

Optimism is our most trusted companion, a beacon of light: Principal JKPS Kunjwani



Principal JK Public School Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore and students addressing morning assembly on Monday.

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JAMMU: "Optimism sees possibilities, realism sees probabilities. Together they navigate the path to success". Such opening statement witnessed the assembly proceedings on a brighter note by Prakriti Sharma of Grade XI Science.

"Life is a journey filled with twists, turns and unexpected detours. As I traverse the

intricate web of experiences, challenges and joys, I have come to adopt a philosophy that blends optimism with a healthy dose of realism", stated the budding poet Archit from the class.

"In the words of Walt Disney, 'I always like to focus on the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter'. This sentiment re-

sonates with me on a deeply personal level, shaping the way I approach the intricacies of existence", he added.

Reflecting on the topic further, another brilliant student Ananya said, "In my journey so far, I have encountered moments that tested the limits of my optimism. Life's complexities manifested in unexpected setbacks. Yet, it is precisely in these times, the

realistic side of me acknowledges that life is a complex tapestry woven with threads of joy and sorrow. It's an intricate dance between success and failure, growth and stagnation, love and heartbreak. Embracing this complexity allows me to navigate the uncertainties with a clear-eyed understanding, appreciating that the beauty of life often lies in its multifaceted

nature". "Optimism becomes a guiding force, steering an individual towards solutions and possibilities even when the path ahead seems obscured. It's the belief that setbacks are temporary, and with resilience and determination, one may overcome any obstacle", pitched in Prakriti.

"Realism, on the other hand, tempers this optimism, grounding me in the present

and encouraging a pragmatic assessment of the situation. It's the acknowledgment that some challenges may persist, requiring patience and adaptability", she added.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore applauded students for presenting an extremely thought provoking assembly and shared his perspective with the audience. "Optimism ought to be our

trusted companion, a beacon of light in the darkest hours.

It's the unwavering belief that no matter how stormy be the seas, there's a silver lining, waiting to reveal itself. This mindset isn't about ignoring the complexities or challenges that life throws our way; rather, it's a conscious decision to focus on the positive aspects, no matter how small, in the face of adversity".

"Never lose hope. Stay optimistic in the moments of crises. Always have faith in your indomitable spirit and unflinching self-belief. With lessons learnt from the past and excitement for the future, let's usher into the ongoing journey to write the most exciting chapter of life with interplay of optimism, realism, and life's vibrant tapestry", he concluded.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes Placement Letters Distribution Function

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JAMMU: Government Polytechnic Jammu proudly hosted a Placement Letters Distribution Function on Monday at its campus. This event marked a significant milestone for the passout students of various polytechnic institutions from Jammu Division, symbolizing the culmination of their academic journey and the beginning of their professional careers.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Om Prakash Bhagat, Directorate of Skill Development J&K, Principal of Government Polytechnic Jammu, expressed gratitude to the industry partners and placement coordinators for their



Om Prakash Bhagat, Directorate of Skill Development J&K and others at Placement Letters Distribution Function.

secured employment opportunities through campus placements.

In his keynote address, Om Prakash Bhagat JKAS, Directorate of Skill Development J&K, emphasized the importance of practical skills and industry readiness in today's competitive job market. He com-

mended the efforts of the students and the institution for bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world applications.

Er Arun Bangotra, Principal of Government Polytechnic Jammu, expressed gratitude to the industry partners and placement coordinators for their

continuous support and collaboration. He highlighted the institution's commitment to providing quality education and fostering industry-ready professionals.

The event concluded with a sense of accomplishment and optimism as the students prepared to embark on their professional journeys. The Placement Letters Distribution Function not only celebrated the polytechnic student's achievements but also reaffirmed the institution's dedication to

empowering students and contributing to their future success. During the ceremony, placement letters for Hitachi Astemo Rajasthan Break Pvt. Ltd were distributed to 33 students and 20 students got the placement letter from Escorts Kubota Ltd. The placement success is a testament to the strong industry connections of the institute.

Er. Ajay Thapa, TP Cell OIC, facilitated the program, others present on the occasion were Neena Dullo and Rajesh Khajuria DLTP Cell, Inderjeet Singh Workshop Superintendent, Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engg, Jasdeep Kour HOD I&C, Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engineering, Raj Shekhar HOD Automobile Engineering, Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Engg, Sakshi Kapahi, faculty and staff of the college.

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JAMMU: Commissioner JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav took stock of the activities being carried out by Jammu Municipal Corporation and Anti Malaria Wing, Jammu in view of increasing Dengue cases in Jammu and issued strict instructions to all the concerned to cover each and every ward of JMC in respect of fogging to eradicate the breeding of mosquitoes responsible for spreading Dengue. The drive has been started today from Trikuta Nagar Sector-9, Jammu.

The Commissioner has issued clear cut directions to health wing of JMC to put in place the sufficient number of men and machinery so that every nook and corner of the city can be covered in respect of fogging to avoid the chances of dengue, as cases of Dengue are on the higher sides in Jammu.



JMC Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav interacting with officials.

He further appealed to the general public to avoid accumulation of water in their surroundings and pay attention towards the hygiene in and around their homes and dwelling units.

Appreciating the efforts of JMC and Anti Malaria Wing of Jammu to launch such fogging drives for the safety and security of the people, the representatives of Association of Trikuta Nagar Welfare Society assured that they shall extend full cooperation and support to JMC in eradicating the men-

ace of Dengue. Later, Dr. Yadav chaired a meeting to review the status of grievances submitted through the Samadhan portal, instructing for prompt and effective resolution to ensure public convenience.

Directing the concerned for early and quality redressal of grievances for the convenience of people. During the drive, SM Dr. Dhruv J. Raina, and Health officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma accompanied the Commissioner.

Natrang delivers theatrical presentation of 'Operation Kala Jungle'



Natrang artists performing in a play 'Operation Kala Jungle'.

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JAMMU: Natrang delivered a remarkable performance of their latest theatrical piece, 'Operation Kala Jungle,' at Meerut Cantt on the occasion of the 21 Mahar Regiment's Raising Day. The presentation, based on a real-life operation executed by the courageous 21 Mahar Regiment of the Indian Army, was a standout highlight amid a series of celebratory events that included dances, singing, sports activities, and gymnastics.

'Operation Kala Jungle' was a vivid portrayal of a significant military operation conducted by the 21

Mahar Regiment in June 2023. The regiment's daring mission, carried out in Jammu & Kashmir, was based on crucial intelligence and involved intercepting individuals who had crossed the Line of Control (LOC) with a substantial cache of ammunition, weapons, and narcotics. The successful operation prevented what could have been a catastrophic event.

The theatrical presentation was conceived by Mrs. Seegar Bhushan Chauhan and designed and directed by Sumeet Sharma. The script was crafted by Pritam Katoch, while the audiography was handled by Nitish,

and choreography was provided by Sunny Mujoo. Notably, the performance was unique in that it featured no professional actors; instead, it was brought to life by the Army men themselves, adding an authentic and impactful dimension to the depiction.

The performance was met with widespread acclaim for its poignant and engaging representation of the valor and dedication of the 21 Mahar Regiment. The event underscored the regiment's extraordinary service and commitment to national security, celebrated with a powerful and moving theatrical experience.

JKSAC expresses resentment over Govt. order regarding transfer of evacuee's land on proprietary basis

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JAMMU: The Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhari Action Committee (JKSAC) has voiced strong discontent over Government Order No. 105 JK (Rev) 2024, issued by the J&K UT Government on August 16, 2024. This order pertains to the transfer of evacuee's land on a proprietary basis to Displaced Persons (DPs) of POJK 1947, 1965, and 1971, as well as West Pakistan Refugees now referred to as displaced persons (WPDs). JKSAC argues that this order undermines the occupancy tenancy rights of DPs established under the Jammu & Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act of 1976 and Government Order 254-C of 1965.

Surinder Singh, President



President JKSAC, Gurdev Singh addressing press conference at Jammu on Monday.

of JKSAC, along with senior leaders from various tehsil and district units, condemned the government for issuing what they consider an illogical order without considering the issues faced by DPs regarding their allocated lands. Singh emphasized that DPs had not requested such a change because they had been transferring their rights over evacuee and state lands through sales, mortgages, and gift

deeds without any prior restrictions.

The new order, alongside Orders No. 100 and 101 dated August 2, 2024, imposes conditions requiring continuous recorded personal cultivation of evacuee or state lands before conferring ownership or proprietary rights. These conditions were not part of the original Agrarian Reforms Act or the 1965 order. Additionally, the new

orders prohibit the transfer or conferment of rights on evacuee or state lands within municipal limits and restrict land use to agriculture, residential purposes, or allied activities.

JKSAC accuses the LG administration and political parties, especially the BJP, of using these orders for political gain at the expense of displaced persons. They argue that the orders are a regressive step, returning DPs to a position similar to their original displacement. JKSAC demands the immediate withdrawal of these orders and the formation of a high-level committee to address the concerns of displaced persons, considering previous orders and the current geographical status of the land.

PIL regarding eviction of encroachers on Forest Land DB Seeks latest status report

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by inhabitants of village Hari seeking direction to the respondents to initiate eviction proceedings against those who have encroached kanals of forest land falling in Compartment 51-A at village Hari in Surankote tehsil.

Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Acting Chief Justice (Acting) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta after hearing Adv PN Bhat for the PIL, directed Sr. AAG SS Nanda to file latest status report regarding 40 peoples/encroachers are stated to have been in possession of more than 100 kanals of land each. When the PIL came up for hearing, DB observed that status report dated February 26, has been filed by the respondents contending therein that the Range Officer Surankote vide communication dated January 11, 2024 has reported that out of 115 encroachers, 39 numbers of claims of community rights of the claimants have been settled by the District Level Committee under FRA and 35 numbers of claims are pending with Sub Divisional Level Committee, Surankote. It is further contended that 41 numbers of claims are under process at Gram Sabha Level.

DB directed Sr. AAG SS Nanda, learned to file action taken report with regard to 35 numbers of claims pending with Sub Divisional Level Committee, Surankote and 41 numbers of claims pending with Gram Sabha Level, by or before the next date of hearing.

It is submitted by PN Bhat, learned counsel for the petitioners that as per previous status report filed by the respondents, in addition to above, 40 peoples/encroachers are stated to have been in possession of more than 100 kanals of land each. DB further directed Sr. AAG to file latest status report on this count by next date of hearing.

GGM Science College launches Swachhta Pakhwada, celebrates Prakriti Vandana Mahotsav

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JAMMU: GGM Science College, under the leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, has launched the Swachhta Pakhwada and Prakriti Vandana Mahotsav, marking a significant step towards enhancing cleanliness and environmental awareness.

In his address to the students, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta emphasized the critical role of cleanliness in maintaining a positive and secure campus environment.

He highlighted that cleanliness is integral not only to hygiene but also to fostering a culture of respect and responsibility within the college community.

NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma played a central role in the Swachhta Pakhwada, underlining its importance and the crucial contributions of NSS volunteers. They stressed that these volunteers are essential in executing the initia-



GGM Science College faculty and students during a programme.

tive, providing immediate support, and addressing any concerns related to cleanliness and campus welfare. The event also featured the Prakriti Vandana, a celebration of nature and its preservation.

Prof. Dr. Arti Sharma, Prof. Kiran Bala, Dr. Nisha Slathia, and Dr. Amit Bali led discussions on the cultural and environmental significance of worshipping trees. They elaborated on how such practices are rooted in tradition and con-

tribute to environmental conservation.

Prof. Lekh Raj, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Dr. Brinder Kumar, Prof. Bal Krishna and Dr. Sheetu Raina also graced the event.

A notable aspect of the Prakriti Vandana was the worship of the Aegle marmelos (Bael) tree. This ritual involved both teachers and students, who engaged in discussions about the tree's environmental benefits, such as its role in supporting biodiver-

sity and its medicinal properties, as well as its cultural importance.

The Swachhta Pakhwada and Prakriti Vandana initiatives have been well-received by the college community, reflecting a strong commitment to fostering a clean, respectful, and environmentally conscious campus.

The successful launch of these programs underscores the college's dedication to creating a supportive and sustainable environment for all.

HC upholds detention of two in Drug trafficking

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JAMMU: Justice MA Choudhary of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, while dismissing two different petitions challenging the detention under PSA, observed that the drug problem is a serious threat to public health, safety and well-being of humanity.

Even global community is facing serious consequences of drug abuse and Narcoterrorism which undermines the socio-economic and political stability and sustainable development, Justice MA Choudhary observed.

Besides, it also distorts the health and fabric of the society and it is considered to be the originator for petty offences as well as heinous crimes like smuggling of arms & ammunition and money laundering.

The involvement of various terrorist groups and syndicates in drug trafficking leads to threat to the national security and sovereignty of States by the way of Narcoterrorism.

The drug trafficking and abuse has continued its significant toll on valuable

human lives and productive years of many persons around the globe. With the growth and development of world economy, drug traffickers are also seamlessly trafficking various type of drugs from one corner to other ensuring the availability of the contrabands for vulnerable segment of the society who fall into the trap of drug peddlers and traffickers. Due to India's close proximity with major opium growing areas of the region, India is facing serious menace of drug trafficking and as a spill-over effect, drug abuse especially among the youth is a matter of concern for all of us.

This judgment has been passed in two different petitions filed by Naveed Ahmed, 20, resident of Village Hari, Tehsil Surankote, District Poonch and Sajad Ahmed, resident of Wanda Beoli, Tehsil & District Doda who challenged the order of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu (hereinafter called 'Detaining Authority') in exercise of powers under Section 3 the Prevention of

Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act 1988, passed the detention Order No. PITNDPS.

Justice MA Chowdhary after hearing AAG Amit Gupta for the UT, it is clearly disclosed that it is not a number of acts that are to be determined for detention of an individual but it is impact of the acts which is material and determinative. In the instant case the act of detainee relates to drug trafficking, which has posed serious threat, apart from health and welfare of the people, to youth, most particularly unemployed youth, to indulge in such acts, ramifications thereof would be irreversible and unimaginable.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and discussion made hereinabove, the petitions are found to be devoid of any merit and substance and is liable to be rejected. The petitions are thus dismissed and the impugned order relating to preventive detention of the petitioners are upheld.