

'Raksha Bandhan-a bond of love, trust and togetherness'



Glimpses of Raksha Bandhan celebration at JK Public School Panjirthi.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Panjirthi celebrated Raksha Bandhan, the much-awaited Indian festival of sister and brother affection with

enthusiasm. Children were blooming in their ethnic attires. On the auspicious occasion, the teachers organized several activities to make students

understand the true essence of this festival and the sacred relation of a brother and a sister. To commemorate this festival, a skit was presented highlighting the significance of the

occasion, which inspired the children to always cherish this bond of love with their siblings. Jakiians performed role play to convey the message of purity and the unmatched bond of

love, care and respect that siblings always share. To make this day more memorable a group song was sung which audience enjoyed thoroughly. The festival was cele-

brated with full enthusiasm and zeal. The Principal of JKPS Panjirthi Suman Banbah expressed, "The Priceless thread, Rakhi is the epitome of love between brother

& sister. India's festivals reflect the country's rich culture in abundance. Breaking the humdrum of daily routine, these festivals bring with them a wave of excitement, happiness

and hope even in the most difficult times. The bonding between a brother and a sister is simply unique." She wished Happy Raksha Bandhan to one and all.

Alexander Memorial School hosts Inter-School Folk Dance Competition



Chief Guest Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Sr. Assistant Professor Economics Deptt JU and others lighting ceremonial lamp.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Alexander Memorial School, Jammu on Monday hosted an Inter-School Folk Dance Competition under the aegis of Youth Talent Search (a forum of schools of Jammu) in the open air auditorium of the school. Esther William, Principal of the host school, received the special guests, judges, the participants and their escort teachers. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. Shallu Sehgal, Sr. Assistant Professor

Department of Economics University of Jammu and Guest of Honour was Dr. Mitali Gupta, renowned Dietitian/Nutritionist, Proprietor of Slim line Nutrition, Jammu. The Judges for the event were Dr. Sheetal Chalotra, Senior Dance Teacher, Delhi Public School, Jammu and Delight William Kler, a Theatre Professional, Director, D-Drama Academy, Jammu. The schools participated in the competition include New Era Environmental High School, Circular

Road; Alexander Memorial School Id-Gah Residency Road; Bikram Memorial School, Bisnah; JK Montessori Hr. Sec. School, Talab Tillo; S.D. Tarapuri High School Gandhi Nagar; Lawrence Public School, Sidhra; Bhagwati Haqiqat Memorial School, Lower Barnai; 8. Humanity Public School, Bari Brahamana; Elite Public School, Om Nagar, Udhewalla, Bohri; and Play way House Hr. Sec. School Pounchak. Youth Talent Search

always encourages students to be rooted in Indian culture and ethos. The Chief Guest as well Guest of Honour gave their blessings and guided them to be good citizens of India. St JK Montessori Hr. Sec. School, Talab Tillo secured first position while Humanity Public School, Bari Brahamana got second and S.D. Tarapuri High School Gandhi Nagar, Jammu & New Era Environmental High School, Circular Road shared third position.

DDC reviews progress under Capex Budget 2023-24

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District Development Commissioner, Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Monday conducted a review meeting at the district headquarters to assess the progress of projects under the District Capex Budget for the year 2023-24.

The DDC allocated project-specific deadlines to officers and emphasised the importance of adhering to these timelines for timely project completion.

The DDC urged departmental heads and officials to proactively identify and resolve any hindrances to project progress. He stressed the need to seek assistance from relevant agencies when required.

Sachin Kumar emphasised the importance of honesty and integrity within government offices. He encouraged officers to take initiatives and foster close coordination among the departments to deliver government services effectively and ensure the smooth execution of development projects. He also urged officials to conduct regular field tours to assess the ground situation and maintain high standards of quality in developmental works.

KCIS hosts inter school swimming competition



Winner team receiving trophy from the chief guest at KCIS Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: KC International School (KCIS) hosted an Inter-School Swimming Competition in Under-12, Under-14 and Under-17 categories. There was a huge participation of enthusiastic swimmers from 14 prestigious schools of J&K and Punjab, who participated with great excitement and zestfulness. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Amarjeet Singh, Special Secretary Tourism Govt. of J&K and Special Guest, Ramandeep Singh

Soodan, President J&K Sports Council. The Guests of Honor on the occasion were Chaitanya Chowdhary, President KCIS, Dr. Shikha Chowdhary, Finance Secretary KCIS and the Principal, Anupama Sinha. The participants competed in the inter-school swimming gala with the individual races of backstroke, breast stroke, butterfly, freestyle and medley events. In the girls category Jodhamal Public School bagged 3rd position, Presentation Convent School

secured 2nd position and Heritage School registered win by securing 1st position. In boys category, KC Public School secured 3rd position, 2nd position was bagged by Jodhamal Public School bagged and KC International School emerged winner and lifted the winning trophy. The Chief Guest enunciated that the students must have strong self-belief system and courage in order to succeed in their life. Principal KCIS, Anupama Sinha presented vote of thanks.

CRIME REPORT

3 drug peddlers arrested, contraband substances recovered
8 bank accounts of 4 notorious drug smugglers frozen

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested three drug peddlers in Shopian & Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession. Besides, police have frozen 08 bank accounts of 04 notorious drug smugglers in Bandipora.

A police party led by SHO Police Station Zainapora under the supervision of SDPO Zainapora at a checkpoint established at Aglar crossing intercepted a motorcycle bearing Regd. No JK13H-6023 ridden by one person who tried to flee but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 13 grams of Brown sugar concealed in a nylon bag was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Zulfikar Shafi Malik son of Mohammad Shafi Malik resident of Dalipora Pulwama. The recovery was seized in presence of Executive Magistrate on spot and seizure memo was prepared accordingly. Motorcycle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

In Kulgam, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Qazigund during Naka checking at Qazigund intercepted a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration No. JK18A-7101. During search, two nylon sacs containing 57 Kgs of Poppy Straw were recovered from the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle identified as Nazir Ahmad Mochi son of Sananullah resident of Mohammad-Pora, Kulgam, at present Chawalgam Kulgam was arrested on spot and the vehicle used in commission of crime was also seized. Moreover, a police party during naka checking at Nassu Badragund intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 2 Kgs of poppy straw concealed in a nylon bag was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Umer Bashir Ganie son of Bashir Ahmad Ganie resident of Nassu Badragund. Both the accused persons have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective Police Stations and further investigation have been initiated.

Moreover, police in Bandipora have frozen 08 bank accounts and have seized a vehicle from 04 notorious drug smugglers. Two bank accounts having savings of Rs 3,97,603/- has been frozen and an Auto load carrier with market value of Rs 3,18,000/- belonging to a notorious drug smuggler Irshad Ahmad Khan son of Ab Samad Khan resident of Asham Hajin has also been seized under NDPS Act after obtaining approval from competent authorities. Besides, 06 more saving bank accounts to the tune of Rs 176,899/- belonging to three notorious drug smugglers namely Mohamad Ayub Dar son of Gh Ahmad Dar resident of Ganastan Sumbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Rather son of Mohamad Kamal Rather resident of Ajas and Irshad Ahmad Wani son of Habib-Ullah Wani resident of

Hajin freed U/S 68F (2) of NDPS Act by the Competent Authority & Administrator, SAFEM (New Delhi). All these savings were illegally acquired through the sale of narcotic drugs.

12 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Police on Monday seized 12 vehicles which were being used for illegal mining in districts Samba and Poonch. Police teams comprising of SHO Police Station Samba Daljeet Singh, SHO Police Station Vijaypur Sandeep Charak and ASI Ramesh Chander under the supervision of DySP Garu Ram, SDPO VijaypurRohit Kumar and Additional SP Samba SurinderChoudhary have seized nine (09) more vehicles being used for illegal mining at different locations in Samba district.

The seized vehicles are : Five dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK02CJ-1867, JK21E-5572, JK02BF-6649, JK21E-8590 and JK14H-1478 and three tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK21F-2501, JK21H-9386, JK21G-9341 & one tractor trolley without number. Senior Superintendent of Police Samba Benam Tosh said that total one hundred twenty five (125) vehicles have been seized in past seven months for illegal mining by Samba police after launching special drive against illegal mining. Police would continue checking the wrongdoings of mining mafia till illegal mining is completely stopped in the district.

In a successful joint operation conducted by the Police and Mining Department, three vehicles engaged in the illegal transportation and extraction of minor minerals were seized in Poonch District.

The operation was carried out under the direction of Deputy Commissioner, Yasin M. Choudhary and in the presence of DMO, Javed Iqbal. The move came in continuation to a massive drive launched to curb the illegal extraction and transportation of minor minerals, which poses a threat to the environment and results in revenue loss to the public exchequer.

The raiding team seized two tractors at Jhullass and one JCB at Sanai. The coordinated efforts of the twin agencies ensured the effective enforcement of the law and sent a strong message against illegal activities related to minor mineral transportation and extraction.

Four arrested for assaulting woman

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Police on Monday arrested four persons for assaulting a woman.

As per details, On September 4, 2023 as per the written complaint of one lady namely Reva Devi, wife of Late Pawan Kumar, resident of Dewal Tehsil Billawar that four persons with criminal intention attacked upon her and used filthy language when she was at her home for which a case FIR No. 126/2023 under sections 452/323/427/504/506/IPC has been registered at PS Billawar against four persons namely Kaku Ram, son of Mohinder Kumar; Balu Ram, son of Shakti Ram; Happy and Banty all residents of Dewal Tehsil Billawar District Kathua.

Acting swiftly police team led by Insp. Jatinder Singh SHO Billawar managed to arrest all the four accused persons within (3-4 hours).

Absconder nabbed

STATE TIMES NEWS
MENDHAR: An absconder wanted in a case registered in Police Station Mendhar has been arrested by a police on Monday.

Absconder namely Mohd Makhana, son of Mohd Bashir, resident of Mankote has been nabbed.

The accused was wanted in case FIR No. 123/2012 under section 307,148,323,324 RPC of P/S Mendhar and was absconding whereas a general warrant of arrest under section 299 CrPC was issued against him by Munsiff court Mendhar. The accused has been produced in the court of law for further course of action.

Narco smuggler arrested with 10 Kg poppy straw

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against narcotics, Udhampur Police recovered 10 kg of poppy straw at Jakhani under the jurisdiction of Police Station Udhampur. The police team of Police Station Udhampur was conducting routine vehicle checking in Jakhani area and stopped a vehicle (JK02DE0785) which was coming from Kashmir Valley towards Udhampur.

During investigation of the said vehicle, police recovered 10 kg of poppy and arrested a narco smuggler who was identified as Balal Ahmed, son of Mushtaq Ahmed resident of Bhomag Reasi. A case has been registered in this regard at Police Station Udhampur and further investigation has been started.

Minor boy dies after 'hit by' tractor

STATE TIMES NEWS
KUPWARA: A minor boy died after being hit by a tractor in Karnah area of Kupwara district on Monday.

As per details, the boy was hit by a tractor bearing registration number JK09C 0019. The boy, identified as Nooran Shah (around 11 years of age), son of Khadam Hussain, a resident of Chamkote Karnah, died on the spot.

Two minor girls kidnapped

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Incidents of kidnapping of two minor girls have come to light from Sidhra and Domana on the outskirts of the city. The police of the concerned police stations have registered the case and started searching for the girls.

According to the police, a man originally from Chhattisgarh and presently staying at Sidhra lodged a complaint at Nagrota police station that his 15-year-old daughter had left home for some work on Sunday, but did not return. He searched for her at every possible place but no information was found. When the family asked her friends, they came to know that a youth namely Vivek Kumar has been stalking their daughter for the past few days. When the police inquired about Vivek, they came to know that he was also missing from his house. The girl's family alleged that their daughter has been kidnapped by Vivek Kumar.

Meanwhile, a woman resident of Samelpur village of Domana, lodged a complaint in the Domana police station, saying that her 15-year-old daughter had left home to go to school last Saturday, but neither she reached school nor

return home. The girl's school teacher had informed the family about her not reaching school.

Man dies after consuming poison

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: A man died after consuming poisonous substance in suspicious condition in Mahore area on Monday.

According to the information, family members of Mohd Altaf, son of Mohd Ramzan resident of Mahore saw him lying unconscious at home on 30th August. He was admitted to the hospital but he died on Monday during treatment. The police took his body into custody. A case has been registered in this regard.

Similarly, Rachin Sudan, son of Ashok Sudan, resident of Reshmaghar in Bakshi Nagar area also consumed some poisonous substance in his house. He is undergoing treatment.

Two injured in clashes

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Two people have been injured in clashes in different areas on Monday.

According to information, Vipin, son of Jagan Nath resident Ragur had a dispute in the area. The matter escalated so much that he was attacked and got injured. He has been admitted to the hospital for treatment. Similarly, Gyan Chand, son of Garu Ram, resident of Maheshpura has also been injured in a brawl. He has been admitted to the hospital for treatment. The police are investigating at their level.

Body of unidentified Sadhu found in suspicious circumstances

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: An unidentified body has been found at Udhampur's main bus stand on Monday. According to the information, around 5 o'clock in the evening, some people saw a Sadhu lying in a suspicious condition and they immediately informed the police. On the other hand, police reached the spot as soon as the information was received and took him to GMC Udhampur where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has kept the body in the mortuary of GMC for identification.

Three electrocuted; one dies, condition of 2 critical

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Three devotees who were returning after eating Bhandara in Dudhadhari temple were electrocuted by a pole who were immediately brought to GMC Udhampur, where one died during first aid. He deceased has been identified as Manav (25), son of Kuldeep, resident of Court Road, Udhampur, while two devotees, identified as Devraj and Rakesh Sharma, were referred to GMC Jammu for better treatment after first aid.

According to the information, a Hawan, Yagya and Bhandara were organized in Dudhadhari temple on Monday in which a large number of devotees participated. Three devotees were returning home after receiving Prasad in Bhandara and they came in grip of a electric pole near the temple and got electrocuted. Police and Electricity Department were informed about this and power supply was stopped. After that the injured were taken to District GMC.