

# JK Public School Kunjwani holds Orientation Programme for Parents of Toddlers’ World



Faculty members of Toddlers’ World, a unit of JK Public School Kunjwani, interacting with parents of the students during orientation programme on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: One of the most important tasks for a school is to orient and enlighten the new set of parents, who come to the school with aspirations and dreams for their children.

Kindergarten is an exciting and emotional time for par-

ents and children. JK Public School, Kunjwani organized an orientation programme for the parents of Toddlers’ World students on Tuesday. It was a conscious effort to make the new parents understand how Toddlers’ World lays the foundation of learning for the kids on the onset

of a wonderful school journey. Parents were also briefed about the school’s vision, mission and philosophy. Coordinator of Toddlers’ World Shivangini Pandotra accorded a heartfelt welcome to the parents and explained the curriculum and co-curricular activities, which

emphasize math skills, language skills, motor skills and a lot more. School Coordinator Inderjeet Kour sought support and suggestions from the parents to provide best education and growth opportunities to the children of the school, and shared few tips on

good parenting. At last she also spoke about the implementation of new National Education Policy and upcoming transformations in the current education systems. She made parents feel that they are now a part of JK Public School Family and

thanked them. Later Ramesh Singh briefed parents about fee structure. The parents were happy to attend the orientation and get acquainted with the learning of their wards. The orientation winded up on a note of gratification and satisfaction.

## Court awards 10 years RI to Baba in minor rape case

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JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Reasi Sonia Gupta on Tuesday awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment to Drahmanand Saraswati, son of Khacher Mai alias Ramanand Saraswati, resident of Serkhada Tehsil Gokai Mahwan District Mathura, State of U.P in minor rape case.

According to the police case that accused person namely Brahmanand Saraswati, who used to live in the house of Romel Singh, adjacent to the house of prosecutrix (hereinafter referred to as Ms. X.) and Ms. X and her family had adopted him as their Guru and Ms. X used to provide milk and food to accused.

One day, when Ms. X went to give milk and food to accused, accused found her all alone in room and committed rape upon her many times. Accused person threatened her that in case she discloses anything to her family, accused person will

eliminate the whole family. Ms. X became pregnant and one day when she was having pain in her belly, on asking of her parents, she narrated the whole incident to her parents. Upon this police register a case and presented Challan in the court. Principal Sessions Judge Reasi Sonia Gupta after hearing PP Rajeev Kumar for the UT whereas Adv MS Mir for the accused, observed that the nature of offence committed by accused on young girl of 15 years does not entitle him to any leniency. No lenient view can be taken towards the accused on ground of his age as he should have thought about it before resorting to such a shameless act. In fact the age of the convict makes the offence committed by him more diabolical. The offence of rape becomes more odious as it was committed by an elderly person on a young and helpless girl leading to her preg-

nancy. The convict should have thought about his age, health and family members before resorting to such a shameful act. With these observations, Court sentenced ten years of rigorous imprisonment and fine of Rs. 5000 to the Convict Drahmanand Saraswati for the commission of offence under section 376 RPC. In event of default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further imprisonment for one month. The Convict shall be lodged in Central Jail Amphalla, to serve the sentence so imposed. Court further directed Vide SRO no. 394 dated 09-09-2013, of Government of Jammu and Kashmir Home department, minor victim of rape is entitled to maximum compensation to the tune of Rs. 3 lakhs under J&K Victim Compensation Scheme 2013. Thus the victim is entitled to victim compensation to the tune of Rs. 3 lakh, if not already paid.

## Congress’ second fiddle politics in J&K compromised regional aspirations: Rana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday lashed out at the Congress for playing second fiddle politics in Jammu and Kashmir to remain glued to power; as a result the regional aspirations received a big jolt. "By aligning with the regional political players in turns to remain relevant in the J&K politics and to share the loaves of the power, the Congress kept looking to the other side for decades, even as the regions and sub-regions were discriminated against-be it development or share in the jobs", Devender Rana said while addressing meetings in Panchayat Showa, Gharota Upper A, Gharota Upper B, Malpur and Gharota Lower in Amb Gharota Mandal alongwith DDC Chairman, Bharat Bhushan, District President Jammu North Omi Khajuria and Former MLA Shiv Dev Singh.



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing public meeting at Jammu on Tuesday.

The Congress’s second fiddle politics in pursuit of power and personal agendas took precedence over the welfare of the people. This phenomenon, characterized by opportunistic alliances and compromises, led to a situation for decades where the interests of the people were often side-lined in favour of narrow political gains. The practice of this sort of politics undermined the principles of democracy and good governance, as it prioritized short-term political objectives, no matter how much leverage

the senior alliance partners enjoyed, over the long-term development and well-being of society. By perpetuating, the institutions were weakened due to political manoeuvring that eroded public trust in the democratic process and diminished the accountability of elected representatives, he added. He said Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed for decades how the decisions were made on political expediency rather than the merits of the issues, be it allocation of funds for develop-

## Singh Club Akhnoor, Diamond Club Simbal wins in T20 Knock Tournament

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JAMMU: Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor and Diamond Cricket Club Simbal defeated opponent teams in the league matches of the ongoing T20 Knock Tournament, organised by Range Police Hqrs. Jammu under Civic Action Program 2023-2024 at Jammu University Cricket Ground, here. The tournament organised under the guidance and directions of DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range Dr. Sunil Gupta and overall supervision of Staff Officer to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch, SSP.

Cricket Club and won the match by seven wickets and Neeraj declared Man of the Match for scoring 33 runs. In another match, Diamond Cricket Club Simbal beat NLCC Cricket Club Chouhala by 141 runs and Jahanveer declared Man of the Match for scoring 89 runs and grabbing two wickets. SO to DIG Jammu, Rajinder Singh Katoch while addressing media said that such type of tournaments may strengthen the Police and Public relations. The team members of CAP from Range Police Hqrs. Jammu DySP



Participating teams posing with officials.

In the tournament the dignitaries and general public were also present to boost the morale of the players. In today’s first match, Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor beat Rebellz

Jatinder Singh, ASI Tarsem Lal, ASI Jasbir Singh, SgCt Sudesh Sharma, Jit Kumar and Vishal Verma were also present for smooth functioning of the tournament.

## MIET organises 4th Edition of TEDxMIET CABJK invites players to fill Google form

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JAMMU: The Model Institute of Engineering and Technology (Autonomous) hosted the fourth TEDxMIET Jammu event at its Kot Bhalwal, Jammu campus.

This year’s theme, "DEFY," invited attendees to challenge conventional boundaries, question the usual norms, and explore beyond the limits of possibility.

The line-up featured six esteemed speakers: Lt. Col Man Singh (Retd.), Col. Ranveer Singh Jamwal, recipient of Sena medal & Vishisht Sena medal &

Arjuna award, Major Abhinandan Singh, Pranav Mahajan, Additional Private Secretary to Ministry of Tourism, Culture & DoNER, Ashima Kaul, Founder Yakjah and Rigzen Wangmo, Founder Village Lab Foundation, each bringing a unique perspective to the theme. The event started off with a welcome address by Dr. Ankita Nanda, the TEDx Curator and Head, MBA Department. Lt. Col. Man Singh Jamwal inaugurated the speaker sessions with his talk on enduring life’s trials, drawing from his personal experiences of survival and

resilience in the face of severe injuries and cancer. Pranav Mahajan followed, discussing the importance of choosing meaningful challenges, sharing insights from his distinguished service and recognition in anti-militancy operations in Kashmir. Ashima Kaul, an advocate for peace and women’s rights, shared her journey and the transformative power of facing one’s fears while trying to create an impact and bettering the lives of people. Col. Ranveer Singh Jamwal, a three time everester, spoke on overcoming the personal Everest by harnessing determination

and focus. He also summed up the learnings from his posting at the LAC facing the Chinese Army. Major Abhinandan Singh, who recovered from a severe spine and ankle injury, discussed about the innate power of the human mind and creating a positive internal narrative, while Rigzen Wangmo highlighted the transformative role of education in empowering remote communities, drawing from her experiences from the Himalayas to Harvard. She felt that individuals do have the power to change the world. The event concluded with

the felicitation ceremony and the formal vote of thanks. The event was graced by Prof. Ankur Gupta, Director MIET, Prof. Ashok Aima, Prof. S.K Sharma, Prof. BC Sharma, Prof. Ashok Kumar, Prof. Devanand Padha, Prof. Sunita Zalpuri, Prof. Ajay Khajuria, Babar Afzal, Prof. Sahil Sawhney, Heads of Departments and Faculty members. This was the fourth edition of the TEDxMIET event which has been taking place annually at MIET and serves to provide a platform to inspire the listeners and a call for affirmative action for all.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Cricket Association for the Blind Jammu and Kashmir (CABJK) have invited the candidates desirous to take part in the cricket tournaments for blind, to fill up the Google form in order to be eligible for the same. According to the Association, this form can be filled by both boys and girls, who are blind/low vision. The registrations are open till April 30, 2024. Cricket Association for Blind Jammu and Kashmir is a non profitable organisation created with the vision to provide cricket for the

blind in J&K. The Organisation is affiliated to the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), an apex body connected to World Blind Cricket (WBC). "If you have interest in playing cricket, then this is the great opportunity for you to fill up the form and showcase your talent not only at the State level but at the National and International level as well," said Ajay Sharma, General Secretary Cricket Association for Blind Jammu and Kashmir. If anyone has any doubt or difficulty in filling up the form, contact Ajay Kumar, General Secretary on

9888522512, Akash Dhar, Senior Vice President on 9682533622 or Rohit Sharma, President on 9796800089 Or can email at jkblindericket@gmail.com.

### PIL on Shah Kul’s restoration; DB directs to file report

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking removal of illegal encroachments and the restoration of the original status of 'Shah Kul', a historical canal, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N Kotiaswar Singh and Justice Muhammad Yousuf Wani directed the authorities to submit a report attesting to "illegal encroachments" and the restoration of the original status of 'Shah Kul', a historical canal of importance and a national monument. DB observed that there is serious allegation of encroachment of public property and directed the J&K government through its Chief Secretary, Vice Chairman Lake Conservation and Management Authority Srinagar; Secretary Lakes and Conservation and Management Authority, Srinagar; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar; Director; Land Records Srinagar and Commissioner Srinagar Municipality to "file the report without fail" by April 24.

## Modi Govt steadfast to promote the Dogri language: Chander Mohan

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JAMMU: Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma, Senior leader of J&K BJP, recounted the endeavours of the Modi government to promote the Dogri language in Jammu & Kashmir and said that Dogri represents the irreplaceable culture and tradition of the Jammu region.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, State Media Incharge, J&K BJP, and Sanjay Bakshi, member Media Department were also present in the press conference held at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Chander Mohan Sharma, appreciating the Modi Government for the promotion of the Dogri language in J&K



said that under the Narendra Modi-led government, the Railway Department has installed displaying the names of railway stations in Dogri and also initiated the announcement for the facilities of the passengers in Dogri. Sharma said that to give due place to the Dogri language along with another regional

language Kashmiri, the Modi government brought a bill in the Parliament. He said that Radio Kashmir Jammu has also been renamed as Akashwani Jammu, with announcements in the Dogri language also, to boost the Dogri language further. Chander Mohan Sharma said that the BJP government

under the leadership of PM Modi is steadfast in giving due place to the Dogri language and taking all the essential measures. He also appealed to the people to vote in favour of the BJP in Parliamentary elections to give more strength to PM Modi to give further pace to development in J&K. Dr Pardeep Mahotra said that parties like NC, Congress, and PDP have exploited the sentiments of people, and fooled the gullible population. In fact, these political parties deliberately misused the power corridor to loot the public of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh emotionally, economically, and culturally.

## Arrangements for 30th ‘Chhari Mubark Yatra’ to Purmandal finalized

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JAMMU: A meeting chaired by Th. Gulehain Singh Charak convened at the Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Complex in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, to finalize arrangements for the 30th Chhari Mubark Yatra to Purmandal Shrines, scheduled for April 7, 2024.

This gathering brought together representatives from various committees, trusts, and government bodies, including the Purmandal Uttarbehni Shrines Development Committee, Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, Dharmarth Trust, Dogra Sadar Sabha J&K, and heads of different Mandir committees.

The discussions primarily focused on logistical aspects, such as transportation, basic facilities like water and electricity along the route, and maintenance of law and order during the event. The meeting also emphasized the coordination among different departments to ensure smooth

operations. Pre-Yatra rituals, including a Special Chhari Pooja at Shri Ranbireswar Mandir in Jammu on April 6, 2024, were outlined. The Chhari Yatra itself would commence from Ranbireswar Mandir at 7:00 AM on April 7, 2024, and pass through various temples before culminating at Purmandal Shrines. The attendees included prominent figures S.C Rekhi, (General Secretary) President-Dharmarth Trust, Col Karan Singh, V.K.Abril, Romesh Thakur, Kulbhushan Bali, KB Magotra, Prithivi Raj, P.C.Gupta,Indu Bhushan Sharma,Smt Kiran Rajput, Ashok Khajuria, Pritam Singh and representatives of Bhandara Committee Bari-Brahmana, Purmandal-Uttarbehni Shrines Development Committee, President and secretary of Ram Mandir Shastri Nagar, Panch Mandir Gandhi Nagar, Data Ranpat Dev Committee, Narsing Dev Mandir Birpur and other prominent persons.