

Youth Day celebration begins at JK Public School Panjtirthi



Glimpses of Youth Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Together we can harness the potential of the youth to steer humanity towards positive change, innovation, and progress. In 1984, the Government of India chose to observe Swami Vivekananda's Birth Anniversary as the National Youth Day. Since then, the day has been observed annually to promote Swami

Vivekananda's ideas, teachings, and way of life among youth. This celebration of Youth Day commenced at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with the theme of year 2024 "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development". This theme focuses on how young people utilize digital

technologies to contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Jakiians sang a melodious song with the message, "Youth are the key drivers to building a nation. So, the world needs to nurture, water, and let them bloom." Jakiians highlighted the International Youth Day slogan 2024 "Empowering

Youth, Building Tomorrow." Jakiians enacted a skit to convey, "Youth are the seed of prosperity". Jakiians also lauded famous quotes to convey that International youth day gives a platform to the voice of the youth. It engages youngsters and aims to take initiatives and actions that will increase opportunities for them. This day promotes

understanding and unity among the youngsters. Shipra Mahajan, the Incharge addressed the Jakiians and said, "There are many youths battling issues, and if you can inspire each other, do it together for the betterment of the world. This International youth day is to encourage, inspire, and transform youths into better humans for society."

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah expressed, "Take risks in your life, if you win, you can lead! If you lose, you can guide!" - an insightful quote by Swami Vivekananda, encourages the youth to embrace challenges and view setbacks as opportunities for growth. This day not only celebrates the remarkable energy, ideas, and aspira-

tions of young individuals worldwide but also underscores their pivotal role in shaping a more inclusive, sustainable, and equitable future." She further added, "This day offers a platform for governments, organizations, and individuals to collaborate and plan on strategies for empowering youth, enhancing their access to

education, healthcare, and encouraging their involvement in tackling challenges like unemployment, poverty, and inequality that often impact young individuals disproportionately." Following the routine practice, the Principal asked different questions to Jakiians regarding the celebration and the winners were rewarded with cash prizes.

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar hosts District Painting and Essay Writing Competitions



PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar faculty posing with winner students.

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JAMMU: As part of the Pre-Independence Day celebrations, PSPS Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, hosted an inter-college painting and essay writing competition. The painting competition invited students to depict their vision of India's progress and heritage, while the essay writing competition offered a platform to discuss themes of freedom, democracy, and national pride. The competitions were judged by a distinguished panel, including Dr Shivani Suri, Associate Professor GCW Udhampur, retired Prof MK Mussa and Prof Sunil Kumar from GDC Khour for essays, and visual artists Mahua Gupta, Ankush Hans, and Khushbu Sharma from APS Sunjwan

for paintings. Trisha Khajuria from PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar secured the first prize in painting, followed by Madhav Soutra from MAM College and Taniya Rajput from GCET Jammu. In the essay category, Manvi Rajput from PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar won first place, with Anmoldeep Kour from GCW Parade and Muskan Manhas from MAM College taking second and third places respectively. The painting competition was coordinated by Prof. Anupama Sharma, while the essay writing event was managed by Dr. Pooja Charak and Dr. Jagmeet Kour. Principal Dr. S.P. Sarawat praised the vibrant participation, and the overall event was coordinated by Prof. Sugandha Mahajan and Prof. Suman Bala, underscoring

the dynamic spirit of the youth and their connection to the nation's heritage.

IIMC hosts Orientation Program for new batch of students

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) Jammu on Monday conducted an engaging orientation program for the 2024-25 batch.

The event, held in two sessions, welcomed new students and introduced them to faculty, staff, and industry experts.

In the first session, students met the newly inducted faculty and staff, including Dr. Dilip Kumar, Regional Director, and Vivek Pathak (IIS), OSD (Admin) and Integrated Financial Advisor. They were introduced to faculty members and discussed their reasons for



IIMC Jammu faculty posing with new batch of students during orientation program.

choosing IIMC. This session, moderated by Vishv and Dr. Ravia Gupta, set a collaborative tone for the academic year. The second session featured interactions with prominent media professionals: Mr.

Ghulam Abbas, Director of CBC, J&K and Ladakh; Dr. Brijesh Kumar Singh, Editor at Amar Ujala; Ayushi Puri, Deputy Director of CBC, J&K and Ladakh; and Vivek Pathak, Assistant Editor (News) at Doordarshan,

Jammu. Abbas highlighted the vital role of journalists in national development and the functions of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), which connects the public with the government. Dr. Singh shared his

philosophy on success, emphasizing hard work and extensive reading, and discussed the dynamic media landscape in Jammu and Kashmir. Puri elaborated on the CBC's comprehensive operations, while Pathak detailed the workings of Prasar Bharati and Doordarshan. Dr. Dilip Kumar concluded the program by discussing Indian communication methods and the significance of understanding governmental media operations. The session ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. Vinit Utpal, Assistant Professor, reflecting the day's productive and informative exchanges.

APS Nagrota holds Investiture Ceremony

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JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Nagrota held its annual Investiture Ceremony on Monday, a key event in the school's academic calendar.



The ceremony, held on the school premises, was honored by the presence of Brigadier Anurag Tyagi as the Chief Guest and Colonel SK Sharma as the Guest of Honour. The event was divided into two significant segments. The first segment focused on the conferring of badges to the newly elected student council members, including Captains, Vice Captains, the Head Boy, the Head Girl, and various Club Secretaries. These roles mark a year of leadership and service to the school community. The second segment celebrated the academic achievements of the school's top performers from the 10th and 12th grade board examinations for the academic session 2023-24, with scholarships awarded to recognize their hard work and excellence. The ceremony began with a traditional lamp lighting, followed by a welcome address by Principal Ruchi Bahl, who highlighted the significance of the event. Brigadier Tyagi praised the dedication of the students and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence. The event also featured the unveiling of the latest edition of the annual school magazine, showcasing the year's achievements. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks from Vice Principal Avinash Mahajan, expressing gratitude to all participants and attendees.

Div Com participates in massive Tiranga Rally in Jammu



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and other dignitaries participating in massive Tiranga Rally in Jammu.

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JAMMU: A massive participation of people from all walks of life led by Chairperson, District Development Council, Bharat Bhushan, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, Anand Jain was observed in the Maha Tiranga Rally

organized by District Administration and Jammu Municipal Corporation in Jammu on Monday. The rally commenced from Gulshan Ground, PHQ saw participation of prominent citizens, students from schools and colleges, personnel from armed forces, senior officers of civil and Police administration.

Tiranga Pledge was administered to all the participants. Chants of Jai Hind, Vande Matram continued throughout the rally that passed from back gate of Jammu University to Gujjar nagar Tawi bridge and back to the Gulshan Ground where the participants further took part in the 'Ek Ped Shaadeo ke Naam' plantation drive and Tiranga canvas signature campaign.

A cultural program under Tiranga concert was also organized where families of Martyr and veterans were honored for the supreme sacrifice and invaluable service to the nation. Speaking on the occasion, the Divisional Commissioner highlighted the significance of celebrating Independence Day while remembering the sacrifices of the martyrs, freedom fighters and contributions of founding forefathers of our nation.

Career Counselling Session held at Humanity Public School



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SAMBA: Higher Secondary education might not be enough to get a job but there are never avenues outside conventional careers that have opened up. Over 150 students of Humanity Public School Bassi Kalan learnt about career opportunities in commerce during a career counselling session organised by school administration. CA Akanksha Gupta, an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, expert in career counselling was the Resource Person on the occasion. She has been practicing CA for the past 4.5 years and completed her graduation in commerce from the University of Jammu in 2018. The session was aimed at giving motivation to students and facilitating career choices after school education in commerce stream. To grace the occasion School Principal

Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal, Anku Charak and Parsidh Singh (Incharge High Secondary Wing) were also present. Khushboo Verma (10th) commenced the session with a welcome note for the speaker. Afterwards, Akanksha Gupta shed light on various academic paths in commerce and management, sharing her own journey of becoming a CA with the students. She comprehensively discussed the diverse job opportunities of these courses, providing valuable insights into future career prospects. She also motivated students to pursue CA and CS as a career as they get an opportunity to serve the nation by improving the economy. Students were curious and knew different branches and enquired about the courses available in reputed institutions. The session was very informative and educative for the students. The special aspect of the session was that it was highly interactive and the students interacted with the Resource Person in a friendly atmosphere. School Principal Gaurav Charak said, "We are honored to partner with Akanksha Gupta to provide career guidance to these deserving students." He remarked, "This session undoubtedly equipped them with the knowledge and tools to choose their ideal career paths and pursue promising opportunities. We are incredibly grateful for her involvement in supporting the youth and helping them chart a brighter future."

Swachhata Pakhwada: Excise Range Udhampur organises awareness programme at GHS Darsoo



Additional Commissioner Revenue, Umesh Singh Shan posing with students and Excise Department officials.

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UDHAMPUR: In collaboration with the District administration and on the direction of Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and under supervision of the Dy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Kusum Sharma, Excise Range Udhampur under the Swachhata Pakhwada-The Shuchhita Sangram theme "Say no to Drugs and yes to Life" organized awareness program at Govt High School Darsoo,

Udhampur on Monday. Additional Commissioner Revenue, Umesh Singh Shan was Chief Guest at the event. PRI members, large numbers of locals also attended the event. A total of 50 students participated in the event. The Chief Guest encouraged the participants to keep away from drug abuse and emphasized the role of community participation in war against drug abuse. All the participants were

presented with School bags and refreshments while winners were presented with gold, silver and bronze medals. Meanwhile, a rally under the same programme was organised by Excise Range Udhampur Reasi in village Salal district Reasi. Students of GHSS Salal and staff along with locals participated in rally. Refreshments were distributed among participants.

Reasi Shooting meet held at Jammu



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JAMMU: The VIIth Reasi District Rifle Shooting Championship held at 10X Shooting Academy in Jammu under the aegis of the J&K Rifle Association (JKRA). Participants showcased their skills across various categories, demonstrating impressive marksmanship. On this occasion, Manu Partap was chief guest, who along with Rahul Bakshi distributed

medals and certificates. Now, considering their performance, Vijay Kumar, Subashish Padha, Bhumika, Yashika Sharma, Sachin Sharma and Charanpreet Kour will represent District Reasi in the upcoming J&K Rifle Shooting Championship at Jammu, a handout issued here today informed. The event held under the technical supervision of Rajesh Virdhy and Arjun Chib.

J&K Badminton Tournery from August 16

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Yonex-Sunrise All J&K Senior and Junior Ranking/Selection Badminton Tournament, organised by Badminton Association of Jammu and Kashmir, shall take place at Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here from August 16 to 18. The competition shall be held in Junior (Under-19) boys and girls in both singles and doubles besides mixed doubles. The competition shall also take place in Men and Women (Singles and Doubles) and Senior (men and women) Mixed Doubles, a handout issued by the Association here on Monday informed. The draws will be held on August 15 at 5:00 PM at the venue itself, followed by the matches from 10:00 AM onwards on August 16. Later, after the tournament, the selected J&K team, on the basis of performance, shall participate in the North Zone Inter-State Badminton Championship slated for Chandigarh.