

## Day 13: J&K Students Transform Train into Rolling Classroom: College on Wheels Initiative Takes Learning to New Heights

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In a ground breaking initiative, students from Jammu and Kashmir turned a regular train journey into a unique learning experience on December 1, 2023. The 'College on Wheels' project saw enthusiastic students engaging in diverse activities, from delivering PowerPoint presentations on various topics to practicing the age-old charkha activity. As the train embarked on its journey, the air buzzed with intellectual fervor as students from different disciplines took turns presenting their research findings and insights. From literature to science, the presentations showcased the depth and diversity of knowledge among the participants. The 'College on Wheels' initiative aims to break the monotony of traditional classroom settings and bring education to unconventional spaces. This journey not only

provided a platform for students to share their ideas but also encouraged collaboration and a sense of community. One of the highlights of the day was the practice of the charkha activity, a symbol of India's rich cultural heritage. Students, many experiencing this activity for the first time, were eager to understand and engage with this traditional spinning wheel. The



practical experience served as a bridge between the past and the present, fostering a sense of appreciation for the country's history. The train journey was not just about academics; it was a holistic experience that combined

learning, cultural enrichment, and camaraderie. Conversations flowed freely, with students from different backgrounds exchanging ideas, opinions, and laughter, transcending regional and cultural boundaries. The 'College on Wheels' initiative in Jammu and Kashmir sets a precedent for innovative educational approaches, demonstrating that learning can take place beyond the confines of classrooms. As the train chugged along the scenic landscapes, it carried not just students but the spirit of exploration, curiosity, and a commitment to making education a dynamic and enriching journey.

**Winners of Charkha Spinning Competition are:**

**1st Position-** Rekha devi affiliated colleges of Jammu.

**2nd Position-**Sauliha IUST Awantipura

**3rd Position-** Sapna, University of Jammu.

*The Judges, supervisor and observer present during the final session- Dr Shardha, Dr Kounsar Jan, Dr. Saleem, Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Gagan Kumar, Pushpinder Singh, Harsh Dutt Sharma*

*The final of the charkha competition was witnessed by mentors and organizers.*

The selection of winner for charkha activity were done on the basis of time and finesse of thread.

### **Students Bytes**

- **Suhani:** I had quite an interesting experience! A college on wheels journey have been an incredible way to learn and travel simultaneously. We also Witnessed a charkha competition held in a train and it felt fascinating. The blend of education, travel, and cultural events have made a memorable and enriching experience.
- **Bhoomi:** Spent the entire day on a train, and the highlight was a charkha competition. Students spun away, turning the journey into a mix of fun and friendly competition. Good times with great people.
- **Divya:** "As part of the College on Wheels adventure, we presented our projects and a charkha competition was also organized as a fun activity. It was a fantastic experience!"

- **Diya:** It's day 13th of the train journey. The rhythmic clatter of the train tracks creates a soothing backdrop as we share laughter and stories. The best part of the day was the charkha competition unfolds, captivating our attention.
- **Paridhi:** Today's 'College on Wheels' journey was a testament to the power of unconventional learning. Students seamlessly blended academic prowess with cultural experiences, making this initiative a beacon for innovative education in J&K.
- **Vidhita:** I spend the day chatting with fellow passengers, sharing stories, and making new connections. There's something magical about the train journey that brings people together. I enjoy delicious meals in the dining car, savoring the flavors while the train continues its journey. During the day, there's a special presentation by me and my classmates. The train car transforms into a mini auditorium, and we showcase our knowledge and creativity.