phone calls. Citizens were strongly advised not to share OTPs, bank details, or personal information with unknown callers and to immediately

report any suspicious activity to the police. Keeping in view the prevailing security scenario, the public was urged to remain vigilant and maintain a sharp lookout in their surroundings. The importance of police-public partnership was emphasised, highlighting that public cooperation plays a crucial

role in maintaining peace and thwarting anti-national and criminal activities.

A detailed discussion was held on the collective role of parents, society, public, and police in guiding youth, preventing crime, and creating a secure social environment. Citizens were encouraged to install CCTV cameras at strategic locations to enhance surveillance and assist police investigations. They were also advised not to disturb the scene of crime and to inform the police immediately in case of any untoward incident.

To help improve the conviction rate of criminals, the public was motivated to come forward as witnesses before police and courts, assuring them of all legal support and protection.

Residents were further advised to ensure alert and proper parking of vehicles to prevent misuse by criminals or anti-national elements. The participants were cautioned to verify revenue and legal documents thoroughly during property transactions to avoid future disputes and litigation. They were also warned against visa-related frauds and advised not to make payments to unauthorised agents, as several such fraud cases have recently come to notice.

The meeting concluded with an assurance from officer that the police remain committed to public safety and welcome active cooperation from citizens to build a safer and crime-free society.

# B R Kundal releases book on Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: An executive and advisory committee meeting of the Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Akademy (BDSA), Jammu and Kashmir was held today at the Academy's headquarters in Roopnagar, Jammu, under the chairmanship of Sh. B. R. Kundal, President of the Academy and former Chief Secretary of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting commenced with heartfelt congratulations to R. L. Bhagat, recently awarded the Babu Parmanand Award by BDSA, New Delhi, in recognition of his dedicated service and significant contributions toward the upliftment and empowerment of marginalized communities.

On this occasion, B. R. Kundal formally released two books-English and Hindi versions- authored by renowned writer Er. H. R. Phounsai, based on "The Saga of Revolution and

Renaissance of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar".

The book release was followed by an in-depth discussion on various organizational and administrative matters concerning the effective functioning and future activities of the Academy.

Prominent members who attended the meeting included Sewa Dass Digra, Mohan Lal Hans, Nagarmal, M. L. Thappa, Harbans Lal, Laj Ram, Rajesh Angral, R. L. Bhagat, Jarnail Singh, and Dr. Rakesh Kumar Atri.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair, appreciating the continued guidance, vision, and leadership of B. R. Kundal in promoting the ideals and legacy of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

The meeting reinforced the Academy's commitment to literary and cultural initiatives that highlight social justice, equality, and empowerment of marginalized communities in line with Ambedkar's philosophy.