

Weekly Sanskrit Pathshala held at Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir

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JAMMU: The 43rd weekly session of a Sanskrit learning programme was organised at Shree Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir under the initiative of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust. The programme, known as Gyan-Yagya Vedic Pathshala, is aimed at promoting the cultural and spiritual heritage of Sanatan Dharma among the younger generation.

The session was organised under the guidance of Pawan Kumar Shastri, President of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust. The event was attended by Chief Guest Yogita Bakshi, Principal, along with teachers Paramjeet Kour, Sarabjeet Kour and Shilpa Sharma.

Around 60 students, most of them under the age of 15, actively participated in the Pathshala. The students received training in the



recitation of sacred texts including the Bhagavad Gita, Hanuman Chalisa and Sunderkand Path, along with devotional hymns and teachings related to Dharma and Karma.

During the interactive session, students confidently recited Sanskrit verses and translated them into both Hindi and English, demonstrating their understand-

ing and devotion. Their ability to recite and explain verses from the Bhagavad Gita and Hanuman Chalisa was widely appreciated by the dignitaries and devotees present on the occasion. Speaking on the initiative, Pawan Kumar Shastri said the Pathshala aims to connect young minds with India's spiritual traditions and cultural

heritage. He emphasised that introducing children to ancient scriptures at an early age helps them understand the values of Sanatan Dharma and strengthens their moral and cultural identity.

Shastri also highlighted the various social and religious services carried out by the Trust. He noted that the Trust manages a Yatri

Bhawan in Haridwar with around 150 air-conditioned rooms for pilgrims and has been running a free community kitchen (langar) serving 600-700 devotees daily since 1995. Similarly, at the Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir complex in Jammu, around 500-600 pilgrims are served free langar three times a day. He added that the Trust will continue organising Vedic classes to educate youth about scriptures such as the Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, Vedas and Upanishads. Arun Shastri also addressed the gathering and stressed the importance of preserving cultural values through education. Staff members of the Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust and several devotees were present during the programme, which concluded with gratitude to all participants and supporters.

ADG Armed visits 15th Bn IR; Reviews functioning and inaugurates barracks for jawans

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JAMMU: Anand Jain, ADG Armed, visited the HQ of the 15th Bn IR to review the functioning of the battalion and inspect the facilities being provided to the jawans especially the women officials of the battalion.

On his arrival, Jain was received with a warm welcome by the Commandant 15th Bn. IR and other officers. A lady contingent of 15th Bn. IR presented a Guard of honour to him. He was accompanied by Vinod Kumar, IPS, DIG IR Jammu, Sameer Sharma, IPS, DIG AP Jammu and Dalip Kumar, SSP, Staff Officer to ADG Armed.

ADG Armed reviewed the overall functioning, operational preparedness, and welfare measures of the battalion. He emphasized the importance of maintaining



ADG Armed Anand Jain inaugurating barracks.

discipline, professionalism, and high standards of efficiency. He also interacted with officers and officials and appreciated their dedication and commitment to duty.

Jain joined the personnel of the 15th Bn. IR in celebrating International Women's Day. On the occasion, he appreciated the role of women officers and officials in policing and acknowledged their valuable contribution in maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety, and strengthening community confi-

dence in the police.

During his visit, a felicitation ceremony was also conducted and all the Guest Speakers/ Lady officers were presented with mementoes who were called for Week Long Programme.

Jain also inaugurated the newly renovated male barracks at the Battalion Headquarters.

Among others who present on the occasion were Sargun Shukla, CO 15th Bn. IR Anita Sharma, IPS, CO 1st Bn. IR, Shaheen Wahid, SSP, ACS Jammu and other officers.

3-Day National Integration Programme of NATF concludes in Rajouri-Poonch; Tiranga rallies inspire patriotism

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RAJOURI/POONCH: The three-day National Integration Programme organised by the National Anti-Terrorism Front concluded successfully across the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch. The event was marked by vibrant Tiranga Rallies, patriotic gatherings and public interactions that witnessed enthusiastic participation from citizens, youth and social activists.

The rallies were flagged off by NATF National Chairman Vishal Chopra, who raised the slogan "Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Isai - Apas Mein Hain Bhai Bhai," underscoring the programme's objective of strengthening national unity, communal harmony and brotherhood among all communities. He said the initiative also aimed to spread awareness against terrorism, narco-terrorism and corruption-driven terrorism.

Large numbers of participants carrying the national tricolour marched through



NATF Chairman Vishal Chopra leading Tiranga Rally.

various areas, raising spirited slogans that reflected patriotism and the collective resolve to stand firmly with the nation against all forms of terrorism.

During the programme, special emphasis was laid on the contribution of border villages including Mandi, Loran, Buziaz, Manjakote, Surankote, Mendhar, Nowshera and Sunderbani in Rajouri and Poonch districts. Speakers highlighted the unwavering patriotism and courage of residents living along the border, noting that these communities have consistently stood firm in the face of cross-border tensions

and terror threats.

The people of Loran, in particular, were praised for their immense sacrifices, resilience and steadfast commitment to national integrity. Their spirit of nationalism and bravery was widely appreciated by speakers and participants alike.

Senior NATF members who participated in the programme included Virander Mahajan, Anshuman Chopra, Abhishek Kapoor, Bimal Sabharwal, Harish Raina, Dr. Sonia Verma, Baldeep Kour, Avleen Kour, Simarjot Singh, Er. Arshad Nawaz Khan, Parmajit Singh, Gurucharan Singh,

Randhir Singh, Balbir Singh, Farooq Ahmed Khan, Ali Mohammad Mir, Abdul Ahad Bhat, Farooq Ahmed Bhatt and Vinay Kumar Sharma, along with several other social activists and volunteers.

Addressing gatherings at multiple locations, NATF leaders emphasized that national integration remains the strongest safeguard against divisive forces. They urged the youth of border districts to actively contribute towards strengthening peace, communal harmony and national security.

On the occasion, NATF also announced the formation of district-, tehsil- and block-level committees in Rajouri and Poonch to expand the organisation's grassroots presence and mobilise citizens against terrorism and anti-national activities.

The programme concluded with participants taking a collective pledge to uphold national unity and safeguard the integrity and sovereignty of the country.

Pre-Conference Workshop on NEP-2020 implementation held at JU

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JAMMU: The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), University of Jammu, organised a pre-conference workshop on "Implementation of NEP-2020 in ODL and Online Learning: Issues and Challenges" as a curtain raiser to an upcoming two-day international conference being held as part of CDOE's Golden Jubilee celebrations. The conference is themed "Reimagining Open, Distance, Online, Blended and Self-Directed Learning: Innovations, Equity, and Impact in the Digital Era."

The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp symbolising the pursuit of knowledge and enlightenment. The inaugural session was attended by Chief Guest K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu; Guest of Honour Srilatha Chepure, Vice Chancellor of Aurora University, Hyderabad; and Special Guest Alka Sharma, Dean



Business Studies and Director of SIIEDC at the University of Jammu. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Chandrasekar emphasised the significance of the National Education Policy 2020 and stressed the need for its effective implementation to promote academic freedom and institutional innovation. He noted that universities must design flexible academic programmes to meet the evolving needs of learners and highlighted the growing demand for online and distance education in the technology-driven era.

Prof. Srilatha Chepure spoke about the changing landscape of India's education system in the global context. Referring to the country's traditional Gurukul system, she said NEP-2020 seeks to integrate traditional

educational strengths with modern requirements. She also highlighted the policy's focus on skill development, inclusivity, women's empowerment and credit-based short-term courses to enhance employability and lifelong learning. Prof. Alka Sharma discussed the ongoing academic reforms aligned with NEP-2020 and stressed the need for inclusive education. She emphasised that universities must create an environment that nurtures diversity, critical thinking and multidisciplinary learning, while also adapting to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. Earlier, Pankaj K. Srivastava, Director CDOE, welcomed the dignitaries and participants and highlighted the role of Open and Distance Learning in expanding access

to education across diverse regions and socio-economic backgrounds. Organising Secretary Anupama Vohra introduced the objectives of the workshop. The programme was conducted by Hina Abrol, who also presented the vote of thanks. The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions and a panel discussion. The first session was chaired by Renu Nanda, while the second featured a lecture by Amit Gautam from National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, on digital technology and challenges such as the digital divide. The panel discussion included J. N. Baliya from Central University of Jammu and Prof. Srivastava, and was moderated by V. V. Subrahmanyam from Indira Gandhi National Open University. The workshop concluded with deliberations on strengthening open and distance learning through collaboration, technology and inclusive policies.

Rana reviews dev projects, emphasises timely completion

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JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Monday virtually reviewed the progress on development projects besides assessing implementation of government schemes in Baramulla district. During the meeting, the Minister conducted a detailed review of the progress achieved under several flagship schemes and development initiatives.

These included Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Irrigation and Flood Control projects, CAMPA, Tribal Affairs schemes, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), NABARD, District Capex and various Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The meeting was

attended by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chairman of the Pollution Control Committee, Director Tribal Affairs Department, Director Finance Tribal Affairs Department and other senior officers.

Legislators from various constituencies of the district, District Development Commissioner Baramulla and all district officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The Minister emphasised that holistic and balanced development of every region remains the top priority of the current dispensation. He reaffirmed that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is committed to accelerate infrastructure development and welfare ini-

tiatives to ensure timely and efficient delivery of services to the people.

Rana stressed the need for greater accountability and coordination among the government officers to ensure effective implementation of developmental programmes, improved monitoring of public services and prompt resolution of issues affecting different constituencies of the district. Highlighting the importance of optimal utili-

sation of resources, the Minister directed the concerned departments to ensure that allocated funds are utilised effectively and do not lapse, so that developmental works directly benefit the public. He also expressed concern over the apprehensions raised by MLAs regarding the possible lapse of funds and directed the Deputy Commissioner to work closely with the Legislators and

concerned departments to ensure timely utilisation of allocated resources. Addressing administrative challenges faced by the public in Baramulla, the Minister asked the Deputy Commissioner to conduct a comprehensive exercise and submit a proposal for easing administrative hurdles arising from jurisdictional issues, so that appropriate corrective measures can be taken.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice (English)				
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/J&K acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/ services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tenders. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.				
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Details of Tender				
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Handball trials from March 11

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JAMMU: To raise the J&K team for the 54th senior men's National Handball Championship, organised by the Handball Federation of India (HFI), Amateur Handball Association of J&K shall hold two-day selection trials on March 11 and March 12 at S D Sabha School grounds, Old Rehari, here.

The selected team shall represent UT of J&K at the National championship which is being hosted by Haryana Handball Association from March 23 to March 27 at kurukshetra.

The Association has advised those eligible players to report the given venue at 5 pm on March 11 and March 12. The selection shall be followed by a brief camp at the same venue.

IN THE COURT OF IST ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, JAMMU

Present: Ranbir Singh Jasrotia
UID NO. JK00079

In the case of: 1. Kanav Rasgotra S/o Dhirinder Kumar Sharma
2. Pranav Rasgotra S/o Dhirinder Kumar Sharma Both R/o 119/2 Pamposh Colony Janipur Jammu Petitioner/s.

Vs Respondent/s

Nemo
In the matter of:-
Will dated 24-03-2008 which was registered before the public notary kaniya Lal Razdan Notary under Regd no. 353 Jammu by Late Bharti Sharma D/o Jagdish Chander Sharma R/o Paloura Janipur Jammu in terms of section 62 of the probate and administration Act 1977 B.K.

Notice to: Public at large.
Whereas, the Petitioner/s has/have filed the above titled that late Bharti Sharma has expired on 24-02-2010 and the will dated 24-03-2008 which was registered before the public notary Kaniya Lal Razdan Notary under Regd. No 353 Jammu in terms of the afore mentioned will the testator Late Bharti Sharma bequeathed her land measuring 06 Marlas alongwith single storied house which is situated at Ploura out of her love and affection to petitioners in equal share.

Now, through this proclamation/Publication, the public at large is hereby informed that in case any person is having any objection/claim in the above titled petition, he/she/they may appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate and file objections on 30-03-2026 at 10 AM Failing which the matter shall be decided under law. In case the date fixed is declared public holiday, the case shall be taken up on the next working day.
Given under my hand and seal of this Court today the 3rd day of March 2026

S/-
1st Additional District Judge,
Jammu

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