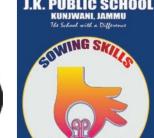


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CM graces JK Public School's first TEDx

Dream beyond limits: Omar exhorts youth

JAMMU: Ideas spreading illuminated the Nelsum Millennium Hall at Public School. Kunjwani, as the institution proudly hosted its first-ever TEDx event.

The landmark occasion united thought leaders, achievers, and visionaries from across diverse fields. inspiring the students, faculty and guests with stories of resilience, innovation and courage.

(Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a globally renowned platform devoted to spreading powerful ideas through short, impactful talks. TEDx, its independently organized extension, is designed to bring communities together for a TED-like experience. In the same spirit, TEDx JKPS Youth showcased a stellar lineup of speakers whose ideas ignited conversations and promised lasting change.

The gathering was warmly welcomed by Principal Rajesh Rathore, who expressed his pride in bring-

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah speaking at first-ever TEDx event at JK Public School, Kunjwani on Saturday. JKPS Chairman Raj Daluja, ing such a remarkable platform to the JKPS Kunjwani family. Extending a special welcome to the Chief

for literature. Rathore highlighted his humility and simplicity as hallmarks of true leadership, calling him a statesman who

Minister, Omar Abdullah, he

described him as a man of

letters-deeply admired for his

intellect, eloquence and love

embodies culture and dignity in equal measure.

He also reflected on the legacy of J.K. Public School, Kunjwani, one of the pioneering schools of Jammu, committed to nurturing values, talent and excellence for decades. The event was graced by

the Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Omar Abdullah; Raj Daluja,

Chairman, J.K. Educational Society: Patron, Davinder Daluja and Neelam Daluja, members of the management Siddarth Daluja Gautam Daluja; Shashi Choudhury, Director JK Educational Society; Rajesh Rathore, Principal, JKPS Kunjwani; and Roopinder Vice Principal; Kaur, Inderjeet Kour, School

coordinators, staff and an enthusiastic student fraterni-

Adding to the grandeur were eminent educationists, social entrepreneurs, activists, and cultural icons, making the occasion a vibrant confluence of knowledge and inspiration.

Speaking on the theme "Beyond Boundaries", Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

invoked the timeless words of Faiz Ahmad Faiz:

"Challe Chalo Ki Woh Manzil Abhi Nahin Aayi

He reminded the audience that boundaries-whether imposed by society, stereotypes, or self-doubt-are meant to be transcended. "We are told girls cannot play football or that boys should not cry. These are not truths,

chase of Russian crude oil.

The external affairs minis-

ter said trade is "really the

major issue" between the two

"The negotiations are still

going on and the bottom line

"The red lines are primarily

the interest of our farmers

and to some extent small pro-

ducers. So when people pro-

nounced that we succeeded

is we have some red lines.'

but limitations born of insecurity," he said. Urging students never to let boundaries restrict their dreams, he inspired them to aim for the highest peaks.

His address concluded with Mirza Ghalib's immortal lines, leaving the hall echoing with reflection and hope: "Hazaaron khwahishen aisi

har khwahish pe dam nikle,

lekin phir bhi kam nikle

The stage was illuminated by a distinguished panel of speakers:

Usha Mani, celebrated educational speaker, challenged the audience to break the "LOC of the heart" - invisible boundaries of fear and selfdoubt. With the powerful shift from "Why me?" to "Why not me?" she urged everyone to embrace courage and positivity as pathways to true empowerment.

Prof. Amitabh Mattoo Padma Shri awardee and academician, stressed that the world today needs security, ideas and innovation. He highlighted the role of digital infrastructure in shaping India's future, but reminded that real progress must be guided by values, peace-building and visionary youth leadership.

Prof. Shakti Kumar Gupta, Founder Executive Director & CEO, AHMS Jammu, shared his phenomenal jourin healthcare. "Boundaries are not

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Police bust fake marriage racket in Jammu, 'bride' among 5 arrested

marriage

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Five persons, including a woman from Uttar Pradesh, were arrested after police busted an interstate racket involved in orchestrating fake marriages to extort money from unsuspecting grooms here, officials said on Saturday.

So far, five such cases three from Akhnoor and two from Nagrota - have come to light, a police spokesman

Terming the arrests, which also included two locals and two outsiders, a "major breakthrough", he said police registered an FIR on August 11 at the Akhnoor police sta-

tion after receiving a complaint about a fraudulent

Deepak Kumar, a resident Dhana Chapri, approached the complainant, Rashpal Chand from nearby Dori Dager, with a marriage proposal from outside the Union territory and demanded Rs 3 lakh, the spokesman

After the marriage was solemnised, the bride, along with her accomplices, fled within two days, he said.

A probe revealed that the gang was operating a fraudulent nexus under the guise

Coordinator alongside Wing We have certain red lines: Jaishankar on negotiations for trade deal with US including 25 per cent additional duties for India's pur-

Eminent Academician & Padma Shri awardee Prof Amitabh Mattoo also seen in pictures. (More Pics on Page 5)

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: India has certain "red-lines" in its trade negotiations with the US and New Delhi will not compromise on protecting the interests of farmers and small producers, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday.

Jaishankar said the negotiations for a trade deal between the two sides are underway.

Speaking at the Economic Times World Leaders Forum, Jaishankar also said that US President Donald Trump's way of dealing with the world



from the traditional way of doing so and the entire world is facing this issue.

"We've not had a US president who has conducted foreign policy as publicly as the

departure that's not limited to India," he said.

The relations between New Delhi and Washington are on a downturn after Trump doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a whopping 50 per cent,

"My answer to this is -- we is a government are committed to defend the

countries.

or failed etc."

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Woman, son among 4 dead in mishaps

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons were killed and an equal number injured in two separate rainrelated incidents in Reasi and Kathua districts early Saturday, officials said.

While a woman, her son were killed and her husband was injured after their car hit a roadside parapet wall in Udhampur district, officials said.

Shahbaz Ahmad, a resident of Jamlan village, lost his life, and two others were injured when their truck came under a landslide triggered by rains near Malai Nallah in the Mahore area of Reasi district, the officials

They said the incident occurred around 2.30 am and the injured, Javed Ahmad and Abdul Gani, were evacuated by the res-

cuers to hospital. One person, identified as Ravi, lost his life when his car was caught in flash floods while crossing an overflowing stream near Dreamland Park in Kathua district, the

officials said. They said the body of the deceased was retrieved by a joint rescue team of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and police

Meanwhile, at least 20

HM operative arrested in Vallev

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) Saturday arrested an overground worker (OGW) who worked as a "sleeper cell" for the terrorist organisation Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM).

"Following relentless efforts, SIA Kashmir has achieved a major success by apprehending an OGW,

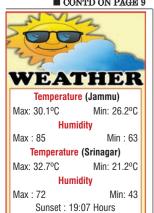
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3 IAS officers transferred

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Government on Saturday transferred three IAS officers. According to the order issued by M Raju, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Mishra, IAS Pallavi (AGMUT:2023), awaiting orders of adjustment in

the GAD has been ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9



Sunrise: 05:59 Hours

2,100 kg adulterated cheese, expired 78 tins mustard oil seized in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its ongoing special enforcement inspection drives in compliance with directions from the Government, a team from the Drugs and Food Control (DFCO), Organization Jammu, conducted a major enforcement action at the godown, reportedly operated by Shri Balaji Traders Pandita Mohalla, Gangyal, Jammu, on the basis credible inputs and unearthed a massive stockpile of unsafe and adulterated food products. notably; 21 Quintals of suspected synthetic paneer emitting a foul and putrid smell



DC Food Safety Madan Mangotra briefing media in Jammu.

and 78 tins of expired mustard oil stored in insanitary conditions.

During the drive carried by the Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety Jammu, Madan Mangotra

and his team comprising the Food Safety Officers, it was found that the food items were found to be in violation of the Food Safety and Standards Act

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Inter-state drug peddler held in Jammu with over 40 kg poppy straw state times news

JAMMU: A drug peddler, hailing from Punjab, was arrested here with over 40 kg of poppy straw, police said on Saturday.

The accused, Gurmeet Singh, was driving an oil tanker when he was stopped by the police during routine checking at Nadal-Manwal along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Friday, a police spokesperson said.

The search of the Punjabbound vehicle led to the recovery of the contraband, hidden under one of the oil chambers, he added. Singh, a resident of Patiala,

Level of success is decided by hard work and commitment

STATE TIMES NEWS PANAJI: Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai on Saturday said the level of success in professional life was not determined by examination results but by determination, hard work dedication and commitment to work, and recalled that he was a bright student but would

skip classes.

Speaking during the golden jubilee celebration of V M Salgaocar College of Law at Miramar near Panaii. he noted that the legal education system has taken a par-

"Don't go by what your ranks are in the examination



you will lead to. It is your determination, hard work, dedication and commitment to the profession that all

to profession, not by exam score: CJI address to the students of the law college

CJI Gavai said he was an outstanding student, but would skip classes. "But don't try to imbibe (emulate) us," he added. He recalled that when

he was studying in Government Law College in Mumbai, he used to skip classes and sit on the college's compound wall. depending on the friends who would mark his presence in the classroom.

"In the last year (of law degree), I had to shift to Amravati as my father

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Multiplicity of languages symbol of our cultural richness, unity in diversity:

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday addressed the youth during an event "Hindi Rangmanch Humari Bhasha, Humari Pehchaan" organized by Wadies Hindi Shiksha Samiti at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor lauded the remarkable efforts of Wadies Hindi Shiksha Samiti towards the promotion of the official language Hindi in Jammu Kashmir.

"In the last 75 years, Hindi has become the language that connects the country and our shared culture. During the freedom struggle, Hindi language was considered the medium for exchanging sentiments of the entire country.

Hindi is not only a medium of communication but is also a symbol of pride, integrity, unity and identity for us Indians. It has played a very important role in weaving our diversity into the thread of



LG Manoj Sinha addressing youth during an event organised by Wadies Hindi Shiksha Samiti at Srinagar on Saturday.

unity. Our policy makers had stressed that there should be harmony between Hindi and other languages of the country," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that India is a multilingual country where 453

living languages are officially spoken and among these 453 languages, Hindi has been the connecting link for 140 crore Indians. He asked the youth to maintain linguistic harmony and learn and respect other languages. Along with Hindi, we

should be proud of all our languages. Apart from our mother tongue, we should also learn other languages and spread the cultural and literary heritage of those languages," the Lieutenant Governor said. ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9 Speaking about

▶ Addresses youth during an event organised by Wadies Hindi Shiksha

Lauds remarkable efforts of Samiti towards promotion of official language Hindi in J&K

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