

GRDS holds seminar on teachings of Guru Ravi Dassji ahead of 650th birthday

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The All Jammu and Kashmir Guru Ravi Dass Sabha organised a well-attended seminar at its headquarters in Krishna Nagar, Jammu, on Sunday to highlight the teachings, philosophy and social message of Sant Shriromani Shri Guru Ravi Dass Ji Maharaj ahead of his 650th birth anniversary, which will be celebrated on February 20, 2027.

The seminar was held under the presidency of Er. R.C. Bhasin, President of the Sabha, who announced that similar programmes would be organised in villages and different areas ahead of the main celebration to spread Guru Ji's teachings among the people.

Addressing the gathering, Er. Bhasin emphasised the importance of education in individual and social development. Referring to Guru Ji's teaching, "Madhuo Abidiya Hit Keen Vivek Deep Maleen," he highlighted the importance of knowledge in dispelling ignorance and opening the doors of the human mind. He urged parents to provide quality education to their children and called upon the community to work collectively towards promoting Guru Ji's ideals.



He also informed that the Sabha had started free on-line classes for students of Classes 9 and 10 to support their educational development. He encouraged members of society to participate in efforts aimed at improving educational opportunities and spreading awareness about Guru Ji's philosophy.

Before the commencement of the programme, Prof. C.L. Shivgotra, spokesperson of the Central Sabha, welcomed the participants and guests and explained the purpose of the seminar. He said the upcoming 650th birth anniversary would be celebrated with great enthusiasm and that programmes based on Guru Ji's teachings, religious thoughts and life would be organised at various places

in advance.

As part of the seminar, children presented speeches on the life and teachings of Guru Ravi Dass Ji Maharaj and performed devotional songs. Their presentations received appreciation from the audience. The organisers noted that it was the first time such a programme had been held at the Central Sabha headquarters, adding that the participation of children had made the event particularly meaningful. All participating children were felicitated for their performances.

The proceedings were conducted by Tarsem Loach, General Secretary of the Sabha. The seminar concluded with a renewed call to promote education, preserve Guru Ji's spiritual and social teachings, and encourage younger genera-

tions to understand his message.

Those present included Prof. G.L. Thapa, Senior Vice President; M.L. Banalia; S.L. Basson; Tara Chand; Surjit Singh Heer; Tarsem Loach; Kuldeep Thappa; Ashok Kumar Kashyap; Devinder Pal; Harbilas Bharadwaj; Sunil Rana; Krishan Lal Sarangal; Ajit Basson; Darshan Gorkha; Surinder Gorkha; Sunita Devi; Babli Devi; Ratno Devi; Mahesh Shivgotra; Mulkh Raj; Rangesh Hans; Surinder Devgowda and others.

The Sabha reiterated its commitment to organising community-level programmes ahead of February 20, 2027, to spread the teachings of Guru Ravi Dass Ji Maharaj and promote education, social awareness and collective progress.

Auracraft Aesthetics will provide modern skincare services, boost confidence: Sanjita

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Jammu and Kashmir BJP General Secretary and Headquarters Incharge Sanjita Dogra inaugurated Auracraft Aesthetics, a modern aesthetics and skincare clinic in Jammu, in the presence of Dr. Shivli Kotwal, her team and other guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjita Dogra congratulated Dr. Shivli Kotwal and her entire team for taking the initiative to establish a modern facility dedicated to skincare, beauty and personal wellness. She expressed hope that the clinic would provide professional services while maintaining high standards of safety, quality and care.

Sanjita Dogra said that in today's changing lifestyle, beauty and skincare are no longer limited to physical appearance alone. They are also closely connected with an individual's confidence, personality, self-esteem and positive outlook towards life.

She said that the real purpose of aesthetic care should not only be to change a person's natural beauty but to enhance it through appropriate guidance, modern



technology and professional expertise. She stressed that safety, hygiene, transparency and sensitivity must remain the guiding principles of every such institution.

Sanjita Dogra said that the opening of modern aesthetic clinics in Jammu reflects the growing opportunities in the healthcare, beauty and wellness sectors. Such initiatives can help people access professional skincare services within their own city without having to travel to other places.

She further said that new ventures in the wellness sector also have the potential to generate employment opportunities, encourage entrepreneurship and contribute to the local economy. She particularly appreciated the efforts of professionals who establish modern facilities and bring new services to the people of Jammu.

Sanjita Dogra expressed confidence that Auracraft Aesthetics, under the guidance of Dr. Shivli Kotwal, would work towards earning the trust and satisfaction

of its clients through responsible practices, quality services and a caring approach.

Extending her best wishes, she hoped that the clinic would grow into a trusted centre for aesthetic care and help people feel more confident, comfortable and positive about themselves.

She once again congratulated Dr. Shivli Kotwal and her entire team and wished Auracraft Aesthetics continued progress and success in the years ahead.

Bakaya visits rain-affected area in Ward 71, seeks action on Waterlogging across Jammu city

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Abhay Bakaya, District President Jammu Urban, Apni Party, visited Asarabad CRPF Mohalla in Ward No. 71, Sidhra, to assess the damage caused to residential houses due to recent rainfall and listen to the grievances of the affected residents he was accompanied by both in-charge Kamlesh Devi, and Zareena behgam.

During his visit, the residents apprised Bakaya of the serious problems being faced by the locality, alleging that the recently constructed pully had been poorly planned and inadequately designed. According to the residents, the structure, which was expected to facilitate the smooth passage of rainwater, has instead diverted the flow towards the residential area, significantly increasing the risk of flooding and causing damage to houses.

Expressing concern over the situation, Bakaya said that such infrastructure projects are meant to provide relief and protection to the public, not create additional hardships for residents.

He stressed that the issue required immediate attention, as the safety of families and their homes could not be compromised due to faulty planning or improper execution of public works.



Bakaya appealed to the district administration and the concerned departments to conduct an urgent technical inspection of the pully, examine the natural drainage pattern, and take corrective measures to ensure that rainwater flows through its intended course rather than entering the residential locality. He also called for appropriate measures to prevent further damage and safeguard the lives and property of the people.

Raising a broader civic concern, Bakaya also expressed serious dissatisfaction over the recurring problem of waterlogging across Jammu city during rainfall.

He observed that even a single spell of rain leaves several roads inundated, causing inconvenience to commuters, disrupting normal life, damaging roads and creating difficulties for

residents.

He questioned the effectiveness of the much-publicised Smart City initiative, stating that the persistent problem of waterlogging reflects the need for substantial improvement in urban drainage planning, infrastructure maintenance and interdepartmental coordination.

"It is unfortunate that even after repeated claims of development and Smart City transformation, people across Jammu continue to face waterlogged roads whenever it rains. Development must be visible on the ground and should provide relief to the common people.

The administration must identify the root causes of waterlogging and take permanent corrective measures instead of relying on temporary arrangements," Bakaya said.

He further emphasised

that the concerned departments must work in coordination to improve drainage systems, ensure proper maintenance of existing infrastructure and hold the responsible agencies accountable wherever deficiencies are established.

Bakaya urged the administration to treat the grievances of the residents of Asarabad CRPF Mohalla, Ward 71, as a matter of urgency and initiate immediate corrective action. He reiterated that public safety, protection of residential properties and the provision of basic civic amenities must remain the foremost priorities of the administration.

He assured the residents that Apni Party would continue to raise their genuine concerns with the appropriate authorities until effective steps are taken to address the problems faced by the people.

Natrang stages Dogri play 'GATT' at Katra

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Balwant Thakur's popular Dogri play 'GATT' staged here today at the lawns of Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre'. Based on Krishna Chander's famous Urdu classic short story 'Khadda' the play is a hard hitting satire on the decay of human values. The play was directed by eminent theatre Director Neeraj Kant.

The play "Gatt" shows that one and all tend to shirk their own responsibilities and work and pass it on to others. Instead they indulge in high sloganism, claiming to be the redeemers of the suffering masses. This is symbolized by a person falling into a ditch whose pleas to help him come out unanswered by one and all. Different people pass by him like surveyors, young men, religious, leaders, cops, Political leader in power and a foreigner. The person in distress is given different excuses and pleas for their inability in extending help to him. The unemployed youth are unable to find time out of their fixed schedule of hunting for girls. The 'Sadhu' showers



blessings and prays for his peace in as and where condition. The police cop lodges an FIR and asks him to report to the police station knowingly that he will never be able to come out of the ditch on his own. The foreigner lady enquires about his choice between India and Pakistan, which side he would like to take? The situation becomes more dramatic when a minister after a complaint from the public about the worsening of the road condition, makes a round of the area. The workers of the public works department instead

of taking out the man from the ditch put wooden planks over the ditch and create a stage for minister's public speech. Here the minister lists his development revolution and lashes at his opponents for cursing their government for political gains. The public meeting is over, the wooden planks are removed but no one pays any heed to the fallen-man in the ditch. The slogans of the upliftment of the poor fades away with the flowing dusty wind. Finally a man from the audience appears and appeals everyone to render a help-

ing hand to this common man who is still in the ditch despite having celebrated seventy nine years of India's Independence. The play reflects the plight of the poor masses who continue to suffer for want of help from those at the helm of affairs.

Natrang actors who acted in the play included Neeraj Kant as Neta, Pawan Verma as Aadmi, Mohd. Yaseen as Karamchhari 1, Kartik Kumar as Karamchhari-2, Mahikshit Singh as Foreigner and Aashiq-2, Aryan Sharma as Aashiq-1 and Policeman & Aadesh Dhar as Sadhu.

DIET Samba Concludes Three-Day Capacity Building Program on School Libraries

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The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Samba, successfully concluded a three-day Capacity Building Training Program on "Changing Landscape of School Libraries as Learning Hubs as Envisioned by NEP 2020" held from 08 to 10 October 2026 under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT, Divisional Office Jammu, and the overall supervision of Dr. Naseem Javed Choudhary, Director, SCERT, Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Yashpaul Gupta, Principal, DIET Samba, exhorted the participating school librarians to make their libraries vibrant, inclusive, and technology-en-



abled learning spaces. The Program featured expert sessions by Ms. Divya Jyoti, S. Gurcharan Singh, Mr. Baljinder Kumar, Mr. Komal Gupta, Ms. Rajni Khajuria, Senior Lecturer, Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Librarian, SCERT Jammu, and Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Librarian, HSS Samba, covering digital literacy, AI integration,

cybersecurity, copyright, inclusion, and modern library management. Hands-on practice on a Library Management System (LMS) and a demonstration of e-Granthalaya further enhanced participants' practical knowledge. The proceedings were coordinated by Ms. Rohini Baboria, Senior Lecturer and

Program Coordinator, assisted by Ms. Divya Jyoti, Librarian and Co-Coordinator. Mr. Puneet Thakal, HoD, Planning and Management, DIET Samba, extended the vote of thanks. The Program reaffirmed the commitment to transforming school libraries into dynamic learning hubs in alignment with NEP 2020.

Army organises Medical Camp at Sarthal

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The Indian Army organised a medical camp at Sarthal village in District Kishtwar under Operation Sadhbhavna, reaffirming its commitment to community welfare and providing essential healthcare services to residents of remote areas.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately 200 civilians, including ladies, children and elderly residents.

Medical consultations and basic healthcare assistance were provided to the beneficiaries, along with free distribution of essential medicines to address their healthcare needs.



The initiative aimed to improve healthcare accessibility, promote health awareness and extend medical support to underserved communities. The camp also provided an opportunity for residents to interact with medical personnel and

seek guidance on maintaining better health and hygiene.

Conducted under Operation Sadhbhavna, the medical camp reflects the Indian Army's continued efforts towards humanitarian assistance and community de-

velopment. Such initiatives strengthen civil-military relations, foster mutual trust and reinforce the Indian Army's commitment to improving the quality of life of people living in remote and challenging areas of Jammu and Kashmir.