

JK Public School Panjtirthi organises Mass General Knowledge quiz

Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: General Knowledge is an important aspect of education, as it helps kids to perceive, analyse and understand the world around them and improve their social and general awareness. It is rewarding in many ways: it enriches the minds of the children by improving their analyti-

cal thinking abilities, widening their knowledge and preparing them for life ahead. With this aim, JK Public School Panjtirthi organises a Mass General Knowledge quiz on every last day of the month. This time, the last General Knowledge quiz of the session was organised with much enthusiasm.

The quiz was based on the Current affairs and General Knowledge. For every class, there were different quiz masters. All the quiz masters were able to maintain the motivating environment for the students. Students displayed their intellectual skill and posed a stiff competition for their rivals. It was

heartening to see the children brimming with enthusiasm and exuberance while competing with each other. The winners were awarded with sweets and special gifts by the Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah. "The early stages of child's development are

very crucial for their mental, social, and physical development. This is the time when they will gain general knowledge and social, emotional, reasoning, thinking skills. Moreover, exposure to knowledge-based activities will increase thinking ability, perception, knowledge, and interpersonal communication abilities," said the Principal.

J&K Lacrosse Association plans expansion drive; Sports Minister assures support



Jammu & Kashmir Lacrosse Association members felicitating gold medallist Abhilove Kour.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Lacrosse Association, an affiliated State/UT unit of the Lacrosse Association of India (LAI), has announced plans to expand the sport across the Union Territory through training camps and district-level competitions starting April 2026. The move aims to popularize lacrosse, a rapidly growing Olympic sport played in over 90 countries worldwide. Lacrosse, governed internationally by World Lacrosse and the Asian Pacific Lacrosse Union, is a dynamic team sport that combines elements of football, hockey and basketball. Players use a netted stick to pass and shoot a solid rubber ball into the opponent's goal. The sport is played in

three major formats - Field Lacrosse, Box Lacrosse and Sixes Lacrosse - each varying in team size, playing area and style of competition. Field lacrosse is the most widely played outdoor version, featuring ten players on each side on a large pitch, while Box Lacrosse is an indoor format developed in Canada and played with six players per team in a hockey-style arena. The Sixes format, a faster-paced variation with smaller teams and fields, is set to be featured at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. Officials of the association, along with Asian Lacrosse Championship gold medallist Abhilove Kour from border district Poonch, recently met Jammu and Kashmir Sports Minister Satish Sharma at his residence on February 22.

The minister congratulated the athlete for her contribution to India's victory at the Asian Lacrosse Games Championship held in Riyadh from February 1 to 5, 2026, where the Indian women's team secured the title. He assured full support from the sports department and invited the association for a detailed meeting on February 28 to discuss the development of lacrosse in the region. Association representatives said that lacrosse has witnessed significant growth in India over the past few years, highlighted by the country's recent international success. They expressed confidence that structured training programmes and competitions would help identify young talent and strengthen the sport's presence in Jammu and Kashmir. Notably, the Union Territory has already hosted the 2nd Federation Lacrosse Championship (Men and Women) at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sports Stadium, Katra, from December 5 to 7, 2025, marking a key milestone in the promotion of the sport locally. The association reiterated its commitment to taking lacrosse to every district of J&K and building a strong grassroots sporting culture in the coming years.

JU collaboration with JKSC organizes programme on "Parliament Resolution on POJK"

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JAMMU: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu (JU), in collaboration with Jammu Kashmir Study Centre (JKSC), organised an academic programme on the theme "Parliament Resolution on POJK". The event brought together eminent speakers, faculty members, scholars and students for an in-depth deliberation on an issue of significant national importance.



Chief Guest, Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Special Secretary in Office of CS, J&K UT being honoured.

The Chief Guest and the Chair for the event was Nagendra Singh Jamwal, Special Secretary in the Office of the Chief Secretary, J&K UT. Advocate Deepak Sharma, RTI activist and social activist Director DSRS; Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam, Senior Faculty in the DSRS, JU; Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, faculty in the DSRS, JU; were the main speakers of the program. Nagendra Singh Jamwal, alumnus of the JU, delivered an insightful presidential address, underlining the constitutional, political and national significance of the Parliamentary Resolution on POJK. He encouraged students to engage critically with issues of national importance.

Adv. Deepak Sharma, elaborated on the legal and constitutional aspects of the Parliamentary Resolution, emphasizing transparency, accountability, and citizen awareness. Dr. Mohd. Monir Alam, provided a comprehensive historical and geopolitical perspective on the issue, tracing its evolution within the broader regional security framework. Dr. Ganesh Malhotra, examined the strategic and diplomatic implications of the Resolution in the context of regional stability and India's foreign policy priorities. Earlier, Prof. Virender Koundal, Director of the Department, delivered the Welcome Address and highlighted the importance of informed academic dis-

Tawi Trekkers J&K unveils 2026 Activity Calendar

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Tawi Trekkers J&K, one of the leading trekking clubs in the Union Territory, has announced an extensive programme of adventure picnics, heritage walks, and high-altitude expeditions for 2026, with a special focus on involving school students. The club aims to engage nearly 3,000 students through short heritage treks across prominent historical sites of the Jammu region, including Mohore Garh, Dher Garh, Bhupner Garh-Mansar, Devi Pindian, and Naina Devi in Udhampur district. The announcement was made by Advisor Ram Khajuria during the release of the club's annual calendar at a function held at the Press Club of Jammu. The calendar was formally unveiled by Chairman Anil Goswami, former Union Home Secretary of India, in the presence of patrons, educationists, and senior club members. Detailing the

upcoming activities, Khajuria said that a Himalayan Trekking Programme for students will be conducted in May-June across the Kullu-Manali and Dharamshala-Palampur regions of Himachal Pradesh. The club will also organise three expeditions in the Dhauladhar range, including a junior trek to Triund, a senior expedition to Minkiani Pass, and a Dalhousie-to-Chamba trek designed exclusively for senior citizens. A heritage trekking programme in Kangra is scheduled between October and December. Among the major highlights is a 10-day high-altitude expedition in the Stok area of Leh. The club has also resolved to establish a standard climbing wall at M.A. Stadium, Jammu. A Union Territory-level women's sport climbing competition will be hosted at Sprawling Buds ICSE School in July 2026, followed by an Open UT-level event at M.A. Stadium in October.

YRS demands establishment of National Law University

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) on Monday staged a peaceful one-day protest in Jammu, demanding the establishment of a National Law University (NLU) in the Jammu Division. The protest held near the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh, witnessed participation from several members and supporters of the organization.



Yuva Rajput Sabha leaders staging protest at Jammu on Monday.

The demonstration was led by YRS President Mandeep Singh Rimpi, along with former presidents Rajan Singh Happy and Vikram Singh Vicky, Founder Member Rajinder Singh, Chief Spokesperson Vishal Singh, Senior Vice President Avtar Singh, General Secretary Bhanu Pratap, and other prominent members including Timu Singh, Bharat Singh, Vishu Singh, Raghav Singh, Abhi Singh, Anil Singh, Manish Singh, Sahil Singh, Rakesh Singh, Pankaj Singh, Romi Singh, and Deshranj Singh. Addressing the gathering, Mandeep Singh said that the demand for an NLU in Jammu has become a major

issue for students of the region. He alleged that political interests were overshadowing the future of youth and urged the Jammu and Kashmir administration to pass a resolution seeking the establishment of the university in Jammu. He emphasized that the institution would provide local students with greater opportunities in legal education and help them contribute to the development of the region and the nation. Former President Vikram Singh Vicky and Rajan Singh Happy appealed to the public to unite on the issue and raise a collective voice for the educational aspirations of Jammu's youth. They stated that the establishment of an

NLU would strengthen academic infrastructure and open new avenues for students from the region. During the protest, participants raised slogans and expressed concern over what they described as delays in addressing the demand. The organizers maintained that the demonstration remained peaceful and aimed at drawing the attention of the authorities towards the issue. The Sabha urged the government to take immediate steps for the establishment of the National Law University in Jammu, stating that it would play a significant role in shaping the future of students across Jammu and Kashmir.

Open District Cricket Tournament Winners to clash in semi-finals on Feb 25

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The Quarter Final matches of the Open District Cricket Tournament, organized by District Administration Kathua in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, were held on Monday across various subdivisions of the district amid enthusiastic participation of youth and active presence of senior officers.



Participating teams posing with dignitaries.

At Billawar, the match was played at Playground Bhaddu between A.K. Billawar and Deccan Charges Billawar in the presence of ADC Vinay Khosla. After a competitive contest, Deccan Charges Billawar emerged victorious and secured its place in the next round. The Quarter Final match at Basohli was held at Model Higher Secondary School, ground in the presence of ADC Pankaj Bhagotra. The match between Basohli and Plassi teams witnessed spirited play,

with the former clinching victory. At Bani, the match was held at Government Degree College between Team Bani and Backen in the presence of SDM Sandeep Sharma. Team Bani won the match and advanced to the Semi-Finals. Similarly, in Hiranagar, the Quarter Final match was played between Hiranagar Cricket Club and Mukesh 11 Cricket Club in the presence of SDM Phulail Singh. Hiranagar Cricket Club

won the match and qualified for the next stage. The tournament is being organized to channelize the energy of youth towards constructive pursuits and to reinforce the message of drug-free society under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan through sports-based interventions. The winning teams from all subdivisions will now compete in the Semi-Finals scheduled to be held at Sports Stadium Kathua on February 25, 2026.

IN THE COURT OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR (EMIC) RAMNAGAR
Sumit Gupta S/o Sh. Krishan Kumar Gupta
Versus
EO Ramnagar
Application seeking direction to E O Ramnagar for the registration of Date of Birth of Petitioner Daughter.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC IN GENERAL
WHEREAS, the applicants namely Sumit Gupta S/o Sh. Krishan Kumar Gupta R/O Ward no 4 H.No.24 Pakhetra Mohalla Ramnagar Tehsil Ramnagar District Udhampur J&K UT has filed an application seeking direction to E O Ramnagar to register date of Birth of the Petitioner Daughter namely Aadhya Gupta D/o Sh. Sumit Gupta whose date of birth is 03-03-2023 and in the concerned register kept in the said Executive Officer Ramnagar and issue certificate of Birth under "The Registration of Deaths and Birth Act, 1969 as his/her Death/birth particular has not been registered anywhere in the police/BDO records. Therefore, by virtue of this notice, public in general is informed that if any person has any objection in respect of the afore-mentioned application he/she/they may appear in this court either personally or through a counsel and file his/her/their objection within a period of 10 days from the date of a publication of this notice, failing which the said application shall be dealt, in accordance, with law. Issued, under my hand and seal of this court today 23-02-2026

SD
NAIB TEHSILDAR
Executive Magistrate 1st Class Ramnagar

NORTHERN RAILWAY
PRESS NOTIFICATION
Subject: Intimation regarding CRS Inspection of Bridge No. 32 between Pathankot-Nurpur Road Section

CRS will conduct an inspection of Bridge No. 32 between Pathankot-Nurpur Road section on 24.02.2026.

In view of the above, it is to alert the general public since there may be increased the movement of officials and railway staff in the section during an inspection, general public are advised to remain vigilant and avoid trespassing or unnecessary movement near railway track between Pathankot-Nurpur Road section.

For Divil. Railway Manager
Divisional Engineer-II/JAT
No.: 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025-26 Date: 23.02.2026 616/2026
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