

JK College of B.Ed and BBA celebrate Holi



Glances of Holi celebrations at JK Group of Colleges on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Festival of Colours, Holi, was celebrated in JK Group of Colleges with great enthusiasm and fervour. The

Campus was filled with laughter, spirit of togetherness and joy. The students showed their artistic skills by making beautiful Rangolis with flower

petals and leaves. The eco-friendly Holi by the students painted the whole campus with the message of love and harmony.

The celebration began with the speech by Shashi Chaudhary, Director, JK Educational Society, who highlighted the cultural significance of celebrating Holi.

She appreciated the efforts of the students in putting up a beautiful show for the festivals. The students presented beautiful dances

and poems full of humour. The programme concluded with showering of flowers on one another as a symbol of keeping intact the spirit of Holi alive and vibrant.

Secretary, Planning meets VC, lauds JU for NAAC A++ Accreditation

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JAMMU: Talat Parvez Rohilla, Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring, on Thursday visited the University of Jammu and held an insightful meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor apprised Rohilla of the University's pioneering initiatives, including the College on Wheels program, the innovative Design Your Degree program, and various other initiatives undertaken by the University under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the University's future initiatives and explored potential avenues where financial assistance from the government, including support through



Talat Parvez Rohilla, Secy, Planning, Development and Monitoring meeting VC Jammu University, Prof. Umesh Rai.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, could significantly benefit the University.

Rohilla appreciated the University's efforts in promoting academic excellence and innovation. He also commended the Vice Chancellor for securing the prestigious NAAC A++ Accreditation, which reflects the University's commitment to quality education and institutional excellence. He

assured full support from the Planning Department to enhance the University's infrastructure and research capabilities.

The Commissioner Secretary also took a tour of the University's state-of-the-art facilities, including the Centre for IT and the Dhanwantri Library.

During his visit to the Centre for IT Enabled Services and Management, he engaged in a discussion

with Dr. Guneet Singh Sudan, Director of the Centre, on various strategies to transform the Centre into a hub of IT excellence.

Rohilla emphasized the adoption of the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), which aims to equip students with practical skills and industry experience, thereby enhancing their employability. He also advocated for integrating Swayam Plus into the

curriculum, as it aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and offers accessible, affordable, and flexible education with greater inclusivity.

Furthermore, Rohilla praised the ICT Academy as a commendable initiative that bridges the gap between academia and industry, ultimately improving the employability prospects of university students.

The meeting was attended by the senior functionaries of the University, including Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs; Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development; Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies; Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar; Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Dr. Ginny Dogra, Director DIQA; and Dr. Guneet Soodan, Director CITES&M.

Workshop on Crypto Currency Intelligence Investigation, Forensics and Blockchain Technology organized at CICE J&K



Experts along with participants and others during the workshop.

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JAMMU: Workshop on Crypto Currency Intelligence Investigation, Forensics and Blockchain Technology organized at CICE J&K, here on Thursday. The main focus of this workshop is to present an in-depth coverage of Blockchain technology along with most recent applications in research. The experts Malvika Mehta, Manoj Kandhol, Chaitanya Vig from Pelorus Technologies were invited in the workshop. Among the team, the eminent speaker Malvika Mehta deliberated the entire session of the workshop organized for in an exceptional, insightful and demonstrated in-

depth knowledge sharing on the following topics like Introduction to Blockchain fundamentals, Cryptocurrency & Smart Contracts. This workshop will be fruitful for all the participants especially IOs in the investigation of cases related to Cyber Crime and know how the growth within the cryptocurrency community. The workshop was organized under the overall supervision of SSP CICE J&K.

The team CICE Jammu including; DySP Hqsrs CICE Jammu, SHO CICE Jammu, Inspectors/IO's, Jr. Cyber Forensic Consultant, experts and students from Law School also participated in the workshop.

San Fort School, Pata Bhoori celebrates Holi with enthusiasm



Tiny tots along with faculty during Holi celebrations.

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JAMMU: The students and staff of San Fort School, Pata Bhoori came together to celebrate the vibrant festival of Holi. The school premises were filled with colors and joy as the students participated in various activities and games. Principal Nirmala addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of the festival and promoting unity and harmony among the students."

JKPSA Jammu monitors difficulties faced by small private schools

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JAMMU: To monitor the difficulties faced by the small private schools of district Jammu, a meeting was organized by Lal Chand Gandotra (President District Jammu) under the chairmanship of Kamal Gupta.

J&K Private School Association (JKPSA), Jammu members highlighted difficulties due to the online portal generated for granting recognition/ affiliation by the JKBOSE and SED collectively. The delay in issuance of essential NOCs by the different departments has posed a big threat because due to the non availability of NOCs at the same time from the different departments private schools became hapless to upload all essential documents in the portal of



Members of JKPSA Jammu after the meeting in Jammu on Thursday.

SED in one go.

In such circumstances JKBOSE officials deprived them from online services without their faults.

They also added that department of education has created number of bottlenecks to harass and discourage small private schools because verification of

antecedents of the members involved in the management committee by CID for the approval of management committee by the Director School Education has now become challenge for them.

President of JKPSA Ajay appealed to the government to issue a calendar directing different departments for the

time bound delivery of all NOCs needed for recognition/affiliation in accordance to the Jammu and Kashmir Public Services Guarantee Act, of 2011. He also appealed for the withdrawal of the provision of CID verification of the members of the management committee because clarification from

CID is needed only in the case of change of nomenclature / location of a private school as per the instructions laid in Circular No. 02 -SED of 2022 dated February 10, 2022.

To strengthen the association at district Jammu a big reshuffle was made by the members of the central executive

body of JKPSA and inducted Bindiya Samyal and Apurav Gupta as Vice presidents, Vijay Sharma as general secretary, Ankur Charak as joint Secretary, Sham Ved Sharma as chief organizer, Naresh Kumari as treasurers and Esther William as advisor to the district president Jammu.

Prominent who attended the meeting included Deepak Handa (Sr. Vice President), Sat Paul Mansotra (General Secretary), Sanjeev Luthra, Dr. Madan Mohan, Gaurav Charak, Ajay Singh, Maitree Jain, Racheepal Singh, Vineet Gupta, Naresh Kumar Rishi Gupta, Rajat Kesar, Raj Dulari Gupta, Maitree Jain, Deep Dayal, Raj Kumar Sharma, Kiran Raina, J N Bhat, Manjeet Kour Saini, Pooja Sharma.

JKAACL, BLSKS organise Bhajan Sandhya in celebration of Holi Festival

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), in collaboration with Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS), organized a soulful Bhajan Sandhya at KL Sehgal Hall, Jammu, to mark the auspicious occasion of the Holi Festival.

The program was inaugurated by Yudhvir Sethi, Member of the Legislative Assembly, as the Chief Guest. Harvinder Kaur, Secretary, JKAACL, presided over the function, while Raj Kumar Gupta, President, J&K Gau Raksha Samiti, Pawan Khajuria, Sohail Kazni, Senior Journalist, Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman BLSKS, and V.K.



MLA Yudhvir Sethi lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Mangotra, MD, BLSKS, graced the event as Guests of Honour. In his address, Yudhvir Sethi lauded the efforts of JKAACL in promoting cultural heritage through such initiatives. He also commended BLSKS for successfully organ-

izing the event and bringing together talented artists to celebrate the festive spirit of Holi.

Harvinder Kaur, highlighted the significance of preserving and promoting traditional art forms and festivals. She emphasized that events like

these foster cultural unity and strengthen community bonds.

In his welcome address, V.K. Mangotra, MD, BLSKS, spoke about the essence of Holi as a festival of colors and joy. He highlighted its association with spring season and cultural harmony.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. M.L. Dogra, Chairman, BLSKS, shared insights from Ayurveda, mentioning that in ancient times, herbal colors made from vegetable dyes and turmeric were used during Holi to promote well-being. The musical evening commenced with the melodious rendition of "Ho Mubarak Manjri Phoolon Bhari" and "Murli Da Nazara", followed by

several devotional Bhajans dedicated to Lord Krishna, Lord Shiva, and Goddess Parvati.

The prominent artists who participated in the event included Usha Raina, Zulekha Bano, K.K. Joshi, Rajeev Salotra, Chahat Chadha, Naiya Meena, Raju Bajjal, Rajni Gupta, Poonam, Bunty Malhotra, Ajay Kumar (Synth), Deepak (Dholak), Ayush (Pad), Rakesh Jasotra (Flute), Giridari Lal (Sarangi), Mohan Lal (Harmonium), among many others. The program concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Deepak Kumar Dogra, Program Coordinator. The event proceedings were conducted by Poonam.

Screening and flag-off ceremony of J&K U-23 Men's Basketball Team held



Coaches along with players after the screening.

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JAMMU: The screening and flag-off ceremony of the J&K U-23 Men's Basketball Team was conducted by members of the Sports Council in the presence of Suraj Bhan,

Manager, Indoor Stadium, Dr Jagandeep Singh Physiotherapist, Dr. Vikram Handa, President of JKBA; Aman Sharma, Secretary of JKBA; Ashok Singh Jamwal; and Sachin Dogra.

The team includes Aryan Sharma, Aniket Singh, Pranshu Thakur, Satyam Yadav, Ashish Yadav, Raghav Sharma, Fahed, Shubham, Kartik, Arif, Milan Sharma and Manish Yadav.

Humanity Public School celebrates Holi

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SAMBA: The most colourful and vibrant festival of India-Holi was celebrated with splash of colours at Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmuna. The atmosphere in the school was marked with fun and fervour as the students as well as the staff of the school celebrated this vibrant festival. The school following the green and global practices had arranged for safe organic herbal holi colours. During the celebration, the Principal of the school, Gaurav Charak and Vice-Principal, Anku Charak along with the Administrative Officer, Ravinder Sadhu, Senior Incharge, Akashdeep



Raina, Hr. Sec. Incharge, Prasad Singh, High Wing Incharge, Namrta Sharma, Primary Wing Incharge, Vandana Sharma, Pre-Primary Incharge, Aparna Billovria, IT Incharge, Er. Varinder Kumar and Sports Incharge, Mahan Singh were also present during the celebration.

They applied gulal and put tilak on each other's forehead. With the string of poems and topics, the day was celebrated on a high note. The programme was followed by topics presented by Subhaan and Adhyan of class 1st. The poems were recited by Sauchi (UKG), Aidhika (1st), Ashish (1st), Avni (2nd) and Avneet

(2nd). Shivati (TGT, S.St.) also delivered her speech on the significance of Holi in Hindu religion. The presenter of the programme was Nirmal Kour, Coordinator Primary Wing.

Principal of the School, Gaurav Charak stated that Holi is a festival of new hope, new beginning and new opportunity. He conveyed the message that Holi signifies the importance of colours in our lives in the form of happiness, prosperity, harmony and peace. Vice Principal, Anku Charak earnestly wished for the best days ahead for all and gave a message of environment conservation by marking eco-friendly Holi.

Graduate Bears of Heritage School celebrate 'Little Achievers Day'

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JAMMU: Graduate Bears celebrated its 'Little Achievers Day' on 13th March 2025, in the School Auditorium, showcasing the talented young students' skills in music, dance, aerobics, yoga and more.

The event began with bouquet presentation, followed by welcome address by the Co-ordinator of KG wing, Kusum Abrol and welcome note by Kyra Charak, a student of Graduate Bears-D. The performances began with the traditional Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of the goddess of knowledge. The students then took to the stage, mesmerizing the audience with their energetic dance performances, aerobics routines and yoga demonstrations.

The grand finale was a spectacular display of music and dance highlighting the students' creativity and teamwork.



The event was compared by the students themselves, who showed remarkable confidence and poise. The hard work, dedication and passion for learning of students, was truly inspiring. This event was a celebration of their achievements and a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing young talent. The event was well-attended by parents, teachers, coordinators and distinguished guests, who were all impressed by the students' performances. Anshika Gupta, a student of Graduate

Bears-B, presented the thank you note.

In the vote of thanks, the Principal of the School, Akash Pradhan, expressed his gratitude to the invited guests for sparing their precious time and being a part of the day's event. He also congratulated the students for their hard work and perseverance.

The special guest, Kanchan Prasad, Director General Press Information Bureau and recipient of President's award for Doordarshan, graced the occasion.