

JK Public School Kunjwani celebrated Gurupurab with gaiety, fervour



Students reciting Shabad Kirtan and faculty members paying obeisance to Guru Nanak Dev Ji during Gurupurab celebration at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: Gurupurab was celebrated in the premises of J K Public School Kunjwani on Saturday with gaiety and fervour. Also known as Guru Nanak Jayanti, this festival is celebrated by Sikhs all over the world as it marks the birth celebrations of Guru

Nanak. His words' There is only one God, his name is the only truth, he is the only creator, he is fearless, he is without hate, he is immortal, he is beyond birth and death, and only by his grace one can chant his name' are enriching and worth pondering., His sermon of sharing, follow-

ing the path of piety, chanting the name of the almighty, spreading of happiness, being selfless and equality of men and women were some of the ways in which humanity can be revived in the world.

To commemorate the occasion, celebrations were there in the school assem-

bly. The program began with some discourse from the life of Guru Nanak ji, his life and preaching. The students talked about the life and preaching of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Some tips were given on how to follow his preaching and make life fruitful. The self composed poems by students were

inspired by the sermons and preaching which hold a sway on the minds of the people even today. The Kirtan by the students resonated in the air and captivated all.

Director Shashi Chaudhary, in her speech, advised the students to follow the preaching of the

Guru and find a way to reach God. She praised the scintillating performance and told all present to respect all religions and learn from their discourses. The assembly concluded by advising the students to follow the path of his teachings and leading a pure life.

Magotra Baradari congregation today

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JAMMU: The annual congregation of Magotra Baradari will be held with religious fervour and gaiety at the premises of Puja Bua Rani Temple, Chowadhi, Jammu on November 26, 2023 (Sunday).

The programme will start at 8:00 AM with Pooja and Hawan followed by Bhandara.

All is set for the congregation and a 5 - day Gayatri chanting of 1,25,000 mantras culminated today with havan by renowned Pandits in presence of Magotra Baradari Samiti members including Ambrish Magotra, President followed with Bhoj on Saturday at 2PM at the temple. President have

requested all nears and dears to grace the congregation function on November 26, 2023 by participating in Hawan and Pujan which will be followed by Bhandara and seek the blessings of Kuldevi for their well-being, peace and prosperity.



College on wheels Day 7

700 J&K students visit Karwar Naval Base in Goa; explore shiplift facility

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GOA: On the seventh day of their journey, the College on Wheels contingent, consisting of students, mentors, and administrative staff, today had a transformative visit to the Naval Base and the picturesque Karwar beach in Goa.

The day was marked by a warm welcome and an enlightening address by Admiral Ashwani Tikko, and a series of engaging experiences.

On arrival at the Karwar Naval Base, the contingent was received warmly, setting the tone for a day filled with exploration and insights into naval operations.

Admiral Ashwani Tikko addressed the gathering, illuminating a path toward India's future. He expressed happiness over the students from Jammu and Kashmir visiting the naval base, and acknowledged the objective of the journey to foster collaboration and understanding, transcending regional boundaries and strengthening national unity.

Delving into the soul of India, Admiral Tikko celebrated the nation's beauty-a vibrant tapestry of languages, traditions, and cultures that unite the country. Diversity, he emphasized, is India's strength.

Highlighting achievements of the nation, Admiral Tikko said that India is the sole country to successfully reach Mars, showcasing the nation's



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai being felicitated with memento and J&K contingent during visit to Karwar Naval Base in Goa.

capabilities in space exploration and technological advancements. Emphasizing India's impact on the world stage, the Admiral pointed out that leaders of top global companies are of Indian origin, underscoring the global talent and leadership contributions of Indians.

In a forward-looking statement, Admiral expressed optimism about the future of girls in the defense forces. He encouraged them to aspire to top positions, envisioning a future where they lead in the defense forces.

Admiral Tikko's impactful address served not only as an informative session but also as a catalyst for the students to envision a future where diversity, economic strength, technological prowess, and inclusive leadership propel India to new heights in the maritime domain. Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor University of Jammu, who was also present on the occasion, expressed his gratitude to the Naval authorities for arranging an exclusive visit to the base. Naval author-

ities also presented memento to Prof Umesh Rai. Prof. Rai spoke about the College on wheels initiative of the University of Jammu and Higher Education Council Government of Jammu and Kashmir and how this initiative will help the students in their experiential learning outside their classrooms. Further, Prof Rai said that this programme will immensely help the students in their assigned projects.

Such tours outside classrooms provide students with inspiring experience, knowledge and fosters deep understanding on a variety of subjects, he added.

The Vice Chancellor got feedback from the students on their ongoing journey to various parts of the country thus far and wished them a purposeful academic journey filled with extensive knowledge about the milestones registered by the country in different fields. He hoped that such an odyssey will instill a sense of confidence among them to meet the challenges of a com-

pertitive world with courage and fortitude.

The Naval Base also organized a lavish lunch for the contingent, fostering a sense of camaraderie and hospitality.

Following their enriching visit to the Naval Base, the College on Wheels contingent delved into the intricate workings of naval operations at INS Makar. The exploration included a comprehensive tour of the submarines, shiplift facility and naval dockyard, offering students valuable insights into the pivotal roles these components play in the maritime domain.

Students witnessed firsthand the technology and expertise involved in the seamless lifting and servicing of

ships. The visit extended to the naval dockyard, where students were immersed in the dynamic environment of naval operations. They received detailed insights into the strategic planning, maintenance, and logistical aspects that contribute to the operational readiness of the naval fleet. Throughout the exploration, students interacted with naval personnel, fostering a direct exchange of knowledge. This hands-on experience allowed them to comprehend the multifaceted roles these facilities play in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of naval operations.

The visit was coordinated by Dr Guneet Sudan, Nodal Officer-III, College on Wheels.

Congregations on Nov 27

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JAMMU: Annual congregation of Raipuria Jamwal Biradari will be held on November 27 (Monday) at Bua Sajawati Devsthan, Domana Machine. Pooja will be held at 10.00 AM and Bhandara will be organized at 1:00 PM. All Biradri members have been requested to attend the congregation and take the blessings of Bua Sajawati.

Bi-Annual congregation of Ganotra and Degval Brahmin Biradari will be held on November 27 (Monday) at Devsthan Kharha Madana, Purmandal.

As per release, the Biradari will organize religious function including Hawan. Bhandara will take place in the afternoon. All the Biradari members are requested to participate in this religious function and seek blessing of Bua Dati.

Language-The thread connecting us to cultural heritage: Sham Lal

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JAMMU: Kids Planet Public School, Akhnoor celebrated its Annual Day on Saturday with the theme "The Legend of Buddha," shedding light on the life of Lord Buddha.

Former Minister and State Vice President of BJP, Sham Lal Sharma, graced the event as the chief guest. He encouraged parents to give personal attention to their wards, emphasizing the significance of value-based education.

Sham Sharma delivered a profound address that resonated with the essence of cultural identity and linguistic heritage.

He passionately appraised the students of the school about the elevated status of



Former Minister and State Vice President of BJP, Sham Lal Sharma lighting ceremonial lamp.

Dogri, Sanskrit, and Hindi as official languages of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a compelling address, he emphasized the importance of concentrating on these languages, heralding

them as the conduits to a deeper connection with one's roots.

"Language is the thread that ties us to our cultural heritage," remarked Sharma. He urged the stu-

dents to embrace Dogri, Sanskrit, and Hindi not just as official languages but as integral components of their identity. By doing so, he highlighted, students can forge a stronger bond with their cultural roots, fostering a sense of pride and understanding.

Sham Lal Sharma's call to focus on these languages resonated deeply, as he encouraged students to prioritize their linguistic heritage alongside academic pursuits.

Sharma applauded Chairman of the School Rohit Gupta and Principal Mona Gupta for their tireless efforts in shaping the children to be both technically modern and culturally strong.

DIS hosts Sahodya English Poem Recitation Competition



Winner students posing with DIS faculty and other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Doon International School (DIS) Jammu on Saturday hosted the prestigious Sahodya English Poem Recitation Competition, drawing enthusiastic participation from 26 CBSE schools of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Nagrota and Akhnoor.

KCS Mehta, Academic Director of IDPS Akhnoor and Mentor of Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex, presided as the Chief Guest, adding his valuable insights to the event.

Randeep Wazir, Principal of IDPS Jammu and Joint Secretary of Sahodaya School Complex Jammu, honored the occasion as the Guest of Honour, further enriching the event with her presence and wisdom.

Dr. Rashid Ali, Professor at Central University Jammu, and Dr. Ieshita Sharma, Assistant Professor at Government College for Women Parade, graced the occasion as distinguished judges. The

welcome address was presented by Dr Sarita Moza Koul, the Vice Principal and the vote of thanks was delivered by Jasleen Kour, the Chief coordinator.

Principal, Dr. Vikesh Kaur also appreciated the hard work and best performance of each and every student.

Ishit Sharma of Model Academy School got first prize while Daksh Malhotra of APS Samba bagged second prize and third prize was shared by Raghunandan Saini of Stephen International Public School and Syed Shiyaan of IDPS Jammu.

Vidyut Vijay Jamwal of KC International School got first and Mishelle Iqbal of Birla Open Minds International and Akshara Gupta of Heritage School second while Mitali Sharma of St. Peter's High School, Umaiza Hussain of Doon International School, Jasleen Kour of Rich Harvest School and Piyuksha Gupta of RMG International School shared third con-

solation prize.

Educational institutions celebrate Parkash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev

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JAMMU: 553rd Parkash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev was celebrated at Government Higher Secondary School Paloura under the guidance of Principal Shikha Malhotra. Students presented colourful programmes. Ex-Principal, Sunita Chadha, Guest of Honour, described detailed life history of Guru Nanak Dev and spread message over Nam



GHSS Paloura faculty during Gurpurab celebration.

Japo Kirt Karo, Vand Ke Chakho. In the last, Halwa Parsad was distributed among the students by Amarjit Singh.

Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar celebrated 554th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev



Shiksha Niketan School students being felicitated.

with zeal in the school premises on Saturday.

Students and the staff members participated in reciting the Prayer and Kirtan Darbar. They also depicted the main glimpse of the sacred saintly life lived by Guru Nanak Dev. The Ardaas for the development of the school and its students as well as teachers were offered. Principal, Rameshwar Mengi Ji, conveyed his good wishes and greetings of the Holy Gurupurab to all, and threw light on the importance of the day.

"Turban Tying Competition was also held in which students from RMPS, SNS, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu Sanskriti School, Shiksha Niketan School, Jeevan Nagar participated.

Ramanjot Singh (Jammu Sanskriti), Ashmeet Singh (Gandhi Nagar) and Jaskaran Singh (RMPS) won first, second and third prize respectively.

Guests present at the Gurupurab Function were

Gagandeep Singh, Avenet Singh and Jaswant Singh. with photo advt

Kotwal National Institute of Teaching (KNIT) celebrated Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti, the 'Prakash Parv' of Guru Nanak Dev ji. The function commenced with 'Shabad Kirtan'. The festival was celebrated by the students of classes XI and XII with great pride and reverence. The Spiritual ambience of devotional Bhajans and Ardas sparked a religious fervour and calm atmosphere. Director KNIT, Prof. J.L. Kotwal and the Principal, Bimla Blawria were presented 'Siropa' as mark of honour and divine blessings.

Prof. J.L. Kotwal emphasized upon the great Significance of the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev ji which



KNIT students reciting Shabad Kirtan during Gurupurab celebration.

can help in transforming the society. He appreciated the efforts put in by the students and gave the message universal brotherhood. The Principal mentioned that the youth needs to display the value of patience, tolerance, honesty and sharing. This will shape them into true human beings. The programme concluded with festive spirit by distributing "Prasad" among all the teachers and students.