

BJP ensured respect to every person, every community: Sat

Kamalpreet Singh along with hundreds of supporters joins BJP



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JAMMU, DEC. 20 : Kamalpreet Singh, former DPAP Vice-President, Jammu Central Zone along with more than 200 supporters mostly from the Sikh community joined Bharatiya Janata Party at its headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Dr Narinder Singh, National Secretary, BJP & MLA RS Pura-Jammu South, S Charanjeet Singh Khalsa, former MLC and senior leader, BJP, Priya Sethi, former Minister & BJP Headquarter Incharge, District President Rekha Mahajan, Ex Councillor Gurmeet Kour Randhawa, and others welcomed the new entrants.

Sat Sharma, while welcoming Kamalpreet Singh alongwith his supporters, said that Singh made the right decision. He said that BJP is the only party in the world, that has ensured respect to every person and every community, adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi recognized the sacrifices of community and the Sahibzadas and announced the Veer Bal Diwas. He also shared the story of Veer Bal Diwas and the ultimate sacrifices of Chaar Sahibzadas. He recalled the horrific days of 1984, which was the dark gift of Congress to the innocent people. He said that the Congress only cared for itself and gifted Bharat Ratna to their special persons denying this recognition to personalities like Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He said that the BJP worker works with the 'Nation First' policy and asked the new entrants to follow the party principles and ethics like "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas".

Dr Narinder Singh showered praises on Prime Minister Modi for his special efforts to give due respect to Sikhism. He shared instances when the PM celebrated Gurupurab on a global level, brought back the Swaroop of Shree Granth Sahib from Afghanistan, recognition of the sacrifices of Sahibzade, and other things for the promotion of Virsa. He termed the BJP as a party with differences. He also shared the program details on 26 December as Veer Bal Diwas. He said that in BJP, workers from the bottom level can reach the highest position.

S Charanjeet Singh Khalsa also stated that the BJP has done exceptional things for the community. He also attacked the Congress party for always acting against the Sikhs and promoting the genocide of the community.

Kamalpreet Singh, new entrant stated that the BJP is the only political party in the nation that serves the people with unmatched dedication. He thanked and assured the party seniors that he would do his best to provide services to society and the nation. Priya Sethi, who conducted the program proceedings said that BJP is the right place for every person, who wants to serve the society and nation with clear intentions.

Amrik Singh, Balvinder Singh, Ramnik Singh, Tarlochan Singh, Indrajeet, Baljeet, Gurdeep Singh, Gurmeet Singh, KS Manhas, Ranjit Singh Jasrotia, Vijay Sharma, Joginder Singh, Harvinder Singh, Kulvir Singh, Gandharv Singh Bhau, Gurdeep Singh and others were among the prominent people to join on the occasion.

Geography Department Embarks on Enriching Educational Tour to Krimchi Mansar Archaeological Site



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UDHAMPUR, DEC. 20 : The Geography Department of Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur recently organized an enlightening educational tour to the historic Krimchi Mansar Archaeological Site.

This academic tour, held on December 20, 2024, was an integral part of the curriculum for Semester I students under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Under the expert guidance of Principal Prof. Nalini Pathania, the tour aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of geographical concepts and their practical applications. As part of their "Tourist Guide" course, students gathered valuable information about accommodation, infrastructure, transport facilities, and tourist attractions in the study area.

The tour offered a unique opportunity for students to explore the historical and cultural significance of the Krimchi Mansar Archaeological Site. Principal Prof. Nalini Pathania emphasized the importance of experiential learning, praising the Geography Department for organizing the tour.

During the tour, students also gained insights into the economic significance of the area and its surrounding regions. They visited local hotels and restaurants, learning about the hospitality industry and its role in the local economy.

The geography tour proved to be a valuable learning experience, augmenting the students' understanding of the physical, cultural, and economic dimensions of the study area, while also fostering the development of crucial life skills, including collaboration, leadership, and effective communication.

The Geography Department takes pride in the success of the study tour and looks forward to organizing similar tours in the future. This academic tour exemplifies the department's commitment to providing students with a well-rounded and comprehensive education that prepares them for the challenges of the real world.

The staff members who accompanied the students on the tour were Prof. Pooja Bharti (HOD Geography), Dr. Poonam Bharti (Lecturer Geography), Ms. Divya Sharma (Lecturer Geography), Ms. Insha Amin (Lecturer Geography), and Mr. Aijaz Sadiq Mir. Non-teaching staff members Mr. Balbir Singh (Lab Attendant), Sanjeev Kumar, and Subash Chander also played a crucial role in the success of the tour.

The Department of Geography, GCW Udhampur, extends its gratitude to all the teaching and non-teaching staff members and students for making the event a resounding success.

Endoscopic Septoplasty with Inferior Turbinate Reduction Performed for the First Time at District Hospital Samba.

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JAMMU, DEC. 20 : In a significant advancement for healthcare in the Samba District, a 20-year-old patient underwent successful endoscopic septoplasty with inferior turbinate reduction for the first time at the District Hospital Samba. The ground-breaking procedure was performed by Dr. Deepshikha Sumbria, MS ENT, with essential support from Dr. Anuradha Bali, Consultant Anaesthesia and Vijay Kumar Sr. OT Tech. The surgery was conducted under the guidance of Medical Superintendent Dr. Mohinder Kumar, with overall supervision from Director Health Services, Jammu.

Reserved Categories, Minorities Condemn Uncalled for Remarks on Dr Ambedkar, sort unconditional apology: JACRC

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JAMMU, DEC. 20 : Joint Action Committee of Reserved Categories under the aegis of Jammu & Kashmir Reserved Categories Empowerment Alliance, a frontal organization of SCSTOBCs in a heavily attended Press conference including members of various socio-religious groups, Ex-ULB members, Sarpanches, Panches, Social activist, retirees and youths severely criticized and condemned uncalled for remarks given by Home Minister of the country in Lok Sabha, quoting Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar unceremoniously and disrespectfully. The leaders in unison demanded apology from Mr. Amit Shah without any delay or false justifications of his remarks. They also warned that if remedy not taken by BJP under Mr. Modi, the situation may take different turns for which BJPRSS shall be responsible for any untoward outcomes.

They reminded AmitShah-Modi and Co that Babasaheb Ambedkar is not only Father of Indian Constitution, First Law Minister of the Country, Bharat Ratan but also the ideologue and emancipator of Dalitbahujans and Women folk of this country and hence should be addressed with utmost respect and reverence. Followers of RSSBJP should not forget that followers of Babasaheb are much more in number, dedicated and thankful towards what Babasaheb has done for them, unlike the followers of any other ideology. Hence any disrespect towards him shall be viewed seriously by his followers and they shall go up to any extent to protect dignity and respect of Babasaheb.

Prof. G.L. Thapa (Working President, JKRCEA) while further castigating the home minister said that the ruling dispensation of country create divisive situations in the country from time to time probably to destabilize the system and cover up their wrong doings on financial, social, political, regional and religion fronts. SCSTOBCs of the country very well



know that the founders of RSS-BJP had venomous thinking for Constitution and Babasaheb since pre-independence and they go on spitting it frequently and now they have got chance to change CoI and bring Manusmriti in place. So, their utterance speaks volumes about the disrespect and hatred for Babasaheb. Ironically, Mr. Narinder Modi, Arjun Ram Megwal (SC) and even HM tried to put blames on opposition for defaming Babasaheb, purely in an attempt to cover up wrong utterances of Amit Shah & this is their modus operandi after committing blunders.

Mohinder Bhagat, (Working General Secretary, JKRCEA) while deliberating on the issue said that the issue could have been put to rest had Amit Shah accepted his mistake and tendered unconditional apology from

SCSTOBCs of the country who are emotionally attached to Babasaheb and the CoI. But instead of doing this, the all-arrogant BJP and Amit Shah tried to cover up his wrong doing by blaming opposition and congress for disrespect of Babasaheb. HM must tender unconditional apology without delay to rest the arguments and to prevent any mishaps in this regard. He said that one hand BJP and its leaders try to bring unit amongst Hindus by saying "Bateyng toh Katenge Politics" and on the other hands their top leaders are hell bent upon killing constitution and not have started inflicting insult to Babasaheb paving way for trolls on Facebook and WhatsApp to inflict more disrespect to CoI and Babasaheb.

Sham Basson, (President Dalit chetna Munch & Ex Carporator)while further elaborating said that every section of society respects Babasaheb for his role in building Modern India and SCSTOBCs consider him as their God over and above Epic Gods and insult inflicted upon Babasaheb Ambedkar is intolerable and can take aggressive turns if Amit Shah do not tender unconditional apology. He appealed to SC MLAs of

BJP as well as SCST MPs of BJP to condemn statement of Amit Shah openly and pressurize BJP leadership to ask him for tendering apology forthwith to avoid situation turning worst. The respect and popularity of Babasaheb can be gauged from the criticism of Amit Shah from all walks of life including whole opposition and even Bollywood. He further stressed upon all Morcha leaders of BJP and BJP MLAs from Jammu viz Bharat Bushan, Mohan Lal, Dr. Manyal, Bhardwaj, Prof. Gharu Ram, Surinder Kumar, Dr. Rajeev as well as MP Khatana to condemn Amit Shah for his disrespectful words uttered for Babasaheb in Lok Sabha, otherwise SCSTOBCs of J&K shall be compelled to gherao them and teach them a good lesson for parroting the narratives of their political masters and forgetting role of Babasaheb in giving them respectful life.

In the end members unanimously resolved to take peaceful agitation to the grass root levels and on 21st Dec there shall be peaceful protest at SIDCO Chowk in Bari Brahmana. The members who attended press conference include Ex-President Bari Brahmana Puran Chand,

Prof. Kali Dass, Bodh Raj Bhagat, Er. Joginder Paul, F.C. Satia, Balwant Kataria, Qureshi, Er. R.C. Bhasin, Er. Pawan Bhagat, T.C. Bavouria, G.L. Rahi, M.L. Banalia, Er. Surinder Dewagoda, S. Lokinder Singh, Bahadur Lal, Narinder Dutt, Er. Manga Ram, Raj Kumar Chalotra, Bishan Dass, Kasturi Lal, Smt. Bachno Devi, Sunita Bangotra, RL Bangotra Kiran, Parkash Chand, K. K Fotra, Prof. C.L. Shivgotra, Sh Brij Mohan Mehra, Bishan Dass, Ramesh chander, Ayudhya Nath, Karan Singh, Kuldeep Raj, Ramesh chander, DR Angural, Surjeet Heer, Tarsem Lal Loach, Balbir Kumar, Lakhvir Singh, Raj Kumar Raju, Sub Banarsi Lal, Mangat Kalsi, Om Parkash, Tej Ram, Ram Lal, Pritam Chand, Madan Lal Basson, Gourav Ravidasia, Ajay Thapa, RD Thappa, Sanjay Kumar, Suresh Bangotra, Vikas Kalsi, Sham Kalsi, Rajesh Kumar, Bansi Lal Choudhary, Baldev Raj Nangra, Sham Lal kundal, Er VK Kundal, Ramesh Dhupper, Parkash Chand, Joginder Angotra, S.L. Radhe, Er. Darshan Kalsotra, Sh. Kasturi Lal, Manoj Kumar, Sohan Badgal, Yog Raj, Prem Kumar, and others.

Feature on Dogri Manyata Diwas-On Dogri Day, applauding Theatre's role in cultural preservation

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JAMMU, DEC. 20 : Language and culture are the lifelines of any community, reflecting its identity, values, and history. The Dogri language, an integral part of Jammu's rich heritage, has stood as a witness to the region's vibrant traditions and cultural evolution. As we celebrate Dogri Day, also known as Dogri Manyata Diwas on 22nd December, 2024, it becomes imperative to shed light on the role of theatre in preserving and promoting this beautiful language. Theatre, being an expressive and impactful medium, holds the potential to revitalize Dogri culture and bring it closer to the modern generation.

Theatre has always been a powerful tool for social commentary, capable of capturing the subtleties of societal change, both positive and negative. It serves as a mirror reflecting the virtues and vices of society. Through their craft, theatre artists have the unique ability to address societal issues and inspire constructive change. However, it is not just about storytelling; theatre is also about preserving the cultural ethos of a community, which is especially significant in the case of Dogri.

Dogri theatre, like its counterparts across the world, has the power to connect with audiences



deeply and evoke emotions that resonate long after the curtains fall. This makes it an ideal medium for promoting Dogri language and culture.

Dogri theatre traces its origins to the patronage of the Dogra rulers, who encouraged various performing arts. Traditional folk styles such as Geetru, Karak and Haran were integral to the region's theatrical expressions. Over time, these forms were refined, and Dogri theatre gained prominence, becoming a cherished aspect of Jammu's cultural identity.

Prominent institutions like Natrang Jammu have been instrumental in preserving Dogri theatre. Their iconic plays like Bawa Jitto and Ghumayee have not only created ripples in the local community but also achieved national and international acclaim. Bawa Jitto has been staged over 200 times across India,

leaving an indelible mark on audiences. Meanwhile, Ghumayee, directed by Balwant Thakur, has been presented at prestigious platforms like the Frankfurt International Theatre Festival, 8th Theatre Olympics and the Commonwealth Games.

Another hallmark of Dogri theatre is Balwant Thakur's Suno Eh Kahani, which has been performed over 300 times, setting a benchmark in Indian theatre. These productions not only entertain but also educate audiences about Dogri traditions, values, and ethos. Despite its rich heritage, Dogri theatre faces several challenges, including dwindling institutional support and audience interest. Limited funding, a lack of platforms, and societal perceptions of regional arts as less significant than mainstream ones have hindered its growth. Additionally,

modern audiences, especially the youth, often gravitate towards global or mainstream influences, overlooking the treasure trove of local culture.

The younger generation holds the key to revitalizing Dogri theatre. Aspiring artists need to embrace the language and its folk styles as the foundation for their creativity. The community must also come together to support local artists, attend performances, and promote awareness about Dogri culture. Theatre is more than just entertainment; it is a cultural bridge that connects people to their roots. Dogri theatre, with its rich heritage and storytelling traditions, has the potential to strengthen the identity of the Dogra community. It can serve as a medium to educate, inspire, and unite people, ensuring that the language and culture continue to thrive for generations to come.

On this Dogri Day, let us pledge to support and celebrate Dogri theatre. By doing so, we not only honor our past but also lay the foundation for a vibrant cultural future. As the saying goes, "A language dies when its last speaker is gone, but a culture dies when its stories are forgotten." Let us ensure that Dogri stories live on, echoing through the halls of theatres and the hearts of people.

St. Mary's Infant Convent School's Pre-Primary Wing Spreads Christmas Cheer



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JAMMU, DEC. 20 : St. Mary's Infant Convent School (SMICS) ushered in a two-day Christmas extravaganza with a vibrant and heartwarming inauguration ceremony today. The kick-off to the two-day Christmas festivities transformed the pre-primary wing of the school into a winter wonderland as young children, dressed as angels, shepherds, and Santa Claus, brought the spirit of Christmas to life.

The event was honored by the presence of several esteemed guests, including Dr. Ruth K. Masehi, Head of Department of English at MAM College, Jammu, and Cluster University of

Jammu; Rev. Robin Gill, Retired Finance Head of Indian Oil Corporation and distinguished social reformer; and Fr. Jaffat Masih, Assistant Priest of St. Mary's Cathedral, Jammu and Director of Youth Commission of Diocese of Jammu-Srinagar. School Chairperson Mrs. Anna Mary and Director Mr. Anthony Ignatius warmly welcomed the special guests, expressing gratitude for their presence and support. As a token of appreciation, they presented each guest with a potted plant, symbolizing growth, prosperity, and the nurturing spirit of the school.

The program commenced with a warm welcome address by Principal Mrs. Sheetal Anthony, which was followed by the auspicious lighting of the lamp by the esteemed dignitaries. Thereafter, the little stars of the pre-primary wing of SMICS stole the show with their delightful performances. From the angelic voices singing carols to the energetic dance performances and captivating skits, the children's talent and enthusiasm filled the air with Christmas cheer.

The school administration honored distinguished guests Dr. Masehi, Mr. Gill, and Fr. Masih. Overwhelmed by the young performers' talent and enthusiasm, the guests showered them with praise. They also commended the school's visionary leadership, acknowledging SMICS as a beacon of educational excellence that is illuminating the future of the region. The first day of the festivities concluded with a grand finale, featuring a beautifully adorned crib symbolizing the birth of Jesus Christ. The National Anthem marked the end of this joyous and spiritually uplifting event.

GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu organises lecture on "Awareness Campaign on Career Option, Facilitating Environment for Women"

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JAMMU, DEC. 20 : Department of Commerce, Padma Shri Padma Sachdeva, Govt. College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu in collaboration with HRM, Department, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Jammu, successfully organized an enlightening lecture on awareness campaign focused on career opportunities and fostering a supportive environment for women. The event aimed to empower women by highlighting career prospects in the financial sector and addressing challenges in the digital age. The programme was initiated with the formal welcome address presented by Miss. Urvashi, student of B.com Sem-1st, where she briefed the students about the resource person and the importance of continuously organising such special lectures. The eminent resource persons of the programme are Navjot Singh, Manager, Financial Inclusion and Development Department, RBI and Mrs. Jeenat Chugh, Assistant Manager, Human Resource Management Department,



RBI. Mrs. Jeenat Chugh provided invaluable insights into the various career opportunities available within the Reserve Bank of India. They emphasized the importance of creating an enabling environment for women to thrive in the professional sphere.

Navjot Singh, addressed a critical contemporary issue i.e. cyber security in the digital world. The speakers discussed prevalent cybercrimes and shared practical tips to stay vigilant and safe while using digital platforms. They highlighted RBI's initiatives to protect consumers and promote secure financial transactions. The session concluded with an engaging quiz competition, where

students enthusiastically participated, demonstrating their understanding of the topics covered during the lecture. Winners were awarded prizes, adding a sense of achievement and excitement to the event. Principal, Prof/Dr. S. P. Saraswat applauded the efforts of commerce department for organizing such meaningful programme. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Miss. Ridhi Slathia, student of B.com Sem-1st. The lecture was attended by 70 students. The event was coordinated by Dr. Asha Devi, HOD, Commerce along with other faculty members namely Dr. Himani Arora, Dr. Ramandeep Kour, and Prof. Mamta Devi.

Workshop on "Web Development" organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at CU Jammu



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JAMMU, DEC. 20 : The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Central University of Jammu successfully hosted a hybrid mode Web Development workshop under Google Developer Group (GDG) on Campus, Central University of Jammu. This informative workshop, aimed at enhancing skills in modern web technologies, was held under the guidance of Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Dr. Jasvinder Pal Singh, Assistant Professor and featured expert-led sessions in hybrid mode. The workshop was organized in collaboration with O7 Services, facilitated GDG on Campus CUJ, with contributions from key industry experts including Ms. Damanpreet Kaur, Senior Full Stack Developer and Training Head, who led the session. Gaurav Sharma, Chief Technology Officer at O7 Services, also shared valuable insights into the rapidly evolving world of web development. The event was further enriched by the collaboration of passionate individuals from GDG on Campus CUJ, including Samarth Prashar, Saloni, Riya Kumari, Farida Sabrin, Ansh Sharma, Sachin, Harsh, and Nikhil, who assisted with event coordination, interactive sessions, and hands-on guidance for participants. Participants gained practical insights into both front-end and back-end web development technologies.

Damanpreet Kaur provided in-depth training on full-stack development, focusing on building dynamic, responsive websites using the latest frameworks and technologies. The interactive sessions allowed participants to directly engage with industry experts and gain hands-on experience in real-time web development tasks. The workshop also featured discussions on current web development trends and technologies, helping participants stay up-to-date with industry standards. Prof. Dinesh Kumar emphasizes that the department has been committed to bridge the gap between academia and industry. He also emphasizes that the students must take full advantage of such kind of workshops and gain practical learning from industry experts. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor of the university appreciated the efforts put in by the department and advised the department to organize more such kinds of workshops for the students in future.