

JKPS Panjtirthi celebrates Diwali with devotion

Diwali-A festival which gives many reasons to smile and 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 JKPS Panjtirthi with devotion, enthusiasm and excitement.

Raksha Thakur, the in-charge of celebration acquainted the Jakiians 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 lamp lighting ceremony by the Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah. She wished Happy Diwali to one and all and expressed, "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." The Participants faces were beaming with light and their hearts were throbbing with excitement. Deepali Sharma the in-charge of celebration offered prayer to the almighty that filled everyone's heart & mind with love and harmony.

The role play on a scene from "Ramayana" enchantment of Hanuman Chalisa and Ram Stuti and the dance performance by Jakiians were the highlights of the day. Jakiians enacted a skit and gave a message to the audience that, "Diwali, also famously referred to as the

festival of lights, symbolizes the ultimate victory of positivity over negativity. It celebrates the return of Lord Ram to Ayodhya with Mata Sita and Lakshman after their 14-year vanvaas (exile), as well as the defeat of the Rakshasa king Ravana." The Principal was flabber-

gasted over the performance of the Jakiians. She added, "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." A quiz on Diwali celebration was conducted by the Principal and

the winners were awarded. The school ground embellished with handcrafted paper diyas and lanterns added to the joyous ambience of the celebration. The principal rewarded Sushma Gupta the decoration in-charge of the celebration for the outstanding decoration.

GRP Jammu hosts farewell function for superannuating police personnel

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JAMMU: GRP Jammu hosted an impressive farewell function in the premises of SSP office Railways Jammu to bid adieu to the Police Personnel who superannuated from their active services. SSP GRP Jammu, Shailender Singh along with other officers, officials participated in the function. The relatives of the superannuated SI Abdul Hamid also took part in the event. SSP GRP Jammu while acknowledging the contribution of the outgoing officers conveyed his best wishes to the retiring police personnel



SSP GRP Jammu, Shailender Singh according farewell to SI Abdul Hamid.

and prayed for their good health and success post retirement. The superannuated police personnel also spoke on the

occasion shared their experience in the department and thanked SSP GRP Jammu and other officers & officials for organizing the farewell party.

DSS J&K celebrates Deepawali Festival with enthusiasm

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) J&K under the guidance of its President and former Minister Gulehain Singh Charak celebrated the vibrant festival of Deepawali with joy, unity, and enthusiasm at Sabha Bhawan Dogra Hall, here.

The event was marked by Pooja Archana with traditional rituals, and gatherings that brought

together members of the Sabha to celebrate the Festival of Lights in a spirit of togetherness. This year's celebration focused on both tradition and environmental friendly. Festivities began with the lighting of diyas and a prayer ceremony, promoting peace, prosperity, and harmony among all residents of this Dugger Pardesh. Charak wished everyone a safe and prosperous Deepawali. He emphasized the significance of Diwali as a time to strengthen bonds, share happiness, and renew community spirit.

"Deepawali is a celebration of light over darkness, wisdom over ignorance, and love over hatred. Our community strives to embody these values not only during this festival but throughout the year," said the former Minister. Prominent among those present in the celebrations were Col. Karan Singh, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Narinder Singh J a m w a l, B a l w i n d e r Singh, Ravi Singh, Rajinder Gupta, Naresh Sharma, Vidya Sagar Sharma and others.

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PIL seeking eviction of ex-ministers/ ex-legislators from govt accommodation DB directs Senior AAG to report whether 31 occupants have vacated Govt Accommodation

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JAMMU: In the much publicized Public Interest Litigation (PIL No. 17/2020) seeking eviction of Ex-Ministers/Ex-Legislators from the Ministerial Bungalows/A-Type Govt Kothies, on Thursday a Division Bench of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu comprising Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice M. A. Chowdhary directed Senior AAG S.S. Nanda appearing for UT of J&K/Estates Department to file fresh Compliance Report indicating as to whether the 31 Ex-Ministers/Ex-Legislators have vacated the Govt. Accommodation or not as on the last date of hearing dated September 25, 2024 AAG Amit Gupta pursuant to Status Report dated September 11, 2024 had informed the Division Bench that 31 Ex-Ministers/ Ex-Legislators except Ghulam Nabi Azad, Former Chief Minister and Ravinder Raina, State President B-JP shall vacate the Bungalows/Houses immediately after the conclusion of the Election Process.

The Division Bench headed by Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan after hearing Advocate S.S. Ahmed with Advocate Supriya Chouhan further observed that the Fresh Compliance Report with regard to Status Report dated September 11, 2024 be filed positively by or before the next date of hearing failing which appropriate orders shall be passed on the next date of

hearing. When this PIL came up for hearing, Advocate S. S. Ahmed appearing for the petitioner submitted that despite the completion of Election Process, the 31 Ex-Ministers/ Ex-Legislators have not vacated the Govt. Accommodation despite having been directed to do so on the basis of the recommendations of the minutes of Designated Committee dated September 2, 2024 held under the Chairmanship of IGP(Security), J&K. Advocate S. S. Ahmed further submitted that undue favour was conferred upon 48 Ex-Ministers/ Ex-Legislators i.e. 23 in Jammu and 25 in Srinagar and it is unfortunate that categoric directions of Apex Court were thrown to winds as these occupants enjoyed proximity with the seat of power. He further submitted that in the recently held Parliamentary Elections, the Ministers/MLPs who lost the elections vacated their Bungalows within 7 to 15 days but there is no respect to Apex Court directions in J&K as these 48 Occupants were required to vacate the Govt. Accommodation in 2018 when the Legislative Assembly was dissolved and they lost the status of Ministers/Legislators.

After considering the submissions of Advocate S.S. Ahmed put a specific query to Sr AAG S.S. Nanda in the Open Court as to whether 31 Ex-Ministers/

Ex-Legislators have vacated the Govt. Accommodation or not, upon which the Sr. AAG was not in a position to make a statement before the Court but submitted that he may be given a short adjournment to come up with a updated status as to whether 31 Occupants have vacated the Govt. Accommodation or not.

The names of 31 Occupants disclosed in Status Report dated September 11, 2024 are Zahid Hussain Jan, SS Channi, Abdul Majid Paddar, Zafar Iqbal Manhas, Nizam-ud-Din Bhat, Fayaz Ahmed Mir (EX-MP), Abdul Gani Vakil, Hakim Mohd Yaseen, Mohd Abbas Wani, Abdul Rahim Rather, Bashir Ahmed Dar, Mohd Amin Bhat, Yasir Reshi, M Y Tarigami, Surinder Amberdar, Sajad Gani Lone, Raja Manzoor, Sofi Yousaf, Tariq Hussain Keen, Kavinder Gupta, Sunil Sharma, GM Saroori, Dalip Singh Parihar, Sheikh Ishfaq Jabbar, Sat Sharma, RS Pathania, family of late Rajesh Gupta, Movi Inman Raza Ansari, Vibodh Gupta, Pardeep Sharma and Neelam Langleh. It is worthwhile to mention herein that Senior NC Leader A R Rather(Ex-Finance Minister) has earlier moved an application that since long he has vacated the Govt. Accommodation and his name is required to be removed from the list of the Occupants who are in possession of Govt. Accommodation.

LMD intensifies market inspection across Jammu Dist amid Diwali festivities

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JAMMU: With Diwali festivities fast approaching, the Legal Metrology Department of Jammu & Kashmir, under the directions of Controller Anuradha Gupta, on Thursday intensified market inspections at commercial hubs across Jammu District. The inspections aim to enforce the Legal Metrology Act and rules and educate traders and sensitize them for voluntary compliance of the provisions of the Legal Metrology Department, in-line with the government's Ease of Doing Business (EODB) initiative.

are actively regulating the markets round the clock to ensure that traders adhere to accurate weighing, measurement, and labelling standards. While minor infractions are addressed with on-the-spot rectifications, the department has taken action for serious violations, booking four business houses for non-compliance, including a famous bakery store at Gole Market in Gandhi Nagar, a Punjab-based bakery chain, opposite Bahu Plaza, a furnishing store at Marble Market, and an apparel brand in the Wave Mall.

In an advisory issued by the Department, consumers are advised to remain vigilant and

assert their rights while making any purchases. According to the standing regulations, all the pre-packaged commodities must bear a set of information for the consumers, including the address of the manufacturer/packer/importer; the name of the country of the origin in case of imported products; the common or generic name of commodity; Net Quantity; Maximum Retail Price (MRP) (inclusive of all taxes); Customer Care Details (name, address, contact no, email of a person or office). This information boosts consumer confidence and protects them from being fleeced, there-

by avoiding instances of deception/cheating/fraudulent practices adopted by erring traders. The Department has also instructed traders to use certified weighing scales and be cautious against the short-weighted sale of goods, particularly sweets, bakery items and jewellery. Consumers are encouraged to report any instances of over-charging or short-weight sales for swift action against unscrupulous traders.

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Div Com administers Rashtriya Ekta pledge to participants

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JAMMU: The 6th foundation day of the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir was celebrated on Thursday with great fervor at the Convention Centre Jammu. The event was graced by MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa, and attended by Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, ADGP Jammu Anand Jain, Commissioner JMC, MD JPDCL, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, SSP Jammu, HoDs, District and sectoral officers besides other people. On the occasion, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, administered the Rashtriya Ekta Pledge to the participants. The event was marked by an impressive

Cultural program presented by the artists of JKAACL. A short documentary on the changes and development seen in the last six years was also showcased. Speaking on the occasion, the Div Com extended his wishes to everyone on the UT foundation Day and emphasized the importance of the Rashtriya Ekta pledge in rendering our responsibilities towards maintaining the Unity and integrity of the Nation. The Div Com said that UT foundation was a landmark event which helped bring Jammu Kashmir at par with the rest of India. He listed the major developments seen in education, Power, Health, infrastructure, road connectivity, Tourism,

Agriculture, Industries, employment, social security, heritage rejuvenation and other sectors over the last six years. He further highlighted the benefits of the various Government schemes extended to different sections of the society. With dedicated focus work is also going on the Heritage rejuvenation, many old temples, shrines are being restored while religious circuits are being developed. Many cultural programmes are being organized to promote local culture, he said. With the works under Urban Development, SBM and Jammu Smart City project, a new face is being given to the region and the city, the Div Com said.

DB seeks ATR in PIL on uniform compensation for victims of cross border firing

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation(PIL) seeking to pay equal and uniform compensation of Rs 10 lakh for each victim of cross border firing and landmine blasts, A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta directs

respondents shall file statement of facts/action taken report on or before next date of hearing. When the PIL came-up for hearing, DB observed that Status report dated October 21, 2024 along with report of Sub Divisional Magistrate Uri forming Annexure-A, stands filed on behalf of Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, in terms of

order dated August 28, 2024, whereby in pursuance of the Central Scheme for assistance of civilian/family of victims of terrorists/criminal/left wing Extremism (LWE) violence, cross border firing and mine blasts on Indian Territory (CSACV) and submissions of cases thereof, 07 persons have already been granted normal ex-gratia relief Rs. 1

lakh. DB observed that the respondents have not disclosed the steps taken for grant of exgratia/compensation with regard to other persons whose names are reflected in Annexure-IV of the writ petition to which learned counsel for the respondents shall file statement of facts/action taken report on or before next date of hearing.