

JK Public School Kunjwani conducts Virtual Drama Club show



Students of JK Public School Kunjwani displaying their talent during Virtual Drama Club show.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani conducted a virtual Drama Club show on Wednesday with great enthusiasm, zeal, fun and frolic.

The school provided an amazing platform to refine the skills of budding orators, actors and writers with the goal to ensure that every member is equipped with the

necessary skills to enable them to excel in drama.

The event highlighted the students' performances on various themes like 'Patriotism', 'Festivals' and so forth. The event commenced with virtual lamp lighting followed by welcome speech.

The Club students of Middle Wing presented

astoundingly breath taking performances. Irrefutably, their classes enhanced their communicating and acting skills.

The drama club mentors Sushma Sharma and Rishiv Prabhakar clearly provided guidelines to improve gestures, show creativity and how to articulate thoughts carefully. Also, Principal,

Vandana Sharma graced the event and appreciated the spirit and confidence of the students and gave special remarks to one of the club members, Rudresh of VIII D for the selection in web series.

Vice Principal, Shashi Ratan appreciated the efforts and message given by the club members. She

encouraged them with the precious words.

At the end, School Coordinator, Inderjeet Kaur, thanked the whole team for putting up enormous efforts and making the show a grand success.

The anchors closed the programme by echoing the message of celebrating eco-friendly and noise free Diwali.

JKEEGA demands timely disbursal of salary among PDD employees

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JAMMU: In a meeting of Jammu & Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA) held on Wednesday in Jammu under Chairmanship of Er Sachin Tickoo, General Secretary and attended Er Ashok Dubey Vice President, Er M P Singh Provincial Secretary, Er Rajeshwar Jamwal Provincial Publicity Secretary, Er Yash Paul Organizing Secretary, Er Parshottam Lal Sharma Cashier and Er Vipul Sharma-Treasurer.

During the meeting, participants highlighted numerous hardships being faced by approximately 30,000 employees of PDD on account of delay in disbursal of salaries due to routing of salary through Grant-in aid mode. "Employees are without salary on Diwali as funds couldn't get released on time owing to the cumbersome procedure of Grant-in Aid," Tickoo said, seeking intervention of LG in the issue as all employees are suffering on account of non-drawal of

salary due to red-tapism of Finance department. He further requested that terms of employment and manner of disbursal of salaries of employees borne on establishment of PDD and currently on deputation to these corporations, should not be changed due to unbundling. JKEEGA urged LG Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta to issue instructions to Finance department for routing the salary component of Power Development Department earmarked in budget 2021-22 through BEAMs and Pay Sys for employees, on deputation to the various corporations of PDD as it would help in ending unnecessary hardships being faced by employees of PDD for salaries.

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New body of DCC Kathua announced

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JAMMU: Congress on Wednesday appointed Pankaj Dogra as New President of District Congress Committee Kathua. The new District President alongwith few office bearers have been announced on adhoc basis with due approval of the party leadership, said the order of PCC General Secretary Thakur Mannohan Singh, here today.

JKTJAC highlights issues of teaching fraternity, inducts new members

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) on Wednesday organised a press conference at Jammu under the leadership of UT President, Vinod Sharma. The press conference was attended by many senior leaders of JKTJAC from across the UT.

Speaking on the occasion, Vinod Sharma raised several burning issues of teachers and sought favour of the department in the high court for getting inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits. He also demanded comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme as they are working in the same schools for last more than 21 years and suffering

badly. Meanwhile, on the occasion, senior leader of Rehabs Taleem Teachers Forum Aftab Malik joined JKTJAC and was inducted in UT body as UT Vice Chairman while Surjit Singh Chib was inducted as UT Vice President, Ravinder Manhas was elected as District President Jammu and Mohinder Partap Singh as Zonal President Zone Jourian. The elected leaders assured to work with full dedicated for meeting the expectations of teachers.

Sukhdev Singh Sumeria UT Secretary, Rajesh Jamwal Provincial President Jammu, Sukesh Khajuria Chief Press and Media Secretary, Lekh Raj Parihar DP Udampur, Sajad

Malik DP Doda, Hari Lal Nag, Subash Chander UT organizer, Javed Bali UT Publicity Secretary, Seva Singh Sumbria Apex body member, Ravinder Chib, Ghulam Nabi, Ashraf Katoch, Iqbal Drabu, Jahangir Ahmed, Arshad Abdullah, Irshad Sheikh, Mohinder Singh, Roshan Bral, Rajinder Sharma, Hans Raj, Rajeet Singh, Manohar Chowdhary, Azad Katoch, Partap Singh, Haroon Katoch, Rajesh Singh, Mubarak Ali, Subash Sharma, Vishal Singh, Ankush Singh, Kuljeet Singh, Ashok Kumar, Sandeep Singh, Ravi Kumar, Dalip Kumar, Ravi Sharma, Murad Ali and Deepak Sharma were also present on the occasion.

Raghvir appointed NC District President Rural A Jammu

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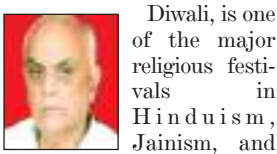
JAMMU: Raghvir Singh Manhas has been appointed District President Rural A Jammu & Kashmir National Conference,



Jammu. Raghvir Singh Manhas was earlier Block President Mandal Block and District Vice President Jammu Rural A.

Diwali- Victory of light over darkness

■ ER P L KHUSHU



Diwali, is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, lasting for five days from the 13th day of the dark half of the lunar month Ashvina to second day of light half of the lunar month Kartika. The name is derived from the Sanskrit term Dipawali, meaning 'row of lights'. The festival generally symbolizes the victory of light over darkness. In North India the festival is also celebrated for royal homecoming of Bhagwan Ram along with Sita, Lakshman and Hanuma to Ayodhya after defeating Ravan, the 10-headed king of demons, thus connecting the festival with the auspicious day of Dussehra.

Observances of Diwali differ depending on region and tradition. Among Hindus the most widespread custom is the lighting of diyas, the small earthenware lamps filled with oil, on night of the new moon to invite the presence of Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. In Bengal, Goddess Kali is worshipped. In South India the festival marks Krishna's victory over demon Narakasura. Some celebrate Diwali as a commemoration of marriage of Lakshmi and Vishnu, while others observe it as the birthday of Goddess Lakshmi. During the festival, Diyas are lit and placed in rows along the parapets of temples and houses and set adrift on rivers and streams. Homes are decorated, and floors inside and outside are

covered with Rangoli, consisting of elaborate designs made of coloured rice, sand, or flower petals. The doors and windows of houses are kept open in the hope that Goddess Lakshmi will find her way inside and bless the residents with wealth and success.

The names and events of the individual days of Diwali are different. The first day, known as Dhanteras, is dedicated to cleaning homes and purchasing small items of gold. Lakshmi is the focus of worship on that day. The second day, called Naraka Chaturdashi or Chhotti Diwali, commemorates Krishna's destruction of Narakasura; prayers are also offered for the souls of ancestors. On the third day, Lakshmi Puja, families seek the blessings from Lakshmi to ensure their prosperity and light Diyas, candles, and fireworks, with visits to temples. It is the main day of the Diwali festival. The fourth day, known as Goverdhan Puja, Balipratipada, or Annakut, is also the first day of Kartika and the start of the New Year in the Vikrama (Hindu) calendar. Merchants perform religious ceremonies and open new account books. The fifth day, called Bhai Doj, Bhai Tika, or Bhai Bij, celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters. On that day sisters pray for the success and well-being of their brothers. This year Diwali is to be celebrated on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Diwali is also a time for visiting, exchanging gifts, wearing new clothes, feasting, feeding the poor, and setting off fireworks, though

such displays have been restricted to limit noise and other environmental pollutions. Gambling, especially in the form of card games, is discouraged as a way of ensuring good luck in the coming year and in remembrance of the games of dice played by Shiva and Parvati on Mount Kailasa or similar contests between Radha and Krishna, ritually in honour of Lakshmi.

Since the 18th century, Diwali has been celebrated in Sikhism as the time of Guru Hargobind's return to Amritsar from captivity in Gwalior, an echo of Rama's return to Ayodhya. Residents of Amritsar lit lamps throughout the city to celebrate the occasion.

What Diwali teaches us? Remove darkness. On this auspicious day, we light Diyas, Lamps to remove darkness of the night, but what actually it says is to never forget to remove darkness from your heart, soul and mind. The actual message of Diwali is to remove darkness from within us, from within our soul and heart; we need to bring consciousness to remove unconsciousness from within us. We need to bring wisdom to remove ignorance from within us. Let us bring wisdom in ourselves which removes darkness and ignorance not only from us, but from the entire planet. It teaches us to stay positive. On this day, we clean our house, workplace, offices because we want to welcome Goddess Laxmi. We clean our houses on every auspicious occasion and festivals, but what we actually forget to clean is our hearts

from all the negativity of spiritual thoughts, so that God can reside in our heart, clean your heart, mind and body from bad habits full of negativity and allow positivity to enter in your hearts, minds and the souls, to be more loving and kind towards each other in order to invite positivity and God in your heart and soul. It teaches us to have patience. Every unpleasant thing will come to an end one day for sure. What we need to do is to have patience. Diwali's important lesson is to have patience. Just be in the right path and do your hard work, put your effort and wait patiently for your reward and good days. Keep on moving and don't worry about the long journey, just enjoy the journey with piouness, which is going to take you to your goal, the goal of salvation. Diwali teaches us to be sharing. On this day we buy sweets and share them with friends, colleagues and with strangers. People buy gifts and give it to each other. What does it exactly show. It shows that sharing is caring. The actual message is that we should share happiness with others, we should share whatever extra we have to less privileged people. We should share with anyone without being biased and egoistic, because festivals teach us the unity, kindness, togetherness, and sharing. Sharing Happiness with others will for sure double your happiness. It is a new beginning. We buy new clothes, utensils because it makes us feel good and new things give us happiness. But the actual message is that it's never too

late to start afresh and make a new beginning. It teaches us that we should never give up, no matter how bad your today is. You always have a chance to make a better tomorrow. Every day is the new beginnings with new opportunities. We need to try to grab it. While the lights point to different events, there is a deeper sense that celebrating is to remember the core of the celebration throughout one's life time, which is passion for truth and righteousness the 'Dharama'. The greatest light to be pointed to is the inner light of ours. Are we paying attention to your own inner light that goes beyond the physical nature of yourself?

How are you feeding the spiritual nature of yours, by asking yourself as to who we are? How are we encouraging this in your relationship with others? Diwali the festival of lights should equally be taken as the torch light of our existence and get involved in the space of self realization. Let this occasion of lights, ignite the power of our self realization apart from giving us courage and intentions to give and surrender. Giving is achieving. Collecting is material death. Let us learn to give rather than to achieve materially at this occasion of Diwali. May these Divine festival sparkle lives of all of us with joy and happiness, with our commitments to our 'Dharma', the path of righteousness!

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Army dedicates Community Centres to remote villages in Ladakh


■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Fire and Fury Corps dedicated three Community Centres to remote villages of Merak, Chushul and Koyul in Changthang area on Wednesday. Earlier, to commemorate its completion and handing over of these Community Centres, a grand ceremony was organised at Merak, Chushul and Koyul in the last two days.

Brigade Commander, Chushul Brigade and Commandant, Ladakh Scouts Regimental

Centre interacted with the locals and handed over the community centres. The village Headmen expressed appreciation on fulfillment of their long standing demand to GOC, Fire and Fury Corps.

During the inauguration and handing taking over ceremony Nambarder Merak Sonam Pambar, Nambarder Chushul Lobzang Jandal and Nambarder Kiyul Urgain Tsewang were present alongwith Veterans, Veer Naris and villagers.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Safety tips on Diwali

Deepawali or Diwali is a festival of joy and happiness. People light candles and sometimes burst crackers on the occasion. While using crackers it is necessary to adhere to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated 29.10.2021 in IA no. 44727/2021 in WP (C) No. 728/2015 and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order dated 9.11.2020 in OA NO.249/2020 and Govt. Order No. 89 JK (DMRRR) of 2020 dated 10.11.2020 regarding enforcement of manufacturing, sale and use of banned fire crackers and adherence to timing for bursting of permitted and green crackers.

- Only "green-crackers" (eco-friendly) are permitted for sale and use.
- Bursting of these green crackers is allowed during festivals from 8pm to 10pm.
- Fire crackers containing harmful chemicals like Barium salts, Lithium, Mercury, Arsenic, Antimony etc, are strictly banned in J&K.

It is necessary to keep Fire safety in mind:-

- Follow all safety precautions while using fireworks.
- Use open spaces like playgrounds and fields foe fire cracking.
- Don't burn crackers in a crowded or congested place or inside the house.
- Keep bucket of water and blankets available, in case a fire breaks out.
- Wear thick cotton clothes while bursting crackers .
- Avoid long loose clothes, as they catch fire very fast.
- Use fire extinguishers in case of a fire accident or call 101.
- Keep an eye on your children and don't let them burst crackers on their own.
- Never leave a lit ,atch, Agarbatti near unused crackers.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
E-NIT NO. JS/PHECD-1/72 of 11/2021

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, Short Term (Item Rate Based) E-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu, from approved and reputed/registered firms under two cover system. Cover 1 consisting of technical bid and cover 2 consisting of financial bid for the following works:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of Tender (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Bid securing Declaration as per performa annexed with NIT	Class of Contractor	Time of completion
1	Improvement/Extension work on pipes at Sarker Mohalla Mangarh under ward no.3 jammu under state Capex Budget	7.63	500	The forms attached with NIT	A to D	30 days
2	Laying of pipes in lane no.11 Geeta Colony Lala-Da-Bagh up to the house of Sonjay motha under State Capex Budget	0.40	500	The forms attached with NIT	A to D	30 days
3	Improvement of water supply at Bahawal Vihar up to House of shama Sharma near filling point at Muthi/under State Capex Budget	28.644	500	The forms attached with NIT	A to D	30 days
4	Laying of G.I pipes in sector no.1 lower Reop Nagar True way Store to Health center/under State Capex Budget	0.96	500	The forms attached with NIT	A to D	30 days
5	Improvement of water supply to Mohalla Chack Muthi Gao under section Muthi (under State Capex Budget) Part-1	8.90	500	The forms attached with NIT	A to D	30 days
6	Laying of Distribution main in uncovered area in lane 4C Anand nagar under Tormal section Jammu (state capex Budget)	1.53	500	The forms attached with NIT	A to D	30 days
7	Improvement and up gradation of water supply of Chakki wall Gali old Jampur under state Capex Budget	2.95	500	The forms attached with NIT	A to D	30 days

Position of funds : Partially Available (Under State CAPEX Budget)
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1. Date of publishing from **03-11-2021 (1600Hrs)**
2. Bid documents can be seen and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in from **03-11-2021 (1700 Hrs) onwards.**
3. The bids shall be uploaded on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from **03-11-2021 (1700 Hrs) to 10-11-2021 upto (1400 Hrs).**
4. The complete bidding process shall be online.
5. The technical bids received shall be opened online on **10-11-2021 (1500 Hrs)** or any other convenient later date in the office of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu.
6. Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders has been dispensed with as per Govt. order No. OM No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dated 07-06-2018. The same shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids.
7. The Lowest Bidder shall be intimated through e-mail on his registered mail id to deposit the performance Security or any other relevant documents required by division in reference to the contract.
8. The cost of tenders shall be submitted essentially through Treasury challan/e-challan under Revenue Head-0215 Water Sanitation from the date of publishing to the last date of tender submission only duly pledged to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) City Division No-1, Jammu and shall be non-refundable. The Contractor can also deposit the cost of tender in division chest through e-banking only in **Divisional Office J&K Bank A/c No.0097010100002090 IFSC Code JAKA01NHALL** and no cash shall be entertained at any cost. Further, bidders are requested to mention name of the work upon the particular Challan/e-receipt.Under unavoidable circumstances if the work is retendered, The contractor need not to deposit the Tender document Cost for rebidding for the same work.
9. Any such Challan deposited on back dates or any irrelevant date shall not be accepted.
10. The Successful bidder shall be liable to deposit the performance security as envisioned in the Govt. of UT Jammu and Kashmir , Circular No.A/Misc(2018)-III-895/3, Dt:-22-12-2020.and the same shall be released after completion of defect liability period.

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NO./JS/PHECD-1/10116-165
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Sd/-
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