

JKPS Panjtirthi celebrates Diwali-A festival which gives many reasons to smile, enjoy



Glimpses of Diwali celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: The pious festival of Diwali - the festival of lights, love and joy was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with devotion, enthusiasm and excitement. Sonika Sharma,

the Incharge of the Celebration, acquainted the Jakians about rituals, beliefs, facts and mythological stories related to the festival. She expressed "let's lead this planet towards light and fill our homes with light

and prayers , not with fumes and crackers ." The celebration commenced with the auspicious Laxmi Puja by the Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah and Anju Jamwal. They offered prayer to the

almighty that filled everyone's heart and mind with love and harmony. The Principal wished Happy Diwali to one and all and added, "Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a vibrant and culturally rich

celebration that holds a special place in the hearts of millions around the world. It's a time when homes, streets, and hearts are illuminated with joy, positivity, and hope." She further remarked,

"The triumph of virtue over the vice is the eternal truth. This Diwali let's light a lamp of love, blast a chain of sorrow, shoot a rocket of Prosperity." The participants were beaming with light and their

hearts were throbbing with excitement. The role play on a scene from "Ramayana ", the enchantment of Hanuman Chalisa and Ram Stuti and the dance performance by jakians were the highlights of the day.

The Principal was flabbergasted over the performance of the Jakians. The school ground embellished with handcrafted paper Diyas and lanterns added to the joyous ambience of the celebration.

Role of Yuva in Swadeshi Movement is crucial: Rekha Mahajan

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AKHNOOR: The role of youth in driving the Swadeshi movement and building an Atmanirbhar Bharat is indispensable, said BJP Jammu & Kashmir Vice President and State Co-Incharge of AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Advocate Rekha Mahajan, while addressing a vibrant Yuva Sammelan in District Akhnoor.



BJP J&K Vice President, Rekha Mahajan addressing a Yuva Sammelan at Akhnoor.

force behind the Swadeshi movement. Their energy, innovation, and commitment are crucial in realising the vision of a self-reliant India," she said. She urged the youth to adopt the principles of Swadeshi by promoting indigenous products and supporting local industries. "Every small step towards using locally made goods strengthens our economy and empowers our nation. Youth must become ambassadors of this change," Mahajan asserted. Highlighting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, she added,

"Atmanirbhar Bharat is not just a slogan - it is a mission to make India economically strong, technologically advanced, and socially empowered. The youth must lead this mission from the front." She appreciated the organisers for mobilising the youth and encouraged regular such interactions to inspire young minds. BJP District President Kuldeep Banotra, in his address, lauded the enthusiasm of the youth and highlighted the importance of their participation in strengthening the party's

grassroots network. He said that young minds, when channelised in the right direction, can bring revolutionary changes in society. District Prabhari Vinay Gupta in his address said that youth are the backbone of the nation and must work collectively to promote the message of Swadeshi and Vocal for Local. He also appreciated the efforts of the organisers for their commitment to youth empowerment. Sahil Bral and Gurdeep Singh shared their views, emphasizing the need for youth to blend modern education with traditional values to create a balanced and progressive society. The proceedings of the programme were ably conducted by Shakti Singh. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks to all dignitaries and participants, with renewed enthusiasm among the youth to contribute actively to the Swadeshi movement and national development.

Srinagar to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: Ashok Koul

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SRINAGAR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, organized a preparatory meeting at S1 Church Lane, Srinagar, to discuss and finalize the programmes to be held in connection with the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India and the architect of national unity. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), BJP J&K, chaired the meeting and outlined the series of activities planned by the party to commemorate the occasion. He said that various programmes including Unity Marches (Ekta Yatras), seminars, debates, and nukkad natak will be organized across the Union Territory to spread the message of unity, nationalism, and integrity championed by Sardar Patel. "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision and courage



General Secretary (Org) BJP J&K, Ashok Koul chairing party workers meeting at Srinagar.

laid the foundation of a united India by integrating over 560 princely states. The India we live in today stands on his dream of oneness and national integration. It is our duty to continue his mission and strengthen the spirit of unity," said Ashok Koul. He further added that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has revived and celebrated the

legacy of Sardar Patel, exemplified by the construction of the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity, a tribute to the great statesman's unmatched contribution to nation-building. J&K BJP Secretaries Mudasar Wani and Arif Raja, Programme Incharge Bhat Intiyaz, State Co-Media Incharge Sajid Yousuf Shah, Co-Incharge of All Cells Bilal Parray, District Presidents, and

other senior functionaries were present during the meeting. Mudasar Wani emphasized that these programmes will encourage youth participation and foster a sense of collective responsibility towards the nation's integrity. Arif Raja said that the life and legacy of Sardar Patel continue to inspire millions, and BJP's commitment to his ideals is reflected in every initiative aimed at strengthening unity and nationalism. Later, Ashok Koul also addressed booth-level meetings as part of the ongoing election campaign for the Budgam Assembly constituency by-election. Addressing party workers at Booth No. 164 Thokerpora, he lauded their enthusiasm and dedication, stating that the campaign is progressing effectively and the party is moving steadily towards victory.