

Distressed SCARD Bank depositors seek BJP's intervention, Sat Sharma assures support

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A large deputation of aggrieved citizens, whose payments of all matured Fixed Deposits (FDs) and Recurring Deposits (RDs) in the Jammu & Kashmir State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development (SCARD) Bank have been withheld since March 31, 2025, visited the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) headquarters at Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, to seek redressal of their grievances.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP & Rajya Sabha MP, accompanied by Sanjita Dogra, and Gopal Mahajan, General Secretaries of party listened to their grievances in detail.

The members of the delegation narrated in detail how nearly 15,000 depositors across Jammu region, many of them senior citizens, farmers, and middle-class families have been denied their own hard-earned savings amounting to nearly 7200 crore. They expressed deep anguish that despite repeated representations to the Bank authorities, Registrar of Cooperative Societies (J&K) and



concerned government officers, their pleas have gone unheard.

The delegation urged the BJP leadership to strongly advocate their legitimate cause and recommend urgent intervention by higher authorities, including legal and financial oversight bodies, to investigate the reasons behind the non-payment and ensure the immediate release of their dues. The deputation included Sarbhik Sharma, D.S. Salaria, Naresh Kumar, Jaswant Singh, Makhan Lal, Bahadur Singh Jasrotia, Jagjit Sharma, Suresh Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Chaman Lal, Rahil Sharma, Kuldeep Raj, Gara Singh, Suraj

Kant, Sat Paul Singh, Karan Singh, among many others.

Sat Sharma gave a patient hearing to every concern raised and immediately contacted the concerned authorities over phone to seek clarity and urge swift action. He stated that no citizen should suffer injustice regarding their own lifelong savings, and assured the depositors that BJP would pursue the matter with full seriousness.

"Financial mismanagement, and unjust losses to the people, cannot be tolerated. We have communicated the matter to the concerned and

asked them to ensure that the matter be taken very seriously. We have asked them to examine every fact thoroughly, to seek the early resolution and provide relief to the aggrieved", said Sat Sharma.

Later, a deputation of mid-day meal workers, chowkidars, and other low-paid staff also visited the BJP headquarters to highlight issues of meagre and delayed wages. Sat Sharma, joined by Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition in J&K Assembly, assured them that their matter would also be taken up with the concerned authorities for early resolution.

Creative Flair Shines Bright on Day 6 of Yuvtarang 2025-26 at Cluster University Jammu



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The sixth day of Yuvtarang 2025-26, the annual cultural and literary extravaganza of Cluster University of Jammu, burst into vibrant colours and artistic brilliance as students showcased their extraordinary talent across five major events-Collage Making, Installation, Rangoli, Folk Dance, and Classical Dance. The day served as a celebration of creativity, innovation, and India's rich cultural heritage, adding renewed enthusiasm to the ongoing week-long festival.

In the Collage Making Competition, Mohd. Zaigam Salaria of GGM Science College secured the top honour, while Bhanu Verma and Snakhi Sharma from SPMR College claimed the second and third positions respectively, impressing the judges with their artistic interpretations.

The Installation Competition highlighted teamwork and imaginative expression. The first prize was bagged by Parul Pawar and Peshu Sharma from the Govt. College of Education. The duo of Mohd. Zaigam and Antrish Sharma from GGM Science College

earned the second position, followed by Prasey Sharma and Riya Chib of GCW Gandhi Nagar, who secured third place.

In Rangoli, the arena blossomed with intricate designs and vibrant hues. Ridima Sharma from the School of Engineering took the first position, while Mohd. Zaigam Salaria of GGM Science College and Ansh Dev Singh from the School of Sciences secured second and third positions respectively.

The stage came alive during the Classical Dance (Solo) event, where Saika Choudhary of GCW Gandhi Nagar

emerged first. Medhavani Raina secured second place, while Ashita Majotra of MAM College finished third.

In the spirited Folk Dance category, GCW Gandhi Nagar stood first, followed by MAM College and GGM Science College in second and third positions.

All events were held under the overall guidance of Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, CIUJ, and supervised by Prof. D. S. Manhas along with the dedicated team from the Department of Students Welfare.

JKAACL pay tribute to eminent Dogri poet and writer Gianeshwar Sharma

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To commemorate the birth anniversary and to pay tribute to eminent Dogri poet and writer Gianeshwar Sharma, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages in collaboration with Bharatiya Sangeet Sansthan organized a soulful Classical Vocal Recital programme at Writer's Club, K.L. Saigal Hall, Jammu.

The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries, followed by Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of the Goddess of Knowledge and Arts. Welcoming the guests and performing artists, Harvinder Kour, Secretary Academy, paid rich tributes to Gianeshwar Sharma and highlighted his remarkable contributions to Dogri language literature and cultural heritage. She stated that through this programme Academy has first time



introduced Ragas poetry in Indian Classical vocal music. The Ragas presented by the artists on the occasion were written by Gianeshwar Sharma as a tribute to departed soul.

Gianeshwar Sharma is a prominent figure in Dogri literature, widely respected for his dedication to enriching and promoting the language of the Jammu region. A versatile writer, he has contributed significantly through poetry, lyrics, and short stories, especially for children, capturing the essence of regional life, values, and cultural traditions. His acclaimed poetry

collection Baddali Kalave earned him the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award, recognising his impactful voice in contemporary Dogri poetry. He is also a recipient of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for his remarkable contributions to children's literature and was honoured with the J&K State Award for Literature in 2018 for his outstanding literary achievements.

The event featured an enchanting Classical Vocal Recital by renowned and emerging artists including Vijay Kumar Sambhal 'Rangeley Thakur', Dr. Rishi Shaminotra, Dr. Chinmei Sharma, Kusha

Sharma, Dr. Rakesh Kalotra, Devangi and Ridima Bajpai, who mesmerized the audience with their melodious renditions in tribute to the legendary poet.

The performers were ably accompanied by Rajveer Singh on Tabla and Krishan Kumar 'Johnny' on Harmonium, whose rhythmic and melodic support added brilliance to the presentations. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Rajkumar Behrupia, who kept the flow of the programme engaging and well coordinated.

Dr. Javed Rahi, Chief Editor and Divisional Head Jammu of JKAACL presented Vote of Thanks

J&K Sports Taekwondo Association organised Jammu Open

Taekwondo Belt Examination Championship 2025 at J.P. World School

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A total of 210 students participated in the event from which 135 students were awarded the belts in their own weight categories. Two students namely Viraj Singh from Heritage School and Bijoy Nanda from Doon International School qualified the Black Belt from World Taekwondo Federation Korea. Baldev Singh Billawaria, J&K BJP State General Secretary, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. K.C.S. Mehta, Academics Director of IDPS School, attended as the Guest of Honour, while Aparna Kohli, Principal of J.P. World School Jammu, was the Special Guest. They distributed certificates to those who qualified in the Taekwondo Examination Championship.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Baldev Singh Billawaria congratulated all the participating students and appreciated



the efforts of the association for promoting sports culture and nurturing young talent in Jammu & Kashmir. He stated that "sports are not just about physical strength but also about mental discipline, character-building, and leadership." He encouraged the participants to stay focused, work hard, and aim for excellence at national and international levels. He emphasised that such championships play a crucial role in instilling confidence, discipline, and a

competitive spirit among the youth. He further highlighted that the Modi government is committed to strengthening sports infrastructure and providing better opportunities to sportspersons across the Union Territory. He encouraged the young athletes to continue their hard work and bring laurels to the region and the nation. Anil Nanda, President of J&K Sports Taekwondo Association, while addressing the gathering said that the students who qualified would be provided an

opportunity to participate in the State Taekwondo Championship 2026 in the month of Feb. The students of different schools that participated in the event. The event conducted by Mr. Anil Nanda (President J&K Sports Taekwondo Association) and Ronika Rathore (General Secretary and Organizer) Amit Sharma (Vice President), Peetambar Tandon (Senior Member) and other members Ms. Manmeet Kour, Gursimran Kour, Amulya Singh and Ankush were present.

Pawan Sharma Expresses Deep Concern Over Government Neglect of Chandrabhaga Region

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BJP State Secretary and Prabhari for District Doda, Pawan Sharma, has expressed serious concern over what he described as the continued neglect of the Chandrabhaga region (erstwhile Doda district) by the present Omar Abdullah-led government. In a strong statement issued today, Sharma said that the people of the region, already struggling to rebuild their lives after the devastating floods, feel "deeply disappointed and completely dejected" due to the government's lack of attention.

Sharma's remarks come after his four-day extensive visit to the Chandrabhaga region, during which he attended several meetings with BJP karyakartas and offered an incisive analysis of the scale of destruction the area has faced. "This absence of even symbolic outreach shows the government's insensitivity towards the



and affected families. He said the visit further exposed the gravity of the situation and the urgent need for government intervention.

Sharma stated that, since the formation of the current government, not a single senior ministerial visit has been made to Chandrabhaga, despite the scale of destruction the area has faced. "This absence of even symbolic outreach shows the government's insensitivity towards the

suffering of our people," he said. "Entire families have lost their homes, agricultural land has been washed away, and yet those in power have failed to even visit and take stock of their pain."

Calling the situation "alarming and unacceptable," Sharma highlighted that the affected communities are still waiting for comprehensive relief and a transparent rehabilitation plan. He said the local population is anxious about their future, as many have been left without shelter, livelihood, or any clear assurance of support from the administration.

Sharma emphasized that disaster-hit regions like Chandrabhaga require urgent, sustained government intervention, not apathy. He urged the state administration to immediately dispatch senior ministers and

concerned departments to conduct on-ground assessments, release pending relief funds, and initiate rehabilitation works without further delay. "The people of Doda and its adjoining areas have always stood by the nation in times of need. It is now the government's responsibility to stand by them," he asserted.

Reaffirming the BJP's commitment to the welfare of the people, Sharma assured that he would continue to raise these concerns at all appropriate forums until concrete action is taken. He appealed to the government to respond with seriousness, compassion, and urgency. "Our people deserve dignity, security, and a responsive government that listens and acts. Chandrabhaga cannot be left behind," Sharma added.

Department of NSS, Central University of Jammu Concludes ICSSR Sponsored International Seminar

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The Department of National Security Studies (NSS), Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the esteemed patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Jain, organized ICSSR sponsored Two-Day International Seminar on "Security in the Changing World Order: Challenges and Responses".

In the Valedictory session, Dr. Neeta Rani, HOD, NSS, CUJ Jammu delivered a formal welcome address followed by the introduction of Guest speaker Prof. Rajiv Nayan, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Dr. Anuradha, Assistant Professor, NSS, CUJ presented a summary of the seminar highlighting various themes deliberated upon and the outcomes of the seminar.

In his valedictory session address, Prof. Rajiv Nayan (NSS), Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the esteemed patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Jain, organized ICSSR sponsored Two-Day International Seminar on "Security in the Changing World Order: Challenges and Responses".



he identified as a critical battleground of the future. He underscored that the structure of the emerging world order is being shaped significantly by the rise of regional powers, whose strategic choices and capabilities are becoming decisive in global affairs. In this context, Prof. Nayan called for a sustained national focus on developing indigenous capabilities, advancing modernization, and strengthening the core elements of national power, including technological innovation, and sovereign indigenous defence technologies. A major thrust of his address was the need for a fundamental transformation in India's security mindset. He advocated cultivating a more assertive strategic posture, along with moving beyond conventional western-centric security discourses that have long framed global strategic thinking. Instead, he urged policymakers and scholars to draw upon the country's historical experiences and traditional knowledge systems, arguing that these

foundations offer valuable insights for shaping contemporary security strategies. Prof. Nayan concluded by reiterating that adapting to the changing world order requires both intellectual recalibration and institutional reform, anchored in self-reliance, strategic clarity, and a deep understanding of India's civilizational wisdom. In his special remarks, Prof. Asit Mantri, Head, Department of Educational Studies at CU Jammu, offered thought-provoking reflections inspired by the ideas of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh. He emphasized Sri Aurobindo's philosophical call for self-realization and the importance of understanding one's true inner potential as a foundation for both individual growth and national strength. Prof. Mantri highlighted the relevance of dharma, the principle of righteous duty in every sphere of life. He argued that adherence to dharma is essential not only for personal integrity but also for safeguarding the national interest, as it

fosters discipline, ethical action, and a sense of collective purpose. He further stressed the need for the nation to identify, preserve, and build upon its inherent strengths, including its cultural heritage, intellectual traditions, and human capital. In his special remarks, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Jain commended the department for organizing an intellectually enriching and timely discourse. Reflecting on the dynamics of international relations, he underscored the enduring principle that a nation has no permanent friends or enemies, only permanent interests. Prof. Jain emphasized the responsibilities that every individual bears toward the nation, particularly in an era marked by evolving security challenges. He highlighted the need for citizens to remain aware, vigilant and committed to safeguarding national integrity, especially at a time when the country continues to confront the persistent threat of terrorism.