Invoking Grace, Igniting Grit: A sacred send-off for JKPS Kunjwani Board students of Grade XII

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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: JK Public School Kunjwani organized a heart-warming send off to its outgoing batch of Grade XII to appear in their first Board exam today in an atmosphere steeped in serenity, faith, and determination.

Marking this crucial academic milestone, the school organized a special morning assembly to invoke divine blessings and inspire students as they embarked on one of the most significant journeys of their academic life.

The assembly opened on a deeply spiritual note with a solemn prayer, seeking divine grace, wisdom, inner strength, and unwavering confidence for all students appearing in the Board examinations. The tranquil ambience echoed the collective aspirations, faith, and goodwill of the entire school fraternity, creating a reassuring and uplifting start to the day.

Gracing the occasion was Neelam Daluja, Patron of the school, whose benevolent presence infused the gathering with warmth and positivity. As a symbolic gesture of goodwill and motivation, she distributed pens and sweets among the students, along with the ceremonial presentation of nariyal, signifying auspicious beginnings, prosperity, and success. Her affectionate gestures and gracious blessings left a lasting impression on the young minds.

Addressing the students thereafter, Shashi Chaudhary, Director of JK Educational Society, conveyed her best wishes and words of encouragement. She urged the students to remain composed, focused, and confident while attempting their papers. Emphasizing the virtues of discipline, perseverance, and self-belief, she reminded them that sincere effort coupled with inner conviction always paves the way to excellence.

The occasion was further enriched by the inspiring address of the Principal, Rajesh Rathore, who motivated the students to approach each examination with clarity of thought, resilience, and determination. Reassuring them of the steadfast support of their teachers and mentors, he exhorted the students to trust their preparation, manage their time wisely, and give their very best without fear or anxiety. The special assembly culminated on an uplifting and hopeful note, with the entire school community coming together to extend heartfelt wishes for success to the students appearing in the Board examinations. As the students stepped forward to board their buses to reach the examination centre timely, the campus resonated with optimism, confidence, and blessings-setting a perfect tone for a journey that aspires not just for results, but for growth, character, and lifelong learning.

Ahead of Ramadan, FDA J&K destroys decomposed 5 qtls meat, 6000 kg fish

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In continuation of its unwavering commitment to safeguard public health and ensure consumer safety, on the directions of the Chief Minister J&K Omar Abdullah, on the eve of Ramadan, the enforcement team of the Food Safety Organisation (DFCO), Jammu Division, conducted a surprise inspection at the premises of India Fish Company, Warehouse, Jammu and seized and destroyed decomposed and unsafe 5 quintal meat and 6000 kg raw fish, under supervision of Smita Sethi, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Jammu & Kashmir.

The inspection was led by the Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety Division, Jammu, along with a team of Food Safety Officers duly assisted by District Administration, J&K Police and Jammu Municipal Corporation.

During the inspection, the team unearthed a massive consignment of suspected unsafe fish, including approximately 150 cartons of raw fish measuring around 6000 kgs that had been transported by road from Andhra Pradesh on February 10, 2026 without adequate refrigeration and proper temperature control. Surveillance samples of the fish were drawn for analysis. Preliminary findings indicated that the consignment was unsafe for human consumption.

Additionally, approximately 500 kgs of decomposed meat were seized on the spot at the cost of the Food Business Operator (FBO). The meat was found to be rotten, spoiled, deteriorated, and emitting a putrid and foul smell, rendering it unfit for human consumption.

Legal action has been initiated under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act). The FBO has been booked for violation of the Prohibitory order issued in the matter and other sections of the Food Safety Act ,2006 and Regulations of 2011, including maintaining insanitary conditions, storage and supply of unsafe food etc. The licence of the establishment stands liable for cancellation. Further action has been taken under Sections 56 and 58 of the FSS Act for gross violations, including failure to maintain the mandatory temperature chain.

Commissioner FDA J&K, Smita Sethi, reiterated that the Minister H&ME Department Sakina Itoo is monitoring the actions of the department has given clear directions of zero-tolerance against food adulteration, unsafe and insanitary practices. She has strictly directed all Enforcement Officers of DFCO J&K to intensify inspections across all districts and divisions to curb such malpractices and ensure strict implementation of the FSS Act, 2006, in letter and spirit.

The Department has expressed serious concern over the increasing instances of adulteration and improper storage of frozen non-vegetarian products, particularly during the summer season, which pose significant health risks, including food poisoning, hepatitis, cancer, and other life-threatening diseases.

The enforcement drive will continue across markets at block, district, and divisional levels to ensure the availability of safe, pure, and quality food products including meat, fish, milk, milk products, sweets, juices, and other consumables special vigilance shall be maintained during Holy month of Ramadan. Prohibition Orders have already been issued directing food business operators to maintain proper refrigeration for milk and non-vegetarian items, and strict compliance is being monitored.

During the inspection, the team also conducted on-the-spot awareness sessions for Food Business Operators and consumers, emphasizing the importance of maintaining temperature control for frozen products and strictly avoiding the use of unpermitted colours in food items.

The Department appeals to the general public to remain vigilant. In case of any suspected adulteration or unsafe food practices, especially concerning frozen meat, raw fish, or other non-vegetarian products, citizens are requested to immediately inform the Department on Toll-Free Number 104for prompt action and redressal.

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety Jammu, remains firmly committed to protecting consumer health and will continue its campaign against adulteration and unsafe food practices until this menace is eradicated.

J&K Saffron output drops to 19.58 MT in 2024-25

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Saffron production in Jammu and Kashmir has declined from 23.53 metric tonnes in 2023-24 to 19.58 metric tonnes in 2024-25, according to official data.

In a written reply to a question raised by National Conference MLA Hasnain Masoodi, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary said that the total area under Saffron cultivation in the Union Territory has remained constant at 1,116.27 hectares, but output and productivity have fluctuated.

According to the data shared in the House, Saffron production stood at 17.33 MT in 2020-21, fell to 14.87 MT in 2021-22 and 14.94 MT in 2022-23, before registering a sharp rise to 23.53 MT in 2023-24.

It again declined to 19.58 MT in 2024-25, it said.

Average productivity as per traditional and rejuvenated combined improved from 4.02 kg per hectare in 2022-23 to 6.33 kg per hectare in 2023-24, but slipped to 5.27 kg per hectare in 2024-25, it added.

He further said that Saffron exports during 2024-25 were recorded at 17.82 MT, down from 20.47 MT in the previous year.

The value of Saffron production during the year stood at Rs 534.53 crore, while export earnings were pegged at Rs 486.43 crore, he said.

Providing details of the traditional (non-rejuvenated) Saffron areas, the deputy chief minister said production from these fields was 5.02 MT in 2024-25, with a productivity of 4.5 kg per hectare.

In the previous year, production from traditional areas was 5.44 MT with a productivity of 4.87 kg per hectare, he said.

He said efforts are being made to stabilise and enhance saffron productivity through improved agronomic pracatices and rejuvenation measures.

Yudhvir raises concerns over neglect of Jammu Tourism in Assembly

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East, strongly raised the issue of tourism development in the Jammu region while speaking in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, alleging that the present NC-led government has ignored key tourism projects and promotional activities vital for the Jammu region's growth.

During his address, Sethi described tourism as "the backbone of Jammu and Kashmir's economy," stating that lakhs of visitors arrive through Jammu Railway Station every year, yet basic facilities such as a Tourism Department information counter remain absent. He urged the government to immediately establish a dedicated tourist information centre at the railway station to guide visitors about prominent destinations in the Jammu region.

Highlighting the condition of local tourist attractions, the MLA claimed that the light and sound system at Bagh-e-Bahu Park has remained closed since the present government assumed office. He also pointed out that the ropeway project connecting Peer Kho to Mahamaya Temple is currently non-functional, which, according to him, has adversely affected tourist footfall and local business opportunities.

Sethi further criticised the lack of promotion of the Aquarium-cum-Fish Awareness

Centre at Bagh-e-Bahu Fort, stating that the site has significant potential to attract families and educational tours if properly publicised. He called upon the Tourism Department to organise large-scale cultural events during festivals such as Lohri and Navratras to showcase Jammu's heritage, traditions, and spiritual tourism.

"The government must revive cultural activities at Kala Kendra and restore old traditions associated with JKTDC in Jammu," Sethi said, adding that regular festivals and artistic programmes can play a major role in boosting tourism and generating employment opportunities.

Referring to the post-2014 period, the MLA stated that a decline in terrorism had led to a positive rise in tourism, with several developmental initiatives launched by Narendra Modi-led Central Government to strengthen infrastructure in Jammu. However, he alleged that many ongoing projects remain incomplete and urged the government to expedite all pending tourism-related works to attract more visitors to the region. Sethi also proposed inviting leading film personalities to locations near the International Border to promote Jammu as a unique tourism destination across the country. He emphasised the need to develop eco-tourism at Gharana Wetland and called for better promotion of wildlife, adventure, and nature-based tourism circuits. Expressing concern over the absence of proper publicity, he criticised the authorities for not installing adequate hoardings and signages in Jammu to guide tourists about key destinations. "Without proper awareness and promotion, the tourism potential of Jammu cannot be fully realised," he remarked. Concluding his speech, Yudhvir Sethi urged the government to adopt a comprehensive and inclusive tourism strategy that recognises Jammu's cultural identity and natural assets. He stressed that timely completion of projects, improved promotion, and consistent cultural programming are essential to position Jammu as a major tourist hub and to ensure balanced regional development across the Union Territory.

NOTICE

I, Rajinder Kumar F/o Aman Lalotra R/o Chak Malal Tehsil- Khour District-Jammu, do hereby declare that in the 10th class marks sheet of my son namely Aman Lalotra, DOB-16-06-2008 issued by CBSE bearing Roll No. 13119635 Secondary School Examination-2025, my name & my wife name has been wrongly mentioned as Rajinder Kumar Lalotra instead of correct is Rajinder Kumar & my wife name as Seema Devi Lalotra instead of correct is Seema Lalotra. Anybody have any objection in this regard may contact to the concerned authority within a week of publication.

NOTICE

I, Bimla Devi, W/o Late Shri Kaka Ram, R/o Village Chaprial, Teh. Khour, Distt. Jammu, hereby declare that my correct name is Vimla Devi and not Bimla Devi as mentioned earlier in some records/documents. Henceforth, I shall be known as Vimla Devi for all purposes.

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS, TEHSILDAR JAMMU

Virender Mahajan S/o Rajpal Mahajan R/o H No 114 Kanji House Jammu. **(Applicant)**

Vs

UT of J&K through Registrar Birth and Death Jammu Municipal Corporation Jammu. **(Non- Applicant)**

In the matter of: Application for seeking correction/modification in the issued birth certificate issued by Registrar Births & Deaths Jammu Municipal Corporation Jammu.

Whereas the applicant here in above has filed the above titled application in this court for the registration and issuance of Date of birth certificate of applicant namely Virender Mahajan S/o Rajpal Mahajan R/o H No 114 Kanji House Jammu, Place of birth is at home i.e. H No 114 Kanji House Jammu on 09.12.1964.

PROCLAMATION

Therefore through the medium of this proclamation general public is informed that any person having any objections with respect to registration of Date of birth certificate of applicant namely Virender Mahajan S/o Rajpal Mahajan R/o H No 114 Kanji House Jammu, Place of birth is at home i.e. H No 114 Kanji House Jammu on 09.12.1964, may file his/her their objections before this court within a period of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice and after the lapse of said period no objections shall be entered and appropriate order shall be passed in the matter issued under my hand seal of this office today on 18-02-2026.

Sd/-
Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Tehsildar Jammu

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE JAMMU
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL & DEAN

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Subject: Filling up of the posts of Sr. Residents in various disciplines in Govt. Medical College and its Associated Hospitals, Jammu.

Advertisement Notice

In pursuance to Govt. Order No. 383-JK(HME) of 2024 dated 20.06.2024, applications are invited from the eligible candidates **(possessing requisite qualification as per latest Teachers Eligibility Qualifications in Medical Institutions Regulations, as notified by the National Medical Commission in the concerned**

- The Application Form together with instructions for filing up the Application Forms will be available at the website of the College from **17/02/2026.**
- Candidates are advised to go through the instructions and all the eligibility conditions prescribed for the post before filing the Application Form.
- Last date for submitting of application complete in all respects along with the requisite fee (through email pmc-gmcjammu@jk.gov.in) as well as receipt of hard copy is **15/03/2026.**
- The last date for receipt of applications provided in notification shall be the cut-off date for determining the eligibility.
- The number of posts of Sr. Residents available in the department shall depend on the number of vacancies to be finalized by the Selection Committee at the time of selection.

discipline or having appeared in the final examination of the Postgraduate course) for the Written Examination (MCQ) for the engagement of tenured posts of Senior Residents in the following disciplines of Govt. Medical College, Jammu:

S. No.	Discipline	S. No.	Discipline
1.	Chest Diseases & Tuberculosis	7.	Community Medicine
2.	Dermatology	8.	Anatomy
3.	Medicine & its allied	9.	Physiology
4.	Biochemistry	10.	Cardio Thoracic Anaesthesiology
5.	Surgery & its allied	11.	Nuclear Medicine
6.	Forensic Medicine		

Requisite Qualification for applying for the above said tenured posts:

S. No.	Post	Qualification
1.	Sr. Resident	Possessing Medical Post Graduate Degree (MD/MS/DNB)

The syllabus for the MCQ-based written examination will align with the National Medical Commission (NMC) Regulations and the University of Jammu guidelines in the relevant discipline.

Date of commencement for submission of online application : 17-02-2026
Last date for submission of online applications along with fee : 15-03-2026
Age as on 1st January, 2026 : Below 45 years

The selection for the tenured position of Sr. Residents in Govt. Medical College, Jammu shall be made on the basis of performance in Multiple Choice Questions(MCQ) based written Test only. The question paper will be of one hour duration having 50 questions (MCQ based) of 100 marks (2 marks each). There will be a negative marking of 0.25 per question.

All applications will be accepted only through email. No application will be accepted beyond cut-off date either online or offline. The date of the written test shall be notified separately on GMC Jammu website. No individual communication shall be made in this regard.

The in-service candidates shall be entertained only after fulfillment of all pre-requisites, in accordance with the relevant rules, as envisaged in the J&K Civil Services Rules 1979 and application forms of such candidates should be forwarded through proper channel. Otherwise the application forms received through email shall not be entertained.

The necessary instructions for filing up of application forms are as under:

1. Download the application form from the GMC Jammu website: www.gmcjammu.nic.in.
2. Complete the application form and make a PDF file, including all qualification documents including MBBS marks sheet of all Profs. and qualification certificate, MD/MS/DNB qualification / degree certificates of the respective specialty, Internship Certificate, Date of Birth Certificate, NMC/Jammu and Kashmir Medical Council Registration Certificate, Domicile Certificate, No Objection Certificate (for in service candidates only), Affidavit and fee receipt.
3. Candidates are required to make a payment of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two thousand only) as the application fee in the Account Number: 0373040100000001; IFSC Code: JAKA0MEDJAM; Bank: J&K Bank; Branch: Govt. Medical College Jammu.
4. **A complete PDF containing the application form, qualification documents and proof of fee payment should be emailed to the IT cell of GMC Jammu at pmc-gmcjammu@jk.gov.in and Non-PSC candidate shall also deposit the copy of the Application Form in all respects in the office of the Principal, GMC Jammu on or before 15-03-2026. In absence of the proof of fee payment, the application form shall be rejected, without any notice.**
5. For any queries, candidates can contact the following phone number: 9419234973.

Incomplete application form(s) in any respect or not having relevant certificates / documents / Affidavit / fee receipt attached therewith shall not be accepted.

The candidates who have already completed their tenure as Registrar/Demonstrator/Sr. Resident/Tutor in any discipline or undergoing Registrarship in any new Medical Colleges of the J&K including AIIMS Jammu need not to apply and their application forms shall not be considered. A separate Application Form is to be filled up for each post / specialty and fee is to be deposited separately for each post applied for by the candidate.

The candidates who will be shortlisted based on their performance in the Written Test shall submit their academic and technical qualification certificates in the office of the Principal, GMC Jammu in original along with one set of self attested copies of each document. The candidates other than in-service candidates are required to submit an Affidavit duly attested by Ist Class Magistrate that he / she is not working in any other Medical College of the Jammu Division and all the information mentioned in the Application are true and correct.

Candidates are advised not to provide any false information or suppress any material facts. When submitting a hard copy of the application after being shortlisted, they are warned not to alter or tamper with any entry in any document or its attested/certified copy. They should not submit any tampered or fabricated documents. If there is any inaccuracy or discrepancy between two or more such documents or their attested/certified copies, an explanation regarding the discrepancy should be provided.

A candidate who is, or has been, declared by the Selection Committee to be guilty of obtaining wrongful support for their candidature by any means, impersonating or procuring impersonation, submitting fabricated or tampered documents, making incorrect or false statements, suppressing material information, or resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with their candidature for election using unfair means during the test, writing irrelevant or obscene content, misbehaving in the examination hall, harassing or causing bodily harm to the staff employed by the Selection Committee for the conduct of the test, or attempting to commit or abetting any of the aforementioned acts, shall be liable to criminal prosecution. Additionally they may be debarred by the Selection Committee from appearing in the examination, either permanently or for a specified period.

The appointment of the candidate shall be terminable on either side by serving a prior notice of one month or on payment of one month's salary by the appointing authority. In case of a tie in merit secured by two or more candidates in the written test, the candidate who has scored more marks in MBBS shall be given preference. In case, the marks are also same, candidate older in age shall be preferred.

Along with the Select List, a Waiting List shall also be maintained for each discipline, which will remain valid for a period of three months. In the event of any selected candidate failing to join, the next candidate in order of merit shall be invited to join. If a Sr. Resident vacates the tenured position midway, the Principal, Government Medical College Jammu, shall appoint the next eligible candidate from the last valid Select List based on merit. No candidate who joins the institution on a tenured position shall be issued an Experience Certificate unless they have served for a minimum period of six months. A selected candidate who wishes to leave the Registrarship before completing six months from the date of joining must deposit a penalty of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only). An affidavit to this effect must be submitted by the candidate at the time of joining.

(Dr. Ashutosh Gupta)
Principal & Dean
Medical College Jammu.

No. GMCJ/2026/Advertisement/1946
Dated 17/02/2026

DIP/J-11757/25
Dt. 18-02-26

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF SR. REGISTRAR / TUTORS IN GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE JAMMU

1. Name of the applicant (in Block Letters as per documents) :_____
2. Department :_____
3. Father's Name :_____
4. Date and place of birth :_____
5. Present postal Address :_____
6. Mobile Number _____
7. Present Place of Posting :_____
8. Service Particulars

Name of Hospital / Dispensary	Status / designation	Date of first appointment	Pay Scale	Whether permanent / temporary

9. Academic Career:
   (i) Month and year of admission to MBBS/MSc (Medical)/Phd Course :_____
   (ii) Attempts in which MBBS Prof. Examination /MSc (Medical) passed :

Examination Passed	Name of University	Name of College	Year and month of Passing	Attempts in which passed
Ist Prof MBBS				
2nd Prof MBBS				
Final Part I MBBS				
Final Part II MBBS				
MSc (Medical)				

(iii) Details of National Scholarship, if any, awarded during MBBS /MSc./Phd.

Name of Scholarship	Period for which awarded	Remarks

10. Full time House Job career in a teaching institution:

Name of hospital / institution	Name of speciality	Duration	Grading

11. Rural Service (Prior to Post Graduation) :_____
12. Filed Service (after graduation) :_____
13. Post Graduate Career:

MD/MS/Diploma with speciality	Name of University	Year of Passing	Remarks

14. Professional publication in a Standard Medical Journal :_____
15. Details of teaching posts, if any :_____

(iv) Position, if any, secured in the final MBBS Prof./MSc/Phd.

Position Secured	Year & month of passing the final MBBS Prof. (Regular Examination)

Note: 1. Credit is given for securing of the first three positions in regular examinations
2. No credit is given for securing position in subsequent examination.

(v) Position, if any secured in each subject in the University MBBS /MSc (Regular Examination)

University Examination	Year & Month of passing	Subject	Total Marks	Marks obtained	Position secured
Ist Prof MBBS					
2nd Prof MBBS					
Pre-final MBBS					
Final MBBS					
MSc (Medical)					
Grand Total					

(vi) Details of distinctions, prizes, medals, honours, if any obtained during the MBBS/MSc (Medical) course.

Declaration by the Candidate

I hereby declare that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any information given by me in this application is found to be false or incorrect, I will be responsible for the consequences.

Dated: _____

Signature of the Candidate

No Objection Certificate from Head of the Department / Institution

This is to certify that Dr. _____ holds the position of _____ in this department/institution. I have no objection to his/her application being considered for appointment.

It is also certified that he/she submitted his/her application to this Department/Office on _____ for onward transmission to the Office of the Principal, Govt. Medical College, Jammu.

No. : _____
Dated : _____

Signature _____
Designation_____
Office Stamp

Details of enclosures as prescribed from

Sno.	Name of the Certificate	Reference to Col. No. of Application Form