

# JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Hindi Diwas



Glmpises of Hindi Diwas celebrations at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrated Hindi Diwas with great pride and vigour.

To pay tribute and to mark the importance of country's most widely spoken lan-

guage, Suman Bala, the Teacher Incharge of celebra- tion, explained that Hindi is a very rich language and has made major contributions to the field of literature.

Jakians mesmerized everyone by reciting jubi-

lant and humorous poems.

They enthralled their teachers and friends with their articulation, confi- dence. Pronunciation, actions and clarity of speech.

A play on the theme of

preserving and disseminat- ing Hindi language to the coming generations in its pure form by not mixing it with the other languages was artistically enacted by Jakians.

Principal of JKPS

Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah enlightened the students with various insights into the scope, development and popularity of Hindi lan- guage.

She said, "Hindi-A lan- guage of love, togetherness

and brotherhood Language and culture of a country plays an important role in connecting the citizens of a nation."

She added, "Hindi Hamaari Shaan Hai; Desh Ka Abhimaan Hai".

# Destination Weddings making way to Kashmir

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SRINAGAR: The wedding ceremony of Rajvir and Jaspreet at Pahalgam yester- day has brought to focus the scope of Kashmir being pro- moted as a Wedding Destination as well.

The family travelled all the way from Canada to make the occasion memorable on the banks of Lidder surrounded all around by lush green forests. Industry insiders say that buoyed by the confi- dence of a record tourist foot- fall many NRIs and other families are now planning their weddings in Kashmir given the romantic and nos- talgie appeal the place has for people across the globe. This summer saw the grand wed- ding of prominent national executive at Srinagar. Tourism Department on its part is supporting this new trend with all seriousness. The Department has flagged this new trend for replication on a bigger scale.

"Jammu & Kashmir is a beautiful place. People can come here not only to enjoy the mesmerizing locales but also to perform and celebrate their weddings at dream des- tinations here. In fact we are in touch with local hoteliers in this regard", said Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Tourism

Department. Currently cities and destinations like Jaipur, Jodhpur; Udaipur; Musoori, Lonavala are the favourite wedding destinations across the country. The economic potential of Destination Wedding market in the coun- try is pegged to be around Rs. 25, 0000 crore. With the enlisting of Kashmir as another Wedding Destination, it is all set to give tourism here a big boost. Jammu & Kashmir in the last one year or so has seen the arrival of MICE, corporate bookings and Film tourism besides the traditional leisure and adven- ture tourism. Holding of des- tination weddings now is going to further broaden the spectrum of tourism services and products. "In several of our meetings with local hotel- iers, we have asked them to induct facilities for dream weddings and tie up with leading Wedding Planners and Event managers of the country to sell the place as a prominent wedding destina- tion which certainly would give a big boost to the local tourism", adds Sarmad Hafeez.

Marriages, as they say, are made in Heaven. But these are also now being celebrated in heaven (on Earth), Kashmir.

## Uday, Rajni start development work in Ward 60



Councillor Ward 60, Rajni Bala starting development work.

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JAMMU: President Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC), Uday Bhanu Chib along with Councillor Ward No 60, Rajni Bala on Tuesday started con- struction work of Wash Rooms Block at Guru Ravi Dass Temple Paloura falling in Jammu North Assembly seg- ment here.

Uday Bhanu, while address- ing the people on the occasion, said it is because of the anti- people policies of the BJP gov- ernment that people continue to suffer on account of non available of regular power and water supply and other basic amenities.

He said that Congress being more than seven decades old party and committed to

address people's issues on pri- ority. He appealed to the people to teach the BJP a lesson in the impending Assembly elec- tions by decimating it to a big zero.

Rajni Bala has welcomed the announcement of holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh. She also appealed to the Central Government to restore the statehood of J&K as a mark of biggest tributes to the Maharaja Hari Singh.

Among others who were present include Somnath Sharma, Block President Patta Paloura, Om Parkash Hans President Shri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha Paloura, Dr Raj Pal Hans, Gopal Hans, Ashok Kumar; Harbans Lal, Bittu Chib, Varinder Mehta, Tarun Vaid, Gulshan, Shishu Kumar; Gain Chand and Dr Chander Mohan Sharma.

## BJP ST Morcha working Committee meet held

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SRINAGAR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ST Morcha held a meeting of the working committee in Srinagar.

The meeting was presided by BJP ST Morcha national pres- ident and Member Rajya Sabha Samir Oraon in the presence of J&K BJP General Secretary Organization Ashok Koul, newly nominated Rajya Sabha Member Er. Gulam Ali Khatana and State president ST Morcha Choudhary Haroon. Samir Oraon focussed on the BJP's ideology, party's five principles and his- tory. He said that BJP is an ideology based party which strives to serve the nation and the society. He drew compar- ison between soldiers and BJP activists stressing that each activist works dedicatedly with- out caring for personal benefits and comforts. Ashok Koul said

nationalism, good governance and benefit to the last person of society form three important principles of BJP. He focussed on the working system of the organization and said that team spirit and micro level management are the impor- tant virtues of the organiza- tion. Khatana said that only Modi government has worked on ground to empower the ST community. And, he said, he himself is thankful to the top leadership of BJP for promoting his name for the prestigious Rajya Sabha which shows their commitment towards the deprived community.

Haroon Choudhary thanked everyone for the active partici- pation in the working commit- tee meeting and assured the senior leadership that the ST people are standing with the party. General Secretary Ch. Roshan Hussain conducted the proceedings.

## DNO SVEEP conducts awareness programmes on SSR 2022 in Govt schools



DNO SVEEP, Devinder Singh Manhas, faculty and students during an awareness programme.

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JAMMU: As per the guidance of District Election Officer Anvy Lavasa, a series of aware- ness programme regarding Special Summary Revision (SSR) 2022 were organised by District Nodal Officer SVEEP, Devinder Singh Manhas along with District Level Master Trainers, Dr S Perminder Kour; Mammet Bali, Dr Avneet, Dr Paramjeet Kour;

Sugandh, Poonam Gandotra, Sushil Hiteshi, Neeraj Jambwal, Satpal Kour and Darshan Lal regarding the NVSP and SSR at Govt. SRML Higher Secondary School, Govt. Higher Secondary School Mubarak Mandi and GHSS Central Basic Jammu.

A large number of students from Class 9th to 12th were made aware about the process

of registration as a new voter through offline as well as online mode.

DLMTs were imparting awareness and enriching stu- dents regarding electoral process during SSR 2022 on NVSP portal.

The principals and staff members of these schools were appreciated the efforts of District Election Officer, Jammu.

## CS visits Jambu Zoo, inspects ongoing works

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday visited Jambu Zoo at Nagrota and inspected the progress of ongoing works there. He was accompanied by Commissioner Secretary Forest Ecology & Environment, Sanjeev Verma; PCCF / Chief Wildlife Warden, Suresh Kumar Gupta; Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Regional Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Warden Jambu Zoo besides other concerned officers.

The Chief Wildlife Warden gave a detailed presentation on the works being carried out so far and those completed. It was informed that the total area of the zoo is 163.40 Ha and around 70 percent work on the project has been completed.

The Chief Secretary visited various sites including Main Gate, Orientation Centre, Aviary, Leopard Enclosure, Tiger Enclosures, View Points, Sambar Enclosure, Black Deer enclosure, Brown deer enlo-



CS, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta visiting Jambu Zoo at Nagrota.

sure, parks etc. He also sought other important details regard- ing the Jambu Zoo project including details of animals, birds to be made part of this Zoo after its completion.

Dr Mehta directed the con- cerned officers to closely super- vise the works and expedite the ongoing work for timely completion of this prestigious project. Responding to the issue of water supply to the Zoo the Chief Secretary asked the con- cerned officers to take up the issue with Jal Shakti depart- ment and ensure completion of work on dugwell at the earliest. He also issued directions for development/ blacktopping of

internal roads so that the com- pleted part of the zoo could be thrown open for the general public as soon as possible.

It was informed that the main attractions in Jambu Zoo are Asiatic Lion, Royal Bengal Tiger, Black Bear, Marsh Crocodile, Black bugs etc. It will also have reptile chambers hosting the poisonous and non- poisonous snakes. The Zoo will be one of the biggest in north India. It will also have an open amusement theatre and park for children. The zoo will have battery operated cars and bicycles for the visitors to move around.

When the PIL came-up for

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JAMMU: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court while hearing a peti- tion, highlighting the man- ner in which the practice of Forced Labour is prevalent in country even after 72 years of independence and helpless people similar to petitioner continue to suffer exploitation willingly, direct- ed the Director School Education Jammu to appear in person along with record of the list of Contingent Paid Workers (CPWs) /Local Fund Paid Workers approved for regu- larization in terms of SRO- 308 of 2008 of Jammu Division from 1998 till date as directed by the Court vide order dated 20.04.2022.

Justice W S Nargal

observed that Part III of Constitution of India pro- vides for the freedoms of which are guaranteed to every citizen of this country. The present case is specifi- cally concerned with Article 14, Articles 21 and 23 of the Constitution of India, more particularly Article 23. In the context, facts of the present case, what is to be considered is that whether payment of wages @ Rs 500 per year is another form of Forced Labour as barred by virtue of Article 23 of the Constitution of India or not.

Court observed that being a custodian of the funda- mental rights, Court cannot shut its eyes to the injustice carried out against the peti- tioner by an act of the State, which claims to achieve socio economic equality as

the cherished dreams of the Constitution. Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal observed that it is a sheer case of exploita- tion to a poor person by respondents, where the respondents are extracting the work from petitioner since 1998 and as on date and the petitioner is being paid Rs 500 per year, which is insufficient to cater daily needs of petitioner and it shocks the conscience of the Court that a person even after 72 years of independ- ence continue to suffer exploitation. "Since peti- tioner is continuing uninterr- ruptedly since 1998, the respondents were under legal obligation to regular- ize his services or he should have been paid minimum of the wages as per direction of the Court.

But despite directions

issued by this Court on 20.04.2022 read with 25.05.2022, respondent has neither complied with the aforesaid direction nor has appeared in person, which means that he is taking the Court orders casually and instead he has filed an application for seeking exemption which is declined keeping in view his conduct. It is a fit case where rule can be framed against respondent as he is in recur- ring contempt and has flouted the orders passed by this Court with impunity and failed to appear before this Court. The stand taken by respondents while filing reply has been rejected by this Court vide order dated 20.04.2022 and respon- dents have no other option but to implement the same in its letters and spirit.

Before proceeding further, Court grants final opportu- nity to comply the order passed by this Court on 20.04.2022 in its letter and spirit and file compliance report by or before the next date of hearing by paying him minimum of wages besides explaining his con- duct for not complying Court order dated 20.04.2022 and for non- appearance.

It further directs Director School education to appear in person along with record of the list of contingent paid workers/local fund paid workers approved for regu- larization in terms of SRO-308 of 2008 of Jammu Division from 1998 till date as directed by this Court vide order dated 20.04.2022," the Court directed.

## PIL regarding development, maintenance of parks Div Coms Jammu, Srinagar directed to submit reports within two months

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation in connection with open/ green space in cities of Jammu and Srinagar, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Sindhu Sharma directed both the Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Srinagar to revisit the matter and after having a proper meeting with all stake- holders, may submit their independent reports to the court within a period of two months.

When the PIL came-up for

hearing, DB observed that the court in its order dated July, 2021 has clearly recorded the number of parks and gardens maintained by different authorities and had required the Divisional Commissioners of Jammu and Srinagar to hold quarterly meeting of all authorities responsible for developing and maintaining of various parks including heri- tage gardens so as to coordi- nate their working. In addi- tion to it, certain directions were also issued, such as ban- ning use of plastic and con- structions in parks and the Divisional Commissioners were required to submit peri-

odical reports with regard to progress of the same.

DB further observed that in pursuance of the above, status report has been filed by Divisional Commissioner Jammu only and not by Divisional Commissioner Srinagar. "There is no report regarding the status of vari- ous parks of Srinagar. The report of the Divisional Commissioner Jammu reflects that it is not a coordi- nated work undertaken by the Commissioner rather certain parks have been left to the mercy of Jammu Municipal Corporation," the Court observed.

## Life-imprisonment awarded to six in murder case

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JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Poonch Ashok Kumar Shavan awarded life imprisonment and fine of Rs 25,000 for commission of offences punishable under sections 302, 307, 323, 325, 147 and 148 of RPC to six accused namely Lal Hussain, Nek Mohd, sons of Chand; Mohd Munshi, Mohd Latief sons of Jamal Din; Altaf Ahmed, son of Lal Hussain and Mst Razia Bi, wife of Lal Hussain all residents of village Khaitan Draba Tehsil Surankote in case registered vide FIR No 14/2011 at Police Station Surankote. As per prosecu-

tion, FIR was registered on March 13, 2011 on com- plaint of one Mohd Rafiq, son of Noor Hussain, resi- dent of Khaitan Draba, alleging that on March 13, 2011 at about 6 PM accused persons in further- ance of common intention equipped with Axe, Rambi and Sticks, inflicted multi- ple injuries on vital parts of Javed Iqbal, son of Noor Hussain, who also received grievous injuries as his leg was fractured. Other family members also received injuries during brutal attack. Accordingly, charge- sheet was filed against 9 accused, while 5 accused faced trial from the incep-

tion, an accused woman later on surrendered before the Court while 3 accused are still absconding.

After holding all accused persons guilty, Court heard arguments on quantum of sentence and thereafter awarded life imprisonment and fine of Rs 25,000 each for offences under section 302 of RPC apart from punishment under sections 307/325/323/147/148 of RPC. Prosecution was con- ducted through Maqbool Hussain, Public Prosecutor for UT while Advocate Maroof Ahmed Khan, Anuj Kapoor and Dheeraj Kour appeared on behalf of accused.