

ASN School celebrates its 56th Annual Day "Prerna-An Inspiration

Annual Day functions foster spirit of healthy atmosphere, teamwork, learning: Yudhvir Sethi

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JAMMU: ASN Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat on Wednesday celebrated its 56th Annual-cum-Prize Distribution function "Prerna-An Inspiration" at Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, Jammu with grandeur and enthusiasm.

Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East was the Chief Guest on the occasion while J S Johar, Director Police Telecommunication, Jammu & Kashmir presided over the function where as Amit Bhasin, SSP Traffic Jammu was the Special Invitee.

Deepak Dubey, Joint Director Information Jammu, Ajaz Qaiser, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Ranjeet Kalra, Member Governing Council (Sports) Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Dr. A.K.Kapoor, Chairman Adarsh Educational Trust, Robin Mehta, Sanjeev Vaid, Sham Sunder graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.

The function started with National Anthem, followed by presentation of floral bouquets, lighting of ceremonial lamp and All Faith Prayers.

P B Kapoor, M.D. Adarsh Educational Trust presented the Welcome address and spoke about the theme chosen for schools 56th Annual Day "Prerna-An Inspiration". She said the celebration was a tes-



Chief Guest, Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East lighting ceremonial lamp.

tament to the school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded students and fostering a strong school community.

The Annual School Report read by the Director-Principal Mr. Ritesh Kapoor, brought to fore the achievements of the students of the school and presented the Principal's vision for the progress of the school. He said the school has provided every class a smart class room with latest technology and wifi campus for learners and educators to make them compete in the practical world. He said school has proudly completed 56 years of excellence and will continue to produce seasoned, obedient and disciplined citizens in the society.

The school showcased cul-

tural performances, academic achievements and student talents. Students from all grades presented a dazzling array of performances, which included Maa Saraswati Vandana, "A Bollywood dance performance, "Vandey Matram patriotic dance performance," "South Indian Cultural Item", "Dogri-Kashmiri-Ladakhli folk dance item", Punjabi Bangra and Punjabi Gidda". The performances held to the theme of "Prerna-An Inspiration" captivated the audience with their energy and talent.

The highlight of the event was the prize distribution ceremony, where students were honored for their achievements in academics, sports, and various co-curricular

activities. Awards were also presented to outstanding teachers for their dedication and service to the school. The celebration served as a platform to recognize the hard work and success of the past year while strengthening the bonds within the school community. Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi congratulated the schools management, staff and students for their active participation and appreciated the enthusiasm and energy of the students in their cultural presentations. He added that Annual Day functions foster a spirit of healthy atmosphere, teamwork and learning and A.S.N. school did it well. He stated

that girls today are excelling in every field and expressed hope that the students of ASN School would continue to contribute meaningfully to society.

J S Johar lauded the role of the Management of A.S.N. School for continuing the delivery of quality education from the last 56 years and maintaining its legacy in the society. He said the small venture started by Dr A K Kapoor in 1969 has grown well to Hr. Sec. School now has proved its excellence today in its annual day function. He appreciated the school for facilitating and achieving excellence in academics and non-academics and thus providing exposure of the world to students. He stated that a student's prime duty should be to honour parents & teachers.

Deepak Dubey congratulated the school on their 56th Annual Day celebrations. He emphasized the importance of self-discipline as an "invisible superpower" that can make individuals stronger, smarter, and sharper.

Dr. Rahul Kapoor, Trustee Adarsh Educational Trust presented the vote of thanks. The function closed with the National Anthem followed by refreshment to all the participants.

Pakistan's attempts to misguide young minds are failing; Kashmir's children now choose progress, Peace: Khatana



Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Gulam Ali Khatana addressing students.

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GANDERBAL: Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and senior BJP leader Gulam Ali Khatana said that "Pakistan's attempts to misguide the young minds of Kashmir are failing, as the children of the Valley are now choosing progress, technology and peace." He added that even after the recent Pahalgam incidents, Pakistan continues its efforts to pollute young minds, but Kashmiri youth have given a strong reply through their maturity, awareness and commitment to education and development. "Our youth will not fall into Pakistan's trap. They are disciplined, innovative and determined to build a peaceful and technologically advanced future," he said while addressing the 'Robotics and Management Technology' programme at J&K Sainik School Manasbal.

Khatana urged the students to reduce mobile and screen time, warning that excessive phone usage weakens discipline, affects creativity and distracts them from productive learning. He encouraged the cadets to dedicate more time to robotics, innovation, physical activities and real-life skill-building, and to stay away from harmful online influence. He praised the students' creativity, technical understanding and enthusiasm, noting that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Jammu & Kashmir is witnessing rapid growth in digital empowerment, youth development and education reforms. He assured full support for strengthening academic infrastructure, skill development programmes and future-oriented initiatives in the region.

Students showcased impressive robotic models, innovation projects and technology demonstrations, highlighting the school's growing emphasis on futuristic learning. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the school authorities, who appreciated Khatana's continuous support and guidance. They also requested an Atal Tinkering Lab and an ambulance for the institution, to which Khatana assured full cooperation and necessary follow-up.

After the programme, Khatana also visited the JK DAG Computer Institute Nagbal, Ganderbal, where he interacted with trainees and faculty members. He appreciated the institute's efforts in expanding digital literacy, computer education and employability-driven training among local youth. He said that such institutions are vital for creating a skilled and confident generation prepared for the modern workforce. Khatana encouraged the students to make full use of the training opportunities and assured support for expanding digital and vocational learning facilities in the area.

Ashoka Law College organizes fresher-cum-farewell party



Ashoka Law College Kathua students at fresher-cum-farewell party.

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KATHUA: A fresher-cum-farewell party was organized with gaiety and enthusiasm at Ashoka Law College Kathua.

Dr. M.K Bhan, Principal of JK Public School Kathua, was the Chief Guest. The function start-

ed with lighting of traditional lamp.

The Saraswati and Ganesh Puja was presented by the students. Various items of dances, songs and speeches were presented by the students.

Chief Guest delivered the impressive and valuable

speech. He also distributed the trophies and Medals to students.

Dr. Ajeet Lal, Director of the College, presented vote of thanks. He advised the students to stay away from the drugs especially heroin alias chitta which is fast killer of its user.

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JAMMU: A meeting of the Managing Committee of the Home for the Aged & Infirm, Ambphalla, Jammu, was held on Wednesday. In the absence of I. D. Soni, President, who could not attend due to ill health, the meeting was chaired by H. S. Manhas, Vice President.

The meeting was attended by Patron Prem Gupta, IPS, IGP (Retd.), Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Secretary; Vijay Gupta, Joint Secretary; and Members of the Managing Committee, Pankaj Gupta and Sat Pal Sharma. The proceedings commenced with a welcome address by Manhas, followed by a comprehensive discussion on all Agenda Items.

The House confirmed the Minutes of the previous meeting held on August 26, 2025, and approved the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the quarter ending October 2025.

The Committee was informed



Managing Committee of Home for Aged & Infirm, Ambphalla at a meeting.

that more than 17 reputed institutions and distinguished individuals visited the Home during this period, interacted with the Management and Inmates, and conveyed their appreciation for the facilities, services, and overall care provided by the Home.

The Committee was apprised that the recently opened Allopathic Dispensary and Physiotherapy Centre, functioning daily from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, is significantly bene-

fitting both the inmates and members of the general public.

The Secretary appealed to the citizens to refer elderly persons above 60 years of age who are physically fit, mentally sound, non-addicted, and in need of shelter and care to the Home for the Aged & Infirm (Vridh Ashram), Ambphalla, Jammu. Such individuals will be provided free boarding, lodging, clothing, medical assistance, and a safe living environment.

The Secretary further

informed the House that several paint manufacturing companies have been approached for the complete painting of both buildings of the Home and for displaying their advertisements appropriately. An MoU may be finalized on mutually agreed terms, and a positive response is expected shortly.

The House was also informed that six shopkeepers are willful defaulters and that the leases of 15 properties had expired long ago. After extensive delibera-

tions, the Committee unanimously resolved to initiate legal proceedings without delay for the recovery of outstanding rent and to examine each case individually for renewal or other appropriate actions concerning the expired leases.

It was further resolved to convene the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, December 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Home's premises.

After the formal proceedings, the Managing Committee interacted with the inmates and staff members. The Committee advised the inmates to take special precautions during the winter season and requested the staff to extend greater cooperation to ensure continuous improvement in the functioning, cleanliness, and overall upkeep of the entire Home.

The meeting ended with a pray to the Almighty God for the speedy recovery of I.D.Soni, President of the Home who is unwell for some time.

Traffic Police reaffirms Constitutional values on Constitution Day



Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal, DIG Traffic Range Jammu administering pledge.

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JAMMU: To commemorate Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas), as per the directions of Government of J&K, a function was organized at Traffic HQ which was attended by all the officers and officials of Traffic HQ, Traffic Range Jammu, Traffic Police Rural Jammu. During the occasion Dr. Mohd. Haseeb Mughal, DIG Traffic Range Jammu threw light on the

history behind of the Constitution of India and also read out the Preamble of the Constitution of India which was followed by all staff officers and officials.

The event marked the reaffirmation of commitment by the traffic Police officers and officials to uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

He highlighted that Constitution Day serves as a reminder of the responsibilities vested in every pub-

lic servant to safeguard the rights of citizens and ensure transparency and justice in all policing efforts.

The DIG Traffic encouraged all ranks to uphold constitutional values in day-to-day traffic management and public service, emphasizing professionalism, accountability and courtesy while dealing with the public. He reiterated that adherence to the Constitution is the foundation of good governance and

effective policing.

Among the participants Mohammad Rashid Bhat, SO to IGP Traffic J&K, Farooq Qaiser, SSP Traffic Rural Jammu, Ramesh Chander Kataria, Private Secretary to DIG Traffic Jammu, Voonesh Sangotra, Sr. PO RTHQ Jammu, Benti Kumari Tickoo, ADO RTHQ Jammu, Ruby Dhar, PA to DIG Traffic Jammu and other traffic Police officers/officials were present on the occasion.

NDA champions Constitution, Opposition played politics with it: Gaurav

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JAMMU: BJP J&K Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta on Wednesday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the NDA government for restoring the "true dignity and spirit" of Constitution Day, asserting that the nation now celebrates November 26 with the respect it always deserved. Gupta said the Constitution of India is not merely a legal document but a guiding force that shapes the country's democratic and developmental journey, and it is the Modi government that revived national consciousness around this

historic day.

He recalled that when the Constitution completed 60 years in 2010, the then UPA government "allowed the moment to pass without giving it the honour befitting such a milestone."

Gupta said, "For the Congress-led UPA, Constitution Day was just another date on the calendar. Their apathy reflected their long-standing habit of ignoring the nation's institutions and legacy."

He contrasted this with the NDA's approach, stating that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015 who declared November 26 as



Constitution Day, ensuring that the nation collectively pays tribute to the framers of the Constitution "from Dr. Rajendra Prasad to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and all members of the Constituent

Assembly who shaped India's destiny."

Calling PM Modi a leader who "deeply respects India's democratic ethos," Gupta added "Under the NDA, Constitution Day has become a symbol of national pride. PM Modi has consistently honoured the visionaries who built the Republic, and he continues to advance a Constitution-driven governance model that empowers every citizen."

Taking another swipe at the opposition, Gupta said the Congress and its allies "only remember the Constitution when it suits their political rhetoric, not

when it comes to safeguarding its spirit."

He remarked that the opposition's track record shows "selective respect for institutions, selective outrage, and complete indifference toward commemorating the nation's foundational moments."

Gupta concluded that under the Modi-led NDA, Constitution Day has regained its rightful place as a national celebration of India's democratic, social, and cultural strength, reflecting the government's commitment to transparency, justice, equality, and inclusive development.

DHSJ reviews health infrastructure, program implementation in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, accompanied by Divisional ASHA Coordinator Jammu, Jonson Chandail, undertook an official visit to District Udhampur on Wednesday.

He conducted an in-depth review of the implementation and progress of key health programmes. The review covered major verticals including Institutional Deliveries, NCD, Ayushman Bharat-HWCs, RBSK, RCH, Immunization, NTCP, NMHP, Scan & Share initiative and other national flagship schemes.

On arrival at the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, the dignitaries were formally received by Dr. Anil Manhas, Chief Medical Officer Udhampur, along with the district programme officers including DTO, DHO DIO and all BMOS.



Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar chairing a meeting.

The Chief Medical Officer presented a comprehensive, data-driven PowerPoint presentation covering: status of Home Deliveries and strategies adopted to improve institutional deliveries, NCD screening coverage, follow-up status, ABHA IDs, treatment initiation and block-wise performance, Ayushman Bharat-HWC service delivery indicators, tele consultation utilisation, wellness activities and HR status, RBSK screening and referral performance, DEIC functioning

and achievements in early identification of defects and developmental delays, Immunization coverage, left-out/drop-out analysis, AEFI reporting and microplanning, Maternal and child health indicators, HRP tracking, JSY/JSSK implementation, Progress under TB, IDSP NVBDCP, NTCP, NMHP and other vertical programmes.

Dr. Zargar conducted detailed deliberations on progress, data quality, manpower deployment, communi-

ty-level outreach and block-wise gaps. He emphasized the need to strengthen monitoring at all levels, improve timely reporting across all portals including NCD, RCH, RBSK and Immunization dashboards and to enhance ASHA engagement and ensure proper field documentation.

The meeting concluded with time-bound directives to address gaps, ensure measurable improvements before the next review and enhance coordination across all programme units.

DSRS, JU pays tributes to 26/11 Terror Attack Martyrs



DSRS, JU faculty and students paying tributes to 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attack martyrs.

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of India (JU), organised a commemorative and academic programme on 26th

November to honour the martyrs of the 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attack and to observe the Constitution Day of India.

The objective of the programme was to pay hom-

age to the brave security personnel and civilians who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and to reaffirm the constitutional values that bind and guide the nation.