

Be rational during Stream/subjects selection in Grade XI: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: "21st Century students may not be subjected to choosing a stream/subject(s), which go beyond their liking or don't match with their aptitude. Children must follow their inner voice, only then they may keep pace with the rapidly changing times", stated the Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore while speaking to students seeking admission in Grade XI along with their parents after the declaration of the CBSE Grade X result.

"In current times, while there is a very bright future in every walk of life, whether it be pertaining to Scholastic or Co-scholastic domain, students must be given full liberty to choose their future course of studies," Principal addressed the parent as well as students, who are about to embark on their Senior Secondary school journey.

He appealed students "to introspect their inner self, aptitude, competence and caliber till date. If their inner-conscience doesn't allow them to pursue a particular Stream or subject(s), then they shouldn't make up



Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore

their minds at all. They must listen to their inner-self, as natural interest in the pursuit of any course of life fetches fruits beyond expectations".

"However, opting for any particular Stream, which goes beyond the aptitude or liking of a student, then it never brings in the desired results", added the Principal.

"A child is the extended self of his/her parents. Whatever parents failed to achieve, they wish to achieve that through their children. Parents should never impose

their decision against the will of their wards. If a child doesn't want to pursue Science stream, then parents shouldn't put pressure on their ward to study Science.

He appealed parents to exercise control over their long-cherished unfulfilled desires, as children pay a heavy price, while fulfilling the wish of their parents under pressure", the Principal added further.

Highlighting the importance of the streams available, the Principal started with the stream of

Humanities, as a student gets to study History, Geography, Political Science, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Language & literature. Humanities can be a great choice for searching of career in diversified areas, as the wide range of subjects offers great career options, namely, the most coveted UPSC exams, Management (CAT), Judiciary (CLAT), Mass Communication, Hospitality industry, Politics etc. Commerce field is all about learning and studying subjects related to trade, business, finance, and economics. This is also one of the most preferred streams of education by students who wish to embark upon a career or profession into MNCs, Banks or even entrepreneurship.

The important subjects to study in these fields are English, Business Studies, Economics, Accounts, Applied Mathematics and Computers, Physical Education. Aspirants may search their career in various avenues, namely, as Chartered Account, ICWA, Company Secretary etc.

Science has always been the most sought after & fascinating among all the streams to study in, but it's also very challenging, as the science subjects demand a high IQ level.

It's a stream that can be pursued and perfected only with competence and dedication. The main subjects to study in science are Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics.

Calling oneself a Science student and touching the bottom after every round of Home exams is never a big deal. Quoting Dr. Verghese Kurien, the Milk Man of India, on the occasion the Principal stated, "Whichever field you choose for yourself, always stay on the vertex".

Boosting the morale of students, he cited several examples, wherein students achieved their goals. He quoted the examples of JKPS alumni, who are doing fabulously across the globe. He promised parents on behalf of JKPS family to extend the best possible support to children, if they hold a rational view while finalizing the stream/subject selection for their wards.

'Lallan Ms' play by Rama Pandey staged in GCW Parade



Artists performing during the play at GCW Parade.

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JAMMU: A play titled 'Lallan Ms' written and directed by the theatre personality Rama Pandey was enacted in the Auditorium of GCW Parade Ground Jammu, on Sunday.

Rama Pandey is a revered figure in the Indian theatre scene, renowned for her poignant storytelling and dedication to social issues. With a career spanning decades, Pandey has left an indelible mark on the world of performing arts, captivating audiences with her profound narratives and powerful performances.

Lallan Ms transcends the boundaries of conventional theatre by seamlessly blending authentic music from rural and urban India. With a strong ensemble of 30 artists representing diverse age groups and cultural backgrounds from Delhi and Rajasthan, the play offers a mesmerizing tapestry

of talent and cultural richness.

At its heart, Lallan Ms is a compelling narrative that follows the remarkable journey of Lallan, a transgender educator, as they courageously navigate societal discrimination to establish a school for underprivileged children. Through Lallan's resilience and unwavering determination, the audience is taken on a poignant exploration of empowerment, compassion, and the transformative power of education.

The play serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of acceptance and equality, urging viewers to reflect on their own roles in creating a more inclusive society. This special presentation aims to ignite the imaginations of our future leaders, inspiring them to embrace diversity, advocate for social justice, and become agents of positive change in their communities. Through

Lallan's journey, young minds will learn invaluable lessons about resilience, compassion, and the transformative power of education, empowering them to challenge societal norms and strive for a more inclusive society. This play also serves as a catalyst for dialogue and action, motivating leaders to champion inclusivity and pave the way for a more equitable future for all.

Gratitude was extended to The Indian Oil Corporation and Brand Servo for their generous support as the event title sponsors.

Additionally, special thanks was offered to Dr. Hemla Agarwal, ex-Principal of GCW Parade Ground Jammu, and convenor of the event in Jammu, and Namami Barua for production conceptualization and advisory roles, along with Nihar Saqib for his time and support.

Zone Chowki Choura dominates Inter Zonal District Tournament



A Kabaddi Match in progress.

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AKHNOOR: The Inter Zonal District level tournament kicked off with an impressive start for Zone Chowki Choura, with victories across multiple sports categories including Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Chess.

In the Kabaddi category for boys, led by Captain Shubham Sharma, Zone Chowki Choura secured a dominant victory with a commanding scoreline of 40/10 in their first match.

The team's cohesive effort and leadership under Captain

Shubham Sharma undoubtedly contributed to their success on the field. Similarly, in the 17-year category volleyball, Sahil Sharma's team showcased their prowess by securing a victory, marking a positive start to their campaign in the tournament.

In the realm of chess, Zone Chowki Choura demonstrated their strategic prowess by clinching consecutive victories in the first two matches of the tournament.

This feat underscores the skill and dedication of the players,

as well as the guidance provided by their coaches. ZPEO Chowki Choura, Nirmal Kumari, extended her congratulations to all the players for their outstanding performance and victories in their respective matches.

She also commended the coaches for their efforts in training and guiding the players towards success.

In her remarks, ZPEO attributed the success of the players to the collective efforts of all the Physical Education teachers in Zone Chowki Choura. She emphasized the crucial role played by these educators in nurturing the talents of the students and preparing them for competitive sports events.

Overall, the victories achieved by Zone Chowki Choura in Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Chess reflect the dedication, teamwork, and skill of the players, as well as the unwavering support and guidance provided by their coaches and educators.

PM Modi, LG ushered J&K to peace, progress: Sharma Post-abrogation results in record 38 pc polling on Srinagar Lok Sabha seat: former Mayor

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma has stated that PM Modi and Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha have taken the Union Territory to new heights of progress and prosperity ushering a peaceful atmosphere free from fear of any kind for all.

Addressing a gathering at Tawi Vihar near Jammu city Sharma said that for those having doubts on abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A from J&K, the record 38 per cent in Srinagar Lok Sabha election should be an eye-opener. "Surprising is to see that those politicians who earlier boycotted elections have now participated in the democratic process which clearly shows that things have now changed in J&K," the senior BJP leader stated. He said



Locals felicitating former Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma during the programme.

that now the people of Kashmir are them-self saying that there was no internet blackout during elections and on other occasions and they have even claimed that earlier they were paid Rs. 500 for stone pelting but now they have realised that the developmental model of PM Modi is the real model for progressive and liberal society ensuring welfare of the people of J&K. The former Mayor was addressing

during a programme organised by Tawi Vihar Residents Welfare Association (TVRWA) under the leadership of B.S Thakur, President TVRWA, Sidhra. Rajinder Sharma also said that India has now established new norms of progress with the soft landing on moon, successful organisation of G20 meets etc which has established beyond doubts that India will soon be the third largest

economy of the world. "Taking such progressive strides in mind for actions the campaign under the name of 'Jan Sushasan' has been started resolving that we will also add our contributions to the achievements of legendary Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, Mehar Chand Mahajan, internationally renowned para-athlete, Sheetal Devi, Chiefs of Army Staff and Chief Justices from J&K along with other personalities of J&K to bring transparent and accountable delivery

system to strengthen our nation under the banner of 'Jan Sushasan Abhiyan, Sahi Soch, Sahi Log' (better governance with proper thinking and upright people) to fructify the efforts of PM Modi," he continued. Delden Angmo, Dr. H.N Kar, Adv. Rohini Kiran Gupta, Adv. Harish Kaila, Adeep Badyal, Anil Sharma, Er Haribhushan Gupta, Er. Bharat Bhushan Gupta, Ashish Kaechro, O.P Kapoor and others from the Tawi Vihar colony were also present on the occasion.

JU organizes three-day Skill Development Workshop on Basohli Miniature Painting

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KATHUA: The Kathua Campus of the University of Jammu organized a comprehensive three-day skill development workshop focusing on the renowned Basohli miniature painting, known for its intricate art style and vibrant colors. Held from May 17th to 19th, 2024, the workshop served as both a platform for artistic expression and a celebration of the region's rich cultural heritage. The workshop commenced with an enthusiastic turnout of students from the Institute of Music and Fine Arts and Kathua Campus, eager to explore the techniques and history of Basohli miniature art. Renowned Basohli miniature artist, Sohamb Singh Billawaria, served as the event's resource person, guiding participants through interactive sessions and hands-on demonstrations. The workshop provided valuable insights into the art form's history, techniques, and aesthetic principles, enriching the participants' understanding of Basohli painting.



VC JU Prof. Umesh Rai visiting a stall.

cultural evening, showcasing performances that celebrated the local culture and traditions of the region. Notable vocal singer; Suraj Singh, captivated the audience with soulful renditions, further enhancing the cultural exchange experience and fostering a sense of community spirit. The culminating day of the workshop witnessed the presence of esteemed guests, including the Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development (JU), and Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies (JU). The guests visited the painting workshop area and attended the valedictory function,

commending the organizers for promoting skill development and preserving cultural heritage. Vice Chancellor lauded the organizers for their initiative in promoting skill development and preserving cultural heritage. He congratulated all participants for their dedication and commitment to mastering the art of Basohli miniature painting, emphasizing its importance in preserving our cultural legacy. He also stressed upon the importance of skill development as it contributes to self-confidence, holistic growth and development, and entrepreneurship.

Prof. Rai expressed that such skill based training helps learners to find, develop, and maintain their inherent talent partic-

ularly in the field of painting. Further Prof. Rai emphasized on the significance of conducting such skill based workshops as it offers participants with insight into self-exploration and advancement.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus presented the welcome address and said that the Kathua campus looks forward to hosting more such initiatives in the future, continuing its mission of fostering creativity and innovation. During the event, Rakesh Sharma, HOD Fine Arts, Dr. Amarjeet Singh, and Amandeep Singh from IMPA were honored with certificates of appreciation for their significant contributions to the workshop. Dr. Rokeey Gupta, I/e Principal UIET, extended the vote of thanks. Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary to VC JU and Irfan Goni, Campus Development Officer, JU were also present.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Academic Coordinator, Kathua Campus, Dr. Sourabh Shastri, I/e Head, MCA, Kathua Campus, Amit Sharma, faculty MCA, Dr. Pankaj Khajuria, Assistant

Registrar, Kathua Campus, Dr. Sunny Sharma, Dr. Zahin Ansari, Pranav Ratta, Avni Sharma, Gourav Sharma, Tiharika Nath, Kamakshi Dhar, Dr. Nomita Khajuria, Dr. Meenakshi Singh, Anu Bala, Dr. Seema Jamwal, Er. Sandeep Raj, Dr. Shivani Sharma, Dr. Kumari Kanika Bhadwal, Er. Amarjeet Chopra, Er. Sushant Gagal, Er. Komal Khadotra, Er. Palvi

Verma, Er. Vishavjeet Singh, Er. Sourabh Gupta, Dr. Nisha Chowdhary, Dr. Ritu Sharma, Er. Ritika Gupta Er. Archana Saalaria, Er. Himani Khajuria, Er. Arooshi Gupta, Er. Shivani Sharma, Er. Princy Sharma, Er. Puneet Kour, Er. Karan Kumar, Er. Arjun Kapoor, Er. Rohit Khatri, Er. Jeewanjot and the entire teaching and non-teaching staff also were present in the workshop.

District Police organizes cleanliness drive at DPL Poonch



Police personnel carrying out cleanliness drive.

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POONCH: District Police Poonch on Sunday organized a cleanliness drive at DPL Poonch.

The cleanliness drive was organised on the direction of the SSP Poonch Yugal Manhas, in which officers and Jawans participated with fervour and enthusiasm.

The cleanliness drive was organised at DPL Poonch in which Add SP Poonch, DySP DAR Poonch, other officers and Jawans participated enthusiastically.

The main objective of the cleanliness drive is to create awareness about cleanliness under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

20 million Russian poplar tree' pollen affecting children, elderly in Kashmir

MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: Residents from various parts of the Kashmir Valley, including Srinagar are raising alarms over a surge in respiratory problems due to pollen produced by Russian poplar trees.

The cotton-like fluff, containing the pollen, is causing a range of symptoms, including eye irritation, persistent sneezing, and breathing difficulties, with children being particularly affected.

"Every year, as the spring arrives in the Kashmir, the Russian poplars start pollinating and releasing their cotton fluff into the air; thousands of people are taken ill. People are afflicted with allergies with symptoms ranging from congestion, runny or itchy nose, sneezing etc.," said, Gowher a resident of Srinagar city.

"Many people are allergic to pollen and my mother, a senior citizen, is very much vulnerable to this season as the elderly and children are more prone to the infection. Due to this, the number of patients visiting hospitals increases significantly, which in turn leads to a spike in the sale of the anti-allergic medicines," she added.

Medical professionals have attributed allergies to the presence of pollen inside the airways and lungs, which causes irritation in the eyes and frequent sneezing to severely disrupt breathing, particularly in groups of children. "Even in Srinagar, the pollen risk is still less than in villages, but in the Babadamb area of Srinagar city, dusty roads and poplars are creating a dangerous situations for the residents as if it is snowing in the dusty air, a student said. Health experts at Chest Diseases (CD)



prevent further health complications," Gowher told STATE TIMES.

The administration has been requested to implement measures to mitigate the impact of this seasonal health threat. Suggestions include not only cutting down the existing poplar trees but also replacing them with less problematic species. Additionally, there is a demand for the immediate cleaning of public spaces to remove the accumulated fluff and reduce exposure.

In response, a senior official acknowledged the concerns and assured that steps would be taken. "We understand the severity of the issue and are considering various measures, including the phased removal of poplar trees and increasing public awareness about the problem," the official stated.

Pertinently, the J&K High Court in June 2015 order, had observed that it was a "common knowledge that pollen seeds of this poplar species adversely affect health of the general public, mostly of elderly people and children, adding that the pollen seeds of these trees had given rise to chest diseases in the Kashmir valley." The court had ordered the non-native poplars eradication from Kashmir.

The Russian poplar brought from the US was introduced in Kashmir in 1982 as part of the Social Forestry Scheme. The reason for this was that it takes less than 15 years to mature as compared to 40 years for the Kashmiri poplar. Therefore, it is considered quite profitable in the timber trade. According to an estimate, there are about 20 million Russian poplars in the Valley now and their population is growing every year.

DC Jammu reviews functioning of Revenue Department Asks for services delivery as per PSGA

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Sunday reviewed the working of Revenue Department, here at a meeting attended by senior functionaries.

The DC urged the officers to maintain constant vigil on the ground situation and prioritise the delivery of services to the public, adhering strictly to the established guidelines.

The DC insisted on the time bound service delivery as provisioned under the PSGA, particularly emphasising the swift



DC Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

issuance of Fard in legitimate cases to prevent unnecessary delays.

The DC conducted a thorough examination of the progress in the digitisation of

Jamabandis, while underscoring the necessity of timely distribution of land passbooks and property cards.

The Tehsildars presented the current status of their respec-

tive tehsils, with the DC emphasising the importance of geo-referencing activities in this context. To expedite the process, time-bound directives were issued to address any pending tasks.

The meeting saw participation of senior officers including Additional District Development Commissioner, Sher Singh, Assistant District Commissioner, Shishir Gupta, Sub Divisional Magistrates and Assistant Commissioner Revenue besides the presence of Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and others concerned.