

JK Public School Panjtirthi observes Martyrs' Day



Glimpses of observance of Martyrs' Day at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Martyrs' Day was observed with profound reverence and patriotism at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi. Jakiains solemnly paid tribute to the unparalleled sacrifices made by Mahatma Gandhi and the countless unsung heroes who gave their lives in the service of the nation on January 30. Aditi Jain and Deepali Sharma, the teacher

incharges of the day addressed the audience and expressed, "The significance of Martyrs' Day is that it helps us to understand the value of freedom and the sacrifices that were made by our ancestors to attain it. The day is a reminder that we should never take our freedom for granted and must always strive to protect it. It inspires us to be patriotic and work towards the betterment of our country.

The day is a symbol of unity and pride for the nation." Jakiains presented a thought-provoking skit on Mahatma Gandhi and his principles, reinforcing the ideals of non-violence, truth, and compassion. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah expressed, "Martyrs' Day emphasises the value of freedom, patriotism, and the nation's great appreciation for those who fought

for its independence." Jakiains remembered the Bravehearts who laid down their lives for the country's freedom. The principal rewarded each participant and teacher incharges for expressing their thoughts and views flawlessly. Their confidence and enthusiasm stole the show. The Principal further asked few questions regarding the day and the winners were also rewarded.

SPO arrested for drug peddling, heroin recovered

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UDHAMPUR: Police Team has been arrested on the spot. of Police Station Udhampur led by its SHO while performing Patrolling/checking duty near SKPA Udhampur area intercepted one suspicious person, who on seeing police party tried to escape from the spot but was apprehended by the police party. On the frisking of said apprehended person namely Michael Jackson (SPO posted at DPL Udhampur) S/O Raju R/O Christian Colony, Udhampur. The police team recovered 5.95 grams of Heroin like contraband substance from the above said accused person who



Kathua Police organizes awareness camp on New Criminal Laws; debate competition on Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

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KATHUA: As part of its ongoing efforts to educate and sensitize the community, particularly the youth, about the latest developments in criminal laws, Police Station Rajbagh conducted an interactive session on the new criminal laws, namely the Bharat Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharat Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita (BNS), and Bharat Suraksha Adhiniyam Act (BSA), at DRD college of Nursing & Paramedics Dhaloti area of PS Rajbagh under Civic Action Programme 2024-25. The event was organized by PS Rajbagh under the guidance of SDPO Border and SHO PS Rajbagh and overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena IPS & attended by students, staff etc aimed to create awareness about the provisions and implications of the new laws. The debate and interactive session provided a platform for the participants to engage with the police personnel and clarify their doubts about the laws. The interactive session was organized with the objective of educating the youth about the importance of these laws in maintaining law and order, preventing crimes, and ensuring public safety. Speaking on the occasion, chairing officers emphasized the importance of awareness and community participation in preventing crimes and maintaining public safety. The participants appreciated the efforts of the Kathua police in organizing the awareness camp and debate. Police also organised

Ranvijay calls Union Budget 2025-26 a historic step towards Viksit Bharat 2047

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JAMMU: Ranvijay Singh, the great-grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh, has hailed the Union Budget 2025-26 as a transformative milestone towards achieving a Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047, with a strong emphasis on economic stability, middle-class welfare, and national self-reliance. He described the budget as an embodiment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to foster inclusive and sustainable growth for all sections of society. In a press release issued today, Ranvijay Singh pointed out that the Budget is a beacon of hope for the middle class, offering a comprehensive set of tax reforms aimed at enhancing financial independence. One of the key

highlights, he noted, is the increase in the tax exemption slab to ₹12 lakh, alongside a significant raise in the tax deduction limit for senior citizens to ₹1 lakh. "This is a government that understands the pulse of the common people and is committed to reducing their financial burden," he said, emphasizing the relief these reforms will provide to hardworking citizens. Ranvijay Singh further emphasized that the Budget directly addresses the financial challenges faced by the middle class, including rising living costs and low disposable income. He lauded the increase in TDS limits on rent and remittances, which will help alleviate financial stress for households across the country. "These measures will provide much-needed relief to families, easing their economic pressure and enabling better financial stability," he added. In addition to middle-class welfare, Ranvijay Singh praised the budget for its robust support to vital sectors, including MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises), infrastructure, and agriculture. He underscored that the transformative initiatives outlined in the budget will empower farmers, promote entrepreneurship, and foster sustainable development, ensuring long-term economic growth. Concluding his remarks, Ranvijay Singh reaffirmed that the Union Budget 2025-26 is a visionary document that will significantly contribute to the nation's progress.

Mahant Rohit Shastri meets Tourism Director, holds discussions on promoting tourism

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JAMMU: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director of Tourism, Jammu, on Tuesday. On this occasion, they held extensive discussions on promoting religious and cultural tourism in Jammu and Kashmir. Mahant Rohit Shastri appreciated the efforts made by the Tourism Department and stated that the department's proactive initiatives are giving a new direction to tourism in Jammu and Kashmir. He also shared his suggestions regarding the preservation of religious sites, the promotion of spiritual tourism, and the availability of better facilities for tourists. Tourism Director Dr. Vikas Gupta provided insights into various government schemes aimed at improving and



Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust meeting with Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director of Tourism, Jammu.

expanding the tourism sector. He emphasized that the department is continuously working to bring global recognition to Jammu's religious and historical sites. During the meeting, both parties stressed the need for collective efforts to preserve Jammu and Kashmir's cultural heritage and promote local religious tourism.

At the conclusion of this significant meeting, Mahant Rohit Shastri congratulated the Tourism Director and his team for their outstanding work and expressed hope that these efforts would continue in the future. Former councilors Narottam Sharma and Kamal Gupta were also present on this occasion.

Ramban police apprehends absconder evading arrest since 12 years

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RAMBAN: Continuing its crackdown against absconders Ramban Police on the directions of SSP Ramban Shri Kulbir Singh apprehended an absconder wanted in a case who was evading his arrest since last 12 years. The dedicated police team of Police Station Ramban apprehended an absconder wanted in an FIR of Police Station Ramban. The accused was identified as Javid Ahmed son of Mohd Ramzan resident of Village Gudika Tehsil Gandoh and District Doda wanted in case FIR No. 14/2013 u/s 454/380/120-B, 201,411 and 414 RPC. The above named accused person was absconding and evading his arrest since last 12 years with a motive to avoid the legal proceedings. General Warrant of Arrest under section 512 CrPC against the above named accused was issued



Labour Com visits ESI Dispensary, reviews facilities for insured persons

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JAMMU: Labour Commissioner J&K, Charandeep Singh on Tuesday visited the ESI Dispensary Digiana, Jammu, to take stock of its overall functioning and delivery of healthcare services to Insured Persons (IPs). During the inspection, the Labour Commissioner reviewed the Dhanwantri module, highlighting its role in streamlining healthcare services for beneficiaries. Dhanwantri module is a Hospital Information System (HIS) to improve patient care and hospital operations. It helps doctors write prescriptions and manage patient records digitally. On the occasion, the Labour Commissioner also interacted with Insured Persons (IPs) to understand the challenges faced by workers



Labour Commissioner J&K, Charandeep Singh during visit to ESI Dispensary Digiana, Jammu.

GCW Parade hosts awareness lecture on Wetland Conservation

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JAMMU: Department of Botany, Government College for Women Parade Ground on Tuesday organized a one day lecture for the students on the topic "Wetland: Threats and Conservation" to commemorate Wetland Day. The event was organized under the guidance and supervision of Principal of the college, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo. As many as 60 students actively participated in this interactive programme. The resource person for the event was Ashwani Kumar Mittal, SPS, DFO, Urban Forestry Jammu. He sensitized the students about the relevance of wetlands and various threats faced by the

wetlands today. He also stressed upon the different strategies to protect wetlands from pollution and their sustainable development. The event culminated with a plantation drive in which Ashwani Kumar Mittal, Dr. Ritu Magotra, HOD English, Dr. Rajesh Kant, HOD Chemistry, Prof. Ghanjit Singh planted saplings in the college premises. The faculty members of the department were also present in the plantation drive. The whole programme was coordinated by Prof. Asia Rashid Bhat, Incharge HOD Botany. The proceedings of the event were carried out by Prof. Usha Devi and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Sukhwinder Kaur.