

# Traditional fervour marks Baisakhi celebrations at JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: Baisakhi is a vibrant festival, traditionally celebrated across North India. It symbolizes the season of change when the old is gone and the new & fresh energize.

JK Public School Kunjwani celebrated Baisakhi and Dr. B.R Ambedkar Jayanti with enthusiasm, zeal and traditional fervour. The whole environment reverberated with excitement. The festival of harvest was celebrated to acquaint the students with Punjabi culture and traditions. Misthi, incharge of the event talked of the importance of Baisakhi and also talked about Dr Bhim Rao Babasaheb Ambedkar, the father of Indian Constitution, whose birthday falls on this day. Nirush apprized about the advent of harvest time and its value. The religious significance of this festival goes back to the year 1699, when Guru Govind Singh, 'Tenth Sikh Guru established the 'Khalsa Panth'. The foot tapping beats of 'Gidda' and 'Bhangra' rented the air. The Principal Rajesh Rathore, in his speech, greeted



Glimpses of Baisakhi celebrations at JK Public School Kunjwani on Thursday.

all the children and their parents on this occasion and talked about the versatile character of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar who he called as a power house of knowledge with profound knowledge in 64 diversified subjects and 11 languages. Quoting the example of Dr. Ambedkar, he highlighted the importance of education. "A child who was subjected to untouchability & lived a very tough childhood, rose to the rank of a scholar & one of the most learned personalities of his time. Education is a great saviour. It has transformed dreams of countless people into reality. We must follow the ideals and teachings of this great man to live a fulfilling life", he concluded.

Director, Shashi Chaudhary emphasised on fundamentals rights in the Indian Constitution and advised the students to value them. She applauded all the participants and teachers for putting up a brilliant cultural show depicting the ethos of the festival. Programme concluded with the singing of National Anthem.

## Cricket for Excellence-2 U-19 One-Day Tournament gets underway

### Crossway CA thrashes Weekend Warriors by 10 wkts

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JAMMU: Crossway Cricket Academy thrashed Weekend Warriors by 10 wickets in the inaugural match of the Cricket for Excellence-2 U-19 One Day Tournament, being jointly organised by Safran Cricket Club and Country Cricket Academy at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, near here.

Earlier, batting first, Weekend Warriors was bundled out for a modest total of



Winner team posing for a photograph.

118 runs in 20.5 overs. Manjeet Langeh was the only

batsman who showed some resistance against disciplined bowling attack, scoring brisk 22 runs off 15 balls including 2 fours and a six.

Vasu Lamba was the most successful bowler from Crossway Cricket Academy, who took 4 wickets by conceding 36 runs in 3.5 overs, while Abhishek Kumar and Utkarsh Gupta took 2 wickets each.

In reply, Crossway Cricket Academy chased the target easily in 18.2 overs, without losing any wickets, thus won the match by 10 wickets. Aditya Abrol top scored with 50 runs off 60 balls with 6

boundaries, while Utkarsh Gupta contributed 46 off 51 balls studded with 9 boundaries. Both the batters were in sublime touch and hit the ball with fluid grace and utter brilliance.

The Tournament, an initiative of Country Cricket Club and Safran Cricket Club, is being held under the overall supervision of Vikrant Sharma and Sarthak Khoda.

Six teams are taking part in this tournament. The participating teams include Safran Cricket Club, Jammu Strikers, Crossway Academy, Katra Academy, Weekend Warriors and Red Capes XI.

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JAMMU: Rajan Sharma of Jammu and Kashmir has been declared qualified as an international technical official, the examination for which took place during the recently held IBA Women's World Boxing Championship at New Delhi.

With this, Rajan has become first and only official from J&K to achieve such a feat. Senior most coach in the Union Territory and general secretary of the J&K Amateur Boxing Association (JKABA), Rajan is also among a few



individuals from the country to qualify the important examination.

Earlier, Rajan Sharma participated in National and International level com-

petitions including World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games Jakarta, London Olympic Games International championships at different nations, Asian Games at Madras, Meghalaya-Assam and National Games at Pune, Hyderabad, Punjab, Kerala, Gujarat, Manipur and Guwahati.

Retired as Divisional Sports Officer of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Rajan has earned a name for J&K considering his experience and exposure at the international level.

## Wrestling team named for Nationals



Selected Wrestlers posing with officials.

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JAMMU: Wrestling Association of J&K (WAJK) on Thursday named seven-member team to represent J&K in the upcoming Under-17 Cadet Boys Freestyle, Graeco Roman Style and Girls National Wrestling Championship, scheduled to be held at Nandi Nagar Gonda in Uttar Pradesh from April 16 to April 18.

The team was selected after the screening conducted by the screening committee of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC),

headed by Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, Ashok Singh in presence of Jai Bharat, General Secretary of the WAJK and other officials.

### Gatka trials on Apr 15

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JAMMU: Gatka Association of Jammu and Kashmir has decided to hold selection trials to pick up UT team for the upcoming 1st Federation Gatka Cup-2023 to be held at Jalandhar in Punjab from April 21 to 23, 2023. A trial-cum-selection camp shall take place at MA Stadium, Jammu on April 15, General Secretary of the Association, Ravinder Singh said in a handout issued on Thursday. All the Gatka players are invited to participate in this selection camp.

Ravinder Singh and Vireshwar Bhardwaj have been named coaches of the team. The Team: Boys: Surya Udhay Partap Singh, Rohit Kumar, Sumit Kumar, Saqib Sader Malik, Biniya Been, Abhishek Singh. Girls: Mishti Sharma.

Meanwhile, as per a handout issued by the WAJK, Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul wished the selected team success. She also said that soon wrestling hall, with all latest equipments and infrastructure of national standard, shall be made available to the budding wrestlers.

## Mohit, Gill shine as Gujarat Titans beat PBKS by six wickets

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MOHALI: Gujarat Titans roared back to winning ways with a six-wicket victory over Punjab Kings after Mohit Sharma's excellent return to the IPL and Shubman Gill's 49-ball 67 here on Thursday. Medium pacer Mohit marked his comeback with figures of 2/18 as holders GT restricted PBKS to 153 for eight.

Playing in his first game in the league since 2020, Mohit was exceptional in the penultimate over, giving away as little as six runs.

When their turn to bat came, Gill led the way with his fine half-century as GT completed the chase of 154 in 19.5 overs, four days after suffering a heartbreaking loss to Kolkata Knight Riders. Having done duty as the

team's net bowler last season, Mohit, who has also played for the Indian team including in the World Cup, mixed his pace and varied his lengths well throughout his spell.

Later, the young Gill once again showed his class with a quality innings that contained seven fours and a six.

From GT's point of view, it was extremely important that Gill stayed on till the end, especially after the dismissal of captain Hardik Pandya with the team still 48 runs away from their third victory in 34 balls.

For PBKS, Matthew Short top-scored with a 24-ball 36 but it was Masood Shahrulh Khan's nine-ball 22, which helped the team cross 150.

GT were off to a flyer and scored 56 in the six powerplay overs with the Gill going great

guns.

Meanwhile, PBKS' lead pacer Kagiso Rabada became the fastest to 100 wickets in the IPL, when he had Wriddhiman Saha (30 off 19 balls) caught at deep square leg off a short ball.

The South Africa speedster took just 64 games to reach the landmark, six matches fewer than Lasith Malinga's 70.

Earlier, sent in to bat after the coin landed in favour of the returning GT skipper Hardik, PBKS lost Prabhsimran Singh in the second ball of the over when his attempted flick off a length ball from Mohammed Shami went straight to Rashid Khan at short mid-wicket.

Prabhsimran departed without scoring.

### SCOREBOARD

PUNJAB KINGS

Prabhsimran Singh	c Rashid Khan b Mohd Shami	00
Shikhar Dhawan (c)	c Joseph b Little	08
Matthew Short	b Rashid Khan	36
Bhanuka Rajapaksa	c Shubman Gill b Joseph	20
Jitesh Sharma †	c †Saha b Sharma	25
Sam Curran	c Shubman Gill b Sharma	22
M Shahrulh Khan	run out (Miller/†Saha)	22
Harpreet Brar	not out	08
Rishi Dhawan	run out (†Saha)	01

Extras

Total 153/8

GUJARAT TITANS

Wriddhiman Saha †	c Short b Rabada	30
Shubman Gill	b Curran	67
Sai Sudharsan	c Prabhsimran Singh b Arshdeep Singh	19
Hardik Pandya (c)	c Curran b Harpreet Brar	08
David Miller	not out	17
Rahul Tewatia	not out	05

Extras

Total 154/4

# DPS Jammu, DIS, Shiksha Niketan, HPS celebrate Baisakhi, Dr Ambedkar's Jayanti

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JAMMU: Various educational institutions celebrated Baisakhi festival and Dr B.R Ambedkar's Jayanti.



DPS Jammu students, faculty during Baisakhi celebration.

**Delhi Public School Jammu** celebrated Baisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti. Ganga House organized a Special Assembly on the occasion. The programme commenced with the Morning Prayer by Afia (X-C) and Thought of the Day presented by Vasu Sawlmei (IX-D). The highlight of the event was the cultural performances by the children on Baisakhi. Ayn Bhola (X-G) threw light on the importance of Baisakhi and the principles and teachings of Dr. B.R Ambedkar. The winners and the achievers excelling in Judo, Gymnastics, Pancak Silat, Basketball national competition, Taekwondo & ITF Competition, Soft Tennis and Fencing competition were also felicitated. Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra encouraged all students and teachers to expand their intellectual horizons by learning and gaining from the life around us, whether through a festival, a leader or a season. Headmistress, Meenu Gupta also greeted the gathering and applauded all students and teachers. Also present were Dy. Headmaster- Umesh Kumar Sharma, Dy. HM- Rimpi Sharma, Tpt. Administrator- M.L Mehra and Coordinators Preeti Abrol, Richa Gupta, Anuradha Wadhwa, Arti Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, Sheetal Abrol, Anu Bali and Sanya Malik.

President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi extended their best wishes to the students, staff and parents for the New Session.

**Doon International School (DIS) Jammu** celebrated Baisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti. The children came dressed



DIS Jammu students, faculty during Baisakhi celebration.

in traditional Punjabi outfits. Through relevant speeches and poem recitation, they were briefed about various aspects of this festival of harvest. Children spoke in English, Hindi and Punjabi explaining the history of the festival of Baisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti as well. The hit of the day was an exceptional skit depicting the struggle of Ambedkar's life and the success he received after all hard work and precision.

The Principal, Dr. Vikesh Kaur deliberated upon celebrating all the festivals with equal enthusiasm and high spirits which ultimately help us understanding the value of 'Unity In Diversity' of our beloved nation and so new intellectual and



Shiksha Niketan School faculty and students during Baisakhi celebration.

emotional horizons are being broadened by participating in such cultural events.

**Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar** celebrated the Baisakhi Festival and the birthday of Dr. B.R Ambedkar. The programme started with the lamp lighting ceremony. Students presented various cultural items related to the theme of the occasion. Two students from each of the Sections of Class 6th gave speeches on Baisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti. In the last, a Punjabi Bhangra was presented by the students.

Principal, Rameshwar Mengi told Staff members and students to celebrate all the festivals with great enthusiasm, energy and respect to promote harmony and brotherhood among the people of various religions.



HPS faculty members posing with students during Baisakhi celebration.

**Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana,** ushered a special assembly on Baisakhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti. A cultural programme was presented by the students of distinguished wings to lighten up the knowledge of all present there regarding the harvesting festival of Punjab.

The information about the foundation of 'Khalsa Panth' and 'Panjh Pyare' was also given to the students. A special 'Gidha' and 'Bhangra' was performed by the girls.

Almost 150 students from all the wings participated to create awareness of rich cultural heritage and to inculcate the spirit of unity and traditional fervour.

The stage was decorated by Activity Incharge, Meenu Khajuria with paintings and craft items related to Baisakhi.

In order to pay homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar a melodious song had been recited by boys of middle wing. Harshita and Gurseerat of 5th B, Aradhya of 5th C and Ashvik of 8th C also delivered speeches based on life and deeds of Dr. Ambedkar.

Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal, Anku Charak, Senior Incharge, Akashdeep Raina, Incharge Higher Secondary Wing, Keshav Raj Sharma, Incharge Senior/Middle Wing, Namrta Sharma, Incharge Primary Wing, Vandana Sharma, Incharge Pre-Primary Wing, Aparna Billowria presented floral tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.



PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar faculty and students at cake cutting ceremony during celebration of Dr. BR Ambedkar Jayanti.

To commemorate 132nd Birth Anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar, **NSS Unit-1 of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu** organized two minute talk on the topic 'Baba Sahib Dr. BR Ambedkar and his role in framing Indian Constitution' under the guidance of Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College and supervision of Prof. Mala Bhasin, NSS Coordinator CLUJ. A total of 21 NSS volunteers participated.

Prof Sugandha Mahajan, NSS PO Unit-1 presented a detailed description of the event and also the role of Dr. Ambedkar in framing the Indian Constitution.

Dr Harjeet Kour Sodhi, Dr Anju Koul, Prof Sania Hamid, Dr Renu Sharma, Prof Meenakshi Sharma and Prof Swarn Singh were also present during the event. The event was coordinated by NSS volunteer Jeevika Misri.