

# Tricolour Triumphs: JKPS Kunjwani blends patriotism with cultural grandeur on 79th Independence Day



Glimpses of 79th Independence Day celebration at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: 15th August, the day etched in golden letters in the annals of Indian history, marks the dawn of our nation's freedom in 1947 - a hard-earned liberty secured through the courage, sacrifices, and indomitable spirit of countless patriots.

This year, JK Public School, Kunjwani, commemorated the 79th

Independence Day with a Special Assembly brimming with national pride, cultural richness, and heartfelt tributes to the heroes of our motherland.

The occasion was graced by Shashi Chaudhary, Director, JK Educational Society; Rajesh Rathore, Principal, JKPS Kunjwani; Roopinder Kaur, Vice Principal; Parvinder Kour,

Academic Coordinator; Anju Raj, Primary Wing Coordinator; and Shivangani Pangotra, Toddler Wing Coordinator.

The celebration commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony, a moment that filled the air with patriotic fervour, followed by the National Anthem, echoing unity and pride across the campus. The Senior Wing's

soulful patriotic song stirred hearts, paving the way for a compelling theatrical presentation by the Drama Club depicting the trials, resilience, and ultimate triumph of India's freedom fighters.

The Primary Wing's evocative performance on 'Operation Sindoor' paid homage to the courage of the Indian armed forces, while a

vibrant patriotic dance showcased the diversity and cultural splendour of the nation. A special highlight of the day was an original patriotic composition by Ankita and Ayushmaan, whose heartfelt lyrics and mellifluous voices deeply moved the audience.

In her inspiring address, Shashi Chaudhary reminded all of the immeasurable sac-

rifices of India's brave sons and daughters, urging students and staff alike to safeguard this precious freedom by actively contributing to the nation's growth and harmony.

She emphasised that true patriotism lies not only in remembering our glorious past but also in fulfilling our present duties with sincerity, discipline, and compassion,

thereby shaping a future worthy of our nation's legacy. Echoing her sentiments, she encouraged the young learners to nurture qualities of courage, empathy, and resilience, reminding them that they are the torchbearers of India's tomorrow. She urged every student to dream big, act responsibly, and lead with integrity, ensuring that the Tricolour

always soars high with pride. The programme concluded with a group photograph, immortalising the collective spirit of pride and responsibility. As the day drew to a close, the atmosphere was suffused with a renewed commitment - to cherish our heritage, uphold our values, and work together for a stronger, brighter India.

## Budgam District Volleyball Association's new office bearers elected



Newly elected office bearers of Budgam District Volleyball Association posing with VAK observers.

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BUDGAM: The Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir has elected new office bearers for the Budgam District Volleyball Association for the term 2025-2029.

The elections were held at

KGN Restaurant/Hotel Mirgund in Budgam, where members gathered to select the leadership that will steer the development of volleyball in the district for the next four years.

Irshad Ahmad Wani was unanimously elected as the

President of the Association, while Mehraj Mustafa Mir was chosen as Vice-President. Sameer Ahmad Ganie has been elected as the Secretary, with Faisal Ahmad Fayaz taking over as Treasurer. The position of Joint Secretary was filled by Umar Sultan.

The executive body also includes Tariq Ahmad Sofi, Irshid Ahmad Bhat, Umar Lateef, Javid Ahmad Pathan, and Ab Qayoom Ganie as executive members. All the office bearers were elected unanimously, reflecting a shared vision and unity

among the members.

The election process was conducted under the supervision of Returning Officer Dr. Altaf Ahmad. It was overseen by Kuldeep Magotra, Chief Executive Officer of the Volleyball Association of J&K, and Mohd Tariq, Joint Secretary of VAKJ, who were appointed as observers by the President of the Volleyball Association of J&K.

The entire election was held in strict adherence to the latest Model Election Guidelines as outlined in the Sports Code of 2011, ensuring transparency and fairness in the process.

Following the election, the newly elected office bearers expressed their commitment to the promotion and development of volleyball in Budgam. They pledged to introduce fresh energy and innovative initiatives to enhance the sporting ecosystem and engage more youth in the sport.

## Lt Gen Kotwal elected President of Indian Thyroid Society

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JAMMU: Lt Gen (Dr) Narendra Kotwal, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd), Director of Endocrinology at Paras Health, has been elected President of the Indian Thyroid Society during its annual conference. He also serves as President of the Endocrine Society of India-an unprecedented dual leadership role in the country's endocrine fraternity.

A decorated veteran and renowned endocrinologist, Dr Kotwal superannuated as Director and Commandant of AFMC Pune after a distinguished 37-year career in the Army Medical Corps. He has been honoured with AVSM, SM, and VSM by the President of India and has served as physician to four

Presidents of India.

Dr Kotwal is a pioneer in clinical endocrinology, public health, and the emerging field of "spiritual endocrinology." He is leading a national position paper on endocrine-disrupting chemicals and is chief editor of the forthcoming Textbook of Geriatric Endocrinology, to be launched in September. As ITS President, Dr Kotwal's vision includes expanding public awareness campaigns, strengthening research networks, introducing AI-driven thyroid care tools, and integrating holistic approaches for prevention and wellness. "TTS will be a force for change-blending science, compassion, and innovation to improve thyroid health for every Indian," Dr Kotwal said.

## SCERT J&K celebrates 79th Independence Day



Joint Director SCERT Jammu, Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor speaking after hoisting National Flag at 79th Independence Day celebration.

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JAMMU: The State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) J&K, Divisional Office Jammu, reverberated with the spirit of nationalism as it commemorated the 79th Independence Day of India, with solemn dignity and resplendent enthusiasm.

The programme commenced with the symbolic hoisting of the National Flag, by the Joint Director, SCERT Jammu, Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, followed by the rousing rendition of the National Anthem, which filled the atmosphere with fervent patriotism.

Speaking on the occasion, Bharat Bhushan, Head EPMM, Vandana Gupta, Assistant Professor, and Paawan Vivek, Sr. A/O, each distilling the timeless ideals of liberty, sacrifice, and national solidarity.

In her address, Joint Director, SCERT Jammu, highlighted on the historic legacy of Independence Day, saluted the sacrifices of the freedom struggle, and underscored the pivotal role of education in safeguarding the nation's democratic ideals and fostering future generations of responsible citizens.

The celebration was conducted under the prudent supervision of V. K. Bhat,

Sanjeev Suri, the Unit Heads, and Dr. Sandeep Singh, Sr. A/O. Exemplary management, aesthetically decorated venue arrangements, and wholehearted participation by the Event Management Team, coupled with meticulous coordination of Rukhsana Gulbadan, A/O upheld the occasion's conduct with dignity, decorum, and a vibrant patriotic spirit. Amit Bhagat A/O presented a formal vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the distribution of refreshments and a collective reaffirmation to uphold the ideals of liberty, integrity, and progressive nationhood.

## Humanity Public School celebrates 79th Independence Day

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm, pride, and patriotic fervour. The school campus was beautifully adorned with Tricolour decorations, banners, and vibrant motifs symbolising unity and freedom.

The celebrations began with a grand flag hoisting ceremony led by Principal Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal Anku Charak, Administrator Ravinder Sadhu, Admin Incharge Akashdeep Raina, and Academic Incharges from various wings including Prasad Singh (Higher Secondary), Namrta Sharma (High Wing),



Vandana Sharma (Primary Wing), Aparna Billowria (Pre-Primary Wing), Er. Varinder Kumar (IT), and Mahan Singh (Sports).

As the National Flag soared high, the entire school stood in unison for the National Anthem, radiating a strong sense of national pride. A well-coordinated

and disciplined march past by the students followed, showcasing unity and determination.

The cultural program opened with an inspiring speech by Shubam of Class 12, highlighting the sacrifices of freedom fighters, followed by Adarsh of Class 7, who spoke on the role of

youth in shaping India's future. Suhani of Class 5 recited a heartfelt patriotic poem, while Aditi of Class 10 delivered a stirring composition reflecting on the dreams of the freedom struggle.

Students of Classes 4 and 5, guided by music teachers Rajan and Abhilash, presented a soul-touching patri-

otic song. Dance teacher Taruna Mehra choreographed captivating performances - a vibrant senior wing dance celebrating "unity in diversity," and a charming performance by the Pre-Primary students that won hearts.

A powerful theatrical act by Bharat Scouts and Guides, mentored by Shivani Bhandral, brought key moments of India's freedom struggle to life, earning immense applause.

Principal Gaurav Charak, in his address, emphasized national values and student responsibility, while Vice Principal Anku Charak appreciated the efforts of students and staff, encouraging all to keep the spirit of patriotism alive.