

World No Tobacco Day celebrated at JKPS Panjtirthi



Glimpses of World No Tobacco Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: World No Tobacco Day was celebrated at JKPS Panjtirthi, portraying that smoking and consuming tobacco can have a terrible

impact on health. The day started with an introduction by Kiran Mengi, who took the opportunity to sensitize the Jakians about the high prevalence of tobacco

use among youth. She added that women and children are also most vulnerable to the hazards of second hand smoke and it is essential to save the mankind from

this destruction. JAKHANS raised the slogan "make the right choice choose life, Not tobacco." Jakiains emphasized, "Tobacco consumption causes

cancer of many body parts like the throat, lungs, oesophagus, larynx, mouth, pancreas and so on. More than one crore people die every year due to tobacco

consumption." All the participants took a pledge to abstain from all forms of tobacco and nicotine products. On the occasion, Principal

of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbaha said, "I feel that this event has come as a beacon light which will help our students to grow and develop holistically, mentally and

physically. It was indeed a very informative and a fruitful event." The Principal rewarded the winners of the quiz on tobacco with cash prizes.

Ritika condemns AAP MLA's abusive, derogatory remarks against Dr Madhu

Appeals LG, CM to take action against MLA

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JAMMU: Ritika Trehan, Chief Spokesperson of BJP Mahila Morcha, on Friday addressed a press conference to strongly condemn the indecent and immoral behavior of AAP MLA Mehraj Malik from Doda towards Dr Madhu Chib, an Associate Professor and head of the Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Government Medical College and Hospital in Doda.

Addressing media persons, Ritika termed incident as highly condemnable and disgusting. "Trehan demanded strict action against the MLA for using social media platforms to publicly issue threats and level 'abusive, gendered and derogatory remarks' against her, quoting him on occasion using phrases such as I will drag you and I will strip you naked saying these were 'not mere words, these are direct threats to her dignity, safety and professional integrity as a female doctor serving in a government hospital."

Ritika claimed that these words clearly outrage the moral



Chief Spokesperson BJPM, Ritika Trehan talking to reporters.

esty of a female public servant that too on social media. "What is even more painful is his taunt that this hospital doesn't belong to her father," she said, saying his statement "not only reflects arrogance but also extreme insensitivity considering the fact that her father passed away over 12 years ago". In addition, Malik's conduct during his visits to the hospital were "erratic, threatening and completely unbecoming of an elected representative", Ritika said.

Ritika further said that this wasn't the first time Malik's name has figured in an FIR. In his affidavit to the Election

Commission of India at the time of 2024 assembly election, Malik said he had half a dozen FIRs registered against him for offences that ranged from criminal intimidation and house trespass to promoting enmity between different groups. All these cases were registered against him at Gandoh police station between 2021 and 24.

Trehan appealed to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to take immediate action against MLA Mehraj Malik, ensuring accountability and justice. If action is not taken, the Mahila Morcha will not hesitate to hit the streets

and roads in protest against the MLA's behavior; highlighting the organization's commitment to women's safety and dignity. She urged the authorities to take cognizance of this incident and take strict action against the MLA, setting a precedent for responsible behavior from elected representatives.

Ritika emphasized that comments made by AAP MLA are particularly egregious given the current context. She highlighted that at a time when the entire nation and international community are admiring the caliber and achievements of Indian women, particularly after the successful Operation Sindoor; such utterances by the MLA are not only unacceptable but also demand the severest punishment. The success of Operation Sindoor has showcased the capabilities and bravery of Indian women, making the MLA's comments even more reprehensible, added Ritika.

Trehan reiterated the demand for strict action against MLA Mehraj Malik, emphasizing

that public figures must be held accountable for their words and actions. The incident underscores the need for immediate action to address such incidents and ensure that public discourse reflects respect and dignity for women. She emphasized that the behavior of AAP MLA towards a lady doctor is not only unacceptable but also goes against the societal norms and cultural values that reverence doctors as gods. She stated that such behavior, especially towards a woman doctor, is unforgettable and demands strict action.

Doctors are revered and respected in society, and such behavior by an MLA undermines this respect and dignity. Our culture emphasizes respect and dignity for women, and the MLA's behavior is a clear violation of these values. The BJP Mahila Morcha demands strict action against MLA Mehraj Malik for his behavior, emphasizing the need to uphold the dignity and respect of doctors and women in society, added Ritika.

Dr. Jitendra visits Azad, wishes him speedy recovery

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JAMMU: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh paid a visit to senior political leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who had recently returned to India after cutting short his foreign tour due to a sudden illness that required hospitalization.

Dr. Singh expressed relief upon seeing Azad recovering well and extended his heartfelt wishes for his continued recovery, good health, and long life.

The visit was marked by a warm and cordial interaction, reflecting the spirit of goodwill and respect beyond political lines. Azad, who was on an official goodwill mission abroad, had to abruptly end his tour after falling seriously ill and requiring immediate medical attention. His return and subsequent improvement in health have brought relief to his well-wishers across the political spectrum.

Dr. Jitendra Singh's gesture underscores the



shared values of humanity and mutual respect in public life.

HC restrains "workers" of Kisan Mazador Union from proceeding on strike in Power Projects in J&K in National interest

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JAMMU: The Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited, a reputed Government Entity, a Joint Venture formed between National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Limited with (51% Stake) and J&K State Power Development Corporation Limited with (49% Stake) is entrusted with the development of strategically significant Projects of National importance under the Build, Own, Operate, and Maintain (BOOM) Model, with a total installed capacity of 3, 094 MW.

The Projects include Pakal Dul Hydro-electric Project (1, 000 MW), Kiru Hydro-electric Project (624 MW), Kwar Hydro-electric Project (540 MW), and Kirthai - II Hydro-electric Project (930 MW). Kisan Mazador Union has been demanding the payment of wages to the "workers" engaged by the Contractors of the Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited as per the Central Minimum Wages when they are entitled under law to the minimum wages in vogue as per the Notification of the UT Government of J&K Vide Communication dated May 24, 2022 made by the Assistant Labour Commissioner (C), Headquarter, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India to the Managing Director; CVPPL, wherein, the clarification sought has been made by stating that as per the provisions of Section 2 (b)(i) of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the State Government is the "appropriate authority" for fixing the minimum wages in respect of the "workers" engaged by the Contractors of CVPPL.

The Counsel for CVPP Ltd further submitted that several conciliation efforts have been held in respect of the dispute and the matter is presently

sub-judice before the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court-II, Haryana Press Building, Sector 18/A, Chandigarh.

The Union while misusing the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 issued a Final Strike Notice(s) purportedly under Section 22 of the Industrial Disputes Act to be effective from 29th of May 2025 and in view of the provisions of Section 23 of Industrial Disputes Act, strike call cannot be given during the pendency of a dispute before any Tribunal or Authority.

The Counsel for CVPPL submitted that in case the Kisan Mazador Union is not restrained from going on the proposed strike, the National interest will be put to grave financial losses and would also critically impair the functioning of the power generation facility, thereby, impacting the general public.

The prevailing geo-political cross boarder tensions and recent suspension of Indus Water Treaty has rendered the region particularly sensitive from both a strategic and National security standpoint. In such circumstances, the proposed strike call will cause serious implications, as any interruption in the operations of the Hydro-electric Projects would undermine the resilience of the National Grid and Region's Energy Infrastructure.

KPS Jammu holds 15th function to honour meritorious students

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha Jammu held 15th consecutive function today in the Sabha premises to honour the meritorious students of the Kashmiri Pandit Community for their academic excellence in their class 12th exams both from the CBSE and JK BOSE this year. Students who have scored 90 per cent and above marks were awarded a certificate along with a memento and cash prize.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. Ashok Bhamra, former DGP J&K along with K.K Khosa President KP Sabha gave away the awards to the toppers of the community.

28 students namely Hetal Koul, Shirrin Labroo, Manik Pandita, Swanman Koul,



Dignitaries posing with meritorious students.

Lavanya Pandit, Sunanda Pandit, Isha Langoo, Karan Koul, Eishita Bhan, Saksham Raina, Dhruv Raina, Kritika Pandit, Sidhant Raina, Jivika Koul, Tejasvi Pandita, Deepshika Pandit, Shriya Bhat, Sheen Raina, Rouvin Koul, Aditi Bhat, Ojasvee Tickoo, Chitrakshi Pandita, Kamakshi Kichloo, Shreeya

Labroo, Menika Baghni Bhat, Janvi Raina, Renisha Bhat and Apurv Pandita.

While congratulating the students, the President Kashmiri Pandit Sabha advised the students that being toppers they have to bear the responsibility towards the community as well as the society. The President also advised the students to

remember their duties towards the state of J&K.

He advised the students to join such streams which could enable them to serve in the state especially in the valley where in comparatively the peace has returned now.

The Chief Guest while hailing the performance of the children impressed upon them to not be complacent and put in their all-out efforts to go and compete for civil services as their carrier.

He said since our community is in total turmoil for the last 36 years, we have to struggle for our existence which can be better helped by opting for administrative jobs. He said that if we fix our target and go on track to achieve the same you will have lot many opportunities in the life.

He exhorted upon the students not to be cowed down by failures but your dedication and perseverance can lead them to clinch the goal.

He impressed upon the children to imbibe nationhood and don't see what Nation is doing for you but think what you are doing for the welfare of the nation.

The executive members present on the occasion were Ashwani Koul, G. J. Kamposi, Rajinder Tikra, Subash Dhar, Dr. Usha Tickoo, V.K. Bakshi, V. K. Mukhi, Satish Khoda, Bharat Bushan Gosaini, S. K. Kaul, Smt. Nimi Baroo. The vote of thanks was delivered by Deepak Dhar Sr. Vice-President while as the program was conducted by Dr. Sujata Sathoo.