

# JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates 'World Book Day' with fervour



Glimpses of 'World Book Day' celebration at JK Public School, Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Panjtirthi celebrated 'World Book Day' in the premises

with great fervour. The programme commenced with an oration by Kiran Gupta. She acquainted

the audience with the grandeur of books. She explained, "An idle mind is a devil's workshop and if you

want to keep yourself away from this devil, give yourself to reading books." She highlighted that books

are not only the best companions in the solitude but they are the store house of knowledge, which illustrate pro-

gressive pathways of an individual. It was followed by an act presented by the Jakians which brought forward the

life history of the books. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah revealed that books are

depositories of heritage, culture, window of knowledge and source of wealth.

"Books play a great part in making of our character and personality. It is therefore advisable that we should make a wise choice of books to acquire useful knowledge and to build an appreciable character and personality," she said.

She added, "The books guide a man in achieving success in various walks of life, professions and they assist to get proficiency in work. In brief we can say that the books have great value in the reconstructing the society and influencing individuals in all spheres of life. For the better use of books, every member of the society should be educated. In leisure it is only the book that gives a harmless company. So make books your bosom friends."

Celebrations are meaningless unless and until each child understands the depth of celebrations. To enhance the listening and learning power of Jakians and secondly to make celebrations meaningful the Principal herself asks questions to students pertaining the celebration.

## Electoral awareness team visits KC Public School



Dr. Vikas Sharma, ACD Jammu and other officials with KCPS students and faculty.

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JAMMU: Dr. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Commissioner of Development (Jammu) along with other members of Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) visited KC Public School on Wednesday morning to spread awareness among students about the parliamentary elections taking place in

the country this year.

Dr. Sharma is the Nodal Officer of the SVEEP team in Jammu. He was accompanied by Dr. Avineet Parasher, an ardent supporter of voters' education and awareness about electoral process.

Dr. Sharma and other team members of SVEEP addressed KCPS students in the school activity hall and exhorted them

to understand and accept the significance of their roles in motivating the citizens of a democratic country to exercise their right to franchise.

They underlined the gravity of the situation in our country where a sizable number of voters are either unaware of or reluctant to exercise their right to vote to elect representatives for the State Assemblies and

the National Parliament. They pointed out that students as future voters should play the role of brand ambassadors of electoral participation and thereby create awareness among the masses for larger participation in the electoral process.

It was indicated clearly that KCPS has been shortlisted as a brand ambassador school in Jammu region for the implementation of electoral awareness programme.

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## Every teacher must be a brilliant story-teller: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: Story telling is an art and every teacher must acquire it with great dedication and passion. Children love listening to stories. Stories are magical, they transport children into the world of imagination. Stories can create an alternate world with emotions, ideas and make the everyday appear incredible. They can teach us, empathize us and take us on terrific journeys. They can make us laugh, cry, jump with fright and then comfort us with a happy ending", reflected the Principal JKPS Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore while addressing the teachers of primary schools.

"From a very young age we learn how to enjoy a story both for pleasure and to help us make sense of the world and ourselves. The act of storytelling appeals to different learning preferences and personalities ensuring that from the most shy to the most active of students, everyone has a chance to participate in a way that they can enjoy. This ranges from listening quietly to taking part as an actor", added the Principal further.

"Storytelling also helps students to enjoy and be aware of intonation and tone of voice, natural sounding expressions and phrases as well as interaction between native speakers. For senior students, they offer the opportunity to retell, rephrase, enact or summarise what they've heard, to rewrite the story or to create their own ending as a group or individual", pitched in a master story teller from the faculty of English.

"Stories also offer a link between the classroom and home. Students may have the same books in their own language at home; they may read with a parent or family member and be able to identify vocabulary in English; simple stories in English can be read again by a parent at home. Stories offer everyone a chance to enjoy language and discov-



er new worlds, new words and new things about themselves. "Recently I was speaking to my friend over phone and we were reflecting over world renowned personalities, who dreamt big and left no stone unturned in achieving them successfully", shared the Principal.

When I made a reference to Alexander the great, my friend Anil Dohal, a brilliant story teller couldn't resist his temptation of narrating an incident associated with the life of Alexander. Thus, he proceeded:

Place: Temple of God Apollo at Delphi Suddenly a person jumps from the window behind Pythia, the spokesperson of God Apollo. Shell-shocked she looked behind. A tall, broad shouldered and handsome Greek soldier was standing in front of her:

"Who are you? How did you enter my room?", asked Pythia flummoxed.

Calm & composed soldier responded with a smile, "I'm Alexander. God Apollo helped me", said the soldier pointing towards the giant statue of God Apollo in the courtyard of the temple.

"What do you want?", asked Pythia perplexed.

"I want answer to my question", coolly retorted the soldier.

"It's not the way seeking response to a

question. Write it on a piece of paper; observe fast for seven days with austerity and then God Apollo will answer your question", said Pythia.

"Pythia, I don't have time. I'm attacking King Darius shortly. I want to know the fate of my action", asked Alexander.

"Are you a nerd? Out of your wits completely? Any clue about the size of the Syrian army?" asked Pythia flustered. "Yes, I do know. King Darius has quarter of a million soldiers & I have 40K cavalry", smilingly replied Alexander.

"King Darius doesn't know me. With my swift moving horses, I'll catch Darius at Damascus unprepared. History is full of examples, when pygmies baffled the giants", thundered Alexander.

"Invincible! You're invincible", muttered Pythia.

"Thanks, Pythia. I got my answer", expressed Alexander with gratitude. "No! No! These are my words, not of God Apollo", said Pythia instantly.

"I got my answer. Goodbye, Pythia!" Alexander jumped out of the window, mounted on his horse Bucephalous and got disappeared shortly.

Those words of the World Conqueror are still ringing into my ears. "Pygmies may baffle the Giants". I have been trying desperately to pass on the message of Alexander the Great to my beloved students. "Background never matters. Existing image of an individual can be changed instantly. One may transform oneself completely with a determined massive action. With determination and passion, one may evolve oneself into a gigantic shape".

"For a moment, Alexander must have nurtured the idea of being the World Conqueror & he gave his heart and soul, his sweat and blood to transform his dream into a reality. He made himself immortal in the pages of history", summed up the Principal.

## CS reviews the promotion of J&K Handicrafts & Handloom sector

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday reviewed the performance of Handicrafts & Handloom Department regarding the promotion of these sectors here in the UT. The meeting besides Commissioner Secretary, I&C was attended by MD, TPO; Director, H&H Kashmir/Jammu, Executive Director, EDI and other concerned officers from the Department. While speaking in this meeting the Chief Secretary emphasized on enhancing the capacity of the Department for introducing technology to bring innovation in designing and development of creative content. He remarked that this sector has an immense scope to prosper if the Department is able to put in place the mechanism to ascertain the genu-

ineness of the Handicraft items.

Dulloo made out that enhancing the capacities to test bulk of the products should be our aim. He asked for developing a robust quality control system for adding more value to such products in the international market. He took this occasion to advise the officers to carryout a comprehensive study for proper branding of our products which eventually would translate into increase in their export to other countries. He also asked for connecting to artisans for making useful interventions as desired by the people working on ground.

He also called for increasing their activities of participation in national exhibitions and shows to promote this sector all over the

world. He observed that this sector is closely knit with the augmentation in tourist flow to the UT. While explaining about the achievements of the Department, the Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh informed the meeting that they had taken plethora of measures to engage with the local artisans here. He revealed that with the Department there are around 60 crafts registered having 3.8 lakh artisans associated with them.

He also revealed that 7 new crafts had also been recognized by the Department on the demand of its artisans which opened doors for them to avail benefits under different government schemes.

In the presentation, the Director, H&H Kashmir, Mehmood Shah highlighted

that J&K has secured GI tag for 10 of its crafts. He also divulged that 12 more are in pipeline at various stages to be granted this tag in future. The meeting also discussed the presence of training centres in different parts of J&K where 20,386 candidates had been trained in the past 3 years. The meeting also held threadbare discussions on the performance registered under the schemes like Artisan Credit Card Scheme, Karkhandar Scheme, PM Mudra Scheme, development of clusters besides other activities carried out by the Department from time to time.

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JAMMU: To create aculture of engineering at School level and to promote the scientific temperament with problem-solving skills, Jodhamal School organized ICARUS'24: A Drone War Competition, the first of its kind Drone Challenge being organized in any School of the country.

Six Teams, namely Team Ajax (comprising Vihaan Puri, Aaditya Sambyal, Rohan Langer, Vidhi and Manya Randhawa), Team Udaan (comprising Pavit Singh, Atharv Jain, Rajveer Singh, Divyam Dewan, Japtej Singh and Advit Singh), Team Matrix (comprising Devesh Arora, Ranvijay Singh, Jai Karan, Krishiv Gupta and Kridey Mahajan), Team Aeroflight (comprising Aarav Thakur, Sehjot Singh, Suryanarayan, Evan Arora, Vihaan Mahajan and Manan Suri), and Team Pawanputra (comprising Aarav Handoo, Paarth Bharti, Dhairya Gupta, Avni Sharma and Jigisha Thusoo) and Team Aeolus (comprising Jeniya Gupta, Jayendra, Swarit Charak, Arham Chopra, Aryan Nahar and Sambhav), a total of 33 students participated in keenly contested technical rounds of

## Jodhamal organizes ICARUS'24: A Drone War Competition



Jodhamal Public School students and faculty during a programme on Wednesday.

Drones in the air.

There were multiple rounds of PIT Display, Knockout Races, Drone Presentation, Reaction Races etc. All in all, the event saw an enthusiastic participation of young scientists, innovators and entrepreneurs who had themselves assembled these flying objects, buzzing overhead in the huge MPH of the School.

The School is known for its culture of innovation and a sturdy STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education. School's Innovation Hub takes pride in the achievements of its students, some of whom have already achieved British and Indian Patents for their innovative ideas and prototypes, one of them is the recipient of the most presti-

gious Pradhan Mantri Bal Puruskar bestowed by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. These budding scientists have also been felicitated by NASA, ISRO, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA), Caltech (California Institute of Technology, USA) for their inclination in the scientific pursuits.

The Trustee of the School, Nandan Kuthiala shared that the School's thrust on technology lies in the centre of the School's progressive vision, and students are given opportunities to explore and experiment.

Arati Kuthiala, Director, complimented the students on their excellent performance in the Competition.

Mr Girish Kumar, Principal

further shared that Icarus'24 provided the students a holistic platform not only to experiment with the scientific technology, but also to budget, seek sponsorships, design the merchandise and pitch their products. This project from 'manufacturing to manoeuvring' gave the students an exposure in chip-level designing, and coding their drones.

The incorporation of drones into the curriculum has been a major step forward in equipping our future scientists and preparing them for the massive scope of modern technology in facilitating the future complexities of life.

The Overall Winners of the Icarus'24: The Drone War was: Team Udaan whereas the Event-wise winners were: Team Aeolus in the Event

Knockout Race, Team Pawanputra in the Event Team Identity, and Team Ajax in the Event Pit Display, Team Matrix in Project Management whereas Team Aeroflight got the verbal mention of appreciation.

The Special Guest on the occasion was Yashraj, CEO, STEMplify, and the Judges were Dr. Rajkumar Velu, Assistant Professor; IIT, Jammu and the Research Associate at the Centre for Laser Aided Intelligent Manufacturing (CLAIM), University of Michigan, USA, Ayush Sharma, an Engineer; Manager, and an experienced mention in capacity building in UAS and Drone Technologies at IIT Jammu, Kirti Mathuria, a Research Fellow under the SERB project for Capacity Building for Human Resource Development in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drone and Related Technology) at IIT Jammu and Ankit Dubey, a distinguished mentor from IIT Jammu. The Dignitaries and all Judges felicitated the winners of the Event.

The event was spearheaded by Neetu Johri, Headmistress of the School and her team.

## Lok Sabha Elections 2024 10 more candidates file nominations for Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat Last date of filing Nomination papers is April 25, 2024

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SRINAGAR: As per the Election schedule issued by Election Commission of India (ECI) for conduct of Lok Sabha Elections-2024, the process of filing nomination papers for the fourth phase is going on in 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency. In this regard, as many as 10 (Ten) more Candidates filed their Nomination Papers from the 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency for the General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 in the Office of Returning Officer (RO) 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency (DC Office Complex, Srinagar) here on Wednesday.

The Candidates, including Mohammad Ashraf Mir from J&K Apni Party and Waheed ur Rehman Parra from Jammu and Kashmir People's Democratic Party filed Nomination Papers

before the Returning Officer 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

Similarly, Rubina Akhtar from National Lok Tantrik Party, Fayaz Ahmad Bhat from Ameddkar Samaj Party and Sheikh Waseem Hassan Parliamentary Constituency. In this regard, as many as 10 (Ten) more Candidates filed their Nomination Papers from the 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency for the General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 in the Office of Returning Officer (RO) 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency (DC Office Complex, Srinagar) here on Wednesday.

While Amin Dar, Riyaz Ahmad Bhat, Sayim Mustafa, Ghulam Mohammad Wani and Hilal Ahmad Dar filled Nominations as Independent Candidates for 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency.

With filing of 10 (Ten) Nominations today (Wednesday-April 24, 2024), the total number of Candidates who have filed their Candidature for 02-

Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency goes to 17 (Seventeen), as 07 (Seven) Candidates have already filed their Nominations papers on April 22, 2024 (Monday) and April 23, 2024 (Tuesday).

Pertinent to mention that, the Last date for filing of nomination papers in 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency is April 25, 2024 (Thursday) from 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM. The Scrutiny of the Nomination papers filed by the Candidates will take place on April, 26, 2024 (Friday).

The Candidates have the option to withdraw their candidature by or before April 29, 2024 (Monday) until 03:00 PM. The voting is scheduled in the Constituency for May 13 under fourth phase, with the counting of votes set for June 4, 2024.