

# JKPS Panjtirthi celebrates Tourism Day with exuberance



Glimpses of Tourism Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** World Tourism Day plays a crucial role in promoting sustainable tourism practices that not only respect local cultures but also protect the environment. The celebration underscores the economic benefits of tourism, which can create jobs, stimulate local economies, and promote conservation efforts.

Tourism Day was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with much exuberance.

Jakians participated with zeal and joy and spoke vigorously about the best places of India enunciating on different states and their significance regarding famous places, culture, clothing, cuisine, Language, amusement parks, museums and other cultural venues that attract tourists.

Jakians raised slogans to emphasize that, "World Tourism Day is a global event that celebrates the role of tourism in bridging cultural gaps, enhancing

mutual understanding, and driving economic development. Tourism plays a significant role in improving a nation's economy and enhancing its image."

Dressed up in exuberant attires representing different states, jakians splendidly connected with the audience to exhibit the vast culture and heritage of India. The importance of maintaining the monuments and keeping the surroundings clean was well illustrated through an edifying skit by jakians, that

sensitized audience to honour and preserve their mother earth. Sindu Kohli, the organiser of the function, highlighted the theme of World Tourism Day 2024 "Tourism and Peace" and expressed, "The desire to explore new places and cultures has helped the world to come together and connect effectively. The purpose of celebrating this day is to make jakians aware of tourist places around the world. Travelling is all about exploring, learning and

embracing, that adds more meaning to life."

She further added, "Tourism is a vital industry that contributes to the economic growth of nation, creates employment opportunities, and fosters cultural connections among people from different backgrounds. It is a global event dedicated to celebrating the significance of tourism in promoting cultural exchange, economic development, and international understanding."

## International, National cricketers visit Jammu Tawi Golf Course

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** In an exciting prelude to the upcoming Legends Cricket Tournament, renowned international and national-level cricketers George Worker from New Zealand, Shaun Marsh from Australia, Peter Trevor from England, and Sachin Rana from India visited the Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Sidhra, today.

The world-class sportsmen took a break from the crick-eting pitch to enjoy a friendly game of golf at one of India's most picturesque and challenging courses.

Jammu Tawi Golf Course, known for its breathtaking views and demanding terrain, provided the perfect backdrop for these athletes. It is a regular host for the prestigious Professional



International, national cricketers visiting Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Sidhra in Jammu.

Golf Tour of India (PGTI), which is scheduled to be held later this month in the third week of October 2024.

The cricketers expressed their admiration for the course's beauty and the challenges it presents. George Worker praised the lush greenery and the impeccably maintained fairways, saying, "It's rare to find a course that not only tests your skill but also allows you to soak in such scenic beauty." Shaun Marsh added,

"This course is one of the toughest I've played, but the experience was thoroughly enjoyable. The team here has done an incredible job of creating an environment that's both challenging and relaxing."

Peter Trevor, who is an avid golfer, commented on the unique layout of the course: "The undulating greens and the surrounding mountains make for an unforgettable experience. It's definitely one of the

finest courses I've seen in India." Sachin Rana also echoed the positive sentiments, noting, "It was a great time spent with fellow cricketers on a course that's truly world-class. We had a fantastic day here."

Reflecting on the significance of the occasion, the Secretary of Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Manav Gupta stated, "We are honoured to welcome such distinguished athletes from around the world to our course. Their positive feedback is a testament to the hard work and continuous efforts we have put into the development of the facility. Our aim has always been to create a top-tier golfing experience that blends the natural beauty of the region with the highest standards of sport. Hosting both international sports

personalities and major events reinforces our commitment to making Jammu Tawi Golf Course a premier destination for golfers worldwide."

The visit by these legendary cricketers to Jammu Tawi Golf Course highlights the appeal of the facility to sports enthusiasts from around the globe. With its regular hosting of the PGTI and its growing reputation, the course is fast becoming a top destination for golf aficionados, both national and international.

As the Legends Cricket Tournament kicks off, the cricketers have left behind glowing reviews, not only for Jammu Tawi Golf Course but also for the city of Jammu, expressing their eagerness to return both for cricket and for golf.

## District Rajouri Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2024 kicks off



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**NOWSHERA:** The District Rajouri Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2024 commenced on Thursday at Government Higher Secondary School, Lamberi, Nowshera. This three-day championship features participation from 16 teams (both boys and girls) across the district and is organized by the District Rajouri Tennis Ball Cricket Association under the auspices of the J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association. The event is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council. The championship was inaugurated by Mr. Surinder Kumar Sharma, Principal of Government Higher Secondary School Lamberi Nowshera, who served as the Chief Guest. Mr. Bharat Bhushan, Physical Education Master, was the Guest of Honour at the inaugural ceremony.

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their skills and sportsmanship. The youth of Rajouri displayed great enthusiasm and excitement as they kicked off the district championship. The atmosphere was vibrant with players showcasing their talents and teamwork.

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## Samba District Gatka meet held



Participants of Gatka meet posing for a photograph with officials.

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**JAMMU:** Gatka Association of J&K organised District Samba Championship at Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Vijaypur in Samba involving boys and girls in different age categories. Those winners presented the medals by chief guest, Barkat Singh and guest of honour, Manpreet Singh (Rocky) in the presence of Ravinder Singh (president) and Dr Manmeet Singh as also advisors, Narinder Singh Khalsa and Taranvir Singh.

The held under the technical guidance of

Taranvir Singh, Love Preet and Simran Deep Kour. The Results: Girls: Under-14: Kulneet Kour, Ist; Prableen Kour; 2nd and Prabjot Kour; 3rd. Under-19: Harneet Kour; Ist; Sneha, 2nd and Diksha, 3rd. Boys: Under-14: Ishmeet Singh, Ist; Prabhak Singh, 2nd and Balbinder Singh, 3rd. Under-17: Arsh, Ist; Daljit Singh, 2nd and Jashanpreet Singh, 3rd. Under-19: Jarnail Singh, Ist; Gurpreet Singh, 2nd and Jaspreet Singh, 3rd. Under-22: Amarjeet Singh, Ist; Parbinder Singh, 2nd and Mohan Singh, 3rd.

## Anantnag school felicitates coach Tariq



GGHS School Bejbehra faculty felicitating international volleyball coach from district Poonch, Mohd Tariq.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Government Girls Higher Secondary School Bejbehra in district Anantnag of Kashmir Division in J&K felicitated international volleyball coach from district Poonch, Mohd Tariq for his efforts to promote the game of Volleyball in the UT. Tariq, who has produced international stuff and recently accompanied the

Indian team to an international event as coach, was invited by

the educational institution for a special lecture to students of exclusive female school. Earlier, speaking to the students in special assembly, Tariq told the target girls to strive for higher aims in life so as to achieve desired results in the field of sports. Tariq informed the students that J&K has produced international stuff in the discipline of Volleyball with the result game has become a popular sport.

## Tennis Ball trails on Oct 6,7

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The J&K Tennis Ball Association to organize selection trials for the J&K UT Junior teams (Under 19 boys & girls). These trials will take place over two days on 6th & 7th October 2024 at Greenfield, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The trials will start promptly at 9:00 AM under the supervision of Gulshan Rattan and B.K. Tickoo. For any inquiries, you can reach Tickoo at 7006763920. To be eligible for the selection trials, participants must have a date of birth on or after 15/10/2004. Organizers requested all participants to come prepared with the necessary documentation and equipment. This includes a

## India to host Kho Kho World Cup in 2025

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) and the International Kho Kho Federation, have announced that the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup will take place in India in 2025. The event will witness the participation of 24 countries from 6 continents and will feature 16 men's and as many as women's teams. Ahead of the World Cup, the

KKFI plans to take the sport to 200 elite schools across 10 cities to promote the sport. The federation will also run a membership drive for school students with the aim of registering at least 50 lakh players ahead of the mega tournament.

Sudhanshu Mittal, KKFI president expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming event, "We are incredibly excited to host the inaugural Kho

Kho World Cup. This tournament is not just about competition; it's about bringing nations together, promoting cultural exchange, and showcasing the beauty and intensity of Kho Kho to the world. Our ultimate goal is to see Kho Kho recognised as an Olympic sport by 2032, and this World Cup is the first step towards that dream." The tournament will feature a week-long series of match-

es, with top-tier athletes from across the globe demonstrating their skills, agility, and teamwork.

Kho Kho has its roots in India, and the World Cup will highlight the rich cultural heritage and competitive spirit of the sport. The sport that started in the mud and now gone to the mat has a global presence with 54 countries playing the sport across the world.

## Uttarakhand Tourism launches Mount Kailash Darshan from Indian Soil

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**U T T A R A K H A N D :** According to holy scriptures, there are five abodes of Lord Shiva, out of which three - Kinnaur Kailash, Mani Mahesh and Shrikhand Mahadev are in Himachal Pradesh, Adi Kailash is in Uttarakhand and Mount Kailash is located in Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

After the cessation of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra in 2020, Shiva devotees have been waiting for an alternative to the Darshan of Mount Kailash. This has now been made possible, with the efforts of Govt. of Uttarakhand, ITBP and Border Roads Organisation.

Uttarakhand Tourism conducted the first successful trip including Darshan of Mount Kailash, Adi Kailash and Om Parvat from Indian soil. The

darshan of Mount Kailash was done from Old Lipulekh Peak from where the pilgrims could pay homage to their revered deity from Indian soil.

The first batch of pilgrims started on Gandhi Jayanti, October 2, 2024 and witnessed the majestic Mount Kailash on October 3 from Old Lipulekh Peak along with Om Parvat. The point from Mount Kailash is clearly visible was discovered a few months ago by a team of officials from Uttarakhand Tourism, BRO and ITBP after which necessary preparations were made by the Uttarakhand Tourism department to start a package tour covering Darshan of Mount Kailash, Adi Kailash and Om Parvat all from Indian soil.

The pilgrims will visit Adi Kailash from Gunji Pithoragarh on October 4,



2024 before returning to Pithoragarh.

The package includes helicopter tickets from Pithoragarh to Gunji and back with accommodation at KMVN or homestays. Neeraj Manohar Lal Chowksey and Mohini Neeraj Chowksey from Bhopal, who were part of the first batch of pilgrims were overwhelmed at the sight of the abode of their deity. Neeraj Chowksey expressed his gratitude towards

the Government for opening of this route and said that will become a boon for Shiva devotees from all across the globe.

Amandeep Kumar Jindal from Chandigarh thanked his good fortune and said that due to clear weather they could get very clear Darshan of Mount Kailash from Old Lipulekh. CM, Pushkar Singh Dhami mentioned that the opening of Darshan of Mount Kailash from Indian

soil reflects the commitment of the govt. and congratulated all departments associated with the project. He further mentioned that now Shiva devotees need not wait for their turn to visit the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and can pay their respects from Indian Territory.

Tourism Minister, Satpal Maharaj hailed this discovery and successful conduct of the first trip as a historic event for Shiva devotees and mentioned that the Govt. of Uttarakhand is committed towards providing the pilgrims a unique and memorable experience. The 4 nights/5 days package costs Rs. 80,000 per tourist including GST and bookings can be made on Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam website -kmvn.in.

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