Textbooks in Indian Languages an urgent necessity: Prof. Sanjeev Jain

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JAMMU: A two-day state-level workshop on textbook development in Indian languages concluded at the Central University of Jammu, with experts emphasising the need to strengthen mother-tongue-based education in higher learning institutions. The workshop was organised in collaboration with the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain lighting ceremonial lamp.

The valedictory session commenced with the arrival of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, followed by Vande Mataram, ceremonial lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana. Prof. Suram Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, welcomed the distinguished guests and participating teachers from universities and colleges across Jammu and Kashmir.

Seven sessions were conducted during the workshop, featuring subject experts from Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Addressing the gathering as chairperson, Prof. Sanjeev Jain emphasised that textbooks in Indian languages were an urgent necessity. He envisioned opportunities for students to pursue studies and appear in examinations in Dogri, Kashmiri and other regional languages. He stressed developing authentic, original and academically sound translated textbooks to bring Indian languages into mainstream higher education under the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Referring to Madhya Pradesh's introduction of medical education in Hindi three years ago, he described it as a matter of national pride. He expressed confidence that the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti's initiatives would facilitate engineering and technology courses in Indian languages. He urged experts to incorporate national pride and India's glorious history into academic curricula.

Prof. Virendra Kundal, State Coordinator, Curriculum Development Initiative, presented the workshop report, informing that 20 subject-wise groups had undertaken institutional and curriculum mapping. He highlighted the target of developing approximately 2.5 lakh original and translated books in Indian languages.

Prof. Vishal Sharma addressed participants' queries. Dr. Altaf from Kashmir University highlighted mother-tongue education, while Dr. Jagjit Singh of GDC Udhampur appreciated the practical teaching approaches. Dr. Anuradha of GCW Gandhi Nagar stressed original writing, quality translation and extended workshops.

Certificates were distributed among participants. Prof. J. N. Balia, Dean, Faculty of Education, delivered the vote of thanks.

Prof. Vishal Sharma, Dhruv Kandpal of Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti and Prof. Virendra Kundal were felicitated. Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh attended the ceremony, conducted by Dr. Vandana Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi. The programme concluded with the National Anthem.

MBSCET completes one-week cyber security training programme in collaboration with IBM and ICT Academy



MBSCET Jammu students and faculty with resource person.

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JAMMU: Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology (MBSCET), Jammu, completed a one-week training programme on Cyber Security, organised in collaboration with IBM and ICT Academy from October 27 to November 2, 2026.

The main objective of the programme was to enhance students' technical knowledge, develop practical skills, and create awareness about the importance of cybersecurity in today's digital world.

During the programme, students gained valuable knowledge about cybersecurity concepts, digital threats, online safety, and various security challenges. The resource person Yash Srivastava guided students through important topics and practical aspects of cybersecurity. Lovtesh Kumar, ICT Coordinator, also shared valuable insights about industry-oriented training and the growing importance of cybersecurity in the present digital era.

Prof. Dr. Rajinder Singh, Administrator, MBSCET, appreciated the successful completion of the programme and highlighted the importance of industry-academia collaboration in providing quality technical education and preparing students for professional challenges. The programme was coordinated by Surinder Sharma, Workshop Coordinator, MBSCET, who ensured the smooth and successful conduct of all training activities.

On this occasion, the college management appreciated the efforts of IBM, ICT Academy, the trainer, ICT Coordinator, faculty members, and students for their valuable contribution towards making the programme successful.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to its successful organisation.

JKPS Panjtirthi student Avni participates in UT Gymnastics Championship

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JAMMU: Avni, a Class III student of JK Public School (JKPS), Panjtirthi, participated in the District/J&K UT Gymnastics Championship 2026-27, representing District Jammu in the Under-10 category.



Principal JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah honouring a student.

The championship was organised by the Gymnastics Association of J&K in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council. Avni's participation reflected her enthusiasm for sports, dedication and willingness to explore opportunities beyond academics. Her involvement highlighted the importance of encouraging young children to participate in sporting activities and develop confidence through competition.

Principal JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah appreciated Avni's efforts and congratulated her for taking part in the championship. She encouraged the young student to continue pursuing sports with passion, determination and enthusiasm. The school appreciated her initiative, reiterating that success also lies in the courage to participate.

Humanity Public School shines at mega sports Mela with three podium finishes

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana, Samba (J&K) scaled a new pinnacle of sporting excellence by clinching a glorious triumph at the mega Sports Mela held at Baba Hasal Dev ji Sports Stadium, Gura Salathia. The mega event was graced by MLA Surjeet Singh Slathia, Surinder Baughal (Ex-Indian Player), Prabhat Singh (President, BJP Yuva Morcha, J&K) and (Retired) Col Jaswant Singh Slathia as Guests of Honour. The sports extravaganza witnessed the participation of approximately 700 students from various reputed schools. The talented students of Humanity Public School showcased their sporting abilities and attracted everyone's attention with their remarkable performances, under the constant support and guidance of the Sports Incharge, Mahanand the dedicated Sports Teacher, Ajay Sharma and Anju.



HPS faculty felicitating winner students.

Rising Star of Humanity Public School, Ankit Kumar of 12th class showcased extraordinary perseverance, relentless stamina and an indomitable spirit on the track and was 1st Runner-up in 400metrs boys race.

Aakriti Charak of Class 7th stunned everyone with her lightning speed, impeccable focus and fierce determination and got 1st Position in 100 Meters Girls Race.Gyan Kushwaha of Class 9th displayed exceptional intellectual and brilliant strategic prowess on the chessboard and got first Position in Chess Championship

All winners were felicitated with trophies. In the school premises, they were honoured by Principal Gaurav Charak,Vice-Principal Anku Charak, Admin Incharge Akashdeep Raina along with Incharges of distinguished wings.

Principal Gaurav Charak, in his speech addressed the gathering with his remarkable words, he encouraged the students and said "Victory is not just about medals, it is about character. Sports teaches us discipline, leadership and how to turn pressure into performance. Our champions have proved that Humanitians are born to lead, not to follow."

Vice Principal Anku Charak also encouraged the students with her motivational words, she said, we are immensely proud of our students. They have made every Humanitians heart swell with pride. Remember, the path from playground to classroom is the path to success.

CLUJ elects new Students Cultural Council for 2026-27

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JAMMU: The Department of Students Welfare (DSW), Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), conducted elections for its Students Cultural Council for the academic session 2026-27. A felicitation ceremony was subsequently organised at the Conference Hall, Suryaputri Tawi Bhawan, Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat, Administrative Block. The programme was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Sr. Professor K. S. Chandrasekar in the presence of Ankur Mahajan, Registrar; Nageshwar Jamwal, Financial Advisor; and Prof. Vishal Sharma, Dean, Students Welfare.



VC CLUJ, Sr. Professor K. S. Chandrasekar with student council members and faculty.

Raghuvansh of MAM College was elected Secretary, while Ridham of SPMR College of Commerce and Madhav Sountra of MAM College were elected Joint Secretaries. Shalija of PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar was nominated as Joint Secretary representing the female wing. Other contesting students were also inducted as council members.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar highlighted the council's role in promoting cultural and literary activities across the University. He said the platform would nurture inclusivity, leadership, creativity and teamwork while encouraging students to showcase their talents. He urged the newly elected representatives to promote innovation and diversity and strengthen the University's presence at state and national levels.

Prof. Vishal Sharma emphasised that the council would coordinate with DSW to plan and organise cultural and literary programmes for inclusion in the University's annual calendar, making campus life more vibrant and inclusive.

Among those present were Associate Deans Dr. Ashaq Hussain and Dr. Rabia Javed; Dr. Davinder Kour, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee; Dr. Revika Arora, Cultural Coordinator; Assistant Deans Dr. Sunita Kumari and Dr. Shubra Jamwal; Prof. Mohd Ashraf; Dr. Romi Rani; and Dr. Sugandha Mahajan, Member, Students Cultural Council.

The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Revika Arora, Cultural Coordinator, CLUJ.

KGPL 2026: High-voltage cricket action on day four at Jhullas



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POONCH: The fourth day of the Krishna Ghati Premier League (KGPL) 2026 witnessed thrilling cricketing action as four exciting matches were played at Jhullas Cricket Ground, Jhullas, Poonch, with teams displaying impressive batting, bowling and competitive spirit. In the 12th match, Kanuyian Rangers defeated Kangaroo Club by 39 runs. Batting first, Kanuyian Rangers scored 108/3 in 10 overs, with Mohd Yousaf top-scoring with 34 runs. Nawaz claimed two wickets for 22 runs. In reply, Kangaroo Club managed 69/8, with Amit contributing 11 runs. The 13th match saw Fareed Cricket Club register a convincing seven-wicket victory over Poonch Tigers. Poonch Tigers scored 108/2 in 10 overs, with Luqman contributing an impressive 37 runs. Fareed Cricket Club chased the target in 8.5 overs, losing three wickets, with Myr leading the batting with 36 runs. In the 14th match, Buffliaz Cricket Club defeated Kalai Star 11 by two wickets. Kalai Star scored 78/7 in 10 overs, with Zahid making 31 runs. Buffliaz Cricket Club successfully chased the target in 9.1 overs, losing eight wickets, as Fardeen scored a valuable 33 runs. The 15th match witnessed Star Viper Junior overpower LOC Ghani by 80 runs. Star Viper Junior posted 146/4 in 10 overs, powered by Saini's outstanding 78-run innings. LOC Ghani managed 66/8, with Mohd Shabir scoring 20 runs, while Ysar claimed two wickets. Outstanding performers were awarded Man of the Match trophies along with cash prizes of Rs 3,000 each.

The tournament is being organised by Nangi Tekri Battalion under the aegis of Krishna Ghati Brigade as part of Operation Sadbhavna.

GGM Science College NCC Cadets bring laurels at national events



Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta and ANO Lt. (Dr.) Devinder Kumar Sharma felicitating NCC cadets.

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JAMMU: NCC cadets of Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, have brought laurels to the institution through outstanding performances at national-level camps and competitions.

Junior Under Officer (JUO) Madhav Sharma represented the college at the All India GV Mavlankar Shooting Championship (AIGVM-SC) 2026 and secured selection for the upcoming 69th National Shooting Championship Competition (NSCC).

Cadets Harsh Dev Singh Manhas and Adil Ali Zakir also excelled at the Advanced Leadership Camp (ALC). Harsh Dev Singh Manhas won three medals, comprising two gold and one silver, while Adil Ali Zakir secured two gold medals in literary, cultural and sporting competitions.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta and Associate NCC Officer (ANO) Lt. (Dr.) Devinder Kumar Sharma felicitated the achievers and appreciated their dedication and discipline.

Congratulating the cadets, Prof. Romesh Kumar Gupta said their national-level achievements would inspire other students to pursue excellence. Lt. (Dr.) Devinder Kumar Sharma also praised their determination and reaffirmed the college's commitment to promoting excellence through its NCC unit.

GCW Gandhi Nagar clinches Inter-collegiate Women's Kabaddi Championship



Participating teams posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, emerged as champions in the Cluster University of Jammu Intercollegiate Kabaddi (Women) Tournament organised by the college at GGM Science College, Jammu.

GCW Gandhi Nagar began its campaign with a convincing 46-13 victory over MAM College. Continuing its impressive performance, the team defeated GGM Science College in the final by a margin of 22 points to lift the championship trophy. The opening ceremony was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, J&K, as Chief Guest. Dr. Romesh Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College, presided over the function, while Dr. Vinod Bakhshi, Director, Physical Education and Sports, Cluster University of Jammu, attended as Guest of Honour.

Others present included Prof. Shradha Anand, Convenor, Sports Committee, GCW Gandhi Nagar; Kajal Premi, College Director, Physical Education and Sports, GCW Gandhi Nagar; Suman Bala, Sports Committee member; Ravi Kumar, College Director, Physical Education and Sports, SPMR College; Narender Paul, College Director, Physical Education and Sports, MAM College; Dr. Ravinder Kumar, College Director, Physical Education and Sports, GGM Science College; Shubham Sharma, Assistant PTI, GGM Science College; and Israr-ul-Haq, Assistant PTI, GCW Gandhi Nagar.

The dignitaries appreciated the participating teams and organisers for successfully conducting the tournament. They highlighted the importance of sports in developing discipline, teamwork, leadership and healthy competition among students.

The tournament concluded with GCW Gandhi Nagar celebrating its championship victory, showcasing the determination, skill and sporting spirit of women athletes.

Dr. Deepika qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Dr. Deepika, daughter of Professor (Dr.) Manohar Lal, resident of Village Chak Malal, Akhnoor, has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Economics by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra.



She was worked on the topic "Employment Dynamics and Environmental Degradation: A Study of Selected G20 Countries" under the supervision of Dr. Roop Lal Sharma, Associate Professor, (HOD), School of Economics, SMVDU, Katra.

The candidate has published his research papers in various peer- reviewed ABDC, SSCI, and Scopus-indexed journals and presented her work at various national and international conferences Dr. Deepika is presently serving as Assistant Professor at Akal University, Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda, Punjab.

The candidate expresses her gratitude to her parents, colleagues, well-wishers and supervisor for their invaluable guidance, as well as the School of Economics, SMVDU, for providing necessary facilities and support during her research.

Professor (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Dr. Ashutosh Vashishtha (Dean Faculty of Management), Dr Roop Lal Sharma and other committee members congratulated Dr. Deepika and wished her a bright future ahead.