

# JK Public School Kunjwani celebrates Republic Day



Glimpses of 73rd Republic Day celebrations at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: 73rd Republic Day was celebrated which great joy and enthusiasm in JK Public School Kunjwani.

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK educational Society unfurled the National Flag in presence of school staff and students. A short but invigorating

cultural programme was presented by the staff and students.

School Head Boy Aayush Singh and Head Girl Prableen Kaur expressed

their views and paid homage to the brave hearts who had laid their lives for the nation.

Rashmi Arora created an aura of melody with her

sweet voice.

Shashi Rattan, the Vice Principal of the School, brought some warmth to the cold January morning with her vigorous recitation

of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's Poem "Hey Bharat ke Ram Jago".

On this momentous occasion, Safaikaramcharis of the school were felicitated

and honoured by the Director Shashi Chaudhary appreciating their hard work and dedication. Ms Chaudhary in her speech, stressed upon the rights

granted to every citizen of India by the Constitution and the corresponding duties. The programme ended with tea and refreshment for all.

## POWERGRID NRTS -II celebrates Republic Day at Jammu

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JAMMU: Northern Region Transmission System (NRTS)-II celebrated 73rd Republic Day at Grid Bhawan, here with gaiety & enthusiasm. Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, POWERGRID Northern Region-II unfurled the National Flag in the presence of senior officials and employees of the company.

Kailash Rathore gave a brief account of the milestones achieved by POWERGRID in general and NRTS -II in particular. He appreciated employees



Executive Director, POWERGRID Northern Region-II, Kailash Rathore and other officials after unfurling the National Flag.

of the Region for their outstanding contribution in making POWERGRID a Maharatna Company.

He urged upon the employees to continue to

serve the organization with dedication as it is this quality that has and will continue to be the main factor in the growth of POWERGRID.

He emphasized on the fact that the growth in per capita power consumption reflects the Nation's growth, where POWERGRID has contributed not only in

establishing cross-country EHV transmission network but also establishing HV network in rural areas for extending grid connectivity to last mile of the villages.

Kailash Rathore impressed upon the gathering to follow all Covid protocols in the present situation & wished for well being of them and their families.

Similar functions were organized at all establishments of POWERGRID in the Region comprising of states HP, Punjab, Haryana & UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Chandigarh.

## Denying entry to 10 Councillors from VIP Gate into Republic Day function sparks a storm

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LEH: An embarrassingly unseen development unfolded in Leh on the Republic Day when 10 Councillors of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh were denied entry into the historic Leh Polo Ground where the main function of the Republic Day was held with the Lt Governor of Ladakh R.K. Mathur unfurling the National Flag. Councillors alleged that they were not allowed to enter the venue from the VIP gate despite having invitation cards from the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh. They accused the UT Administration of undermining LAHDC. "We were asked to enter from the public gate despite having invitation cards from the UT administration. This was a black day in the history of LAHDC," Councillors lamented addressing the media. "We left the venue as we were denied entry," they added. Councillors also warned for separate celebrations of Republic Day and Independence Day at the NDS Ground henceforth if authority of LAHDC is continued to be undermined. The also accused UT Administration for not issuing any warrant of precedence defining status of Councillors. The Councillors who traveled to the venue in a District Garage Bus said that the UT administration enjoys Range Rover, Fortuner, Crysta, Scorpio but the Councillors have nothing, not even a warrant of precedence for their status. "This is happening for the first time. We belong to different parties and irrespective of our political affiliation we are elected public representatives," disgruntled Councillors said. There were 8 BJP, one Congress and one Independent Councillors.

Responding to media queries, CEC, LAHDC Leh Tashi Gyaltsan termed the incident very unfortunate. He said that it has hurt the sentiments of the people who have elected the Councillors. "The moment I came to know about the incident, I discussed it with LG Sahab. He ordered an investigation into this immediately." Informing that Lt. Governor has now assured him that a warrant of precedence will be issued soon, Tashi accused UT Administration for failing to provide due protocol to Councillors to define their status. Member Parliament Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal also issued a statement expressing concerns over the incident. He urged Lt. Governor of Ladakh to conduct a thorough investigation and also asked for strict action to "uphold the dignity of the Constitution and its implementation on the ground". Meanwhile, Ladakh Police also issued a statement regarding the incident and said that Councillors, who were the invitees to attend the Republic Day Function at Pologround, were stopped from entering the DC office parking gate due to some miscommunication. "Upon intervention of some senior officers the matter couldn't get resolved and the Hon'ble Councillors left the venue. The incident caused a deep embarrassment for the Hon'ble Councillors and the inconvenience caused is deeply regretted," a statement said adding that in order to find the cause of such incident and find the officers so responsible for such an unfortunate incident, an enquiry is being conducted at District police level. "The matter has been taken up with utmost seriousness by all the senior officers and strict action shall be taken against the personnel responsible." It is learnt that ADGP Ladakh SS Khandare has issued an order attaching two police personnel with DPL Leh against pending enquiry.



Councillors addressing media in Leh.

## Taekwondo Association celebrates 73rd Republic Day



JKTA members and senior players during R-Day celebrations.

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JAMMU: The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by J&K Taekwondo Association along with the member and senior players at AITA, Channi Himmat, here.

The National Flag was hoisted by president of the Association, DN Pangotra.

Speaking to the gathering of players and their parents, he congratulated president

District Bandipora Taekwondo Association, Faisal Ali Dar on being conferred with Padma Shri Award for his contribution in the field of sports (martial arts).

International player, Tashi Tundup of Ladakh was also praised for his achievements and State Sports Award from Ladakh. Tashi was also facilitated by his Coach, Atul Pangotra at AITA

Jammu.

Meanwhile, Senior vice president of the Association, S M Bali and vice president, Nissar Hussain also congratulated Faisal and Tashi for the achievements and Awards.

Treasurer of the Association, Zaheer Abass Khan and world Silver medalist Para player Chandep Singh was among those prominent present.

## Justice Magrey unfurls tricolour, takes salute at HC of J&K, Ladakh, Srinagar Wing

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SRINAGAR: The 73rd Republic Day was on Wednesday celebrated with patriotic fervor and high enthusiasm at the Srinagar Wing of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir.

On the occasion, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Judge of High Court unfurled the National Flag in the premises of the Court at Srinagar wing.

He also took salute at the March-Past in presence of Judge of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Mohd Akram Chowdhary; Registrar Inspection, Jeema Bashir; besides Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jawad Ahmad; Registrar Judicial Srinagar, Gowher Majid Dalal; Joint Registrar Judicial Abdul Bari; Joint Registrar Inspection, Nusrat Ali Hakak and other Judicial officers of District Courts, Srinagar.

Besides, officers of the registry of Srinagar Wing of the



Judge of High Court, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey distributing gifts among police personnel.

High Court, Law officers, senior members of Bar were also present.

Meanwhile, the District Judiciary Srinagar celebrated the 73rd Republic Day within the premises of District Court Complex (DCC), Moominabad, here today.

On this occasion, Jawad Ahmed, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar, unfurled the National Flag and took the salute.

The Principal District Judge greeted the participants and the gathering on the 73rd Republic Day and distributed sweets among the CRPF personnel who participated in the parade and the staff members present on the occasion.

All the judicial officers of the district, public prosecutors, staff members, Assistant Commandant CRPF and police and CRPF personnel were present on the occasion.

## JKSC invites National Wushu team for demonstration



National Wushu team posing for a photograph with Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul and other officials.

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) had invited National Wushu team for a sports demonstration performance on the occasion of Republic Day at MA Stadium, here.

These international players from different parts of the

country stayed in the city for a couple of days to practice and train for the demonstration in front of the august gathering yesterday.

For their performance, these athletes were today felicitated by the Secretary, JKSC Nuzhat Gul at the Sports House.

She expressed thanks to the Wushu Association of J&K and Dronacharya Awardee and Kudeep Handoo for the performance.

President Wushu Association of India, Bhupender Singh Bajwa was also thanked for sending the National athletes to Jammu.

## 73rd Republic Day celebrations at Katra; CEO SMVDSB unfurls Tricolour

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KATRA: The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with traditional fervor and patriotism at Katra, the base town for pilgrimage to the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi.

The main function at Katra was held at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex, where Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, unfurled the Tricolour and took salute at an impressive march-past by the contingents drawn from J&K Police, CRPF, NCC, besides the students of various educational institutions.

Paying rich tributes to the freedom fighters, the CEO said that the Nation owes gratitude to these great leaders who sacrificed their lives to secure freedom from foreign rule.

He also paid tribute to the soldiers and security personnel who stand as the guardians to maintain peace and protect the sovereignty of the country.

Ramesh Kumar recalled contributions made by Late H.L. Maini, retired Chief Engineer who conferred with annual UT Awards-2022 alongside

Rakesh Kumar, Paralympian on the eve of Republic Day as Late Maini served the general public of Jammu and Kashmir along with significantly contributing in the development of critical infrastructure at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, besides, Rakesh Kumar, Para Archer and Olympian in the promotion of Para Sports in Jammu and Kashmir and laurels he brought for Shri Mata



CEO, SMVDSB Ramesh Kumar inspecting parade at Katra.

Vaishno Devi's Sports Complex and the Union territory.

He also gave details of various major infrastructure development projects already completed by the Shrine Board, ongoing and those in the pipeline including completion of Durga Bhawan in the present year for facilitation of the pilgrims, besides, steps taken by the Board for mitigation and crowd management by way of effective queue management and identifying more halting spots at Bhawan and Katra.

Earlier, the students of various educational institutions presented a colorful scintillating cultural programme on this occasion based on the theme of patriotism and national integration.

On this occasion, Ramesh Kumar also honored Prof Shiv Nirmohi who has been recently conferred with Padma Shri on Republic Day for his outstanding contribution in the field of literature.

Ramesh Kumar gave away prizes and appreciation to the COVID Warriors from various departments, Social Workers and Students who were adjudged best in the march-past and presentation of cultural pro-

gramme. Among those present on the occasion were Vimal Indu, President, Municipal Committee, Katra; Abhishek Sharma, SDM, Katra; Amit Bhasin, Addl. SP, Katra; Hem Kant Prasher, Director Finance, SMVDSB; Yad Ram Bunker, Commandant, 6th Bn. CRPF; Dr. Sunil Sharma, Joint CEO; Deepak Dubey, Vishavjeet Singh, Dy. CEOs, SMVDSB, Managers, Engineers and staff of the Shrine Board. Others who participated in the function included Members of Municipal Committee, Katra, Civil, Police and Security Forces Officers, Prominent Citizens, Heads of various Educational Institutions, Media Persons, a large number of people of the area, teachers, school children and the pilgrims.

As part of the Republic Day celebrations, Ramesh Kumar, CEO, SMVDSB, also unfurled the Tricolour at the Central Office of the Shrine Board at Katra. Sweets were also distributed among the children on this occasion.

The National Flag was hoisted by Naresh Kumar, SDM at Bhawan in the presence of CRPF, Police and Shrine Board officers and staff.