

# New Academic session of prep wing of JKPS Panjtirthi commenced



Glances of commencement of New Academic session of prep wing of JK Public School Panjtirthi on Tuesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The school campus of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi bloomed once again to receive new learning experiences, new energy new faces, new commitments and new milestones.

The beginning of a new session is always a time filled with excitement and enthusiasm. The New Academic session of prep wing of JKPS Panjtirthi commenced with much fervour.

The little toddlers were welcomed by teachers with a warm smile. The day commenced with positivity and cheer. Teachers were seen making students comfortable in their new classrooms.

Everyone was feeling excited and felt glad to meet their old friends, new teachers and a new schedule. The "Welcome Assembly" was held for the little toddlers. It all seemed serene as the

students and teachers together prayed to God for a successful year ahead. Different literary activities, physical activities, co-curricular activities have been arranged for little jaks to improve their motor

and cognitive skills. The little toddlers started their day by performing all these activities and so they felt happy, energized, relaxed and active for the entire day. The Principal of JKPS

Panjtirthi Suman Banbah remarked, "At JKPS Panjtirthi, the teaching methodologies and co-curricular activities are child centered, life related, based on different skills." She added, "To give real

service to society we always add something to our curriculum which cannot be bought and measure with money. JKPS provides the greatest platform to students for recreation, rejuvenation and motivation."

## LG Mishra hosts farewell for outgoing Administrative Secretaries Kacho Mehboob Ali, Ravinder

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) hosted a farewell party to bid adieu to outgoing Commissioner Secretary, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan, and Secretary to the LG, Ravinder Kumar, at Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat. Wishing the best for their future assignments, the HLG stated that the administration is bidding farewell to two capable and hardworking 'friends.' He advised both officials to keep their integrity, morality and principles intact no matter what difficulties they encountered during their assignments. He also stated that one's real character is tested when the going gets tough and advised them to carry on despite all the constraints. He further stated that he was impressed with the work undertaken by Ravinder in resolving the issue of mortality of pashmina kids during



LG Ladakh, Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) hosting a farewell party to bid adieu to outgoing Comm Secy, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan and Secretary to the LG, Ravinder Kumar.

the winter months. The LG informed about the distribution and installation of 1000 pashmina goat kids pens in the Changthang area under Shri Ravinder's guidance to save the pashmina goat kids from sub-zero temperatures in the winter months. The LG also appreciated the commitment and sincerity of Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan and highlighted the vital role by Kacho Mehboob during the UT Foundation Day 2023, where groups of students and teachers from Ladakh were sent to 28 states and 07 UTs

to represent Ladakh and perform at various Raj Niwas/Raj Bhawans. The HLG also felicitated both officials with traditional khataks and souvenirs. ADGP, Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, informed his association with Ravinder since the latter was the Deputy Commissioner of Reasi and Udhampur. He stated that both officers have been an asset to all the departments where they had worked. He expressed his best wishes to both the officers for their future endeavours and called their farewell as 'heart-wrenching.'

Kacho Mehboob expressed his gratitude to the LG for organising the farewell party and for all the support provided by the LG, the Departmental Secretaries and all the government officials. He informed about various initiatives taken by him during his tenure as the Commissioner Secretary of various departments of Ladakh over the past three years, including the development of tourism infrastructure, the Homestay Policy to promote rural tourism, the promotion of tourism and culture department, engagement of labourers in Border Roads Organisation (BRO), welfare scheme for labourers, excise policy, etc.

Ravinder Kumar expressed his gratitude for organising the farewell party and for all the support he received from the HLG, the Departmental Secretaries and all the officials. He informed about various initiatives taken by him as the Secretary of various departments over the past four years, including the Leh-Nubra Transmission Line, Ladakh Green House and Milk Pasteurisation Plant. Ravinder also expressed gratitude to both LAHDCs and the District Administration for their constant support during his tenure. He expressed his best wishes to outgoing Commissioner Secretary Kacho Mehboob for the completion of his three-year tenure in UT Ladakh. ADGP, Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal; Principal Secretary, Sanjeev Khirwar; Commissioner Secretary, Dr Laltinkhuma Franklin; Secretary, Amit Sharma; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadave; Director, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (CAPD), Ladakh, Tahir Hussain, besides officers and officials of Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, were present during the farewell event.

## CUJ ASTRO team selected for final round of IN-SPACE CANSAT Competition



ASTRO team from CUJ selected for final round of IN-SPACE CANSAT Student Competition-2024.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The ASTRO team from Central University of Jammu (CUJ) has been selected to compete in the final round of the IN-SPACE CANSAT Student Competition-2024, scheduled to take place from April 17, 2024, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, CUJ, commended the team, highlighting the significance of the IN-SPACE CANSAT India Student Competition in fostering innovation. He emphasized the competi-

tion's role in providing students with a platform to showcase their talent and creativity, which is crucial for honing their skills and preparing them for the challenges of the space industry. Prof. Jain underscored the importance of empowering the next generation of space enthusiasts and contributing to the development of a self-reliant space workforce in India. The eight-member team includes Anmol Kumar, Devansh Dubey, and Rabinath Goswami from the Physics department, and Arpan Dey,

Manish Kumar, Shalini Gupta, Iha Mishra, and Amritansh Bharti from B.Tech (ECE and Avionics) which is mentored by IIST and ISRO. They are working under the mentorship of Prof. Vinay Kumar (Dean, Sciences and HoD, Physics department) and Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha (HoD, ECE department). The competition will be graced by Chairman- ISRO, Secretary-DoS, S Somanath, President- ASI, and Dr. Pawan Goenka, Chairman of IN-SPACE.

## Jugal pays obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Temple



MP representing the Jammu-Poonch constituency, Jugal Kishore visiting Mata Vaishno Devi Temple in Bhagwati Nagar.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: On the holy festival of Navratri, Member of Parliament representing the Jammu-Poonch constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma visited Mata Vaishno Devi Temple located in Bhagwati Nagar in Ward No 31 to seek blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi. The festival of Navratri was organized by Mahant Lucky Baba every year in the temple. Mahant Lucky Baba has played a pivotal role in organizing the event, ensuring that devotees have the opportunity to seek blessings during

Navratri. Devotional songs and Bhajans dedicated to Mata Rani would have filled the air, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere for all attendees. Devotees, including the political dignitaries, had the opportunity to seek blessings from Mata Vaishno Devi, reflecting the core purpose of their visit. Chandar Mohan Gupta former Mayor and Sahil Sharma were also present and they also paid obeisance at the temple. Hundreds of devotees come every Navratri to seek blessings of Mata Rani.

## Khatana louts Sanklap Patar of BJP, says nation safe-secure under PM Modi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana on Tuesday said that Sanklap Patar/Ghosna Patar (election manifesto) of BJP released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has committed to keep the nation and its people safe from terrorism and other destructive activities. While addressing at a rally of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Jammu, Khatana said: "PM Modi led government during its last 10 years of rule has taken a firm stand to protect the country and its people from the threats of terrorism and maximalism by following a zero tolerance policy on terrorism."



Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana addressing the gathering.

He said that BJP manifesto 2024 promised for the establishment of Military Theatre Commands for more efficient operations to safeguard the nation and its people. The BJP leader further said that the manifesto assured to accelerate development of robust infrastructure along Sino-Indo, Indo-Pak and Indo-Myanmar borders and introduction of technological solutions on fenced portions to make fencing smarter.

He also said that in the chapter 'Surakshit Bharat' in the manifesto mentioned about revocation of Article 370 leading to a significant reduction in violence in J&K and enactment of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita which focuses on justice instead of punishments. Khatana said that the 'Sanklap Patra' highlighted the achievements of 10 years of BJP Government at the Centre and said PM Modi has delivered on every promise he made so far. He said that in the last 10 years BJP has implemented every aspect of its manifesto as a guarantee and informed that

the 'Sanklap Patra' strengthens four strong pillars of Viksit Bharat-Yuva Shakti, Nari Shakti, poor and farmers. "Through the manifesto BJP promised to regulate and monitor Bharat's cyber protection agencies and infrastructure besides development and implementation of robust cyber security policies," the MP maintained adding: "It also expressed commitment towards eliminating the threat of drugs in the society, especially among young citizens, through a series of technical, legal and intelligence programmes."

He said that in manifesto the BJP has promised to leverage Big Data analytics, Artificial Intelligence, drones and satellite imagery to detect and dismantle drug trafficking networks effectively and to consolidate country's position and commitment to seeking permanent membership in the UN Security Council. "The manifesto talks about implementing 'One Nation, One Poll' initiative, preparing common electoral rolls, abolishing waiting lists for train travel,

expansion of 5G networks and organising Ramayan festivals world over; among others," the BJP leader continued. He further said that in manifesto BJP expressed commitment to a holistic development of Ayodhya and promised to launch a global outreach programme for promoting the legacy of Lord Ram. Khatana said that as millions of devotees from around the world visit Shri Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, BJP is committed for the holistic development of the city.

## Kavinder slams INDIA Bloc's call for nuclear disarmament



Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and others at a public meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister today launched a blistering assault on the INDIA bloc's reckless advocacy for the elimination of India's nuclear deterrence, warning of dire consequences for the nation's security in an increasingly volatile global landscape. Speaking to media persons after flagging off the rally at Bahu constituency here today, the senior BJP leader minced no words in condemning the INDIA bloc's stance, asserting that the call for nuclear disarmament represents a dangerous departure from the imperative of safeguarding India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. "We should have nuclear weapons to protect our country. Those saying otherwise, how will they protect India?" he challenged, emphasizing the pivotal role of nuclear deterrence in deterring potential adversaries and ensuring India's defense capabilities. In a pointed rebuke aimed at the Congress party, Kavinder labeled the Congress as the sul-

tan of the tukde-tukde gang," accusing it of colluding with the INDIA bloc in a concerted effort to weaken the nation. He warned against the nefarious agenda of the opposition alliance, alleging that it seeks to divide, break, and weaken India for its own political gains. Strongly reacting to the Communist Party of India (Marxist), a constituent of INDI Alliance, for its advocacy of nuclear disarmament in its manifesto, he said that they cannot protect the country, dismissing the opposition's stance on national security as misguided and perilous. "In today's world, doesn't our country need nuclear weapons?" he challenged, underscoring the indispensable role of nuclear deterrence in safeguarding India's interests amidst escalating conflicts and geopolitical tensions. As the nation braces itself for the challenges of the future, Kavinder asked all patriotic citizens to stand firm against the forces seeking to undermine India's security and unity. "We must remain steadfast in our commitment to protecting India's interests and upholding its sovereignty," he concluded.

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## Pawan Verma honoured with Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award 2024

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu in collaboration with family members of Padma Shri Prof. Ram Nath Shastri honoured Pawan Verma, a young Dogri poet with prestigious Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award-2024 for his collection of Dogri poetry 'Jo Kattaya So Mahlein' in a function organized at Dogri Bhawan, Dogri Sanstha, here. Suresh Kumar Gupta Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, Govt. of UT of J&K was Chief Guest on the occasion whereas Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu presided over the function.



Prpl Secy, Culture Dept, Suresh Kumar Gupta presenting award to Pawan Verma, a young Dogri poet.

The award that was started in 2014 in the memory of father of dogri literature carries a cash award of 21,000, a shawl and a memento and is given to a Dogri writer every year for his/her first book written in the last five years on the birthday Prof. Ram Nath Shastri

that falls on 15th of April. Suresh Kumar Gupta said that the way young generation is getting connected to their mother tongue Dogri and young poets like Pawan Verma are inspiring others to pen down their creative work in their mother tongue is an indication of bright future. Before that Prof. Lalit Magotra in his welcome address talked about the importance of such a prestigious award which inspires a lot. He added that Sanstha was founded by Prof. Ram Nath Shastri along with five others to preserve and promote mother tongue dogri and the efforts are going on for the last almost 80 years now.

Prof. Veena Gupta, Vice President Dogri Sanstha Jammu presented a citation on the works of Pawan Verma. Pawan Verma, the awardee also shared his literary journey and recited a few poems from the book. The program was conducted

by Sushel Begana. While presenting vote of thanks Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', General Secretary Dogri Sanstha Jammu said that the life of Shastri Ji was full of struggle but he never allowed his personal problems to overshadow the struggle for mother tongue. He led the movement and others followed him. The program was graced by auspicious gathering comprising of litterateurs, literature lovers, Ajeet Khajuria, Dinesh Khajuria both sons of Prof. Ram Nath Shastri and other family members of Shastri Ji and Pawan Verma.