

JNU holds seminar on life, legacy of Masud Choudhary

Javed recalls Dr Choudhary's contribution in creation of a just, inclusive society

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NEW DELHI: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana on Friday stated that the vision of Dr Masud Ahmed Choudhary transcended narrow identities and parochial politics, advocating for creation of a just and inclusive society.

He was speaking during a seminar titled "Inclusive Approach to the Tribal Identity of Jammu and Kashmir - A Tribute Honouring the Life and Legacy of Dr Masud Ahmed Choudhary", organised by the Centre of Excellence for Tribal Studies, Jawaharlal



Forest Minister Javed Ahmed Rana speaking in a seminar at New Delhi on Friday.

Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

Rana, who was special guest on the occasion, said that Dr Choudhary was an embodi-

ment of a fight against the narrow politics of caste and tribe. "He strived all his life to build an inclusive society free from caste, class, ethnic and reli-

gious discrimination based on equality and fraternity. He was an outstanding leader and a staunch crusader for the rights of down-trodden and backward sections of the society", maintained the Minister.

The Minister, while paying tributes to the legend, remembered Dr. Choudhary as a guiding force and a visionary who worked with conviction and dedication all his life for the upliftment of the marginalized. "He fought for his people and his community to make their dream of living with dignity, a reality.

We are indebted to his service for shaping our understanding of the past, present and future," he said while expressing gratitude to the JNU for hosting the seminar.

Calling him an icon of social reform and education, Rana said that it would be a befitting tribute to carry forward the legacy of a personality who played a pivotal role in founding institutions like Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) and Gurjar Desh Charitable Trust (GDCT) that are positively impacting thousands of lives.

During the seminar, speakers including Member of Parliament, Ghulam Ali Khatana besides the Professors, paid rich tributes to Dr Choudhary and described him as a scholar par excellence, able administrator having high literary ability who created a sense of self respect, importance and confidence in the weaker sections of the society.

Chairman JKGB unveils diary of Jammu-Jhelum Infra Services

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JAMMU: Sanjay Gupta Chairman (J&K Grameen Bank) on Friday unveiled diary of Jammu-Jhelum Infra Services at JKGB Head office, Narwal, Jammu.

Laqsh Chhibber and Pervinder Singh two young civil engineers have started their own venture under start up mission instead of looking for government jobs.

They are empaneled valuer (Land & Building) of all major banks and have offices at all district head-quarter of Jammu provision. They are providing jobs to unemployed youths of the remote areas.

The diary serves as a tool to showcase their area of specified services being offered as engineers with



Sanjay Gupta Chairman (J&K Grameen Bank) and others unveiling diary of Jammu-Jhelum Infra Services.

transparency and commitment of finalizing reports with all compliance in mind.

Chairman JKGB, applauded them for the launch of this startup in

civil engineering sector in UT of J&K. Further he said vision of young and dynamic entrepreneurs like you are truly inspiring. He wished them great success in the future.

ANTF Jammu organizes drug awareness program at HSS Purkhoo Camp



SSP ANTF, Raj Kumar addressing the students in Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) team of Jammu conducted an awareness program on drug abuse at Higher Secondary School (HSS), Purkhoo Camp.

The event witnessed the participation of around 150 students and staff members, aiming to educate the youth about the dangers of drug addiction and preventive measures.

SSP ANTF, Raj Kumar, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of awareness in curbing the drug menace. He urged students to

stay away from drugs and actively engage in sports and other constructive activities as a preventive measure against substance abuse. The attendees were encouraged to share any information about drug peddlers and smugglers with law enforcement agencies to facilitate legal action.

Furthermore, students were advised to spread awareness among their peer groups, creating a ripple effect in society to combat drug addiction.

The initiative reinforced the collective responsibility of individuals and communities in eradicating the drug menace and ensuring a healthier future for the youth.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party, President, Sat Sharma, along with former Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Nirmal Singh, chaired a meeting to discuss and finalise the upcoming "Atal Virasat Sammelan" programmes to be organised in Jammu & Kashmir in March.

Sat Sharma, while speaking in the meeting, highlighted the significance of the "Atal Virasat Sammelan". He emphasized that the programmes in this regard, are to be dedicated to celebrating the memories of Atal ji in Jammu and Kashmir, besides, highlighting values and vision of Atal Bihari



Senior BJP leaders during the meeting at party headquarters.

Vajpayee, who was instrumental in shaping India's modern political and economic landscape.

Sharma reiterated that the events would focus on Vajpayee's contributions to J&K, particularly his efforts for cordial relations with Pakistan and in fostering peace, development, and good governance.

He shared that the programmes will be organized in every district of Jammu & Kashmir, ensuring widespread participation of senior citizens, scholars, intellectuals, and social representatives. The initiative aims to reinforce the values of democracy, national unity, and inclusive development. Moreover, the events will fea-

Interactive sessions mark Day-2 of Capacity Building in Innovative Pedagogy for NEP 2020 Implementation

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JAMMU: The second day of the three-day workshop on Capacity Building in Innovative Pedagogy for Implementation of NEP 2020 witnessed engaging and insightful sessions focused on multidisciplinary learning, experiential education, and collaborative project-based learning. Organized by the Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) in collaboration with the Skill Incubation Innovation Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC), the workshop continues to equip faculty members with modern pedagogical



Resource person delivering lecture during the programme.

tools aligned with NEP 2020.

The day commenced with an interactive session on Design Your Degree (DYD) - Concept and Implementation, conducted by Dr. Mohd. Saleem Mir. The session highlighted the flexibility of curriculum design,

multidisciplinary learning, and skill development in alignment with NEP 2020's vision. Participants engaged in discussions on student-centric learning approaches, emphasizing holistic and skill-oriented education while fostering

innovation to prepare students for the evolving professional landscape. The second session, Experiential and Project-Based Learning in NEP 2020, was led by Dr. J. S. Purohit, Associate Professor, CIC University of Delhi. This session focused on innovative teaching methodologies, emphasizing practical learning and critical thinking. Discussions revolved around empowering students to develop unique solutions, explore diverse career paths, and embrace entrepreneurship. The importance of mentorship, project trajectory, and inclusivity in classrooms was also highlighted, reinforcing the need for an adaptive and student-centric learning environment. The final session of the second day featured a Group Activity on Project Designing, facilitated by Prof. Shobha Bagai, Prof. Jyoti Sharma, Dr. J. S. Purohit, and Dr. Saleem Mir. Participants collaborated on a Project Writing Exercise, fostering teamwork, problem-solving, and the practical application of knowledge-key elements of the NEP 2020 framework. The workshop, inaugurated by

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on February 20, 2025, is specifically designed for faculty members of the Design Your Degree (DYD) Program. The initiative aims to equip educators with innovative teaching methodologies that align with NEP 2020 and the DYD program's goals. By emphasizing experiential learning, interactivity, and hands-on training, the workshop promotes reflection and the practical application of knowledge over traditional theoretical approaches. Participants are exploring the importance of incorporating real-world experiences and practical exercises into their pedagogy, fostering holistic learning and skill development among students.

The workshop continues to provide valuable insights into transforming education through innovation, flexibility, and experiential learning. By empowering educators with modern pedagogical strategies, the initiative aligns with the vision of NEP 2020, ensuring that teaching methodologies evolve to meet the needs of a dynamic and globalized academic landscape.

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JAMMU: The Department of Linguistics and Literature, School of Humanities and Liberal Arts, Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) organized Bhartiya Bhasha Sammelan on the occasion of International Mother Language Day on Friday.

The event was graced by Registrar Cluster University of Jammu, Ankur Mahajan as chief guest and Om Prakash Vidyarthi eminent environmentalist and poet as special Invitee.

The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries followed by a welcome address by Dr. Reena Salaria, Head, Department of Linguistics and Literature, School of Humanities & Liberal Arts, Cluster University of Jammu.

The concept note was delivered by Dr. Monika Sharma, Dean, School of Humanities and Liberal Arts in which she laid emphasis on the need and importance of preserving and promoting local languages of Jammu & Kashmir.

Around Forty students from the constituent colleges of Cluster University i.e MAM



Registrar Cluster University of Jammu, Ankur Mahajan along with others during the event.

College, PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar, GGM Science College, SPMR College of Commerce and GDC Akhnoor, GDC Kunjwani, GDC Bishnah, GDC Sidhra and GDC Paloura participated in the event with zeal and deliberated on the topic in their mother tongue wearing dresses representing their cultures.

The Best speaker of the event was won by Shivani from GDC Bishnah and first runner up prize went to Mohd. Owais from MAM College and Second runner up was bagged by Ujwal Thakur from GGM Science College.

The Adujucator of the event were Prof. Renu Nanda an eminent Academician and Prof. Ruth K Maseih, Head

Department of English, CLUJ.

The Chief Guest of the occasion, Ankur Mahajan addressed the gathering with her words of wisdom and spoke about the urgent requirement to return to our native languages in order to preserve the local languages and cultures.

Dr. O.P. Vidyarthi recited the poems highlighting the importance of the day and emphasized the role of young generation to carry forward the oral traditions of our heritage and culture.

Dr. Neha Garg, Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics & Literature, SHLA, delivered vote of thanks.

Yudhvir encourages youth to become self-reliant



MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi inaugurating Aroma Bristo (Cafe & Restaurant) at BC Road Jammu.

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JAMMU: BJP leader and MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi inaugurated Aroma Bristo (Cafe & Restaurant), a new venture by young entrepreneur Aditya Bhasin, at BC Road in Jammu. The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of prominent dignitaries, business leaders, and enthusiastic youth, all gathered to celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship and self-reliance.

On the occasion, Dr Akshay Sharma ex Corporator; BJP leaders Raman Sharma and Suresh Sargotra, Swati Sharma Mandal President

were also present.

Speaking at the event, Yudhvir Sethi lauded Aditya Bhasin's initiative and emphasized the importance of youthful entrepreneurship in shaping a progressive society. He stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat can only be realized when young individuals take the lead in establishing their businesses, generating employment, and contributing to economic growth. "The youth of Jammu and Kashmir must step forward and explore the vast opportunities in various sectors, includ-

ing hospitality, tourism, and technology. Self-reliance is the key to success, and young entrepreneurs like Aditya Bhasin serve as an inspiration for others," Sethi said. The MLA further highlighted the BJP-led government's various schemes and policies aimed at empowering youth, such as Startup India, Mudra Yojana, and Skill India Mission, which provide financial assistance and skill development opportunities to aspiring entrepreneurs. Aroma Bristo, with its inviting ambiance and diverse menu, aims to offer a unique dining experience to food lovers in Jammu. Aditya Bhasin expressed his gratitude to Yudhvir Sethi for his encouragement and assured that his venture would uphold quality service and customer satisfaction.

The event concluded with a note of appreciation from local business leaders and guests who commended the efforts of young entrepreneurs in contributing to Jammu's vibrant business landscape.

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JAMMU: The Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics at Indira Gandhi Government Dental College (IGGDC) successfully organized a Continuing Dental Education (CDE) programme on Endodontic Microsurgery. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and postgraduate students across various departments, including Conservative Dentistry, Oral Surgery, and Periodontics. A key highlight of the pro-

gramme was a live surgical demonstration of two live cases of periradicular micro-surgeries related to the management of trauma/Root Resorption/Endodontic complications through live streaming from the department of Microdentistry by Dr. Abrar Syed from Government Dental College, Mumbai. The session included online deliberations of the case regarding management alternatives, Questions answers sessions and deliberations of the treatment options in cases, live sur-

geries and post operative discussions regarding the outcome.

The event was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Azhar Malik, Professor and Head of the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics in collaboration with Dr Parveen Akhter Lone ,HOD of department of Oral and maxillofacial surgery and Dr Manik Sharma, HOD of Department of periodontics and active participation from esteemed faculty members, including Dr Ajay Kumar

Gupta,Dr Rachna Dhani,Dr Shamim Anjum,Dr Rudra kaul,Dr Ravinder Kumar Bhagat, Dr Sachin Chadgal,Dr Saksham Narainia,Dr Taniya Bhagat. The programme was also attended by Medical Superintendent Dr Sanjay Kumar Sharma and Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr Wasiq Rasool. The primary objective of the programme was to enhance the surgical skills of faculty members and postgraduate students, ultimately benefiting patient

care.Certificates of participation will be provided to all attendees recognizing their involvement in this educational program.Held free of cost, the programme carried CDE credit points as part of ongoing dental education and research initiatives. The programme was conducted under the esteemed guidance of Dr. Parveen Akhter Lone, Principal and Dean of IGGDC, who has consistently supported educational initiatives aimed at advancing surgical expertise in Dentistry.

Seminar on Union Budget held, Budget termed as public welfare-oriented

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SAMBA: A seminar on the Union Budget 2025-26 was organized at the BJP office in Sapwal.

The event was presided over by District President Asha Rani, while Incharge Jatinder Sharma conducted the proceedings.

District President Asha Rani highlighted the key features of the budget, emphasizing the benefits proposed for the poor and

middle class. She also discussed the government's vision of transforming India into a developed nation by 2047.

The chief spokesperson of the event, Arun Gupta, stated that the budget ensures holistic development and strengthens the concept of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

He remarked that the budget plays a crucial role in empowering every citizen

and praised it as inclusive and welfare-oriented.

Arun Gupta further elaborated that the budget aims to empower all sections of society. Under the new tax regime, annual incomes up to Rs 12 lakh will be exempt from income tax, providing direct relief to the middle class.

He criticized the Congress party, stating that despite ruling the country for over 50-55 years and promising



Dignitaries during the event in Jammu on Friday.

to eradicate hunger and poverty, it failed to deliver. In contrast, the Modi government has consistently worked towards eliminating hunger and poverty.

Former MLA Chander Prakash Ganga remarked that this budget lays the foundation for a brighter future for women, farmers, the poor, and the youth.

Program Incharge Jatinder Sharma asserted that this budget would

prove to be a crucial link in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mission 2047 and fulfill the aspirations of every section of society. He added that it would provide a new boost to the nation's economy. Jatinder Sharma also extended his gratitude to all BJP office bearers, leaders, and workers present at the event.

Several other BJP workers and office bearers also shared their views on the

budget, praising it as a milestone for the country's development and public welfare.

The event saw the presence of BJP OBC Morcha National Secretary Rashpal Verma, DDC Chairman Keshav Sharma, DDC Vice Chairman Balwan Singh, Organization Minister Inderjit Sharma, Co-Incharge Vikrant Gupta, and many other BJP workers and officials.