

Small hands, big dreams-that's magic of childhood

# Excitement, jubilation mark celebration of Children's Day at JKPS Panjtirthi



Glimpses of Children's Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The most awaited "Children's Day" was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with joy and enthusiasm, commemorating the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister

Jawaharlal Nehru.

A group song competition was organised for each class.

A Jakiia of class Upper KG mesmerized the audience with her dance performance. On the special occasion, Principal of

JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah wished Happy Children's Day to one and all and commenced the celebration with special words. She expressed, "As educationists we all must remember that we have a great responsibility

towards our society and Nation. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was very fond of children and he always advocated about their education, overall growth and nourishment." She added, "I personally believe children are the

most precious creation of God and we should protect, guide and love them with all our might for they are the leaders of tomorrow." This year the Principal herself selected the best child of the year from each section of each

class. The best child of JKPS Panjtirthi, session 2025-26, prize was given to a student of class Nursery. The Prize distribution ceremony to honour the best students of the year was arranged in a grand manner where the

Principal encouraged and awarded the best students of the year with beautiful gifts. Attractive gifts were given to the winners of group song competition and general knowledge quiz competition to acknowledge

their talents and skills. Mamta Gupta and Shipra Mahajan, the incharges of the celebration remarked, "Children's Day is the perfect occasion to make them understand that the confidence is the key to win the battle of life."

## CSIR-IIIM celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

# Tribal students explore high-end scientific facilities, drone technology, AI Applications



**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: As India marks the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, popularly revered as Dharti Aaba and to honour the legacy of tribal warriors who safeguarded the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu, commemorated the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2025 by organizing a special educational and exposure visit for tribal students at BIRAC-BioNEST Incubator, Industrial Biotech Park in Ghatti, Kathua.

The initiative, aimed at encouraging scientific curiosity among underserved communities, brought about 200 tribals students, to one of the

region's most advanced scientific ecosystems. The participating students were taken through an extensive guided tour of the BioNEST Incubator, where they witnessed high-end scientific facilities operating in real time.

They observed fermentation and enzyme production units, phytopharma drug extraction systems, micropropagation laboratories, and specialized sections dedicated to the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants.

They also visited the Central Instrumentation Facility, gaining rare exposure to the sophisticated analytical and research tools used by scientists

and biotech startups.

A major highlight of the visit was a live demonstration of drone technology by experts from IIT Jammu in which the AI-powered drone detection, weed-mapping models, and advanced machine-learning applications were showcased. The students watched modern drones in action and learned how these systems are being used in precision agriculture, environmental mapping, emergency logistics, and scientific monitoring.

This exposure provided the real time application of Artificial Intelligence in the drug discovery, crop improvement, the analysis of dairy products and honey etc.

The continuity between these initiatives reflects CSIR-IIIM's commitment to democratizing scientific knowledge and bringing cutting-edge technologies closer to young learners.

Interacting with the students, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM Jammu, said that the purpose of bringing tribal youth to North India's flagship Biotech Park was to ignite their imagination and help them see science as an accessible space and can have the first hands information about the facilities and opportunities to nurture their ideas and innovations.

He emphasized that exposing students to a world-class scientific environment can motivate them to dream bigger and pursue careers as scientists, innovators, and entrepreneurs who will contribute to India's future in biotechnology and modern agriculture.

The event also saw the presence of senior scientists including Dr. Asha Chaubey, Dr. Saurabh Saran, with overall coordination of Rajesh Gupta, Administrative Officer.

## District Rajouri Volleyball Championship from Nov 19

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: District Volleyball Association Rajouri, under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, is set to organize the District Volleyball Championship Rajouri on 19 and 20 November 2025. The championship aims to highlight local talent and promote volleyball as a growing sport in the region.

Teams wishing to participate are required to submit their entries before 17 November,

ensuring smooth coordination and scheduling. The fixtures have already been updated and are available on the official Rajouri Volleyball page for all teams and supporters to review. The prestigious tournament is being organized under the guidance of the Volleyball Association of J&K and is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council, reflecting strong institutional support for sports development in the district.

Sajjad Majeed, President of the District

Volleyball Association Rajouri (Contact: 9697254747), and Noval Sharma, Secretary of the Volleyball Association Rajouri (Contact: 9596616851), are leading the organizational efforts to ensure a successful event.

The championship will take place at the Sports Stadium Rajouri, where teams and sports enthusiasts are expected to gather for two days of exciting and competitive volleyball action.

## HPS celebrates Bal Mela on Children's Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Humanity Public School (HPS), Samba celebrated a vibrant and fun-filled Bal Mela to mark Children's Day, bringing together joy, excitement, and togetherness across the entire campus. Nearly 1700 students from Pre-Nursery to Class 12th took part in the celebrations, making the day memorable with cheerful participation and festive enthusiasm.

The Bal Mela was inaugurated by Col. Hemant Kandpal, Commanding Officer, 157 Inf Bn (TA) (H&H) Sikh, and Lt. Col. Rohit Sharma, Second-in-Command. They were warmly welcomed by Principal Mr. Gaurav Charak, Vice-Principal Mrs. Anku Charak, Admin Incharge Mr. Akashdeep Raina, and wing incharges.

The entire school campus was transformed into a colourful carnival with an impressive array of food and



gaming stalls. Students enjoyed an assortment of delicious delights including Panipuri, Kachallu, Bhelpuri, Sandwiches, Noodles, Momos, French Fries, Popcorn, and Candy Floss. Teachers enthusiastically prepared and served the food, adding warmth and personal touch to the celebrations. The stalls, buzzing with activity, highlighted creativity and teamwork as teachers and students worked together to make the event lively and

enjoyable. Additionally, the Mela featured engaging games, a vibrant activity zone, and a bouncy corner for younger children. These attractions filled the air with laughter and excitement as students participated enthusiastically, enjoying the spirit of friendly competition.

A major highlight of the event was the Lucky Draw held for all wings. In the Higher Secondary Wing, Rajat (11-C) won the first prize, followed by Nandani

(12-B) and Shreya (12-A). In the High/Middle Wing, Jaibes Khokhar (9-B), Tanmay Khajuria (6-B), and Ishrat Malik (9-B) emerged winners. The Primary Wing winners included Sehajveer (1-E), Manik (1-D), and Harsh (1-B), while in the Pre-Primary Wing, Yashika (LKG-C), Eklavya (UKG-D), and Raghav Singh (UKG-C) secured the top three prizes.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Col. Kandpal praised the school for fostering creativity and holistic development, appreciating the Bal Mela as a platform for joyful learning.

Principal Gaurav Charak offered a vote of thanks to all contributors, emphasising the importance of such events in strengthening school bonding. Vice-Principal Anku Charak concluded the celebration by applauding the teamwork and spirit showcased by students and staff.

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

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
<b>11078 Jhelum Express</b>	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
<b>12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express</b>	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
<b>12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express</b>	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
<b>Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)</b>	
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	
<b>Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)</b>	
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	

FIND CINEMA	
<b>HAQ (HINDI)</b>	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	1:15 PM / 10:50 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	6:40 PM
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PVR KC JAMMU	10:35 AM / 1:40 PM / 03:35 PM / 4:45 PM / 7:50 PM / 9:30 PM / 10:55 PM
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PVR KC JAMMU	9:30 PM

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City	2544263
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Bari Brahmana	220020
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JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service	2576562
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Nanak Nagar	2430776
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