

## RSS vows to organizes various events on centenary celebrations

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JAMMU: The centenary celebrations of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) mark a significant milestone in its history, highlighting a century of unwavering dedication to societal upliftment, cultural preservation, and national service. Speaking in a press conference, Dr. Gautam Maingi, Prant Sanghchalak, remarked, "This centenary year is not just a celebration of 100 years but a reflection of our commitment to fostering unity and harmony in society. It is an opportunity to strengthen our bonds with the community and honor the values that have guided us through this journey."

Starting on Vijayadashami (2nd October 2025), the RSS will launch a door-to-door contact campaign across villages and cities in the Jammu & Kashmir province. Alongside this, events such as Hindu conferences, intellectual discus-



Dr. Gautam Maingi, Prant Sanghchalak addressing media.

sions, youth-focused programs, and gatherings aimed at fostering social harmony will take place. Literature promoting the organization's ideals and cultural values will also be distributed to encourage widespread participation. Dr. Gautam further emphasized, "These initiatives are a step towards ensuring that every individual feels a part of this collective mission of national rejuvenation."

In the recent Akhil

Bharatiya Pratimidhi Sabha meeting in Bengaluru, the RSS passed a resolution addressing the human rights violations faced by Hindus and other minority communities in Bangladesh. Highlighting these issues, Dr. Gautam stated, "The atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh are a matter of deep concern for all of humanity. It is our moral responsibility to stand with those who are persecuted and ensure their safety, dignity,

and rights are upheld."

The centenary year is also a time for gratitude and reflection. The RSS has acknowledged the selfless efforts of its volunteers, saints, and supporters over the last 100 years. Dr. Gautam expressed, "Our journey has been guided by the blessings of revered saints and the tireless dedication of volunteers who have worked silently and selflessly to uphold our vision of a united society."

On this occasion, the RSS paid tribute to Queen Abbakka of Ullal on her 500th birth anniversary.

Recognizing her courage and leadership, Dr. Gautam said, "Queen Abbakka's legacy as a fearless warrior and an extraordinary strategist inspires us all. Her dedication to protecting her kingdom and forming alliances to resist colonial forces is a reminder of the strength and resilience of Indian women."

The RSS has also set a target to expand its grassroots presence by establishing more shakhas (daily gatherings) and

Mandalis (monthly units) by Vijayadashami. With 83,129 daily shakhas nationwide, including 678 in Jammu & Kashmir, the organization is committed to fostering deeper societal engagement. "Our aim is to connect with every corner of the society and strengthen the threads of unity," Dr. Gautam noted.

As part of its cultural initiatives, the RSS has urged communities to celebrate the Bharatiya Vedic New Year on 30th March 2025, marking the start of Vikram Samvat 2082. Dr. Gautam encouraged everyone to participate, saying, "Let us come together to celebrate our rich cultural heritage, adorn our homes with the saffron flag, and create an atmosphere of joy and pride that reflects our timeless traditions."

With its centenary celebrations, the RSS reaffirms its vision of fostering national pride, cultural unity, and societal harmony, continuing its century-long legacy of selfless service and collective progress.

## MLA Randhawa inspects ongoing National Highway work

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JAMMU: MLA Bahu, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, along with SDM South, prominent dignitaries from Channi, and senior officials of APCO Infratech Pvt. Ltd., conducted a thorough inspection of the ongoing development and construction work on the National Highway. During the visit, the MLA reviewed the pace and quality of the work and instructed the officials to expedite the process without compromising on safety and engineering standards. He emphasized the importance of the project for the people of the region, highlighting how the upgraded highway would ease traffic congestion and boost connectivity and economic activities.

MLA Randhawa also interacted with local residents and commuters present at the site. He assured them that their concerns regarding road safety, traf-



MLA Bahu, Ch. Vikram Randhawa inspecting developmental works.

fic diversions, and inconvenience caused during the construction period would be addressed on priority.

Speaking to the media, Ch. Vikram Randhawa said, "The development of modern infrastructure is the backbone of progress. We are committed to ensuring that this National Highway project is completed within the stipulated time frame and becomes a lifeline for the people of Jammu and

surrounding areas."

The SDM South and the APCO Company officials assured the MLA that necessary manpower and resources have been deployed to ensure timely completion of the work.

The inspection reflects the commitment of the administration and public representatives towards the overall development of the region and the welfare of its people.

## Rekha Mahajan advocates wellness & empowerment at VLCC event



Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan at the VLCC Mega Event.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan graced the VLCC Mega Event held at Zone by the Park, Rail Head Complex, Jammu.

The event, organized to promote health, wellness, and self-care, brought together industry experts and professionals to engage with the community on key aspects of personal well-being.

During the event, Rekha Mahajan emphasized the importance of health awareness and self-care, particularly for women. She highlighted the transformative initiatives of the

Modi government aimed at women's empowerment, fitness, and overall well-being, including flagship programs like Poshan Abhiyaan and Ayushman Bharat.

The program featured an expert meet with notable professionals, including Pooja Wadhwa, Dr. Roshan Karn, and Dr. Arti Gupta, who shared valuable insights on health, wellness, and lifestyle improvements. Engaging activities and interactive sessions were followed by exciting games and a networking lunch. The event was coordinated by Dr. Juhi Gupta, Centre Head of VLCC

Channi, along with Reema Gandotra, Centre Head of VLCC Gandhi Nagar.

Rekha Mahajan lauded the efforts of VLCC and the organizing team for conducting such an informative and engaging event. She specifically appreciated the contributions of Assistant Centre Head Jitendra Kour, Dietitian Gunjeet Kour, and Physiotherapist Manisha Sharma from VLCC Channi branch for their dedication and commitment to promoting health and wellness.

She further stressed the need for community participation in health and wellness programs, ensuring that individuals across all sections of society benefit from expert guidance and modern healthcare advancements.

The event concluded with a strong message on self-care, preventive healthcare, and the role of community-driven initiatives in fostering a healthier and stronger nation.

## "Renowned Writer Rama Pandey's 'Saptarni' Unveiled at Jammu"

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JAMMU: Renowned Hindi writer and artist Rama Pandey's latest literary offering, "Saptarni", a captivating collection of stories, has been released here. The book, a compilation of seven enthralling tales, was unveiled by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Education, Shantmanu, here at P S Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar.

The event witnessed a mesmerizing narration by Rama Pandey herself, as she presented her story "Darakht-e-Azad Hind", leaving the audience enthralled. It was a saga of deep spiritual and emotional ties between an elderly woman and an ancient neem tree. Rama's vocal storytelling and her masterful twist at the end left the entire crowd simply spell bound especially



ACS, Education, Shantmanu and others launching book.

Shantmanu who insisted that Rama should turn them into audio books.

On the occasion, writer and director Rama Pandey said, "It has always been my resolve to raise those questions in Indian society through films, theatre and books, on which no one talks about."

"Sapt-Parni" is a collection of 7 short stories in Hindi which explore the complexities of modern society with a blend of sensitivity, mys-

tery and drama. The remaining stories are no less extraordinary, each a testament to Rama Ji's impeccable style, evocative diction and storytelling finesse. They do not merely narrate; they resonate, linger and stir the soul.

"Sapt Parni" is another fine addition to Rama Ji's Book shelf which already has her other great literary expressions in the form of Lallan MS, Maha Nagar Vienna, Girafitari, Guhar

and Suno Kahani.

A trailblazer in media and arts, Rama Pandey holds the distinction of being Rajasthan's first female media professional, with an illustrious career spanning Doodarshan, BBC London, film and television. Her latest work, published by Vani Prakashan, has already garnered acclaim with one of its stories, "Truck No. 1220", set to be adapted into a film.

The ceremony was graced

by Vijay Bakaya, Former Chief Secretary, who lauded the book's narrative depth.

Shantmanu proposed integrating these stories into college curricula through audio-visual presentations. Secretary J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Harvinder Kour, also announced plans for a discussion forum on the book among Jammu's literary circles.

The event was attended by Najmus Saqib, former IAS, Indu Chib, Chairman SSB, Principal Professor S.S. Parihar and Professor Hemla Agarwal, members from Hindi Sahitya Mandal, literature lovers, staff and students of the college.

Dr. Liaqat Jafri, Urdu poet conducted the proceedings while vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Sugandha Sharma, HoD Botney.

## Guru Ravidas envisioned a just and inclusive society: Balbir

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JAMMU: Balbir Ram Rattan, National General Secretary of Guru Ravidas Vishwa Mahapeeth, Indian Branch Secretary of the British Ravidasia Heritage Foundation, and a member of Begumpura Vishwa Mahasabha, stated that the great Indian saint and social reformer Guru Ravidas envisioned an ideal society free from discrimination, sufferings, and injustice.

His concept of Begumpura—a city free from sorrows—was a revolutionary idea of a casteless, classless, and exploitation-free world. His thoughts continue to inspire millions today, emphasizing equality, dignity, and social harmony. During a discussion with prominent members of the Scheduled Caste community, Balbir Ram Rattan explained that Guru



Balbir Ram Rattan, National General Secretary of Guru Ravidas Vishwa Mahapeeth and others during the programme.

Ravidas described Begumpura as a land where all people live with dignity, free from fear and oppression. It was envisioned as a place without caste-based hierarchy, discrimination, or economic inequality. In his preachings, Guru Ravidas depicted Begumpura as a city with no taxes, no sufferings, and no worries; a place

where everyone is equally respected, without caste or class distinctions, and where people live peacefully without the fear of injustice.

He emphasized that Guru Ravidas' vision was not just an idealistic dream but a powerful social message against the rigid caste-based discrimination of his time. His dream of Begumpura

was an appeal for building a just and inclusive society.

Balbir Ram Rattan noted that Guru Ravidas dedicated his entire life to challenging the caste system and advocating for social justice. His message of equality was revolutionary and deeply rooted in human dignity. He taught that all human beings are equal, regardless of birth, social status, or occupation. He rejected untouchability and discrimination, preaching that God does not differentiate based on caste or sect. He believed that no work is superior or inferior and that every individual has the right to live with respect and dignity.

Balbir further stated that Guru Ravidas' teachings remain highly relevant in the modern era. His vision of Begumpura aligns with the ideals of social equality, human rights, and justice.

He shared this vision of Guru Ravidas with Somnath Bhagat (retired principal and General Secretary of All J&K Satguru Kabir Sabha), prominent social activists Gulshan Bhagat, Kamal Bhagat, and Parshotam Bhagat.

## GCW Bhagwati Nagar, CT University, Ludhiana organize Career Counseling Session



Faculty and University officials along with students during the programme.

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JAMMU: Government College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar, in collaboration with CT University, Ludhiana, successfully organized a Career Counseling Session under the esteemed guidance of Principal Dr. Meeru Abrol. The session aimed to empower students with informed career choices by bridging the gap between academic learning and professional aspirations through expert insights and practical guidance.

Addressing the gathering,

Dr. Abrol emphasized the college's commitment to equipping students with the right knowledge and skills to make confident career decisions. She highlighted how this session provided an excellent opportunity for students to explore diverse career paths, prepare for the future, and navigate their professional journeys effectively.

The event featured distinguished career counselors, industry experts, and academic professionals who shared valuable advice on career planning, emerging

job opportunities, and essential skill development. Students engaged in meaningful interactions with the experts, gaining clarity on various career prospects and understanding industry expectations. The Vice Chancellor of CT University also connected with the students virtually, offering words of encouragement and guidance.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Pavan Jeet Bali, Career Counseling and Placement Cell Coordinator of the college. It covered a comprehensive range of topics, including higher education opportunities; resume building, interview techniques, entrepreneurship, and professional networking. A dynamic Q&A session further enabled students to seek personalized advice and address their career-related concerns. The students participated with great enthusiasm, making the event a resounding success.

## CUJ organizes National Conference on Sapt-Sindhu Region

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JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, the Centre for Comparative Religions and Civilizations (CCRC) organized a National Conference on the theme "Geo-Cultural Identity of Sapt-Sindhu Region" (on the basis of Indian Literary Sources) in the University Brig Rajinder Singh Auditorium. More than thirty researchers from different educational institutions from all over India presented their research papers in the conference. The conference was organized in the hybrid mode.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice



Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ during the event.

Chancellor, CUJ presided over the inaugural session. Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, Former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh gave a special lecture on Sapt-Sindhu Region on the basis of Rigveda and Gurubani sources.

Prof. Niranjna Bhandari, Padma Shri Prof. Harmohinder Singh Bedi, Chancellor of Central University of Himachal Pradesh delivered the key-note address. He explained almost every aspect of Sapt-Sindhu Region.

Director CCRC welcomed all the dignitaries and participants to the conference. She congratulated all the faculty members and students for making the conference a huge success. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar CUJ presented a vote of thanks.

Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Convener of the conference spoke about the theme of the conference. Narottam Kushwaha, Research scholar, conducted the stage. President of Wider Association of Vedic Study Prof. Shashi Tiwari presented a broad view of Sapt-Sindhu culture.

Faculty members of CCRC- Dr. Arvind Rituraj, Dr. Vikas Singh, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Amita Gupta and Dr. G.V. Snigdha Raj coordinated and chaired technical sessions. Research scholars and students of CCRC Salma Javid, Naresh, Rohit, Arpit, Sahil, Sachin, Deewanshu, Aman, Vishal, Aditi were present.