

# JKPS Panjtirthi hosts quiz, drawing competitions with Instassure, PNB MetLife, and SBI Life



Glimpses of quiz, drawing competitions with Instassure, PNB MetLife, and SBI Life being hosted by JK Public School Panjtirthi.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi, in collaboration with Instassure Business Solutions Limited, PNB MetLife, and SBI Life,

organized engaging quiz and drawing competitions for its students, aimed at fostering creativity and intellectual development. Students of Classes 1 and 2

showcased their artistic talents in the drawing competition, while students from Classes 3 to 10 participated enthusiastically in a quiz competition that tested their

general knowledge and critical thinking. Principal Suman Banbah shared her thoughts on the initiative, stating, "JKPS Panjtirthi always strives to

provide engaging platforms for students to express their creativity and knowledge. Drawing competitions can encourage visual thinking and self-expression, while

quiz competitions test and enhance general knowledge and critical thinking skills." The event witnessed energetic participation, with students displaying high levels

of enthusiasm. Teachers and organisers motivated the young Jakiins throughout the event, encouraging them to put forth their best efforts.

Top performers from both competitions will be felicitated by the organisers in a special ceremony, recognising their outstanding performance and dedication.

## Dr Karan Singh, Mehbooba Mufti call on LG SR College launches JKAS 2024 Mains Test Series



Former Union Minister, Dr. Karan Singh calling on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Dr. Karan Singh, former Union Minister and former Member of Parliament called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday. Mehbooba Mufti, former Chief Minister of J&K and

President, Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party, also called on Lieutenant Governor and discussed various important matters including smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and dignified return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri

Pandit Community in the valley. A delegation of Traders Association, Lal Chowk Srinagar led by its President Mohammad Iqbal Khan called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The members of the delegation put forth important matters

pertaining to the improvement of civic amenities at Lal Chowk and other issues of traders' community. The Lieutenant Governor assured that appropriate action will be taken to address the issues projected by them. Later, Sheikh Najmus Saqib and Suhaib Feroz Jeelani, International Pencak Silat players from Srinagar called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and apprised him of various issues pertaining to the extension of benefits under the sports policy to the sportspersons of Jammu Kashmir.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: SR College of Competitions, a leading institute with over 25 years of excellence in civil services coaching, has officially launched its much-awaited JKAS 2024 Mains Test Series. The initiative witnessed an enthusiastic response from aspirants on its opening day. Structured to ensure holistic preparation, the test series includes 18 meticulously designed tests focused on sharpening answer writing skills, deepening conceptual clarity, and building exam temperament. The series is avail-



JKAS aspirants appearing in test series at SRCC.

able for General Studies (G/S) as well as a wide range of optional subjects, including: Anthropology, Sociology, Geography, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Philosophy, Zoology, and

Urdu. Key features of the program include timely evaluation, constructive feedback, model answers, and weekly paper discussion sessions to clarify doubts and strengthen understanding.

A standout aspect of this initiative is its emphasis on one-to-one mentorship, offering personalized guidance and continuous support throughout the preparation journey. Notably, mentorship sessions are conducted every Sunday by a Civil Services qualifier, providing aspirants with firsthand insights, strategic advice, and motivation from someone who has successfully navigated the exam. With a strong and promising start, the JKAS 2024 Mains Test Series by SR College is poised to be a game-changer for serious aspirants aiming for success in this prestigious examination.

## JU Law School's Curriculum-Aligned Lecture Series delves into Theories and Jurisprudence of Punishment

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To enhance learning outcomes through practical insights from leading legal experts, The Law School, University of Jammu (JU), has initiated an interactive session under its Curriculum-Aligned Lecture Series, guided by Prof. Seema Rohmetra, Director of The Law School.



Advocate Rajnish Raina, High Court of J&K and Ladakh with students and faculty of The Law School JU.

Advocate Raina traced the evolution of various forms of punishment under the Indian Penal Code (now BNS), emphasizing their alignment with the preventive, deterrent, reformatory, and compensatory rationales underlying criminal sanctions. A significant

focus was placed on the incorporation of community service as a form of punishment, highlighting its role within the reformatory theory by fostering rehabilitation and social reintegration of offenders. Through landmark judgments such as the Jacob

George case, D.K. Basu case, Nirbhaya case, Bilkis Bano case, and Kanhaiya Lal murder case, he illustrated the complex interplay of theories underpinning criminal justice. Advocate Raina argued that a robust criminal justice system cannot rely solely on any single theory of punishment. Instead, an integrative approach is essential-one that carefully synthesizes the strengths of each theory to address the multifaceted nature of justice. He also emphasized the importance of the principle of proportionality-punishment must correspond to both the gravity of the offense and the charac-

teristics of the offender, who may simultaneously require punitive measures and medical or psychological care. The session concluded with a stimulating Question & Answer segment, where students Megha, Harmannat, Suhani, Parth, Nandita, Saabik, and Tanvi engaged with issues surrounding recent criminal law reforms in the context of the jurisprudence of punishment. The session was moderated by Suhani Sharma and Nandita Rathore and coordinated by Dr. Nitin Sharma, Faculty member of The Law School.

## 3rd Lavender Festival concludes at Bhaderwah

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADERWAH: The two-day Lavender Festival, organized by the CSIR- Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), concluded here on Monday at Bhaderwah, marking a significant milestone in the CSIR-Aroma Mission's ongoing efforts to promote lavender cultivation and strengthen India's aroma industry.



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM Jammu and DC Doda, Harvinder Singh honouring startups.

Ruchita Rane, Strategic Alliances Head and Head of Territory Development for J&K at the Vivek PARC Foundation. Farmers expressed happiness and renewed confidence following the field visits, live distillation demonstrations, inspiring success stories from startups, and interactions with industry representatives during the Buyer-Seller Meet. The Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, graced the valedictory function as the Chief Guest. In his address, he praised the festival's significant role in community empowerment and felicitated farmers, startups, and dignitaries for their valuable contributions, marking a successful conclusion to the two-day event. The Purple revolution brought a remarkable visibility to Bhaderwah and it was a fortune to whole Aroma

team, when PM, Naredra Modi mentioned about Lavender cultivation in his Man Ki Baat, he added. Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR-IIIM Jammu, in his valedictory address, highlighted the festival's strong socio-economic impact. He noted that the CSIR-Aroma Mission has engaged over 5,000 farmers and entrepreneurs, with more than 3,000 families cultivating lavender across 750+ hectares. He emphasized CSIR-IIIM's vital role in empowering rural communities-especially in remote areas-by providing free Quality Planting Material (QPM) and comprehensive technological support in cultivation, processing, value addition, and marketing. Dr. Ahmed noted the emergence of a vibrant aroma industry centred around lavender, with value-added products

such as essential oils, perfumes, soaps, and candles driving economic growth. He emphasized the role of women in this transformation through the establishment of lavender nurseries, promoting entrepreneurship and socio-economic upliftment. He further shared that over 9,000 farmers and entrepreneurs have been trained in various aspects of lavender cultivation and processing. Economically, the mission has yielded significant results, with Tehsil Bhaderwah alone generating ₹10.5 crore in turnover from 1,500 kg of lavender oil and 93,000 kg of dried flowers. Additionally, more than 50 distillation units have been installed across Jammu and Kashmir, boosting local processing and entrepreneurship. Pertinently, the 3rd Lavender Festival, was organised by CSIR-Indian Institute

of Integrative Medicine at the Government Degree College, Bhaderwah. The gathering was enriched by eminent scientists such as Dr. Ajit K. Shasany, Director, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow; Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru; and Dr. Nanaocha Sharma, Director of the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal. The event drew wide participation from more than 1,200 personnel, comprising farmers, investors, academicians, scientists, public representatives, policymakers, startups, students, industry representatives, and members of civil society. The event was organized under the patronage of Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR & Secretary DSIR and under the overall supervision of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, assisted by his team of scientists, technical and administrative staff, and students, including Er. Abdul Rahim, Dr. Asha Chaubey, Dr. Shashank Singh, Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, Dr. Sumit Gandhi, Dr. Suphla Gupta, Dr. Qazi Naveed Ahmed, Dr. Raj Kishor Rai, Dr. Saurabh Saran, Ajay Kumar, Rajesh Gupta, Ashok Sharma.

## Vishwa Bharti excels in Kick Boxing Championship



Vishwa Bharti School faculty felicitating winner students.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Promising young athletes of Vishwa Bharti School Akalpur Morh, Jammu brought laurels for the school by participating

in J&K UT Kick Boxing Championship 2025 at Sports Stadium Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu from May 29 to 31, 2025. The championship was

organized by J&K UT Kick Boxing Association J&K. Fourteen athletes from Vishwa Bharti school participated in this championship and won three gold, three silver and three bronze medals. Virat Singh, Ansh Sardia, Arun Kumar won gold, Naman, Pawan Kumar and Vansh Sharma won silver, Loveish, Govind and Viraj won bronze medals. The President, Dr. S.K Koul, Principal Annapurna Koul congratulated the students for their success and admired the Physical teachers Joginder Singh and Anil Chib for their efforts in training the students.

## KC International School hosts Inter-School Teachers Cricket League



Participating teams posing for photograph with dignitaries.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: KC International School proudly concluded an Inter-School Teachers Cricket League on 31st May 2025, marking the end of an exciting fortnight that began on 17th May 2025. The grand sporting event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 13 prestigious schools across the region, showcasing not only the sporting talents of teachers but also the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship. The event was graced by the Chief Guest Randeep Singh, a renowned Social Activist, along with Chaitanya Chowdhary, President of KC

International School as the Guest of Honour. The final match was played between KC Public School and KC International School. KC Public School scored 126 runs in the allotted 10 overs and emerged victorious by lifting the Winners' Trophy as the KC International School, fought valiantly and managed to scored 91 runs for the loss of 8 wickets and won the runner-up trophy. The victorious teams were felicitated by Randeep Singh and Chaitanya Chowdhary, who commended the teams for their outstanding performance and applauded the efforts of all

the stake holders in organising such a wonderful league. The league was a tremendous display of tactics, strength, and skill, reflecting the true spirit of sportsmanship. In the closing address, Babita Bhau, Activity Coordinator, expressed her gratitude and appreciate all the participating teams for their dedication and sportsmanship, which played a vital role in making the event a grand success. The Inter-School Teachers Cricket League at KC International School concluded not just as a sporting event but as a celebration of teamwork, determination, and unity among educators.