

Principal's clarion call on National Unity Day: Let courage, conviction & character become steel of tomorrow's India



Principal JK Public School Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore and students addressing morning assembly on Friday.

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JAMMU: "National Unity refers to the process of bringing the people of a country together where everyone feels a sense of belonging and loyalty to the nation. It is the bond that holds together the diverse elements of a country, creating unity in diversity". With this opening statement Riyansha of Grade 7th Kaveri conducted the special assembly to celebrate National Unity day along with her classmates at JK Public School Kunjwani.

Throwing light over his life voyage, Ayushman stated, "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was one of the India's greatest leaders and freedom fighters often known as the Iron Man of India. He was born on 31 Oct 1875 in Nadiad (Gujarat). He studied law in England and became a successful lawyer in India. He was a strong leader, who played a major role in uniting our country after Independence. Every year, 31 October is celebrated as National Unity Day to honour his contributions. His life teaches us the importance of unity, discipline and

dedication".

Highlighting the greatest contribution of Sardar Patel, Prajuril Shrikul said, "At the time of Independence, India was divided into more than 560 princely states: each one thinking of staying Independent. Without Sardar Patel's strong leadership, courage and vision, these states might have never come together and India could have been split into many smaller and weaker nations. It was his iron will power determination and fearless execution that joined every part of India into one strong and unified India. Sardar Patel gave shape to our nation's unity, strength and identity".

Garvit Sharma from Grade 5 took a resolution in front of the whole assembly. He said, "I take a vow to be the next Sardar Patel. I will put my nation above everything else. I will imbibe and reflect the strong principles of Sardar Patel through my deeds and stick to them amidst odds. I will be fearless after taking a stand in the interest of my nation, and come what may, I'll continue till I succeed".

Director JK Educational Society Shashii Chaudhary graced the occasion with her benign presence.

Under the segment Quotations, Avneet quoted K.M. Munshi, one of Sardar Patel's closest associates, who beautifully captured Sardar's wisdom, restraint, and commanding presence, saying:

"Ordinarily Sardar is a man of very few words. He can keep silence for hours in the mindst of exciting conversation, never speaks for the sake of speaking. He only becomes eloquent when action is in the air, but when he does speak, he speaks with eloquence unrivalled. He can attack, he can reveal, he can heap ridicule, he can make an audience cry. Above all, he is a master of winged shaft which like shafts pierce the heart".

Reflecting upon Sardar Patel's immense contribution to India's freedom movement, Raghvendra quoted Sarat Chandra Bose, who paid a remarkable tribute to Sardar, saying: "Almost immediately coming out of my detention camp, I greeted

the Sardar of Bardoli as the Sardar of India. I did not do so at the impulse of the moment. The words that came out of me were the result of deep thinking during the last four years."

"Few could capture Sardar Patel's essence better than Sarojini Naidu, who wrote, 'With his stern, rugged and grave exterior, he is like an iron casket that holds rare and hidden gems of devotion, sweetness and charm', stated Aviral.

"Lord Mountbatten, who worked closely with Sardar Patel during India's freedom transition, once remarked: 'I had not known Sardar Patel before I went to India in March 1947. Having struck the chord of mutual trust with Sardar, one was dealing with an essentially friendly, human, and lovable man', stated Mivaan.

"Speaking with deep love and admiration, Mahatma Gandhi expressed his feelings for Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in these touching words: 'It was a great privilege for me to have been with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I was well aware of his matchless brav-

ery, but I have never lived with him as I had the good fortune during 16 months. The affection with which he covered me recalls to me that of my own dear mother'".

"In her heartfelt appreciation of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's character, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur wrote: 'His rugged exterior hides a heart of gold and an affectionate and kindly nature', said Laavanya.

"Even across the shores, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's greatness was recognized. The erstwhile British Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee once said with deep respect: 'Sardar Patel played an outstanding part in the great events of his generation and his name will have a permanent place in the annals of India', said Arshveer. Srijan Sharma quoted Govind Vallabh Pant, "Sardar's genius for leadership and organization is marvelous".

"Describing Sardar Patel's unwavering spirit, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad remarked: 'He is a bold and untiring General of India's struggle for independence and is keeping the banner of India flying with a young man's zeal and soldier's fierceness', stated Aarav Khajuria.

Mayansh referred to C. Rajgopalachary said, "Those who think that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is a hard man are thoroughly mistaken. On the contrary, it would not be far from the truth if one were to say that his is the nature of a loving and jealous woman. His affection is exacting, and behind a cold and cynical exterior he holds a highly emotional and responsive soul and an untiring spirit work. Masterful he is, but as a mother and not as a tyrant".

Applauding the presenter for enlivening the ethos of the occasion, Principal JKPS

Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore stated, "Dear students, on this National Unity Day - the sacred birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India - we bow our heads in reverence to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the man who did not merely dream of a united India; he welded it with his grit, his steel-like resolve, and his uncompromising patriotism".

"Today, we revisited the towering traits that sculpted him into a legend - unyielding courage, iron will, fearless execution, unwavering honesty, and relentless perseverance. These were not just qualities; they were his weapons, and with them, he fortified our nation forever", he added.

But let us not limit our admiration to words. Let us convert reverence into resolve. I pose a question to this young brigade of future leaders: Can the land that once gifted India a Sardar

Patel not produce many more Patels again?"

"The answer lies not outside - it lies in your hearts, in your character, in your choices, and in your actions", he extolled the audience.

"As we pay our heartfelt homage to the architect of united India, let us rise and take a solemn pledge: 'From these hallowed portals shall emerge students carved in steel - bold in thought, brave in action, pure in intent, unstoppable in spirit. Students, who do not merely follow history, but create it. Let the fire of unity, discipline and nation-building blaze in every heart at JK Public School, Kunjwani'".

He made a clarion call, "Let every dream be drenched in purpose, every effort fuelled by conviction, and every soul echo with the roar: 'Bharat is One, and we shall keep it One' with honour, courage and unbreakable unity!"

Doordarshan to telecast iconic television show "Rajni 2.0" from Nov 3

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JAMMU: Doordarshan National announced the launch of its new socially relevant television series, "Rajni 2.0", premiering on 3rd November 2025, every Monday to Friday from 8:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

The series will also be available for digital streaming on the "Waves" platform from 10th November 2025.

"Rajni 2.0" marks the revival of one of India's most iconic and beloved television characters - Rajni, who first appeared on Indian television in 1985 and became a symbol of courage, integrity, and civic responsibility. The original "Rajni" series was celebrated nationwide for its bold portrayal of a woman who fearlessly fought against cor-



ruption, injustice, and social apathy.

Carrying forward this inspiring legacy, "Rajni 2.0" introduces a new protagonist - Guddu, Rajni's daughter, portrayed by Aradhana Sharma. Guddu embodies her mother's fearless spirit as she takes on the challenges of a rapidly changing society.

Each episode tackles contemporary social issues such as road safety, consumer rights,

corruption, women's safety, environmental concerns, and abuse of power, encouraging viewers to think critically and act responsibly.

The series highlights the importance of civic awareness, personal accountability, and collective action in building a just society. Through Guddu's confrontations with everyday injustices, "Rajni 2.0" delivers the message that one vigilant, ethical citizen can indeed make a difference.

Like its predecessor, the show goes beyond entertainment - it serves as a call to action, inspiring individuals to uphold truth, justice, and compassion in daily life.

Produced by a team of experienced creators, "Rajni 2.0" combines the nostalgic

appeal of the original with modern storytelling, updated social themes, and high production values. The show preserves the essence of Rajni's character - her honesty, empathy, and resolve - while reimagining her legacy through her daughter's eyes for a new generation.

Doordarshan National, staying true to its mission of using television as a medium for social reform, aims through "Rajni 2.0" to educate, empower, and inspire.

The series reinforces DD National's commitment to promoting national values, civic sense, and social transformation - proving once again that meaningful entertainment can shape a more aware and responsible India.

Western Railway observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

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JAMMU: In commemoration of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna & Iron Man of India - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Western Railway observed the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

On this occasion, Vivek Kumar Gupta, General Manager of Western Railway administered the National Unity Pledge to Officers & Staff at Western Railway Headquarters at Churchgate on Friday.



GM/WR Vivek Kumar Gupta paying floral tribute to an image of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Vineet Abhishek, the 150th birth anniversary of the visionary statesman was celebrated in a solemn manner across all six divisions of Western Railway.

The National Unity Pledge which reiterates the promise to dedicate ourselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation, was pledged by officers and staff in large numbers.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi	
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

EK DIWAANE KI DEEWANIYAT		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:45 AM / 2:15 PM / 5:05 PM / 10:40 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	09:00 AM / 03:50 PM / 10:50 PM	
KANTARA (A LEGEND CHAPTER-1) (HINDI)		
PVR KC JAMMU	09:35 AM	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	11:00 AM	
BAAHUBALI: THE EPIC (HINDI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	3:20 PM / 10:30 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	3:15 PM / 9:55 PM	
THAMMA - HINDI		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	12:30 AM / 7:40 PM / 10:50 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	12:05 PM / 7:40 PM	
MADHANIVAN (PUNJABI)		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:30 AM / 5:60 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	6:55 PM	

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Fault Repair		198
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International Trunk Booking	2447952, 2577951	2573638
Billing Complaints		2543896, 2548415
Billing Complaints Computerize		1955
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Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953	
HOSPITALS		
Government Medical College		2584290, 2484291
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital		2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	257147, 257084	257357
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital		2547639, 2547637
Emergency		2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638	
Chest Disease Hospital		2577064, 2548012
Dental Hospital		2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar		2430041
Emergency		2431740
Child Hospital		2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital		262270
AMBULANCES		
Indian Red Cross Society		2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248	
FIRE STATIONS		
Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705	
City		2544263
Canal		2554064
Roop Nagar		2597522
Gangyal		2480026
Barj Brahmana		220020
Akhnoor		252481
Kathua		234313
Samba		243280
Katra		232451
Udhampur		270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82	
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Tourist Officer, Airport		2431917
Tourist Officer, Railway Station		2430078
Tourist Reception Centre		2579554
BUS SERVICES		
JKSRTC General Manager		2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand		2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service		2576562
Punjab Roadways		2542782
WATER SUPPLY		
Company Bagh		2542582
Parade		2544979
Bakshi Nagar		2543557
Panjthirthi		2547501
Narwal		2430031
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS		
Canal	2554147, 2554199	
Parade	2542289, 2543398	
Nanak Nagar		2430776
Gandhi Nagar		2430180
Shastri Nagar		2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258	
Satwari		2452816
FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)		
		101
CIVIC SERVICES		
Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal		2547440