

# Minister Rana advocates opening of Centre for tribal languages in JU

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JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs Javed Ahmed Rana, on Monday advocated opening of Tribal Languages Centre in Jammu University during a thought provoking seminar that delved into the intriguing reciprocal relationship between Gojri and Urdu languages.

The event provided valuable insights on the beautiful exchange of words, phrases and cultural nuances. The proposed Centre would provide a platform for research, documentation and promotion of tribal languages in J&K.

The Minister was addressing a mammoth gathering after inaugurating the seminar which was organised by JKAACL and



Tribal Affairs Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana speaking at a programme at University of Jammu.

Department of Urdu, Jammu University.

The inaugural function was presided over by Professor Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu while Professor Shohab Inayat Malik, HOD Urdu, University of Jammu and Dr. Javaid Rahi, Divisional Head JKAACL besides renowned researchers were also present in the presidium.

In his address, the Minister applauded the

department of Urdu for organising the seminar on a vital topic. He described Gojri as one of the main languages of J&K being spoken by large chunk of population. Urdu has not only influenced Gojri but also the other languages which are being spoken in J&K, he added.

Tracing the history of Gojri, the Minister also quoted some examples from Mahabarat and Ramyan where Gojri words

have been used. While discussing the cultural heritage of Gujjars, the Minister discussed rich cultural heritage of Gujjar culture and informed that Urdu too has been influenced by Gujjar culture, language and civilisation. He further said that since the language is spoken and written by a large number of people of J&K, therefore, Gujjar and Pahari cultural centres need to be established in University of Jammu for which he offered full support from Tribal department of the Government. He also advocated constitution of a Research Committee which could make research on the life, culture and language of Gujjars throughout the world. Professor Umesh Rai announced that interviews for the post of Gojri

and Dogri which has been already advertised would be conducted soon. He added that Pahari and Gojri centre would also be made functional shortly by the University of Jammu. He also threw light on the DYD degree being offered by the University of Jammu.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Professor Shohab Inayat Malik, HOD Urdu, highlighted the development of Urdu and Gojri language in the region. He informed that both the languages have close relationship whether it is cultural or social. Urdu has produced good literature having a large number of respectable material while Gojri writers and poets are also contributing to the language by writing prose and poetry.

# HAY Healthcare organizes free dental camp at Ashraful Uloom

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HYDERPORA: HAY Healthcare organized a free dental camp at Ashraful Uloom, Hyderpora, Srinagar providing essential oral healthcare services to the community.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness about dental hygiene and offer free consultations and treatments to individuals who may not have access to regular dental care.

The camp was attended by dental specialists namely Dr. Mohammad Arif Lone, Dr. Gounsia Amin, Umar Mukhtar, and Fida Hussain.

Throughout the camp, hundreds of patients both from within and outside J&K benefited from free dental check-ups, oral hygiene counseling, and basic treat-



Doctors along with children during a camp.

ments. The participating doctors emphasized the importance of preventive dental care, early detection of oral diseases, and maintaining good oral hygiene.

Speaking on the occasion, the organizing team at HAY Healthcare expressed their commitment to community health and outreach programs.

They highlighted the need for regular dental check-ups and assured continued efforts in providing healthcare access to underserved populations.

HAY Healthcare plans to organize more such health camps in the future to ensure better oral and general healthcare awareness across the region.

# Site inspection for forest area involved in Transmission System for evacuation of Power held



CVPP & PGCIL officials during site inspection.

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JAMMU: In another significant development, the Site Inspection for the Forest Area of 69.355 Ha involved for Implementation of Transmission System for

evacuation of Power from Pakal Dul (1000 MW), Kiru (624 MW) and Kwar (540 MW) Hydro Electric Projects of CVPP which involves Construction of 400 kV, D/C, Triple HTLS Transmission Lines having length around 37 Kms shall be completed in line with Commissioning Schedule of these Hydro Projects.

before accord of Forest Clearance. The Site Inspection of aforesaid Transmission System was accompanied by Officers of CVPP & PGCIL.

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# Centre committed to welfare, prosperity of J&K people: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Reaffirming the commitment of the Central Government towards the holistic development of Jammu and Kashmir, Vikram Randhawa, senior BJP leader and MLA Bahu Constituency, on Monday inaugurated the newly constructed lane and drain project at Sanjay Nagar, with a total estimated cost of Rs 37 lakh. Speaking on the occasion, Randhawa emphasized the Modi government's unwavering focus on ensuring better road connectivity and improved civic amenities for the residents. He stated that infrastructure development remains a top priority under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a prosperous and



MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa inaugurating newly constructed lane and drain project on Monday.

self-reliant Jammu and Kashmir. The development work was inaugurated in the presence of official Manjot Pal (AE), Ritika (Mandal President), Narinder Gupta (Kuki), Balbir Singh, Sushant, and several other prominent citizens. Expressing gratitude to the

local administration for expediting the work, Randhawa assured that similar projects will be undertaken across the constituency to enhance urban infrastructure. Addressing the gathering, Randhawa stated that the BJP-led government is committed to

transforming Jammu & Kashmir through better infrastructure, employment opportunities, and welfare schemes. He urged people to actively participate in development initiatives and assured them of continued efforts in resolving their grievances. He further

added that under the leadership of PM Modi, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed unprecedented growth, with a special focus on road connectivity, drainage systems, water supply, and electricity. The MLA also took stock of various ongoing projects in the area and directed officials to complete pending works within stipulated timelines.

Randhawa reiterated that BJP remains dedicated to the welfare of the people, and every effort will be made to uplift the living standards of the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir.

He assured that more such developmental initiatives are in the pipeline to cater to the growing needs of the residents.

# Samvedna Society organizes Eye-cum-General Health check-up camp

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JAMMU: Chairman of Samvedna Society, Keshav Chopra, organized the 92nd Free Eye Screening and General Health Check-Up Camp at Baby Caterer, Rehari, Jammu. The camp was held in collaboration with K.D. Multispeciality Hospital, Jammu, under the leadership of Dr. J.P. Singh.

A total of 107 patients received free-of-cost treatment, including Refraction, NCT, AR Check-Up, and Vision Check-Up by an expert team of doctors. Additionally, free blood sugar and blood pressure tests were conducted, and medicines were provided at no cost to the



Doctors examining patients at a camp.

patients. Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Chopra emphasized that the camp aimed to raise awareness about health, hygiene, and overall wellness.

He highlighted the commitment of the Samvedna team towards community service and improving healthcare accessibility. Keshav further reaffirmed

his dedication to providing quality healthcare facilities at people's doorsteps and announced that more free health camps would be organized in the future to benefit the underprivileged sections of society.

The event was attended by Dharamveer Chopra, Prof. S.P. Chopra, Dr. Neha Sharma (Physician), Dr. Adil Ajaz (Medical Officer), Dept. of Ophthalmology), Dinesh Kumar, Palak, Kajal, Upasana, Ankur, Shazia, Sanya Farooq, Anju Chopra, Manoj Tandon, Sourav Gupta, Abhishek Gupta, Vikas Kumar, Ashish, and several other volunteers and dignitaries.

# Rajesh Gupta appointed as President of VHP J&K

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh Unit Vishwa Hindu Parishad has announced the appointment of Rajesh Gupta as the President of its Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh unit.

This decision was made at the Central Working Committee meeting held at Mahakumbh kshetr Prayag Raj by Bajrang Lal Bagra, Central General Secretary in the presence of dignitaries including Dattarey Hosbole Sar Karyavah RSS, Dinesh Chander Mukhya Sanghrakshak VHP, and Alok Kumar International President VHP, Milind Parande Kendriye Sangathan



Mantri, Vinayak Raut Seh Sangathan Mantri, Dr Surendra Jain Jt General Secretary and all central office bearers.

In the meeting of Central Working Committee, VHP delegates from over twenty countries were also present

in the meeting besides senior office bearers from all state units from all over Bharat.

Rajesh Gupta has been associated with VHP for over a decade and has served as the Working President of the Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh unit for the past six years.

His dedication, leadership skills, and commitment to the organization have earned him the prestigious role.

Rajesh Gupta has worked in various capacities in Sangh ideological organisations in the past. He played important role in 2008 Shri Amarnathji land row and later served as State unit

Vice President in BJP before shifting to VHP in 2013.

Gupta has worked tirelessly to promote Hindu pilgrimages, develop pilgrimage tourism, and address issues related to the persecution of Hindus in terror-infested areas. His contributions have been recognized and appreciated by various stakeholders.

Under Gupta's leadership, VHP Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh unit aims to further strengthen its presence in the region, promote Hindu values, and work towards the welfare of the Hindu society. Rajesh Bhasin Press Secretary.

# CUJ organizes Expert Talk on "Role of IEEE to Enhance Academic and Professional Growth"

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JAMMU: The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, organized an expert talk on the "Role of IEEE to Enhance Academic and Professional Growth."

The event, co-sponsored by the Standing Membership Development Committee-2025, IEEE Delhi Section.

The session was conducted under the mentorship of Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Head of the CSE Department, with coordination by Dr. Suresh Linakar, activity coordinator and faculty member. It was held at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, with Ramneek Karla, an



CUJ faculty honouring Ramneek Karla, an Execom member of IEEE Delhi Section.

Execom member of IEEE Delhi Section and IEEE Impact Creator, as the keynote speaker. Karla shared valuable insights into the global impact of IEEE and its many advantages for students and professionals.

Karla discussed IEEE's vision, services, and the numerous benefits it offers, particularly to students. He emphasized the importance

of being an IEEE student member, which provides opportunities to collaborate on projects, publish research papers, and connect with a global network of like-minded individuals. These opportunities can lead to internships, job prospects, and valuable collaborations that bridge the gap between academia and industry. The event was attended by a diverse audi-

ence, including CSE students and faculty members, providing them with a comprehensive understanding of how IEEE can serve as a catalyst for academic and professional growth.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain commended the CSE department for organizing such a valuable event, stressing the importance of holistic student development.

Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, encouraged students to participate in similar events and foster innovation. Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Head of CSE, expressed gratitude for the support and reaffirmed the department's commitment to organizing events promoting academic excellence and professional collaboration.

# SBI distributes Sanitary Pad Vending Machines across Multiple Schools in various districts of J&K

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JAMMU: In a significant step towards promoting menstrual hygiene and ensuring accessibility to sanitary products, 10 sanitary pad vending machines were distributed across different branches of State Bank of India (SBI) in various districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

The three vending machines were installed at Model Higher Secondary School, Kishtwar by Kishtwar Helipad Branch, while Bhadarwah Udrana



SBI officials distributing sanitary pad vending machines.

Branch installed two vending machines at Girls Higher Secondary School, Bhadarwah and Udhampur Shiv Nagar Branch installed three vending machines at Girls Higher Secondary School, Udhampur besides Ramnagar Branch installed two vending machines at Girls Higher Secondary School, Ramnagar. The initiative aims to empower young girls by providing easy access to sanitary products, thus breaking taboos sur-

rounding menstrual hygiene and promoting awareness. The State Bank of India emphasized its commitment to menstrual health and hygiene by ensuring such facilities reach educational institutions, where young girls can benefit the most.

This initiative has been widely appreciated by students, teachers, and social activists, who lauded the efforts of the State Bank of India in fostering health, hygiene, and dignity for women and young girls.

Mata, and Swami Kashi Bub Ji.

The grand religious event culminated today at the newly constructed Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj Trust Ashram at Rajinder Nagar Extension, adjacent to Sharda Mata Trust, Bantalab, Jammu.

The pooja began on February 5 with a traditional Kalash Poojan, conducted by five priests, alongside five yajmans and their spouses.

The Trust announced that moving forward, it will actively engage in social and religious activities while keeping the Ashram premises open to the public.

The newly constructed infrastructure, though partially completed, includes a Hawan Mandap, Idols Kaksha, two kitchens, washrooms, a storeroom, and essential facilities like drinking water. During the three-day pooja, hundreds of

devotees of Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj participated, and Prasad was served daily. On the final day, the continuous Yagya commenced in the morning and concluded with Purnahuti, following proper Vedic rituals.

A large gathering of devotees attended the event, seeking blessings from the deities whose idols were installed in the Ashram premises.

Swami Kumar Ji of Geeta Sat Sangh Ashram, Muthi, appreciated the efforts of the Hugam Baradari and devotees for initiating the construction of the Ashram.

B.L. Dhar, Committee Head, and Bhola Nath Dhar, General Secretary, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Hugam Baradari, Hugam daughters, and followers of Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj for their monetary support in making the Ashram project a success.