

# National Pollution Prevention Day only enlightened citizenry from schools can be harbinger of hope & change agent: Principal JKPS Kunjwan



Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore and students addressing morning assembly.

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JAMMU: "Sooner or later; we will have to recognize that the Earth has rights too, to live without pollution. What mankind must know is that human beings cannot live without Mother Earth, but the planet can live without humans". With such an impactful statement from Eva Morales, Shirij Uppal and Borchales kick-started the morning assembly on the

occasion of National Pollution Prevention day at JK Public School Kunjwani.  
Adding more substance to the discussion, Avneet Kour stated, "Pollution should never be the price of property. National Pollution Prevention Day aims to highlight importance of controlling pollution and encouraging industries and individuals to adopt measures to minimize environmental impact. Pollution is mixing

of dirty and harmful material into pure thing which causes adverse effect on both environment and living things. Pollution can be of many types like air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution and soil pollution. It is our moral duty to follow good step to reduce pollution.  
In the segment Quotations, Shivam Sharma quoted Dan Quayle and stated, "It isn't pollution that is harming the

environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it". Aanya Sharma sought refuge in Barack Obama while said, "We are the first generation to feel that full effects of climate change and the last generations that can do something about it".  
Bhavin Jangral quoted Juliana Moore, "Air pollution is terrible for our children. Every single scientist, every single doctor will tell you the

same thing: Air pollution damages our children's brains, their hearts and their lungs". Ridhi Kandpal quoted Father of our nation Mahatma Gandhi, "Earth provides enough to complete a man's need but not greed". Avneet Kour quoted Barry Commoner, "Environmental pollution is an incurable disease. It can only be prevented".  
Principal JKPS Kunjwani

Rajesh Rathore applauded the students of Grade 4th Galaxy for making the audience brood over seriously on the topic and shared his perspective by saying, "Instead of making big statements, let's take some meaningful resolutions to mark this day. Let's commit to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Let's respond to the earnest need of the hour: Energy conservation. Adopting green transportation will help us in a

big way. Participation in a Clean-up drives and Eco-friendly practices will fetch us great dividends".  
He appealed students, "Dear students, let's take a pledge today to reduce the use of polythene bags in our home. Kindly remain watchful and ensure that your parents carry a cloth bag/jute bag with them while they proceed towards vegetable/fruit market, as in the absence of a

cloth bag, people bring a dozen of polythene bags home, carrying vegetables/fruits. Ask your parents to wash, dry and arrange veggies in smaller cloth bags in the refrigerator. Keep exploring possibilities to protect our planet. Only enlightened citizenry from schools can be the harbinger of hope and change agent. Enlightened citizenry! Empowered nation!

## Satish inaugurates series of development works in Chhamb constituency Reiterates government's commitment for equitable development of all regions

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Minister for Transport, FCS&CA, Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, on Monday conducted an extensive tour of Chhamb constituency where he inaugurated series of development works. The works included widening of road from Khuga Chowk to Government Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnor, foundation stone of Tube Well at Barui, construction of link road to Dhanna Kufi at Bala Maira Mandrian (900 metre), construction of link road from Government Middle School to SC Mohalla upto Sub Centre at Godhan Maira Mandrian (700 metre) and Blacktopping



Sports Minister Satish Sharma after inaugurating development works.

of road from GMS to Godhan.  
While inaugurating the development works, the Minister said that roads are very crucial for connectivity and accessibility and plays a pivotal role in socio-economic development of the area.

Satish Sharma asserted that many development works are in pipeline which are very important for the development of the region and substantially beneficial for the people.  
The Minister stressed that equitable development of all the regions including

all basic facilities to the people is utmost priority of the government.  
He emphasized that the Jammu & Kashmir will see a new era of development under the visionary leadership of CM Omar Abdullah, as the government is putting all out

efforts to provide basic amenities to people at their doorsteps.  
While laying foundation stone of Tube Well, the Minister said that it was a long pending demand of residents of Barui which on completion will resolve the issue of water scarcity in the village and adjoining areas.  
The Minister also instructed the officers of concerned department to ensure the quality of works and complete them in stipulated time frame.  
Satish Sharma also interacted with local residents and enquired about their issues/grievances. The Minister assured that all their issues will be addressed and genuine demands would be fulfilled in phased manner.

## Gold among 8 medals for J&K Climbers

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: J&K climbers held the UT flag flying high during the IMF North Zone Sport Climbing Competition winning seven medals including one Gold, three Silver and three bronze at Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF), New Delhi. Whereas Shivani Charak won a Gold medal in Lead Climbing. She secured two Silver medals in Speed Climbing and Bouldering in the Women's category. Siraj ud Din, a fresh but strong and talented climber from Pulwama performed quite well to bag a Silver medal in Lead climbing in the Sub Junior boys category. The bronze medals were won by Aayana Bhagat in Speed climbing in the Sub Junior girls category, Kashish Bharti in Speed climbing in the boys group and Arun Deep Singh in Speed climbing in the Men's category.  
However, there was much disappointment in the J&K camp when Arun Deep Singh, the reigning North Zone champion in Lead climbing who had entered the final round by securing first position in the semi final round slipped in the final and could secure only the fourth place. Similarly, he was leading in the semi final in Speed climbing but while generating more speed he slipped and had to settle for a Bronze medal.  
However, all the medalists of J&K have been selected in the North Zone team for competing in the National Sport Climbing Championship to be



Shivani Charak, who won Gold and two Silver medals in the North Zone Sport Climbing Competition being honoured by president of IMF, New Delhi.

held shortly. Meanwhile, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, president of Mountaineering Association of J&K along with office bearers of the Association congratulated the climbers for their excellent performance in the zonal competition. He hoped that they would bring more laurels to the UT in the National competition.  
The 12-member J&K team including Shashi Kant Sharma, the manager and Shilpa Charak, the coach was sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

## Court directs DIG to submit report on 'Private Detentions'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Srinagar Court has directed the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, Kashmir, to submit a detailed report regarding allegations of misconduct involving private individuals who claim to be authorized by the Traffic Police in Srinagar.  
The court issued this directive in response to a complaint filed by advocate Sarfaraz Wani, who raised concerns about the unlawful detention of citizens by individuals, allegedly without proper authority.  
The complaint, filed before the Court of Special Mobile Magistrate 13 FC, Srinagar, alleges that private individuals, claiming to act on behalf of the Traffic Police, detained the complainant's vehicle and forced its occupants, including female passengers, to disembark. While the complainant does not dispute the legality of the traffic violation or the vehicle seizure, he expressed deep concerns over the behavior of the individuals involved, who reportedly acted as though they held official authority.

According to the complainant's account, photographs and videos were taken without consent during the incident. The complainant has expressed alarm over the apparent lawlessness and the erosion of public order, particularly the involvement of non-authorized individuals in a police function.  
The complaint also raises a crucial question, Can the Traffic Police delegate its powers to private individuals or organizations? This delegation, the complainant argues, could lead to a breakdown of accountability, as private individuals are not subject to the same legal obligations as public servants.  
In response, the Court has instructed the DIG Kashmir to investigate the matter thoroughly and submit a report by December 13, 2024, addressing the roles of all parties involved and the legitimacy of such actions.  
The court has also urged the DIG to determine whether the Traffic Police has the authority to permit private individuals to engage in actions typically reserved for law enforcement.

## Picnic-cum-awareness camp on Nasha Mukti Bharat organized at Surinsar Lake

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Under the guidance and supervision of the Excise Commissioner, Subash Chander, a picnic-cum-awareness camp was organized on Monday at Surinsar Lake, Nagrota.  
The event, aimed at raising awareness about the Nasha Mukti Bharat (Drug-Free India) campaign, was organized by Renu Kumari, Principal of the Excise and Taxation Training Institute, Nagrota.  
The event witnessed active participation from a diverse group of attendees, including newly appointed Sub Inspectors who are currently undergoing training. These trainees presented



Students displaying awareness posters.

a vibrant cultural program and a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak (street play) to spread awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse and promote the vision of a drug-free nation. In addition to the

trainees, local residents, Department, and children staff from the Excise from Little Star School,

Sungal Morh, Akhnor actively took part in the event, making it a collaborative and engaging community effort.  
The event was a significant step towards educating the public and building a collective movement against drug abuse.  
The event concluded with a strong message of unity and commitment to a drug-free future, in line with the Nasha Mukti Bharat campaign's goal of reducing substance abuse and its associated social issues.

## Free urology camp organised at Kalindi Nursing Home



Senior Gynaecologists and MD of Kalindi Nursing Home Dr Vishav Gupta inaugurating camp.

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JAMMU: Nearly 40 needy patients including women and most of them senior citizens were provided free consultation, TSH and PSA tests at free urology camp organised at Kalindi Nursing Home.  
The camp was inaugurated

by Dr Vishav Gupta (Senior Gynaecologists and Medical Director of Kalindi Nursing Home) in the presence of Dr N C Digra, Dr Kamini Gupta, Dr Pranvi Gupta, Davinder Bakshi, Er Kannav Padha and others in coordination with IPCA team and

Metropolis Labs.  
The patients with urinary as well as prostate diseases were examined by Dr Vidyt Gupta Meh (Superspecialist in Urology) who is already providing his services at this nursing home and in remote district of Rajouri.

## Jammu Wushu Champ begins

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The two-day District Wushu Championship, organized by the Jammu District Wushu Association, got underway at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here on Monday.  
The championship witnessed enthusiastic participation from young wushu athletes from across the district. The event was declared open by Vijay Sharaf, general secretary of Wushu Association of India, who was the chief guest.



General Secretary Wushu Association Vijay Sharaf starting championship.

Speaking to the gathering, Sharaf praised the efforts of the organizers and encouraged the young athletes. The championship was organized under the guidance of Vishali Majotra (district secretary) and Kamal Kishore (organising secretary).  
A team of dedicated officials, including Lalit Manhas, Atul Sharma, Preety, Ruchi Atri, Rajesh Johal, Ashi Jamwal, Abhijeet, Hritik, and Manik worked hard to ensure the smooth conduct of the championship.

The Results:  
Girls: Under-five: Below 20 kg: Saaysha Majotra, gold; Yukti Sharma, silver and Savi Sharma, bronze.  
Boys Under-five: 20 kg: Autamash, gold; Agamveer, silver; Tanuj and Mohit, bronze.  
Boys Under-seven: Below 32 kg: Rahithya Sharma, gold; Aarush, silver; Ruansh, bronze and Ritur Gupta, bronze.  
Under-seven girls: Below 20 kg: Ajwa Ashwaq, gold; Aanya, silver; Namaya Gupta and Misti Kotwal, bronze.