

JK Public School Kunjwani hosts Annual Day celebration on 'Carnival of Cultures' with zeal



Glimpses of Annual Day celebration on the theme 'Carnival Of Cultures' at JK Public School, Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani hosted its grand Annual Day on the theme 'Carnival Of Cultures' with boundless zeal and majestic grandeur at its prestigious Nelsum Millenium Hall, on Saturday.

The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest Vikram Randhawa, Member of Legislative Assembly, Jammu and Kashmir along with his wife Neetu Randhawa.

The Guest of Honour Pankaj Malhotra, RTO Jammu, whose arrival met

with heartfelt applause. They were welcomed with an elegant bouquet presentation - a symbol of the school's respect and admiration.

The dignitaries present on the occasion were Patron JK Educational Society, Davinder Daluja and Neelam Daluja, Chairman, Raj Daluja, Member of Management Gautam Daluja, Director, Shashi Chaudhary; Principal JKPS Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore; Principal JK Public School Panjirthi Suman Banbah; Vice Principal Roopinder Kaur; School Coordinator

Inderjeet Kaur, Academic Coordinator Parvinder Kaur, Coordinator Primary wing Anju Raj & Coordinator Toddlers' World Shivangani Pandotra with many other distinguished guests and esteemed parents.

The day commenced with the auspicious lighting of the ceremonial lamp embodying the spirit of knowledge and enlightenment. This was followed by a soul-stirring performance by the school orchestra, whose melodic rendition captivated the audience, setting the stage for the day with cultural bril-

liance.

The Principal Rajesh Rathore welcomed all the distinguished guests and parents. He also shared the school's Annual Report, through a PowerPoint Presentation 'Reflections' chronicling the remarkable achievements, accolades and milestones in academics, sports and in the field of extra Co-curriculum activities.

The cultural presentations began with an evocative rendition of the "Shiv Stotram" by JKians which resonated the environment with spiritu-

ality and grace. This was followed by "Unity in Diversity" a vibrant performance by the students that celebrated India's diverse cultural heritage, inspiring pride and harmony among the audience. In a row of cultural programme, a stirring patriotic tribute to "Ashok Chakra" was presented, a performance that honoured the nation's spirit of unity and patriotism followed by the enthralling "Dhol Dynamites" which infused the hall with energy and rhythm.

The day also recognized

academic brilliance and dedication through the highly anticipated prize distribution ceremonies. In Round-1, students from Classes V to IX were lauded for their excellence, while Round-2 honoured the exemplary achievements of Class X students in Board exams celebrating their academic prowess, flawless attendance, National-level participation and sports accomplishments. The sports coaches, who played an instrumental role in mentoring these students in sports were also recognized for their invaluable contributions.

Among the cultural highlights was "Sanksaar- True Values" a dance-play that emphasized the importance of ethics and character in today's world. The grand finale "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat" was a patriotic spectacle that highlighted India's unity, strength and diversity leaving the audience inspired and moved.

The event concluded with the felicitation of the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour by the Management followed by the motivational address by the Chief Guest that heightened the signifi-

cance of a holistic education system that nurtures both intellect and character. Principal JK Public School, Panjirthi Ms Suman Banbah was also felicitated for her selfless contribution and meritorious services in the field of education.

The program concluded with a warm vote of thanks presented by the Head Boy of the school Parth Bamba, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the event's success.

The Day-1 programme ended on a resonant note with the National Anthem.

Dy CM conducts extensive tour of Panchari, Mougri to review developmental Projects

Addresses public grievances, inspects road projects

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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary today conducted an extensive tour of remote areas of Panchari and Mougri in Udhampur District to assess the progress of developmental works and mega projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Public Works Department.

Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by Chief Engineer PMGSY Rajan Mengi, Chief Engineer PWD Batote Ashok Khokhar, Chief Engineer Pir Panchal Anil Pandoi, Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Executive Engineer PMGSY Udhampur Yash Paul, Xen PWD Udhampur Sarver Mehmood, Xen PMGSY Reasi Neeraj Vaid and other district officers.

Upon reaching Udhampur the Deputy Chief Minister received a warm welcome by



Dy CM, Surinder Kumar Choudhary interacting with officials during inspecting development work.

locals at supply morh, Mansar Kaith Gali, Mougri, Ladda and Udhampur Dak Bunglow.

During the tour, Surinder Choudhary inspected Road Projects from Kaith Gali to Mougri, Mougri to Ladda and Kaith Gali to Panchari (PMGSY) road. Expressing dissatisfaction over the dilapidated condition of these roads, he directed the

concerned departments to blacklist contractors failing to meet timelines or delivering substandard work.

Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the need to expedite ongoing projects by deploying additional manpower and machinery and adopting double shifts where necessary. He stressed the importance of maintaining quality standards and com-

pleting all projects within stipulated timeframes to maximize their on-ground impact. "Roads and bridges are the backbone of any region's development. Proper connectivity not only enhances the economy but also improves the overall quality of life," he added.

Surinder Choudhary interacted with locals, ex-PRI members and other delegations at Kaith Gali, Mougri and Dak Bunglow Udhampur. During these interactions, the public raised several demands and grievances, including staff shortages in PHC Mougri, Ensuring quality material in road construction, Inclusion of Mougri in the tourism map, Establishment of industries and factories, Construction and maintenance of roadside drains, Resolution of parking issues in Udhampur town, Expediting Salmay Bridge construction, Regularization of daily wagers, Formulating

an inclusive industrial policy

Dy CM assured the public that their genuine demands would be addressed on priority. On-spot directions were issued to concerned officers for the immediate redressal of grievances. He emphasized the importance of regular monitoring and inspections to ensure timely project completion and warned that delays due to negligence would not be tolerated.

He added that the primary objective of this tour is to assess the progress of developmental works on the ground and listen to public grievances. He reiterated that the government is committed to reaching out to the people, addressing their issues and ensuring holistic development said the Deputy Chief Minister.

At Dak Bunglow Deputy Chief Minister received warm reception by local residents of Udhampur Town besides District Administration and Police.

J&K Bank opens new Branch at Gurdaspur in Punjab, holds customer meet

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SRINAGAR: Expanding its presence further in rest of country, J&K Bank today opened a new branch at Gurdaspur in Punjab.

The Bank's General Manager and Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar inaugurated the branch in the presence of Zonal Head (Kathua) Sanjeev Kumar, Cluster Head (Mohali) Iftikhar Abdullah amid a gathering of valuable customers, local traders, residents and other Bank officials.

Soon after the inaugural ceremony, the Divisional Head chaired the customer-meet of Mohali Cluster and interacted with customers, who lauded the Bank's efforts towards making banking services more accessible and convenient for its customers.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunit Kumar recalled the Bank's longstanding relationship with Punjab, saying,



J&K Bank's GM and Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar inaugurating the branch at Gurdaspur.

"Our association with Punjab is decades old, dating back to the 1970s when we opened our first branch here at Pathankot. Establishment of yet another branch will only strengthen the bond further."

Highlighting the Bank's stellar financial performance, he added, "We have been achieving historic, record-breaking profits consecutively for the past two years, which is a testament to our sustained growth and commitment to excellence."

Underlining the importance of Bank's technologically advanced platforms, he said, "Our digital and online banking services are best-in-class when it comes to convenience, security, and performance."

Sunit Kumar also emphasized the Bank's commitment to expanding both physically and digitally while maintaining its unique institutional legacy. "It is in our culture to offer the best products and services, accompanied by a highly personalized human touch, which sets us apart from other players in the industry," he said.

Reiterating the Bank's role

in driving local economic growth, he urged the participants to support the Bank's initiatives for mutual prosperity. "We remain committed to playing an active role in the growth and development of the local economy. With your support and cooperation, we can achieve great success together," he added.

During the interaction with customers, Zonal Head, Sanjeev Kumar spoke about the striking resemblance between the socio-cultural fabric of Punjab and Jammu.

Earlier, Iftikhar Abdullah welcomed the guests and assured them that the branch will ease the ways of doing business for Bank's customers and people of Gurdaspur in general.

Branch Manager Pankaj Badyal presented the vote of thanks on the occasion.

Notably, the inauguration of the Gurdaspur branch is part of the Bank's broader strategy to expand its footprint while ensuring personalized services, reinforcing its mission of serving the local economy with excellence and care.

SKUAST-Jammu to host 4-day National Agriculture Summit -2024 from Nov 20

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JAMMU: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-Jammu) is set to host the much-anticipated National Agriculture Summit 2024 from November 20 to 23 at its Main Campus in Chatha. Addressing a press conference, Vice-Chancellor Prof. B.N. Tripathi, accompanied by the university's statutory officers, announced that the four-day event would be a landmark occasion, bringing together farmers, agricultural scientists, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to discuss innovations in agriculture and allied sciences.

The summit is being organized in collaboration with several key departments, including the Agriculture Production Department, Animal

Husbandry, Horticulture, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Fisheries, and other government bodies and institutions. With the theme "Harnessing Innovations in Agriculture and Allied Sciences", the event will highlight the transformative role of technology and sustainable practices in modern farming. The summit aims to equip farmers with the knowledge and tools to adopt high-tech solutions that will enhance productivity, improve sustainability, and help them adapt to the global agricultural challenges. The event will showcase cutting-edge technologies developed by research organizations and provide insights into smart agricultural practices. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with innovative solutions in fields like agri-mech-

anization, digital agriculture, high-tech horticulture, and precision livestock farming. Over 12,000 to 15,000 attendees are expected from Jammu and Kashmir, as well as neighboring states such as Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, and the Union Territory of Ladakh. This diverse gathering will include progressive farmers, rural youth, farm women, agri-entrepreneurs, scientists, policy makers, and industry leaders. The summit will feature a series of workshops on topics such as Agri Startups, Automation in Agriculture, Dairying and Fish Farming, Organic Farming, Post-Harvest Management, and more. These workshops are designed to empower farmers with practical knowledge and provide networking opportunities

for stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

An exciting Agriculture Fair will also take place alongside the summit, featuring sports competitions for rural youth, chaff cutting contests for rural women, and field visits to innovative farms. There will be a vibrant marketplace for agricultural products and technology, including hydroponics, integrated farming systems, and improved irrigation solutions. A livestock and poultry show, drone demonstrations, and a captivating flower and vegetable display will highlight the region's agricultural diversity. Awards will be presented to outstanding farmers, farm women, rural youth, agri-entrepreneurs, and startups for their contributions to agriculture and allied sectors, making the summit a celebration of excellence in the agricultural community.