

JKPS Kunjwani team clinches first position amidst Super-30 in Sahodaya English Language Quiz Contest 2025



Glimpses of Inter-School English Language Quiz-2025 being hosted by J K Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: Where words soared like ideas in flight and intellect donned its shining armour, JK Public School Kunjwani became the epicentre of a grand linguistic celebration as it hosted the much-anticipated Inter-School English Language Quiz-2025, under the banner of the Jammu Sahodaya School Complex.

The campus vibrated with youthful energy, as budding scholars converged to honour the power of language - the foundation of thought, expression, and global citizenship. Nearly 30 distinguished institutions from across Jammu region participated with great zeal, transforming the competition into a scholarly carnival where learning was cele-

brated and knowledge was cheered. The quiz unfurled through intricately designed rounds on vocabulary, grammar, idiomatic expressions, one-word substitutes, phrasal verbs, spellings, and contextual word usage - each round challenging the contestants to think faster, articulate better, and shine brighter. The presence of Dr. KCS Mehta, Academic

Director, IDPS Akhnoor, renowned educationist and Mentor of Jammu Sahodaya School Complex, as the Chief Guest, elevated the academic ambience of the event. The Guests of Honour included Rohini Aima, Vice Chairperson & Principal Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu, and Randeep Wazir, Principal IDPS

Jammu & Joint Secretary, Jammu Sahodaya - distinguished leaders whose guidance has continually enriched the region's educational landscape. In his eloquent welcome address, Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore extended heartfelt greetings to the guests, all the participating schools, escort teachers, and enthusiastic

learners. He emphasized that language is not merely a medium of communication but a powerful instrument that shapes personality, builds confidence, and fosters limitless possibilities. The Chief Guest Dr. KCS Mehta, in his inspiring words, applauded the vision, dedication and meticulous planning of JKPS Kunjwani leadership and

faculty for hosting such an intellectually invigorating event. Director, JK Educational Society Shashi Chaudhary felicitated the distinguished guests with planters and mementos. She wished good luck to all the participants. The Quiz was curated and conducted gracefully by the Quiz Masters - Radhika Sharma of Jammu

Sanskriti School, Jammu, and Tina Narula of JK Public School Kunjwani - supported by the dedicated English Department of JKPS. Their flawless coordination, fairness and academic finesse attributed greatly to the success of the event. As the most awaited moments arrived, Samyra Khajuria and Harasees Kaur of JK Public School Kunjwani lifted the coveted First Position, reaffirming the school's legacy of language distinction. Shaurya International School secured the Second Position, while APS Kaluchak claimed the Third Position. The Consolation honours were bagged by Stephen International School, Miran Sahib (First Consolation), APS Domana (Second Consolation), and Mount Litera Zee School, Kathua (Third Consolation). The event concluded with applause reverberating across the hall as certificates and trophies were awarded to the victorious teams. A note of heartfelt gratitude was extended to the esteemed dignitaries, jury members, escort teachers and school representatives for their invaluable support, encouragement and gracious presence. The grand programme beautifully reaffirmed the commitment of JK Public School, Kunjwani towards nurturing eloquence, fostering intellectual camaraderie, and celebrating the timeless charm and transformative power of the English language.

2-day orientation programme on POCSO Act concludes



Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh with others dignitaries posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), Arun Palli and guidance of Chairperson and members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, the 2 day orientation programme on "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences" (POCSO) Act, 2012, with reference to SAMVAD's Training Manual on "Essential Interventions and Skills for Working with Child Sexual Abuse - Introducing Mental Health and Legal Dimensions of Forensics" and the National Judicial Academy's Training Module for Fast Track Special Courts, concluded on Sunday at the Convention Centre, Canal Road, Jammu.

offence against a child is not merely a criminal act but a grave violation of trust and dignity. He stressed that justice in such cases must be humane, responsive and child-centric and that courtrooms should become spaces of trust, safety and the last hope of justice for child victims. Justice Wani observed that the POCSO Act, 2012 was enacted to transform the manner in which child victims are treated by the justice system, with the best interests and dignity of the child remaining paramount at all stages. He further noted that rehabilitation and compensation are integral aspects of justice under the Act, concluding that every POCSO case is a test of sensitivity and every child a measure of our commitment to justice.

He shared best practices in police investigation, duties of Investigating Officers under Sections 24 and 25 of the POCSO Act, proper documentation, use of technology and the importance of confidentiality, while highlighting common investigative lapses that lead to acquittals. The second session on "Trial Management in POCSO Courts - Challenges, Sensitivity & Case Law" was conducted by Dr. Humayun Rasheed Khan, Professor, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal. The session focused on child-friendly courtroom procedures, managing testimony of child witnesses, the role of Special Courts, recent judgments of the Supreme Court and High Courts, protection of vulnerable witnesses, and fast-track procedures as envisaged under the National Judicial Academy's training modules.

Provisions of the POSH Act and Rules" and the interplay between the POCSO Act and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. She emphasized on gender mainstreaming, workplace equality, the role of Internal and Local Complaints Committees, and the prohibition of gender-stereotypical language, with reference to the handbook issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Naseer Ahmad Dar, Director, J&K Judicial Academy, who expressed gratitude to the Judges, resource persons and participants for their valuable contributions. He reaffirmed the Academy's commitment towards strengthening child-friendly justice delivery systems. An interactive session followed, during which participants shared their experiences, challenges and feedback, enriching the deliberations with practical insights from the field.

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On day 2, the first technical session on "Effective Investigation & Documentation in POCSO Cases" was delivered by Dr. K.P. Singh, Former Director General of Police, Haryana.

The third session was addressed by Mandeep Reen, Advocate, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, on "Important

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AJKPWA opposes 18 pc passenger fare hike, calls it unjust and anti-poor

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JAMMU: The All J&K Passengers' Welfare Association (AJKPWA) has opposed the recent 18 per cent hike in passenger fares, terming it unjustified, arbitrary and a direct assault on the already burdened common people of Jammu and Kashmir. The association has demanded that the government immediately roll back the steep hike, stating that it amounts to cruelty towards poor and middle-class passengers. In a press statement issued here, AJKPWA President Pandit R.C. Sharma questioned the logic behind such a substantial increase in fares, especially when prices of petrol and diesel have not

witnessed any significant rise over the past several years. He said the decision reflects a lack of sensitivity towards the economic hardships faced by the people of the Union Territory. Pt. Sharma expressed serious concern over the constitution of the fare hike committee, pointing out that it did not include any representative from the passengers' community. He described the committee as completely unbalanced and unjustified, stressing that the entire transport system exists to serve passengers and therefore their representation is essential in any decision-making process related to fare revision. He further stated that transport operators are

granted permits to serve the public and not to exploit them in the name of fare hikes. According to him, transporters are already making reasonable financial progress under the existing fare structure, leaving no genuine justification for such a sharp increase. Highlighting the prevailing financial stress on the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the AJKPWA President urged the government to take a balanced, humane and people-centric decision. He suggested that even if a fare revision is considered unavoidable, it should not exceed 3 per cent, which he said would be more than sufficient under the current economic conditions. Reiterating the association's long-standing commit-

ment to passenger welfare, Pt. Sharma appealed to the government to immediately withdraw the 18 per cent fare hike and convene a fresh meeting of the Fare Hike Committee. He also demanded that representatives of the All J&K Passengers' Welfare Association be included in the committee, noting that AJKPWA has been consistently working for the rights and interests of passengers since 2014. The association warned that failure to address the genuine concerns of passengers could lead to widespread resentment and further hardship for the common man, and urged the administration to act swiftly in the larger public interest.

FoI Jammu delegation, others call on LG

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JAMMU: A delegation of Federation of Industries Jammu led by its Chairman Virendra Jain called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday and put

forth various important matters pertaining to the industrial sector in the region. Meanwhile, Sandhya Gupta, Founder, Women Club Meri Pehechan called on Lieutenant Governor and

briefed him on the upcoming Maharaja Hari Singh Dogra Samman Award 2026. Later, Vipen Kumar, Chairman, All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association

Kashmir (AJBRCEAK), also called on the Lieutenant Governor. He was accompanied by Jagdish Bhagat, Seh-Prabhari of the association.

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		
TU MERI MAIN TERA		
WAVE ONE MOVIE	9:15 AM / 12:55 AM / 4:00 PM / 7:45 PM	
PVR	10:00 AM / 2:10 PM	
DHURANDHAR		
WAVE ONE MOVIES	9:00 AM / 10:00 PM / 3:50 PM / 5:50 PM / 9:45 PM / 10:45 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	8:10 AM / 10:00 AM / 1:05 PM / 2:10 PM / 6:20 PM / 9:15 PM / 10:30 PM	
AVATAR : FIRE AND ASH		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	12:10PM / 10:50PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	5:15 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		2546670
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	
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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		2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service		2576562
Punjab Roadways		2542782
WATER SUPPLY		
Company Bagh		2542582
Parade		2544979
Bakshi Nagar		2543557
Panjthirthi		2547501
Narwal		2430031
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS		
Canal	2554147, 2554199	
Parade	2542289, 2543398	
Nanak Nagar		2430776
Gandhi Nagar		2430180
Shastri Nagar		2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258	
Satwari	2452816	
FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)		
		101
CIVIC SERVICES		
Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal		2547440