

Traditional fervour marks Baisakhi celebrations at JK Public School Kunjwani



Glimpses of Baisakhi festival celebration at JK Public School Kunjwani on Friday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Baisakhi festival symbolizes the beginning of the harvest season, a celebration of the fruits of the indefatigable endeavours of farmers and a thanksgiving occasion for a bountiful harvest. For the Sikhs, it also marks the founding of the

Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. Setting the mood for the harvest festival Baisakhi, a special assembly was presented by students of the school, highlighting the historical importance of the day followed by the amazing dance performances and art

works made by the students successfully which captured and shared the spirit of the festival with fellow students and teachers. The school choir enthralled all with their melodious song welcoming the festival of harvest. Jasleen of Grade XII enu-

merated the achievements of the father of the Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar, whose phenomenal contributions, made to the Post-independent era of India, are paid rich tributes on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. The foot tapping beats of

the Bhangra filled the air with exuberance. Gidda performance left everyone awe struck. The little ones from the Toddlers' World set the stage ablaze with their mesmerizing performance amidst lots of cheers. Principal, Rajesh Rathore in his speech, greeted

everyone on the eve of Baisakhi. He praised the festive spirit of Baisakhi brilliantly displayed by the students and praised the staff for instilling such spirit in JKians. He praised the phenomenal achievements of Dr Ambedkar, the Chief archi-

tect of Indian Constitution, who acquired mastery over 64 subjects and 9 languages. Dr Ambedkar stressed that education is the most potent tool, in fact the magical wand, which broadens our perception, elevates the societal status & thus transforms the lives

of people. He showered encomiums on the vibrance of Baisakhi and the kelaidesopic view it gave to the celebrations all over the country. Eid -ul-Fitr - The day of bliss and rejoices, a celebration of love, forgiveness, and togetherness.

English Access Micro scholarship Program concludes at MIER College



MIER college students posing with Micah Risher, Regional English Language Officer and faculty members at Jammu on Friday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The US Department of State-funded English Access Micro scholarship Program culminated at MIER College of Education. The program was launched on July 21, 2023, and 25 students from the B.Ed. course participated. Micah Risher, the Regional English Language Officer, from the American Center

New Delhi was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Prof. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College; Rupa Gupta, Jt. Director MIER; HoDs School of Education and School of Social Sciences and Humanities along with faculty members and B.Ed. Semester III students attended the program. The Access programme was organised under the guidance

of Jasleen Mohial, Coordinator of the Access Program while Dr Reeta Dwivedi and Arpana Koul Assistant Professors at MIER College of Education conducted the classroom activities. Prof. Adit Gupta said it was a matter of great honour that MIER College received this program from the US Department of State, as this was the first time the Access

Program was organised for pre-service teachers. During the program students not only became proficient in the English language but also understood American history, culture, festivals and food and celebrated cultural differences and similarities. He further added that this program provided a platform to interact and network with other students and teachers across borders. The ceremony began with a melodious group song highlighting empowerment and self-acceptance, followed by the sharing of exceptional experiences by the students in the program along with their video presentation of activities undertaken during the program. A comedy skit titled "Cheque Please" was presented by the access students. After distributing the comple-

tion certificates to the students, a group photograph was taken. Micah Risher shared his journey as a teacher and his very first trip to India, which left a profound impact on his philosophy of life. He said that he is very impressed by the English language acquisition skills of the students in the program and was overwhelmed by their experiences and takeaways from the program. He emphasized that the program is not just about learning English but also building confidence, developing critical thinking skills, and understanding different cultures. The Access program has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of students across the world. Jasleen Mohial presented a vote of thanks. Ishu Sharma, a B.Ed. Semester III student conducted the program.

Shiksha Niketan School celebrates Baisakhi



Students performing cultural programme during Baisakhi celebration.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Sr. Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, celebrated Baisakhi with enthusiasm. A visual treat was served by organising a cultural function that elevated the spurred aura of glee and festivity. Principal, Rameshwar Mengi, Risheek Mengi-Director Pushp Vatika,

Incharges of different Wings and Jaswant Singh- Chief Guest of the day were present. The celebration began with the recital of poems explaining the significance of the day, followed by group dance and speech studded with the notions relaying message pertinent to vitality and the spirit of the culture and the significance of the day.

The students were dressed in colourful Punjabi traditional attires, mesmerised the students and teachers by their wonderful dance performance. Rameshwar Mengi said, Baisakhi was not only a harvest festival but also an auspicious day as on this day Guru Gobind Singh, had established the Khalsa Panth.

MVIS celebrates Baisakhi festival with zeal

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: To educate students about the significance of this spring harvest festival, MV International School (MVIS) organised a special celebration of Baisakhi festival with great delight and zeal. Myriad presentations of cultural, religious, social & spiritual significance were displayed by the students and staff of the school in presence of School Chairman Hira Lal Abrol; Vice Chairperson Savita Abrol and Director Gourav Abrol. Special guests of the event were Harpal Singh and Gurmeet Singh from Gurudwara Singh Sabha V i j a y p u r ;



MVIS students celebrating Baisakhi.

Gurmeet Singh (Pradhan) and Gurmeet Singh from Gurudwara Koulpur; Mohinder Singh and Harvinder Singh from Gurudwara Raika Labanah. Students from class UKG welcomed the guests by presenting roses. The program started with a welcome song presentation by students from the Music Studio of the school.

Principal Kundan Lal Dogra extended the welcome address and apprised the guests about the program. The guests, Harpal Singh and Gurmeet Singh shared the importance of this festival along with its rich tradition. Later Harvinder Singh, a Punjabi scholar shared the learning from the festival as hard work and patience that

bears golden fruits in the harvest. He discussed about the formation of Khalsa Panth in the year 1699 and the way forward. Students from the Dance Studio of the school presented a thrilling performance to mark the occasion. The guests were taken through an exhibition of Punjabi culture that was put to display by the students. Overall, a strong message of peace, harmony and secularism was conveyed to the gathering. The programme culminated with dance performance by the students, staff and the guests to the tunes of the live goal that was put up by the music studio of the school.

HPS celebrates Baisakhi, Ambedkar Jayanti

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBHA: Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana celebrated the spring harvest festival, Baisakhi with fervour along with Ambedkar Jayanti. A special musical assembly was arranged for the children in the presence of the Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal Anku Charak and Incharges of distinguished wings - Akashdeep Raina (Senior Incharge), Prasad Singh (Incharge Hr. Sec. Wing), Namrata Sharma (High Wing Incharge), Vandana Sharma (Incharge Primary Wing), Er. Varinder Kumar (IT Incharge), Shivani Sharma (Coordinator of Pre-Primary Wing), Meenu Khajuria (Activity Incharge) and Mahan Singh (Sports



Faculty and students of Humanity Public School during Baisakhi celebration.

Incharges). Aradhya (6th) in her speech commemorate his teachings and works. Students of 8th and 9th came forward to vocalize his life chronicle and his contribution to the upliftment of lower caste people through a melodious song performance. The ambience became alive with the mesmerizing Speeches and Poems by Gurpreet, Mehpreet, Gurkirat

and Divyanshi respectively on Baisakhi. Not only did students enjoy themselves in a vibrant and colourful Baisakhi but also gave several magical performances including Dhol played Kuldeep Singh and Randeep Singh (9th). The dance performance by Angel, Jaisika, Prachi, Manvika, Shruti, Shreya and Aakriti were the star attraction

of celebration. Monika (PRT) said that this festival of harvest was celebrated to acquaint students with cultural heritage. Principal, Gaurav Charak apprised the students about the procurements and interesting facts of Dr. Ambedkar and motivated them to act in accordance with Babasaheb's footsteps and inculcate his values in their lives.