

# Vedas offer universal path of pure worship, human unity: Swami Ram

## Yogacharya calls for revival of authentic Vedic knowledge

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**KATHUA:** The spiritually vibrant atmosphere at Ved Mandir, Yol, Himachal Pradesh, continued to inspire devotees on the 29th day of the ongoing 78-day Yajna Anushthan dedicated to the study and recitation of all four Vedas.

During the daily discourse, eminent Vedic scholar and Yogacharya Swami Ram Swarup Ji delivered an enlightening sermon stressing the eternal relevance of Vedic wisdom and the importance of worshipping the Almighty through the pure mantras revealed in the Vedas.

Drawing the attention of devotees towards Rigveda Mantra 8/95/7, Swami Ji explained that society must collectively encourage seekers and worshippers to return to the original path of Vedic worship.

Quoting the sacred expressions "Shuddham Indram Shuddhena Stavama" and "Shuddhaih Ukthaih", he said that the Supreme God, who is eternally pure, formless, omnipresent, and beyond human limitations, should be worshipped only through pure Vedic hymns and Sama chanting



revealed directly by the Almighty.

Elaborating upon the spiritual meaning of the mantra, Swami Ji stated that God is inherently pure and does not require external rituals such as ceremonial bathing, decoration, or physical offerings.

He said the Vedas impart the knowledge that the Almighty can only be realised through purity of thought, disciplined conduct, yajna, yoga, and

the recitation of sacred Vedic mantras.

He further referred to Samaveda Mantras 382, 376, and 257, explaining that these mantras also direct mankind towards worship based solely on Vedic knowledge. According to him, the Vedas constitute the original and eternal divine knowledge bestowed upon humanity at the beginning of creation for the welfare of all beings.

Expressing concern over the declining awareness of Vedic teachings in modern times, Swami Ji remarked that society has gradually moved away from authentic Vedic traditions and has instead become dependent upon man-made customs, sectarian beliefs, and ritualistic practices.

He urged devotees to deeply reflect upon the origin of spiritual knowledge and understand that at the dawn of creation there were no human beings to compose religious books or formulate differing ideologies. Therefore, he said, the eternal wisdom of the four Vedas manifested directly from God for guiding humanity on the path of righteousness and truth.

Swami Ji emphasised that while

human beings may write books according to their personal beliefs, opinions, or traditions, the knowledge contained in the Vedas is free from attachment, hatred, discrimination, and narrow divisions.

The Supreme God, he said, imparts the same universal knowledge equally to all human beings without distinction.

Highlighting the message of universal brotherhood contained in the Vedas, Swami Ji said that God has never created divisions, sects, or conflicts among mankind. Instead, Vedic teachings promote unity, equality, peace, compassion, self-discipline, and spiritual harmony.

He urged devotees to study the Vedas under the guidance of learned Acharyas and incorporate Vedic principles into daily life for attaining true peace, happiness, and spiritual upliftment.

The discourse concluded with devotional chanting, yajna offerings, and prayers for universal peace and welfare, with devotees expressing deep spiritual enthusiasm and reverence towards the timeless wisdom of the Vedas.

# Natrang presents Dogri play 'Cheta' in its weekly Sunday Theatre series

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**JAMMU:** Continuing its rich tradition of showcasing meaningful and impactful theatre, Natrang today presented a Dogri play, 'Cheta', at its weekly Sunday Theatre series at Natrang Studio Theatre.

The play was based on a Dogri story of the same name, written by renowned writer Joginder Chhatrapal, was skillfully adapted by Dimple Sharma and directed by Pawan Verma. Joginder Chhatrapal received Sahitya Akademi Award for this work in the year 2016.

Cheta is a poignant and thought-provoking narrative that delves into the mental and emotional struggles of old age, shedding light on the challenges faced by the elderly, including societal indifference and insensitivity.

The play resonates deeply with the audience, encouraging a heightened sense of empathy and awareness.

The story follows an el-



derly, retired schoolteacher who is determined to attend the wedding of a friend's daughter in a distant village. Struggling with memory loss and ridiculed by his family for his forgetfulness, he embarks on the journey alone, carrying a simple gift of a saree and a bag of rajma beans.

The narrative poignantly explores his mental fog, the ridicule he faces from his family and society, and his internal struggle with feelings of inadequacy and

helplessness. Moments of anguish are intertwined with past memories, including incidents where his failing memory caused him shame and humiliation.

As the old man waits at the bus stand for his friend Abrol, he is haunted by memories of being taunted by his family. Unable to remember essential details, such as the name of his destination or his friend's phone number, he faces further challenges at the ticket counter.

# Indian Army promote drug-free society through awareness activities in Poonch

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**POONCH:** As part of the ongoing Nasha Mukht Abhiyan, aimed at spreading awareness against drug abuse and promoting a healthy, disciplined and responsible society, the Indian Army organised awareness activities at Government Primary School, Nakka Mohalla, Lower Dogrian and Lassana, Poonch.

On 9 May 2026, Indian Army conducted an awareness lecture at Government Primary School, Nakka Mohalla and Lower Dogrian.

The lecture sensitised students, youth and locals about the harmful effects and long-term consequences of drug abuse on physical health, mental well-being, education, family life and social harmony. A total of 7



students, 01 teacher and 09 local residents attended the programme.

On 10 May 2026 Indian Army organised an Awam Meeting at Lassana, which witnessed active participation from 60 local residents, youth, elders and prominent community members.

The interaction focused

on the growing threat of substance abuse and the collective responsibility of society in safeguarding the younger generation.

During both events, Indian Army representatives emphasised the importance of awareness, self-discipline, community vigilance, education and constructive engagement of youth in

positive activities.

Participants were encouraged to cooperate with the local administration and security forces in preventing drug-related activities. The Indian Army reaffirmed its commitment towards community welfare and the national vision of building a Nasha Mukht Bharat.

# Indian Army organised commemoration of Operation Sindoor Anniversary at Rajouri

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**RAJOURI:** A solemn ceremony commemorating the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor was conducted at the Wall of Fame, ALG Rajouri on 10th of May 2026.

Organised with full military honours, the event paid homage to the exceptional bravery, sacrifice and unwavering commitment of the soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the operation.

The event was presided over by Major General Kaushik Mukherjee, Sena Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, who offered heartfelt tributes to the fallen heroes and acknowledged their selfless devotion in safeguarding the nation.

The occasion witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, civil dignitaries and school



students, symbolising the enduring trust and camaraderie shared between the Armed Forces and the people of Rajouri.

As part of the commemoration, a 'Shaurya Mashal with Pushpanjali' was dedicated to all fallen soldiers of Operation Sindoor from Ace of Spades Division.

Thereafter, the Mashal

was carried forward with immense pride and patriotic fervour by students during a march along the road adjoining ALG Rajouri, spreading the message of national unity, courage and sacrifice.

Students from various reputed educational institutions of Rajouri, including Doon International School

Rajouri, Boys Higher Secondary School Rajouri and Army Goodwill Public School Rajouri, participated wholeheartedly in the event. Their energetic involvement infused the ceremony with emotional depth and patriotic spirit, while reinforcing the values of discipline, unity and dedication towards the nation.

The ceremony concluded on an inspiring and emotional note, renewing the collective commitment to uphold the ideals of valour, selfless service and patriotism exemplified by the brave-hearts of Operation Sindoor. The commemorative event stood as a fitting tribute to the fallen soldiers and served to motivate the younger generation to imbibe the timeless values of courage, integrity and nation-building.

# Literary Forum programme organised

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**KATHUA:** Sahitya Akademi New Delhi organized its special "Literary Forum program" for prominent Poets at Vishvakarma Mandir District Kathua.

The participant poets included Chaman Lal Khajuria, Kuldeep Kippi, Saroj Bala, Tilak Raj Sumbria, and Vijay Sharma.

Program was chaired by Mohan Singh, a Sahitya Akademi Awardee and Padmshri Awardee, who is also the convenor Dogri advisory board Sahitya Akademi.

He in his welcome address unfolded the all schemes of Sahitya Akademi for the benefits of language and literature.

He further added that Sahitya Akademi is the only organization of the country, working for the development of all the 24 languages of India, recognized by Sahitya Akademi. Sahitya Akademi is known as National Akademi of Letters.



"Literary Forum" Program was designed for the benefit of those writers who are living in the far-flung areas and writing in their languages. To provide them the platform of Sahitya Akademi under the banner of "Literary Forum" Program was the idea of this scheme.

The participant poets spellbound the audience and audience enjoyed the programme too much.

Poets from different parts of jammu also grace the occasion in which Purn Chander Sharma, Randhir Singh Raipuriya etc. were among the prominent.

# Kesri leads protest against industrial pollution in Bishnah, demands action to save farmlands

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**BISHNAH:** Serious concern over rising industrial pollution and its damaging impact on agriculture echoed across Murar Chak village in Bishnah on the other day as Shiv Sena Hindustan organised a protest meeting under the leadership of J&K State President Pandit Rajesh Kesri.

Villagers, farmers, and party workers gathered in large numbers to voice their anger against the alleged discharge of toxic industrial waste into local drains, accusing the administration of failing to protect the livelihood of rural communities.

The protest, directed against the Industries Department and the government's alleged inaction, witnessed slogans demanding immediate intervention to stop the release of harm-



ful chemical waste into agricultural areas.

Residents from Chak Murar, Dhyam, Karpal, and nearby hamlets alleged that untreated chemical discharge, particularly from a herbicide manufacturing factory operating in the area, is polluting irrigation channels and severely affecting crop production.

Villagers claimed that the contaminated water flowing through village

drains has gradually reduced soil fertility, making agricultural land increasingly barren and unproductive. Farmers expressed deep anxiety over declining yields and mounting economic losses.

"Earlier our fields produced healthy crops, but now the productivity has dropped drastically. The soil has lost its strength because chemical-laced water is being used for irrigation,"

said several local residents during the protest. They alleged that repeated complaints to authorities have yielded little result, forcing villagers to raise their voices collectively.

Addressing the gathering, Pandit Rajesh Kesri strongly criticised the administration for ignoring the hardships faced by farming families. He appealed to the government to "wake up from its Kumbha-

karan-like slumber" and take urgent corrective measures before the environmental damage becomes irreversible.

"The people of these villages are living in fear and distress. Agriculture is their only source of livelihood. If the discharge of toxic chemicals is not stopped immediately, thousands of acres of fertile land may become useless in the coming years," Kesri warned.

He demanded a thorough investigation into the functioning of the concerned factories and called for strict monitoring of industrial waste disposal mechanisms. He also urged pollution control authorities and district officials to conduct scientific testing of soil and water in the affected villages to assess the long-term environmental and health impact on residents.

# Drug-free society essential for strong nation: Ashok Koul

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**GANGYAL:** J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, accompanied by J&K Waqf Board Chairperson Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, addressed a "Nasha Mukht Abhiyan" programme organized under the banner of "Asluk Alav" by Al Rahim Trust at Ganderbal.

The programme witnessed participation from social activists, religious scholars, youth, and local residents committed to spreading awareness against drug abuse in society.

All Cells Co-Incharge Bilal Parry, District President Ghulam Hasan, Maulana Owais Qadri, and Maulana Ghulam Rasool Hami were also present on the occasion.

Ashok Koul, addressing the gathering, emphasized the urgent need for a collective social movement against the growing menace of drug addiction among youth. He said that substance abuse is not only destroying individuals but also weakening families and society at large.

He stressed that religious institutions, social organizations, educational



bodies, and public representatives must work together to guide the younger generation towards education, morality, and constructive activities.

Ashok Koul stated that the BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is firmly committed to safeguarding the future of youth through awareness campaigns, rehabilitation measures, and strict action against drug peddlers.

He urged the youth to become ambassadors of a drug-free society and

actively participate in nation-building.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, speaking on the occasion, said that drug abuse is a serious social evil that requires united efforts from every section of society. She highlighted the important role of religious and social organizations in creating awareness and motivating youth to stay away from addiction.

She also appreciated Al Rahim Trust for organizing the programme and taking proactive steps for social reform and public awareness in the region.

# Awareness session on ABC conducted by NEP SAARTHI Volunteers at SMVDU

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**KAKRYAL:** An awareness session on the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) was conducted at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University by the NEP SAARTHI volunteers Aresha Qureshi, Abhishek Raj, and Nandita Gupta under the guidance of Prof. Balbir Singh Dean Academic Affairs and Dr. Shafaq Rasool Associate Dean Academic Affairs.

The session aimed to familiarize students with the key features and benefits of the ABC system introduced under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The session commenced with an introduction to NEP 2020 and its vision of creating a flexible, multidisciplinary, and student-cent-



tric education system.

The volunteers explained the significance of the Academic Bank of Credits as a digital repository that enables students to earn, store, transfer, and redeem academic credits throughout their academic journey.

During the session, important aspects such as the

concept of ABC, its benefits, and the process of registration were discussed in detail. A live demonstration was also conducted to guide students on how to create their ABC accounts and access the platform effectively.

The session witnessed active participation from students, who raised sever-

al queries regarding credit transfer, course validity, and practical implementation of the ABC framework.

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