

The Power of an Idea: JKPS Kunjwani celebrates Spirit of Invention



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

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JAMMU: "A single idea can open the door to a world of possibilities." With this compelling thought, Dhanir Choudhary of Grade 6 Falcon launched a thought-provoking morning assembly on the theme "The Story of an Invention - How a Simple Idea Can Change the World" at JK Public School, Kunjwani.

Building momentum, Sara Ali Khan reflected, "Every extraordinary invention begins with a tiny spark-an audacious whisper inside someone's mind

asking, 'What if...?' Have you ever wondered how one small idea can reshape the entire world? The lights we switch on, the phones we depend on, the airplanes that carry us across continents-all exist because someone dared to say, 'What if I try?' Every sunrise carries a new idea, and every idea carries the power to change humanity."

Introducing herself as someone who dreams fearlessly, she added, "I am Sara Ali Khan of Class 6 Falcon, and I believe whole-heartedly that even the

smallest idea can make the largest difference. Today, I wish to share with you a story that proves how one simple idea can truly change the world."

The assembly beautifully revisited the iconic journey of Thomas Alva Edison, the visionary who refused to bow before failure. Despite laughter, disbelief and countless unsuccessful attempts, Edison persisted until the world finally illuminated with the invention of the electric light bulb-a revolutionary idea that trans-

formed human existence.

Taking the dialogue further, Samarth shared, "From the telephone to the internet, every invention began as a spark powered by courage, creativity and belief. Never doubt your imagination-because your idea, no matter how tiny, holds the strength to light up the entire nation! Before I conclude, let me remind you: Dream, Believe and Shine each day. The world will glow in a brand-new hue, because the next big idea might come from YOU."

Shayan highlighted Thomas Edison's wisdom, reminding everyone that "The worth of any idea is revealed only when it is put into action."

Akshiv brought in Michael Jordan's sporting perspective, reflecting that talent may win a match, but teamwork and intelligence are what ultimately secure a championship.

Jaivik expressed Edison's legacy through the thought that a single glowing idea-just like the bulb that brightens our homes-can spark a revolution when we dare to dream boldly.

Rudraa echoed Albert Einstein's belief that invention arises more from imagination than from logic.

Laaiba invoked Nelson Mandela's timeless message, emphasising that education remains humanity's most powerful tool to transform the world. Advik conveyed Robin Williams' conviction that words and ideas possess enough power to reshape the world and redefine destinies.

Sanav invoked Mahatma Gandhi's principle, reminding everyone that true change

begins the moment we embody that change ourselves.

Samanya presented Alan Kay's futuristic insight that the most reliable way to anticipate the future is to create it through invention.

Bhumi concluded with Albert Einstein's classic reflection that necessity continues to be the driving force behind every new invention.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal JKPS Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore, said: "Every invention ever born began with a question, a curiosity, a spark

that someone refused to ignore. The strength of an idea does not lie in its size but in the conviction with which it is pursued."

"I urge each JKian to nurture your imagination, honour your curiosity and remain unafraid of trying something new. The world moves forward because thinkers dare, dreamers persist and innovators believe in their own possibilities. Remember, the next world-changing idea may be waiting within YOU", he summed up.

IIM hosts lecture on 'Ethics of Science' by India's Prof. P. Balaram

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JAMMU: CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, (CSIR-IIM) today hosted an expert lecture on 'Ethics of Science' by Padma Bhushan Prof. P. Balaram, former Director of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and the country's renowned Biochemist. The talk was a part of CSIR Standing Publications, Ethics and Scientific Vigilance Committee (SECV), lecture series was in hybrid mode and was attended by S&T staff, students from the institute and across the R&D and academic institutions across India. Delivering his lecture, Prof. Balaram very lucidly blended humour, history and hard questions while unpacking the evolving meanings of "ethics in science".

Prof. Balaram, in his talk, narrated different ethical dilemmas faced in the field of scientific research. From questionable publication practices to disputes over data, from trans-



lational research to the obsession with rankings and impact factors, he said contemporary science faces numerous ethical challenges.

He said the global shift from curiosity-driven "night science" to metrics-driven "day science" has also played a role in the erosion of scientific integrity. He spoke about recent controversies involving research agencies, emphasising that many problems emerge not only from ethical lapses but also from poor methodology and institutional pressures. Ethics, he argued, should not be viewed as a scien-

tists-only responsibility, but as a universal concern across professions.

Earlier, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIM, Jammu, said that the occasion is significant not only because it marked the first such programme in the Union Territory, but also because it featured one of India's most respected scientific leaders as the speaker.

Dr. Ahmed highlighted major scientific developments across CSIR, including the AI drug discovery programme, the integration of artificial intelligence in crop improvement and dis-

ussions held recently during the CSIR-ISRO Joint Meeting on advancing non-engineering sciences to work at zero gravity. He thanked Prof. P. Balaram for accepting the invitation despite a challenging schedule.

Dr. Viswanjanani J. Sattigeri, Head TKDL, and Chairperson Standing Publications, Ethics and Scientific Vigilance Committee (SECV), CSIR, introduced Prof. Balaram and recounted his five-decade-long contributions to chemistry, molecular biophysics and institution-building.

She spoke about his tenure as

Director of the Indian Institute of Science, his role in shaping India's research culture, and the national and international honours he has received, including the Padma Bhushan and the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize. She thanked Dr. Ahmed and IIM Jammu for hosting the lecture.

The lecture was followed by an engaging interaction with participants. Proceedings were conducted by Dr. Gurleen Kaur, while the vote of thanks was presented by principal Scientist Dr. Sumit Gandhi.

SMVDSS to hold protest on Nov 29

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JAMMU: The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sangharsh Samiti (SMVDSS) has drawn up a plan to intensify its peaceful movement regarding the issue of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Medical College. The strategy was finalized during a meeting held on Thursday at Geeta Bhawan, chaired by the Sangharsh Samiti's convener, Colonel Sukhbir Singh Mankotia. It was unanimously decided that on Saturday, November 29, the Committee and its associated organizations will hold a massive protest at Raghunath Chowk, Jammu.

In the meeting, six additional teams were constituted. Besides the Legal Team and Drafting Team, other teams formed will coordinate outreach to religious leaders and saints, political parties and their leadership, business organizations, educational institutions, students, and women. The Legal Team includes Advocate Deepak Sharma, Advocate Rohan Nanda, Advocate Abhinav Sharma, Advocate Pranav Kohli, and Advocate Inderjeet. The team responsible for contacting religious leaders and saints includes Abhishek Gupta, Sushant, and Khetarpal. The team assigned to reach out to political parties comprises Purushottam Dadhichi, Neeraj Anand, and Coll Sukhbir Singh Mankotia. The team connecting with business organizations includes Arun Gupta, CCI President and Deepak Gupta, President of Warehouse Traders Association. The team formed to involve educational institutions and women includes Shilpi Verma, Preeti Chaudhary, and Akshi Baloria.

The responsibility for the Petition Drafting Committee has been assigned to C.M. Seth and Advocate Inderjeet.

IIM Jammu hosts International HR Conference 2025



Dignitaries at the International HR Conference 2025.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu inaugurated the International HR Conference 2025 on the theme "Future of Fusion: Fueling Innovation, Resilience and Sustainable Success" at the Mandapam, IIM Jammu. The two-day conference brings together more than 150 participants, including industry leaders, renowned academicians, and researchers, to explore emerging paradigms in human resource management shaped by technology, sustainability, agility, and organizational culture. Faculty from reputed national and international institutes joined delegates from across India, creating a dynamic platform for forward-looking HR discourse.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by keynote speakers Soarabh Pathak, Senior VP (Central HR), Maruti Suzuki; Aparajita Tripathi, Partner, Infrastructure & Government Advisory, KPMG; and Abhay Kapoor, Group CHRO & Sr. VP - Global HR, UTL Group. Also

present were Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty & Research; Dr. Mamta Tripathi, Conference Chair; and Conference Co-Chairs Dr. Garima Saini and Dr. Sumesh Soman. The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and a Saraswati Vandana by IIM Jammu students.

Pathak highlighted that human-machine fusion will define the future of work, underscoring the need for continuous reskilling, adaptive workforce models, and personalized learning systems. Stressing a shift toward strategic HR, he emphasized experiential and hands-on learning to prepare employees for emerging challenges.

Tripathi addressed the risks associated with over-reliance on AI, warning that minor lapses can escalate into systemic failures. She underscored the importance of governance at scale and responsible technology adoption, highlighting the need for continuous reskilling, adaptive workforce models, and personalized learning systems. Stressing a shift toward strategic HR, he emphasized experiential and hands-on learning to prepare employees for emerging challenges.

qual categories. He stressed the need for deliberate and sustainable technological transitions. A panel discussion on the fusion of technology, agility, innovation, and sustainability-moderated by Prof. Prashant Mishra-featured distinguished voices from industry and academia. Panelists discussed instant gratification in the digital era, ethical AI use, and avoiding blind reliance on algorithms. They stressed striking the right balance between Artificial and Human Intelligence. Prof. Jabir Ali, in his welcome address, emphasized the role of HR research in shaping a future rooted in purposeful people-technology convergence. Dr. Mamta Tripathi urged the creation of adaptive, human-centric workplaces that leverage technology to amplify human potential. Day one concluded with seven parallel academic tracks exploring employee well-being, flexible work models, leadership, DEI, resilience, gig economy, and AI-enabled HR practices, setting a strong scholarly tone for the conference.

Ahead of the event, IIM Jammu also hosted a Pre-Conference Workshop featuring rigorous sessions on qualitative and quantitative research, research modelling, and SEM, reaffirming the institute's growing leadership in HR research and innovation.

JK PUBLIC SCHOOL PANJTIRTHI

REQUIREMENT

Applications are invited for following post:

English Teacher

Qualification: M.A English with B.Ed.

Interested candidates to walk in for interview for the said

Post with curriculum vitae till

30th November 2025 between 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm

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	
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	

FIND CINEMA	
GUSTAAKH ISHQ	
PVR KC JAMMU	8:20 PM
TERE ISKH MEIN (HINDI)	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 1:15 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:45 PM / 11:00 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	9:00 AM / 12:25 PM / 3:55 PM / 7:25 PM / 10:55 PM
120 BAHADUR (HINDI)	
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	10:15 AM / 1:10 PM / 4:05 PM / 7:00 PM / 10:00 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	1:25 PM / 7:30 PM / 10:30 PM
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PVR KC JAMMU	11:05 PM

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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
Bari Brahmana	220020
Akhnoor	252481
Kathua	234313
Samba	243280
Katra	232451
Udhampur	270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82
Police Exchange	2547621-22, 2547624
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Civil Defence	2548645, 2549100, 2544920
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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	2577465
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service	2575662
Punjab Roadways	2542782
WATER SUPPLY	
Company Bagh	2542582
Parade	2544979
Bakshi Nagar	2543557
Panjtirthi	2547501
Narwal	2430031
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS	
Canal	2554147, 2554199
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Nanak Nagar	2430776
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Shastri Nagar	2430781
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Satwari	2452816
FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)	
	101
CIVIC SERVICES	
Municipality	2547846, 2542192
Health Officer	2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal	2547440