Education Beyond Academics: JKPS Kunjwani promotes the ethos of self-discipline



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JAMMU: "Self-induced discipline among youth can elevate our nation to the rank of global superpowers," asserted Homera Jabeen, student of Grade 7th Falcon, while conducting the morning assembly alongwith her classmates on the theme 'Importance Discipline in Life'.

Adding more substance,

Gupta Aashriya stated, "Discipline is the compass that directs one toward excellence. It helps us adhere to rules and complete our tasks within a stipulated timeframe. It acts as a catalyst that expedites progress and empowers individuals to achieve their dreams. It is our pole star guiding us towards our destination.

Taking the discussion a

higher, Anshpreet notch Singh highlighted the role of discipline in effective time management. "Disciplined individuals manage their hours wisely and focus on meaningful pursuits," he said. "A proactive approach creating a schedule and adhering to it with perseverance - ensures long-term success." During the Quotations

Segment, the students

shared inspiring thoughts from eminent personalities:

Tiana Sharma quoted Jim Rohn: "Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment". Bhavya Sharma cited Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam: "Self-control and self-discipline are real power". Saira Mahajan referred to Naval Ravikant: "The price of discipline is always less than the pain of

regret". Mohd. Assad invoked Sir Francis Bacon: "A man must so command his passions that he makes them his servants, not his masters". shared Stephen Hawking's wisdom: "Self-discipline is the silent strength behind every success; when you master yourself, you master everything".

In his concluding remarks, Principal JKPS Kunjwani

Rajesh Rathore commended the young presenters for their thoughtful insights and said, "Discipline must be selfinduced, never imposed. Imposed discipline is temporary, but self-inspired discipline is eternal. Educational institutions must continuously strive to nurture this spirit among students so they grow into conscientious citizens and torchbearers of

moral integrity.' He further urged teachers,

parents, and elders to lead by example: "Every child mirrors the conduct of their Therefore, it becomes our moral responsibility to embody the values of righteousness, sincerity, and restraint - for children learn more from what we do than

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Rs 16.65 Cr Post-Matric Scholarship for Tribal students sanctioned for FY 2025-26

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Government has approved and released Rs 16.65 crore under the Post Matric Scholarship (Tribal) scheme for the financial year 2025-26. The allocation includes Rs 14.99 crore as the central share and Rs 1.66 crore as the Union Territory (UT) share, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

The funds have been released through BEAMS via the SNA SPARSH platform, ensuring transparent, efficient, and timely transfer to beneficiaries.

This initiative reflects Omar Abdullah Government's strong commitment to empowering tribal youth through education and reducing financial barriers to higher learning. Announcing the release, Minister for Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana said that the enhanced allocation reinforces Government's resolve to mainstream tribal youth by facilitating their access to higher education, professional training and skill development opportunities.

"The Omar Abdullah-led government remains steadfast in ensuring that no deserving tribal student is deprived of education due to financial hardship," the Minister said. "This initiative embodies our unwavering commitment to equity, opportunity and social justice. With this allocation, we are strengthening the foundation for inclusive growth and empowerment."

Agriculture Dept gears up for Jhiri Mela-2025



Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta chairing a meeting on Friday.

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JAMMU: The Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Jammu has started preparations for Jhiri Mela 2025- an annual event held to commemorate the sacrifice of the 16th-century farmer saint, Baba Jitto who laid down his life fighting against injustice and feudalism.

In this regard, Director Agriculture Jammu Anil Gupta on Friday chaired a meeting to review the preparedness of the department

for the upcoming fair. The Director said that the Agriculture Department's participation in the mela should be centered on farmers' welfare and awareness, in keeping with the spirit of the event, which commemorates the sacrifice of Baba Jitto, a symbol of farmers' rights and dignity.

The Director Agriculture instructed all sectoral heads to ensure that departmental stalls are set up with the high standards of presentation, cleanliness and innovation. He stressed that the department, which has consistently secured top honours in previous exhibitions, should strive to achieve the top ranking this year as well.

It was informed that the departmental exhibition will feature display of modern agricultural techniques, machinery, tools and equipment from both the Agriculture Government Workshop and private firms, besides live demonstrations of mushroom cultivation, soil sampling, Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) operations and apiculture listing diverse honey varieties. The stalls will also highlight flagship schemes such as HADP,

Sponsored Schemes and state-run programs, supported by highquality literature in farmerfriendly language

Displays of improved seed

varieties, cereals, vegetables, niche crops, medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP) from the Jammu region will form In addition, LED screens

would be installed to disseminate information about flagship programs, innovations and success stories aimed at promoting advanced practices in agriculture and allied activities.

Director Anil Gupta constituted several committees to manage the department's activities during the mela, including Registration, Stall Setup, Reception, Refreshment. Stage

Transport, Management, Reserve Media and

Committees. These will function under the overall supervision of Joint Director (Extension) Agriculture Jammu, Sanjay Anand, who will coordinate all departmental arrangements. The Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO) Jammu will lead the organizing Committee along with his district team and will closely coordinate with Joint Director (Extension) for smooth execution of departmental activities. Joint Director Sanjay

Anand stressed that the overall display and presentation of the departmental exhibits should reflect innovation and uniformity with standardized display banners and identification plates. Joint Director Agriculture (SLUB/Farms) Aman Jyoti Sharma emphasized the importance of a well-planned layout and a smooth registration process to ensure an impactful pres-

The Jhiri Mela 2025, scheduled from November 4 to 13, 2025, with Kartik Purnima on November 5 as the main day is expected to witness participation from a large number of farmers from Jammu & Kashmir and other states. The Agriculture Department's participation will serve as a vital platform to enhance farmers' knowledge, exposure and engagement with new technologies and government schemes, while paying tribute to Baba Jitto's enduring legacy.

Sayima makes DYSS, J&K proud; appointed Assistant Coach of Sr Women's North Zone T20 Squad

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JAMMU: In a remarkable achievement that has brought immense pride to and Kashmir, Sayima Rashid--a distinguished name in women's cricket and a dedicated employee of the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) has been appointed as the Assistant Coach of the Senior Women's North Zone T20 squad.

The team will compete in the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) prestigious All India Senior Women's T20 Tournament,



scheduled from November 4 to November 14, 2025.

Savima, a BCCI Level-1 certified coach, has long been known for her unwavering dedication and contributions to women's cricket in the Union Territory

Before embarking on her coaching journey, she represented Jammu and Kashmir as a key player for several Her latest appointment to years, earning respect for her skill, consistency, and

For the past three seasons, she has been an integral part of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association's (JKCA) Senior Women's team, serving as Assistant Coach in various BCCI-affiliated tournaments-including the Senior Women's One-Day Trophy. Under her mentorship, the J&K side created

ing a place in the quarterfinals of the national event for the very first time.

the North Zone squad stands as a testament to her professional competence, technical acumen, and growing influence in Indian women's cricket.

The entire cricketing fraternity of Jammu and Kashmir, along with officials and colleagues from DYSS, have extended heartiest congratulations to Sayima Rashid for her exceptional accomplishment and wished her continued success in her coaching career.

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Law enforcement wing officials inspecting Agri-input Centres.

JAMMU: The Law Enforcement of the Department of Agriculture, Jammu & Kashmir, on Friday carried out rigorous inspections and checking at the Agri-input distribution centres across Jammu and Samba districts.

The inspection was conducted under the direction and supervision

Assistant Director Law Jammu Enforcement (ADLE) Kuldeep Singh.

Law enforcement wing inspects Agri-input

Centres across Jammu, Samba districts

Enforcement Inspector Jammu Nazish Altaf led detailed inspections in different areas of Jammu district. particularly in R.S. Pura and Marh blocks, while Enforcement Inspector Samba, Yog Raj Sharma conducted inspections in the Ramgarh area of

In addition, inspections were also carried out in the Ramgarh area of Samba district.

The primary objective of the exercise was to enforce adherence to the Seed Act. 1966. Insecticides (Pesticides) Act, 1968 and Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 (FCO 1985) aimed to maintain quality standards of agricultural inputs, prevent malpractices and safeguard the interests of the farming community.

During the inspections, samples of pesticides, seeds, and fertilizers were lifted for laboratory analysis. In addition, all relevant documents including licenses, sale and purchase bills, stock registers and fertilizer sale records through POS machines were thoroughly scrutinized to verify compliance with the statutory provi-

Certain irregularities were detected during the inspection process, following which necessary actions were initiated against the erring dealers.

The defaulters were cautioned and warned of stringent measures in case of any further violations of the laid-down norms