

JK Public School Kunjwani student shines at 69th National School Karate Championship



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JAMMU: JK Public School Kunjwani announced that Arsheen Kaur, a student of Class 6th, marked her commendable participation in the 69th National School Karate Championship 2025-26, held from December 15 to 19, 2025 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Her participation at this prestigious national-level event is a matter of great honour for the school and reflects the growing prominence of sports culture at JKPS Kunjwani.

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society and Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated and felicitated Arsheen Kaur during the school assembly.

They appreciated her dedication, discipline, and fighting spirit, and encouraged her to continue striving for excellence at higher platforms. They also lauded the efforts of School Coach Gopal Dass and HOD (Sports) Subash Chander for their consistent guidance, mentorship and commitment towards nurturing young sporting talent.

The entire JK Public School fraternity congratulated Arsheen Kaur on her achievement and wishes her great success in her future sporting endeavours.

Chart Making Competition on 'Christmas' held

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu, organized a vibrant and engaging Chart Making Competition for the students of the Middle Wing under Vivek House.

The competition was conducted on the festive theme "Christmas" and witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of students.

The young participants beautifully showcased their creativity, artistic talent, and understanding of the spirit of Christmas through colourful, attractive, and informative charts. The activity aimed to foster imagination, creativity, teamwork, and awareness of cultural festivals among students, while also providing a platform to express their ideas artistically.

The First Prize was bagged by the students of classes 7th 'I' and 6th 'F'. The Second Prize was secured by the students of classes 6th 'B' and 6th 'D', while the Third Prize was won by the students of classes 7th 'F' and 7th 'A'.

The judges appreciated the originality, neat presentation, and thoughtful concepts displayed by all participants. The school management congratulated the winners and motivated students to actively participate in co-curricular activities for holistic development. The competition concluded on a joyful note, spreading the message of love, peace, and togetherness associated with Christmas.



St. Xavier Convent Sr. Sec School organises vibrant Christmas Carnival



MLA Jammu North, Sham Lal Sharma with other dignitaries at a carnival.

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JAMMU: St. Xavier Convent Sr. Sec. School, organised a grand and vibrant Christmas Carnival on Monday in a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. The entire campus was festively decorated, creating a warm and cheerful Christmas ambience.

The celebration began with a prayer service, followed by melodious carol singing and a well-enacted Christmas skit which portrayed the values of humility, compassion and love.

The programme was graced by the presence of the chief guests, Sham Lal Sharma, MLA Jammu North, Guests of honour Master Popsy, SSP CID and Reverend Hemant, St. Paul Church, who appreciated the school for organising a well-disciplined and value-based celebration.

Addressing the gathering, Sham Lal Sharma emphasised that humanity stands above all religions and highlighted the importance of knowledge and values along with education.

He also spoke about the need to understand one's cultural heritage, stating that the lack of awareness about one's roots often leads to a loss of belonging among people today.

The special attraction of the event were the Christmas stalls, including eating stalls, games and prizes for the students. All the guests also visited the various stalls, enthusiastically trying different food items and participating in the games. The celebration stood as a testimony to the school's commitment to provide knowledge with values and concluded with a message of peace and good will for all.

DPS Jammu wins runner-up trophy at UT-Level Inter-Division Baseball Competition 2025

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JAMMU: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS), Jammu brought laurels to the institution by securing the Runner-Up Trophy at the UT-Level Inter-Division Baseball Competition 2025, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports. The competition was held at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, on December 18, 2025, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from teams across the Union Territory.

The DPS Jammu team displayed exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Their consistent performance and fighting spirit helped them secure the second position at the UT level, making the school and their parents proud.

The students who represented DPS Jammu with distinction were Vasu Sawhney (Class XI-H), Pratik Sharma (Class IX-D), and Ananmay Sharma (Class IX-A).



All the participants were felicitated with merit-cum-participation certificates in recognition of their commendable performance and dedication to the sport.

The management of DPS Jammu, under the visionary leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh; Pro VC-Dr. Ritu Singh; and Director, S.S. Sodhi, extended heartfelt congratulations to the students for their outstanding achievement. They appreciated the efforts of the young players and acknowledged the support of their parents and coaches.

The Principal of DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra, along with the teaching and coaching staff, also congratulated the students for their excellent performance. She emphasized the importance of sports in the holistic development of students and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence both in academics and co-curricular activities.

The school community expressed pride in the achievement and wished the students continued success in all their future sporting and academic endeavours.

Angel Gupta of HPS wins 2nd prize at Dogri Maanta Diwas celebration



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SAMBHA: Dogra Sadar Sabha organized a one-day programme to commemorate Dogri Maanta Diwas-2025 at Dogra Hall, Jammu. Angel Gupta, a student of Class 9th from Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmna, brought laurels to the school by securing the second prize in the speech competition. She delivered an impressive speech in Dogri, highlighting the enrichment of the Dogri language and its literary importance, reflecting the school's commitment to promoting regional language, culture, and heritage.

She was accompanied by teachers Sanjeev Kumar and Sonali Katal, along with 20 students from Classes 8th and 9th. Angel was later felicitated in the school assembly by the Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal Anku Charak, Academic Incharge Akashdeep Raina, and High Wing Incharge Ms. Namrta Sharma. Principal Gaurav Charak congratulated Angel and her mentor Aarchi Chib, appreciating their efforts and emphasizing the importance of preserving regional languages like Dogri among the younger generation.

JaiGhosh Foundation condemns killing of Dipu Chandra Das in Bangladesh

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DELHI: The JaiGhosh Foundation, Delhi NCR, has strongly condemned the reported brutal killing of Dipu Chandra Das, a Hindu citizen of Bangladesh, and expressed deep anguish over the incident. The organization stated that the tragic killing highlights the continuing violence, targeted attacks, and systematic persecution faced by religious minorities, particularly Hindus, in Bangladesh.

According to reports, Dipu Chandra Das, an innocent and law-abiding citizen, was subjected to extreme violence that led to his death. The Foundation emphasized that such incidents are not isolated but reflect a disturbing pattern of intolerance, lawlessness, and the failure of authorities to adequately protect minority communities.

The JaiGhosh Foundation described the killing as not merely a criminal act but a grave human rights violation requiring immediate national and international attention.

It warned that silence on such atrocities only emboldens perpetrators and weakens the global commitment to religious freedom and human dignity.

The organization demanded a transparent and time-bound investigation into the killing, along with strict punishment for all those involved without any political or ideological protection.

It also called for international monitoring of minority rights in Bangladesh and urged the Bangladesh government to take immediate steps to ensure the security, dignity, and justice of Hindu minorities.

The Foundation further appealed to the Government of India and international human rights bodies to engage diplomatically and intervene to protect persecuted minorities. Expressing solidarity with the bereaved family of Dipu Chandra Das and with Hindu families living under fear and insecurity, the Foundation reaffirmed that human rights are universal and must be upheld everywhere.

The statement was issued by Deepak Handoo, President, Delhi-NCR, JaiGhosh Foundation, who urged the civil society, and global institutions to raise their voices to ensure that justice is not delayed or denied.

Students are true ambassadors of Viksat Bharat Mission: Col Mahan Singh Debate-cum-awareness workshop on Atmanirbhar Bharat held at GHSS Plassi

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BASOHLI: A debate-cum-awareness workshop on Atmanirbhar Bharat was organized at Government Higher Secondary School, Plassi, under the Basohli Education Zone in District Kathua.

The programme aimed at engaging students in discussions about self-reliant India and creating awareness about the Viksat Bharat Mission 2047.

The event was graced by DDC Chairman Kathua, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), who was welcomed warmly by the school Principal Rajinder Sharma, Vice Principal Pankaj Sharma, teaching staff, and students.

Prominent dignitaries, including Ram Chand (Ex-BDO), Yubkaran Singh (BJP Kisan Morcha President), Capt Harnam Singh (President, Ex-Servicemen Association Basohli), Naresh Basotra (Social Activist), Capt Kishor Sharma, and others were also present.

About twenty students participated in a spirited debate and skits on topics such as Swadeshi Bharat, Vocal for Local, and Atmanirbhar Bharat, highlighting the relevance of self-reliance for the nation's long-term development.

Arushi Thakur won the first prize, while Sanvi Sharma and Rizma Thakur secured second and third prizes, respectively.

Addressing the gathering, Col Mahan Singh lauded the students as "true ambassadors of the Viksat Bharat Mission" and urged them to spread awareness among residents about the use of Swadeshi products and contribute to nation-building. He emphasized that "the youth of today are the future of the country" and highlighted the importance of promoting Basohli's local heritage, including its world-renowned Basohli paintings and Basohli Pashmina.

Col Singh also stressed the need for increasing agricultural productivity and appreciated the Modi Government's initiatives such as the HADP package and hybrid farming to double farmers' income. He further underscored the importance of improving school infrastructure, including sports facilities.

An alumnus of GHSS Plassi, Col Singh inspected the school complex, interacted with students and staff, and agreed to the Principal's request to construct a dedicated Examination Hall and a pathway inside the campus. The workshop concluded on a positive note, inspiring students to actively contribute toward a self-reliant and developed India.



DDC Chairman Kathua, Col Mahan Singh (Retd) felicitating a winner student.

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Kisan Diwas



Glimpses of Kisan Diwas celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi celebrated Kisan Diwas with great enthusiasm and respect to honour the invaluable contribution of farmers to the nation.

Jakiens spoke about the importance of farmers and agriculture in India. Jakiens enacted a short skit to highlight the life and struggles of farmers and their role in ensuring food security. Students presented poems, slogans, and speech expressing gratitude towards farmers. The Teacher Incharges of celebration, Nisha Chopra and Deepali Sharma spread awareness about sheets sustainable farming and encouraged the jakiens to value farmers and natural resources.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah appreciated and rewarded the teacher in charges for organising such a flawless celebration. The Principal further emphasized that Kisan Diwas reminds everyone to acknowledge the hard work of farmers who are the backbone of the country.

NHPC declares Commercial Operation of First Unit of India's Largest Hydropower Project

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JAMMU: NHPC Limited, a Navratna Enterprise under the Government of India, has achieved a historic milestone by declaring the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of its first unit-Unit No. 2 (250 MW)-of the 2000 MW (8x250 MW) Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project, India's largest hydropower project.

The unit commenced commercial operation on December 23, 2025, marking a significant step toward strengthening the nation's clean energy capacity.

The commercial operation was inaugurated virtually by the Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal. He described the achievement as a testament to years of dedication and teamwork, emphasizing that the Subansiri Project symbolizes India's commitment to clean and sustainable energy, supports the growth of the North-East, strengthens the national grid, and



Union Minister of Power, Manohar Lal chairing a meeting.

expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Power, the Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, and all stakeholders for their continued support. He stated that the project will provide reliable renewable energy while fostering sustainable development in the region. Shri Rajendra Prasad, Executive Director and Head of the Project, reaffirmed the team's commitment to commissioning the remaining units as scheduled.

The 2000 MW Subansiri Lower Project, a run-of-the-river scheme with small pondage, comprises eight units of 250 MW each and will generate 7,422 million units of renewable electricity annually upon full commissioning. Featuring the largest dam in North-East India and advanced engineering innovations, the project also plays a crucial role in flood moderation, riverbank protection, and socio-economic development.

Supplying power to 16 beneficiary states, including free power to Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, the project strengthens regional energy security and contributes significantly to India's green energy future.

The event was attended by senior dignitaries, including Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power), Government of India; Shri Mohd. Afzal, Joint Secretary (Hydro); and NHPC's top management led by Shri Bhupender Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director. Shri Agarwal highlighted that the project would significantly enhance energy availability in the North-East and urged timely commissioning of the remaining units.

Bhupender Gupta