

## Heritage School celebrates Independence Day & Janmashtami

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Heritage School resonated with vibrant colours of patriotism and devotion as the Senior Wing and Primary Wing celebrated India's 79th Independence Day and the auspicious festival of Janmashtami through special assemblies. The day's events beautifully blended the spirit of freedom with the cultural richness of India's traditions. The Senior Wing assembly commenced with a soulful prayer, setting a reverent tone for the celebration. This was followed by an inspirational thought and an article on India's journey to independence, paying homage to the sacrifices of freedom fighters. A melodious patriotic song by the school choir filled the atmosphere with pride and gratitude.



Students and faculty members during Independence Day celebration.

The programme then transitioned to the celebration of Janmashtami, featuring a thoughtful reflection on Lord Krishna's timeless teachings and a well-researched article on the festival's significance. A graceful dance performance, portraying episodes from

Krishna's life, captivated the audience and the assembly concluded with the national anthem. The Primary Wing assembly radiated enthusiasm and innocence as young Heritageans presented heartfelt songs and compelling enactments, celebrating the glory of being Indian. The Janmashtami celebration in the Primary Wing began with a beautifully adorned setup of Lord Krishna, followed by the ceremonial lighting of incense sticks and offering of prayers by Principal Aakash Pradhan,

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Vice-Principal Rashmi Thakur, Headmistress Hemneet Kaur and the Primary Wing Coordinators. The children's devotional songs, dances and narrations reflected joy, piety and reverence for the festival. Headmistress Hemneet Kaur, urged the young learners to cherish their freedom, respect cultural traditions and strive to be responsible citizens.

Vice-Principal Rashmi Thakur lauded the sincere efforts of the students and teachers, noting how both assemblies reflected the essence of India's heritage—courage, faith and celebration of diversity. Addressing the gathering, Principal Aakash Pradhan praised the students and staff for presenting programmes that not only showcased talent and creativity but also instilled values of unity, responsibility and cultural pride. He emphasised the importance of remembering the sacrifices of the past while nurturing virtues of compassion, service and dedication in the present.

## New office bearers of Shopian District Volleyball Association elected



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SHOPIAN: The Volleyball Association of Jammu & Kashmir has elected the new office bearers of the Shopian District Volleyball Association for the term 2025-2029. The elections were held at Danish Resort, Padawan Shopian, in a smooth and transparent process. Mazamil Hamid has been elected as President, while Manzoor Ahmed Rather will serve as Vice-President. Mutahir Shabir has been chosen as Secretary, and

Rayees Ahmed will take charge as Treasurer. The post of Joint Secretary has been assigned to Tawseef Ahmed Malla. The Executive Members include Nadim Maqbool and Aalim Intiaz. All the above office bearers were elected unanimously. The election was conducted by Returning Officer Shabir Ahmed Malik, under the supervision of Observers Kuldip Magotra, Chief Executive Officer of the Volleyball Association of J&K, and Mohd Tariq, Joint

Secretary of VAK. The observers were appointed by the President of the Volleyball Association of J&K. The newly elected team expressed gratitude for the trust placed in them and assured that they would work diligently towards the development and promotion of volleyball in the Shopian district. They pledged to bring new energy and initiatives to the sport, with a focus on nurturing local talent and organizing more competitive events in the coming years.

## School of Teacher Education CLUJ celebrates Independent Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: School of Teacher Education, Cluster University of Jammu under the guidance of Dean, Dr. Mohd. Zubair Kales organised a programme to commemorate the 79th years of Independent India and the majestic history of freedom movement. The celebrations started with flag hoisting by the



Dean of the Department. The students of the department performed various other activities such as Poster making, Slogan Writing and Speeches on the Independence Day in Hindi and English. Students also sang patriotic songs. At the end of the programme, students and faculty sang National Anthem followed by the Tiranga rally.

## Div Com flags off Tiranga Rally

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JAMMU: A grand Mega Tiranga Rally, organised by the Divisional Commissioner Jammu, was held on Thursday with enthusiastic participation from the students and staff of Government Sri Ranbir Model Higher Secondary School, Jammu. The rally commenced from Gulshan Ground and concluded at Hari Singh Park, spreading the spirit of patriotism and unity. On the way, participants stopped at Gujjar Nagar Chowk, where a solemn pledge was taken to uphold national integrity and values. The school's rally contingent was led by Principal Dr. Kishor Sharma, who motivated students to carry forward the message of national pride and communal harmony.

## Sanfort School celebrates Janmashtami



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: "Janmashtami was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Sanfort School, Pata Bhoori. Students participated in various activities like Krishna-themed art competitions, Bhajan singing, and dance performances. The highlight of the event was the 'Dahi Handi' ceremony, where students formed human pyramids to break the pot, just like Lord Krishna and his friends used to do. The celebration concluded with the distribution of Prasad and sweets, spreading joy and happiness among all."

## HGS hosts 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally to celebrate 79th Independence Day



and staff enthusiastically marched to the beats of patriotic songs, echoing chants of unity and love for the nation. Principal Shakun Choudhary expressed that such initiatives play a vital role in instilling values of responsibility, respect, and oneness in young minds. "When students participate in such events, they don't just celebrate Independence Day—they learn to value and protect the freedom our forefathers fought for," she said.

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JAMMU: In the spirit of patriotism and unity, Hermam Gmeiner School, Jammu, organised a vibrant Har Ghar Tiranga Rally

from the school campus to Santra Morh as part of its 79th Independence Day celebrations. The rally was flagged off by Neha Mahajan, President, BJP

JKUT Mahila Morecha, who lauded the school's efforts in nurturing national pride among students. Carrying the Tricolour high, students, teachers,

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