

JKPS Panjtirthi celebrates World Environment Day with enthusiasm



Glimpses of World Environment Day celebrations at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: World Environment Day was celebrated with great zeal at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi to instill awareness and responsibility among students toward environmental conservation. Nisha Chopra, the

celebration in-charge, addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of preserving the environment. She shared simple yet impactful measures that everyone can adopt to help protect the planet. Jakiians raised spirited

slogans focused on keeping the environment clean and green, echoing the sentiment that "Every Day is an Environment Day." The students stressed the significance of maintaining green grass and clear blue skies through afforestation and pollution control.

A powerful mime act was performed by the students, showcasing pressing environmental issues and the positive impact of adopting eco-friendly habits in daily life. Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah encouraged the students

and motivated them to think globally and act locally to heal Planet Earth. She added, "Let's nurture the nature so that we can have a better future." To further engage the students, a quiz related to environmental awareness

was conducted by the Principal, and winners were awarded for their enthusiasm and knowledge. The celebration was a vibrant reminder of the collective responsibility to safeguard our environment for future generations.

Plant trees, save environment: Balbir

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JAMMU: On the occasion of World Environment Day, BJP spokesperson and former Vice Chairman, Balbir Ram Rattan, appealed to people to contribute towards protecting the environment by planting as many trees as possible. He said that trees are not only the adornment of the Earth but are also essential for life.

He said this after planting saplings on Environment Day along with party colleagues Sanjay Bakshi, Basant Raj Thakur, and Ramesh Katoch.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that trees not only provide us with pure oxygen, but they also help reduce air pollution, control cli-

mate change, and preserve biodiversity. He emphasized that we must connect with nature and contribute to its conservation.

He added that tree plantation is a simple, cost-effective, and impactful method through which we can tackle environmental imbalances. He specifically urged the youth to come forward for environmental protection and plant trees in their respective areas.

Sanjay Bakshi said that every person should plant at least one tree on this day. Bakshi stated that our small efforts can bring about significant change. We all must move together toward a greener and healthier future.



Zorawar supports youth through music launch

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JAMMU: Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal on Thursday released the much-anticipated Punjabi music album titled "Dil".

The album stands out not only for its melodious compositions but also for its stunning visuals, which have been shot against the breathtaking backdrops of Jammu's prominent hill stations, showcasing the region's natural beauty and tourism potential.

"Dil" is a soulful and heart-felt musical journey led by emerging Punjabi singer Labb Kumar, whose emotive vocals breathe life into the poignant lyrics written by Kuldeep Malke. The album's soundscape is crafted by acclaimed music producer Musical Mafia (Naresh NB), whose modern, high-energy



Chairman Team Jammu, Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others releasing Punjabi music album titled "Dil".

arrangements infuse the project with a fresh and contemporary vibe-perfectly resonating with the tastes and sensibilities of today's youth.

The music video has been expertly directed by NJ Neeraj, whose visual storytelling enhances the emotional depth and appeal of the album. Speaking at the launch event, Zorawar lauded the team's creativity and dedication, stating, "It gives me immense pride to see young artists from our region

and public support, encouraging more youth to step into creative fields like music, filmmaking, and performing arts.

Labb Kumar, who has already released two successful albums prior to "Dil," shared his enthusiasm and gratitude. "This project is very close to my heart. Working with such a talented team has been a learning experience, and I'm thankful to Zorawar Singh Jamwal for their continuous support. I look forward to bringing more such content that represents the voice of our generation," he said.

The release of "Dil" signifies a growing cultural movement in Jammu and Kashmir, where music and media are becoming important vehicles for positive change, identity building, and regional pride.

producing such high-quality content. Projects like 'Dil' are not just musical expressions - they are platforms for youth empowerment, self-expression, and cultural revival. These initiatives generate employment opportunities and serve as a strong counterforce to the growing challenges of drug addiction among the younger generation."

He further emphasized the need to promote regional talent through digital media

Sudhir Chaudhary's 'Decode' Revolutionises; DD News Viewership Dominates Digital Engagement

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NEW DELHI: DD News, India's public service broadcaster, announces a significant increase in its viewership metrics following the successful launch of its flagship news program, 'Decode' with Sudhir Chaudhary'.

Anchored by seasoned journalist Sudhir Chaudhary, the program has swiftly established itself as a cornerstone of DD News's prime-time schedule, attracting a broad and highly engaged audience.

From its very first broadcast, 'Decode' with Sudhir Chaudhary' has fundamentally reshaped news consumption patterns on DD News.

The program's incisive analysis and compelling discussions immediately captivated audiences, leading to an unprecedented and substantial surge in Television Rating Points (TRP) from its inaugural week. Decode's breakthrough storytelling has driven historic growth in viewership, elevating DD News's 9-10 PM weekday slot to



unprecedented prominence.

The program's impact extends robustly across digital platforms. 'DECODE's performance on DD News's official YouTube channel in May 2025 was exceptional. Significantly, the very first episode of 'Decode' garnered approximately 2.6 million views to date, setting a new, record-breaking benchmark for DD News in the news category on YouTube.

Launched on May 15th, 2025, the show achieved an impressive total of 23.9 million views, constituting a dominant 48.58% of DD News's YouTube channel's overall 49.2 million views for the month.

Furthermore, it generated 148 million impressions, accounting for a substantial 67.89% of the channel's total 218 million impressions in May. The channel also experienced a significant net gain of 453,000 subscribers during the same reporting period.

This comprehensive data unequivocally demonstrates that 'Decode' with Sudhir Chaudhary' was instrumental in driving the majority of views, impressions, and audience engagement across the digital platform throughout May 2025.

'Decode' with Sudhir Chaudhary' is broadcast exclusively on DD News every Monday to Friday at 9:00 PM, providing viewers with a comprehensive and unbiased perspective on a diverse array of national and international issues.

DD News remains steadfast in its unwavering commitment to public service broadcasting, delivering credible news and varied programming to the nation.

Rekha participates in 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign on World Environment Day

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan on Thursday joined the nationwide green initiative Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam by planting an Amla (Indian Gooseberry) sapling on the occasion of World Environment Day in the presence of enthusiastic booth-level karyakartas.

Highlighting the sacred significance of Amla, Rekha

ed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as a meaningful way to pay tribute to motherhood while protecting Mother Earth.

"This is a small step, but it carries a powerful message. Let's all come forward and plant a tree in our mother's name, not just to honour her, but to secure a cleaner and greener future for generations to come," she added.



Mahajan said, "Amla is not only known for its immense medicinal value but also holds religious reverence, being associated with Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi. Planting such trees is both a spiritual and environmental contribution." Rekha hailed the visionary campaign #EkPedMaaKeNaam, initiated

She appealed to every citizen, especially the youth and BJP karyakartas, to make tree plantation a collective responsibility and a routine act of gratitude toward nature.

The event concluded with a pledge to nurture the planted saplings and spread awareness about environmental conservation.

KC College of Education celebrates World Environment Day



KC College of Education students and faculty during World Environment Day celebration.

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JAMMU: Theme based activity was held on the occasion of 'World Environment Day' at KC College of Education. The Environmental Club and NSS unit of the college organized a plantation-cum-beautification drive in the college premises.

The activity was based on the theme 'Connecting with Nature' considering the

manifold benefits of Mother Nature and planting trees. The students of semester 2nd participated in the activity, where in first of all they prepared the area for plants to be planted. Club members and NSS volunteers planted trees and later beautified the area by fixing labeled plates for plants and making small fences around the planted plants.

Both the students and the faculty participated in the drive with zeal and enthusiasm. Principal of the College, Dr. Sanjay Tikoo highlighted the importance of such activities and appreciated the efforts of the club for organizing such environmental activities. The whole programme was convened by Dr. Puja Sharma, Convenor of Environmental Club.

B R Kundal hails reconstitution of High-Power Committee to monitor SC/ST Act Implementation

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JAMMU: B. R. Kundal (IAS, Retd.), Working President of the Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy (JKU), has welcomed the government's recent decision to reconstitute the High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee to oversee the effective implementation of the Scheduled Castes

and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and rules of 1995 made under the Act. Expressing gratitude, Kundal extended thanks to the Chief Minister and Lieutenant



Governor for responding to longstanding appeals for stronger enforcement mechanisms under the SC/ST Act.

He remarked that in recent times, there has been a noticeable rise in atrocities, particularly against Scheduled Castes, and public concern has grown over delays or lapses in registering FIRs under the Act at local

police stations. To be mentioned that that under leadership of Kundal, the Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy has submitted several memoranda to the offices of both the Chief Minister and the Lieutenant Governor, urging immediate action.

He recalled a recent meeting with the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at Civil Secretariat, Jammu where these concerns were again brought to the attention. Kundal emphasized the need for urgent steps in areas such as enhancing the annual income ceiling for eligibility to SC/ST scholarships at pre- and post-matric levels, appointment of a full-time full time Vice-Chairman of SC advisory board, and conferment of proprietary rights to the occupants/allottees of evacuee's properties.

He expressed confidence that the current leadership will take further decisive measures to address all issues ensuring justice and support for marginalized communities across the Union Territory.

roots level. Deepak Jandyal shared his views on the need for responsible citizen participation in preserving nature and encouraged everyone to make small but consistent contributions like planting trees and reducing plastic use.

Thakur Das Sharma, Prant President, and Rajiv Bhardwaj, Prant Organizing Secretary, also spoke on the occasion. They highlighted the growing environmental challenges and stressed the importance of community-driven

actions to build a greener and healthier future.

As a symbolic gesture, saplings were distributed to all attendees by ABGP, encouraging them to plant trees in their surroundings and take personal ownership of environmental protection.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks to all participants and supporters, reaffirming ABGP's commitment to promoting environmental consciousness and sustainable living practices.

ABGP observes World Environment Day with plantation drive

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JAMMU: On the occasion of World Environment Day 2025, the Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat (ABGP) organized a meaningful environmental awareness and tree plantation event at the historic Mubarak Mandi Park in Jammu. The program was conducted under the leadership of Shri Deepak Jandyal, Prant Environment Chief.



MLA Yudhvir Sethi and others at plantation drive.

the importance of environmental conservation and the collective responsibility of society in combating climate

change. He praised ABGP for its continued efforts in spreading awareness about sustainability at the grass-

Yoga Session organized on World Environment Day-2025 at GDC Bani

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BANI: On the World Environment Day 2025, plantation drive conducted at GDC Bani by the Department of Environmental Science and NSS unit of the College in collaboration J&K Forest Department, Forest Range Bani.

MLA Bani Dr Rameshwar Singh was the Chief Guest of the event and Prof.(Dr.) Manohar Lal, Principal GDC Bani was the Guest of Honour. Programme began with welcome address by Prof. Naseeb Bhagat, HOD Department of Environmental Science. In his address he has welcomed chief guest MLA Bani Dr. Rameshwar Singh and the guest of honor Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Lal, worthy Principal of the college.

He has applauded the efforts of MLA Bani for the welfare of public and society. Bhagat urged the participants to adopt healthy and eco-friendly practices. MLA Bani kick started a plantation drive by planting a plant sapling in the august gathering of students a college staff and other officials from Forest department including Range Officer Vinay Anand. A saplings of Deodar (Cedrusdeodara) planted by MLA Bani. More than 80 plant saplings were planted by all present during the occasion.



MLA Bani directed the forest officials to promote greenery by conducting Massive plantation drive in coming days in educational institutions and each college students needs to plant at least one plant. Another event

organized in the college campus to promote fitness among the youth in which Physical Education and Sports Department in collaboration with Yog Samiti Bani and 4/5 Gorkha rifle was also organised. Students and staff of Govt. Middle School Sathali participated in Practical session taken by Gulzari Lal, A Yoga Instructor. The main aim of organizing this Yoga Session was to promote fitness by adopting healthy life style in commemoration of upcoming International Yoga Day on 21st June, 2025. MLA Bani Dr Rameshwar Singh along with members of Royal Sports Club Bani and Civil Organizations also participated in the 40-minute yoga session. The logistics and refreshment were provided by the 4/5 Gorkha Rifles.

Later, MLA Bani felicitated the dignitaries present during the function. The Principal GDC Bani honoured the MLA Bani. The programme concluded with formal vote of thanks by Dr Nisha Devi, NSS Programme Officer, GDC Bani. The programme was conducted by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director of the College. Among the faculty members who graced the occasion by their benign presence were Dr Resham Singh, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Dr. Sunil Kumar,

Dr Narinder Kumar, Prof. Vishav Thapa, Mrs. Neena Sondhi and Himanshu Sharma. Others, who were present Chairman of Royal Sports Club Bani Tony, Saddam, Sudesh were also present.