

# JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Vasant Panchmi with vivacity



Glimpses of Vasant Panchmi celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Spring was traditionally celebrated with full vivacity, devotion and joy at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi. As the spring season begins, let's welcome happiness, wisdom, and positivity into our lives.

Vasant Panchmi marks the beginning of the spring season.

The festival of spring was traditionally celebrated with full vivacity, devotion and joy at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

This festival is also celebrated as the birthday of Goddess Saraswati, who symbolizes knowledge, wisdom, purity and truth.

On this occasion, the

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah expressed, "Celebrating Vasant Panchmi with jankians has enabled them to understand the significance of changes that occur in different seasons. This will further help them to accept and welcome the changes in their life, with enthusiasm and

confidence."

The Jankians were dressed up in yellow attire to seek Maa Saraswati's blessings.

The main highlight of the day was the Vasant Queen contest, which is held every year exclusively for the staff members.

The celebration incharges Meenu and Shipra Mahajan

requested the Principal to lead the beauty pageant by a modal ramp walk.

The Principal elegantly initiated the contest and mesmerized the audience with her stylish and confident walk.

The staff members decked up in yellow attires followed the Principal and flaunted

their moves during the ramp walk. Their confidence level and matchless energy captivated the audience. Cheers and applause by the Jankians resonated through the ground.

The Principal was proud to see the maximum participation of the teachers.

A questionnaire round was

conducted by the Principal to select the "Beauty with Brain".

The finalists were asked, "Why they want to win the title, what will they do after winning the title and who inspired them to participate in the contest."

It was a very tough competition and the Principal faced

hard time to select the Vasant queen.

The Principal crowned Sonia Verma as the Vasant Queen and Sonika Sharma won the title of first runner up while Neha Gupta got the title of second runner up.

A special prize was given to Manju Kapoor for her elegant and decent walk.

## 22nd UT Senior Kabaddi Championship 2025 reaches final stage

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MENDHAR: The 22nd UT Senior Kabaddi Championship 2025 for men and women, organized by the Amateur Kabaddi Association J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council, on Saturday reached its final stage.

The championship, which began on February 7, 2025, will culminate in the final match on Sunday.

The championship was inaugurated by SDM Mendhar Inuran Rashid Kataria on February 7 wherein Kuldeep Sharma, Secretary of the J&K Kabaddi Association, Surinder Mohan Technical Director of Yuva Kabaddi Series J&K and Ladakh, Shahnam Parvaiz Vice Principal HSS Boys, Mohd Rauf Naib Tehsildar Mankote and other UT-level personalities were also present.

The organisers acknowledged the role being played by Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council for this event and also for the permission for holding a



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

camp and presented their gratitude to her.

The three-day event has seen intense competition among 22 teams, comprising 13 men's teams and 9 women's teams, from across the UT of J&K.

League Stage Results

MEN: Udhampur beat Srinagar; Army team beat Pulwama; J&K Police beat Ganderbal; Jammu beat Anantnag; Badgam beat Rajouri.

In Pool A: Army beat Udhampur; Pool B: J&K Police beat Kathua; Pool C: Jammu

beat Baramulla. Pool D: Poonch beat Budgam. All winner teams of four Pools qualified for semi finals.

In first semi final, Army outplayed Jammu, whereas in the second semi final match, J&K Police beat Poonch and qualified for the final.

The final between Army and J&K Police under men category will be played on Sunday.

WOMEN League matches Pool A: Anantnag beat Srinagar; J&K Police beat Anantnag and qualified for semi final. Udhampur defeated

Poonch and qualified for semi final. In Pool B: Jammu beat Baramulla and Kathua beat Budgam and qualified for semi finals.

In semi finals, Kathua beat Udhampur and Jammu beat J&K Police and qualified for the final. The final between Kathua and Jammu will be played on Sunday.

All the teams have been battling it out in a series of thrilling matches, with the top teams advancing to the final stage.

The main organisers of the event were Mir Alam PELL,

Basharat Khan ZPEO Harni, Abrar Ahmed Khan PEM, Vikram Bhasin PET and Aurangzeb Ahmed PET whereas Majid Khan PEM, Suresh Kumar PEM, Mohd Shanaz PET, Ayaz Hussain Shah PET, Basar Khan PET, Mohd Razaq PET, Mohd Akram PET, Sakinder Azam PET, Shambhoon ul Haq PET, Mohd Aslam PET, Mohd Mobin PET, Shabir Ahmed PET, Tariq Mahmood PET, Nazarat Hussain PET, Parvaiz Ahmed PET, Intzar Ahmed REK, Shahid Khan REK, Javid Iqbal REK and Mohd Akram PET were the officials who played key role in all the matches as referee, scorers and empires.

The organizers have ensured a smooth conduct of the event, with arrangements for stay and food for all participating players, coaches, and team managements.

The event was commented by Parwaz Azam Khan and Ajaz Almadh Chauhan.

## Jodhamal's Riya Sharma creates history with world record

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JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School celebrated the achievement of Riya Sharma, a student of Class 1, who has secured a place in the International Book of Records for the longest time to hold King Cobra Pose (in Kids' Category).

Riya demonstrated remarkable endurance and flexibility by holding the pose at ease for 15 minutes and 19 seconds non-stop, setting a new record.

With three years of dedicated yoga practice under her mother's guidance, Riya has shown exceptional perseverance and discipline, leading her to this incredible feat.

Her achievement reflects the school's commitment to nurturing young talents and fostering excellence beyond academics.

Applauding Riya's success, Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, and Arati Kuthiala, Director of



Jodhamal Public School faculty felicitating Riya Sharma.

Jodhamal Public School, expressed their pride, stating, "Riya's dedication and hard work are truly commendable. She has set a shining example for young learners everywhere."

Garish Kumar, Principal, and Amita Arora, Vice Principal, congratulated Riya, adding, "Her achievement is a testa-

ment to her unwavering passion and perseverance. We are confident that she will continue to inspire and achieve greater milestones."

Jodhamal Public School remains committed to empowering students to excel in diverse fields, and Riya's record stands as a proud moment for the entire school community.

## Com Secy Culture inaugurates Neena Sood's 3 day exhibition

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary, Culture, K. Ramesh Kumar, inaugurated a three-day art exhibition titled "Art Chronicle" by renowned artist Neena Sood at Kala Kendra on Saturday.

The exhibition is being organised by the Kala Kendra Society, Jammu which showcases a collection of 22 artworks by the artist.

The event was graced by several distinguished personalities including Padma Shri Rajinder Tickoo; Secretary, JKAACL, Harvinder Kour; Secretary, Kala Kendra Society; Dr. Javaid Rahi and eminent artist Bhushan Kesar, who were part of the podium. In his inaugural address, K. Ramesh Kumar commended Neena Sood for her outstanding artistic contributions and expressed confidence that the exhibition will inspire and engage budding artists. He highlighted Jammu & Kashmir's rich artistic legacy, naming eminent artists like G. R. Santosh, Master Sansar Chand, Triloki Koul and Ratan Parimoo. He reaffirmed the government's commitment towards promoting visual arts.

The Commissioner Secretary also announced plans to develop Kala Kendra



Commissioner Secretary, Culture, K. Ramesh Kumar visiting exhibition.

into a vibrant hub for art and culture, ensuring that it becomes a premier venue for artistic activities in the region.

Responding to artists' concerns, he assured that the long-awaited revival of the art studio for local artists would be initiated soon. Speaking on the occasion, Padma Shri Rajinder Tickoo, highlighted the immense artistic potential in Jammu & Kashmir and urged stakeholders to create more national and international opportunities for artists to showcase their work.

Harvinder Kour, reiterated JKAACL's efforts to revive annual art exhibitions in Jammu & Kashmir. She stressed the signif-

icance of such platforms in preserving and promoting artistic traditions.

Dr. Javaid Rahi emphasized that the primary objective of the exhibition is to promote local artists in the field of visual arts. He lauded Neena Sood's artistic vision and expressed Kala Kendra Society's commitment to supporting emerging talent.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Sanjeev Sood on behalf of Neena Sood, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, guests and participants for their support.

The exhibition was graced by the presence of several prominent personalities, including Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Commissioner, Transport Department; Seema Shekhar Kajuria, Former Advocate General; Sanjeev Rana, Additional Secretary, JKAACL; Sangeeta Sharma, Deputy Director; Archives; Prof. Poonam Dhawan, Dean Academic Affairs, Cluster University of Jammu, along with several art enthusiasts and dignitaries from various fields.

The Art Chronicle exhibition will be open to the public for three days from 8th to 10th February, 2025 from 12 noon to 5.00 p.m., offering art lovers an opportunity to experience the rich and diverse artistic expressions showcased by Neena Sood.

## Sakeena attends CAC meeting of PM-AJAY



J&K Health Minister Sakeena Itoo at Central Advisory Committee meeting of PM-AJAY.

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NEW DELHI: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, attended the Central Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) here on Saturday.

The CAC meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar to review progress on the

scheme and formulate strategies aimed at the socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes (SC) communities across India.

During the meeting, the CAC held extensive discussions on three components of the scheme i.e.; Adarsh Gram, Grant-in-aid and Hostel component. The committee further deliberated on strategies to expand the scheme's reach to larger SC population and enhance its effectiveness.

Emphasis was placed on

strengthening collaboration at the States and District levels, fostering greater community participation, ensuring timely project implementation, and monitoring the outcomes to achieve maximum impact.

While presenting the status of Jammu and Kashmir in the meeting, Sakeena Itoo highlighted that 91 CSCs, 4993 Solar lights, 63 Smart classes, 21 Gyms (Open/Indoor), 11 Smart Libraries and other infrastructure has been established at various

locations across J&K under the scheme. She also informed that 1715 students were trained under various trades like Data Entry Operator, Beauty Therapist, CCTV and Solar Panel Installation Technicians under this scheme.

The Minister, during the meeting, underscored the importance of this scheme for enhancing the livelihood, education and empowerment opportunities for SC communities. She emphasised the need for effective grass-roots implementation, ensuring that the benefits of the scheme reach the intended beneficiaries in a transparent and efficient manner.

Additional Secretary, Social Welfare department J&K Government and Nodal Officer coordination PM-AJAY, Dr. Rehana Akhter Bijli also accompanied the Minister for the meeting.

## Shradhanjali Sabha held to pay tributes to Shamsheer Manhas

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JAMMU: J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, Sanatan Dharam Sabha President Parshottam Dadhichi, former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, Ashok Khajuria, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, Vibodh Gupta, Sham Lal Sharma, Satish Sharma, Yudhvir Sethi, Chander Mohan Sharma and others paid tributes to Former BJP J&K President & Former Rajya



Sabha MP Shamsheer Singh Manhas at Manhas Ground, Ploura, Jammu. Family members of Late Shamsheer Singh Manhas, various societies, prominent citizens besides BJP

leaders attended the Shradhanjali Sabha. Sat Sharma termed the Shamsheer Singh Manhas as a skilled organizer who worked consistently to strengthen the organi-

zation. He said that Manhas's untimely departure is disheartening and a big loss to the society. Sunil Sharma said that the Shamsheer Singh Manhas was a true leader of people who

always took the issues of activists and people to a logical end.

Parshottam Dadhichi said that such persons take birth for the welfare of the society and live to do good for humanity.

Kavinder Gupta recalled the earlier journey of Shamsheer Singh Manhas when he joined active politics and his desire to put in extra effort to strengthen the organization. Mumish Khajuria conducted the proceedings.



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2	Water Activity Meter	01	6,00,000/-	12,000/-	1,000/-

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