

Every teacher must be a story-teller: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: "Story telling is an art and every teacher must acquire it with great dedication and passion. Children love listening to stories. Stories are magical, they transport children into the world of imagination. Stories can create an alternate world with emotions, ideas and make the everyday appear incredible. They can teach us, empathize us and take us on terrific journeys. They can make us laugh, cry, jump with fright and then comfort us with a happy ending", reflected the Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore while addressing the teachers of primary schools.

"From a very young age we learn how to enjoy a story both for pleasure and to help us make sense of the world and ourselves. The act of storytelling appeals to different learning preferences and personalities ensuring that from the most shy to the most active of students, everyone has a chance to participate in a way that they can enjoy. This ranges from listening quietly to taking part as an actor", added the Principal further.

"Storytelling also helps students to enjoy and be aware of intonation and tone of voice, natural sounding expressions and phrases as well as interaction between native speakers. For senior students, they offer the opportunity to retell, rephrase, enact or summarise what they've heard, to rewrite the story or to create their own ending as a group or individual", pitched in a master story teller from the faculty of English.

"Stories also offer a link between the classroom and home. Students may have the same books in their own language at home; they may read with a parent or family member and be able to identify vocabulary in English; simple stories in English can be read again by a parent at home. Stories offer everyone a chance to enjoy language and discover new worlds, new words and new things about themselves.

"Recently I was speaking to my friend over phone and we were reflecting over world renowned personalities, who dreamt big and left no stone unturned in achieving them successfully", shared the



Principal.

When I made a reference to Alexander the great, my friend Anil Dobhal, a brilliant story teller couldn't resist his temptation of narrating an incident associated with the life of Alexander. Thus, he proceeded:

Place: Temple of God Apollo at Delphi
Suddenly a person jumps from the window behind Pythia, the spokesperson of

God Apollo. Shell-shocked she looked behind. A tall, broad shouldered and handsome Greek soldier was standing in front of her.

"Who are you? How did you enter my room?", asked Pythia flummoxed.

Calm n composed soldier responded with a smile, "I'm Alexander. God Apollo helped me", said the soldier extraordinaire pointing towards the giant statue

of God Apollo in the courtyard of the temple.

"What do you want?", asked Pythia perplexed.

"I want answer to my question", coolly retorted the soldier.

"It's not the way seeking response to a question. Write it on a piece of paper, observe fast for seven days with austerity and then God Apollo will answer your question", said Pythia.

"Pythia, I don't have time. I'm attacking King Darius shortly. I want to know the fate of my action", asked Alexander.

"Are you a nerd? Out of your wits completely? Any clue about the size of the Persian army?" asked Pythia flustered.

"Yes, I do know. King Darius has quarter of a million soldiers & I have 40K cavalry", smilingly replied Alexander.

"King Darius doesn't know me. With my swift moving horses, I'll catch Darius at Damascus unprepared. History is full of examples, when pygmies baffled the giants", thundered Alexander.

"Invincible! You're invincible", muttered Pythia.

"Thanks, Pythia. I got my answer", expressed Alexander with gratitude.

"No! No! These are my words, not of God Apollo", said Pythia instantly.

"I got my answer. Goodbye, Pythia!" Alexander jumped out of the window, mounted on his horse Bicephalous and got disappeared shortly.

Those words of the World Conqueror are still ringing into my ears. "Pygmies may baffle the Giants". I have been trying desperately to pass on the message of Alexander the Great to my beloved students. "Background never matters. Existing image of an individual can be changed instantly. One may transform oneself completely with a determined massive action. With determination and passion, one may evolve oneself into a gigantic shape".

"For a moment, Alexander must have nurtured the idea of being the World Conqueror & he gave his heart and soul, his sweat and blood to transform his dream into a reality. He made himself immortal in the pages of history", summed up the Principal.

My Youth My Pride Taekwondo Championship concludes



Young players of Taekwondo posing during closing ceremony of My Youth My Pride Taekwondo event held at Sports Stadium Poonch.

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POONCH: Three days 'My Youth My Pride' Taekwondo Championship organized by J&K Sports Council in collaboration with District Poonch Taekwondo Association concluded at Indoor Complex, Sports Stadium Poonch.

Around 150 boys and girls from every corner of District Poonch took part in the event.

The closing ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators comprising of people from almost all age groups with majority of the

youth.

The Chief Guest of the closing ceremony was Sunil Sharma, Chairman Municipality Poonch while Ajit Singh President District Table Tennis Association and Er Saleem Bandey General Secretary District TT Association were the Guests of Honour and Nusrat Hussain Shah, Jagmeet Singh JE, Amit Sharma Joint Secretary PDTA were the Special Guests.

The Chief Guest met with all the players participated in the event. The Chief Guest held under the overall Supervision of I/C Manager Sports Stadium Poonch Bashir Ahmed.

All Taekwondo matches held under the technical

supervision of Rajinder Singh, Asha Hussain, Rupneet Kour, Mohd Sameer and Karan Bhargav all District Referees.

Prominent others present were Saurabh Sharma PEM, Rajinder Singh PEM, Neeraj Sharma volleyball coach, Matinderpal Singh hockey coach, Parampreet Singh Teacher and senior Boxing Player, Sachan Kumar Rek, Navjot Singh Khelo India Hockey Coach, Rohit Sharma Khelo India Boxing coach Poonch and Ramprakash Sharma Ground Incharge.

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MEN: Aditya Sharma, Jagdev Singh, Shabir Ahmed Bhan, Ubaid Hafiz, Amandeep Basan, Vikramdeep, Dr Sairab Alam Bhatt, Vickramjeet Singh, Shalinder Charak, Raman Gupta, Parveen Kumar and Umesh Raina.

Three-time Olympian, Dilip Tirkey was chief guest in the final and valedictory of the event at Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi yesterday.

Important to mention here

that a qualified National Hockey umpire, Prithipal

Hockey India Chief Tirkey honours Prithipal

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JAMMU: Under the banner of All J&K UT Power Lifting Association, 16-member team on Monday left for participation in the Senior National and Master Classic Power Lifting Championship (Men and Women) to be held at Chandrapur from October 12 to 16.

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Hockey India president, Padamshree Dilip Tirkey felicitated Jammu man, Prithipal Singh.

Singh, popularly known as PP Singh has developed

exceptional skills as a commentator in the recent past.

Inter District Provincial level Competition begins in Kathua



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Kathua.

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KATHUA: District Kathua organized Inter District Provincial level Competition in the discipline of cricket boys u-14 years at Trikuta Palace, Dayala Chak, here on Monday.

The tournament was inaugurated by Assistant Director Food & Supply, Haroon Rashid Naik.

The tournament is being

held as per the direction of Director Youth Services and Sports UT J&K Subash Chander Chhibber and under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua Sunil Kumar along with activity Incharges Dharminde Singh, Nasib Chand, Parveen Singh and Joginder Kumar (all PEMs).

In inaugural District

Kathua outplayed District Reasi by 92 runs at Mini Sports Ground Chadwal.

District Reasi won the toss and elected to field first. District Kathua, batting first, scored 121 for the loss of two wickets. Harsheet was the main scorer with 48 runs. In reply, District Reasi failed the chased the target and managed to score only 29 runs in 9.2 overs.

In Senior Men's

In Senior Men's Inline Hockey: Shiva Club with team members Tarun Gondotra, Dhruv Pant, Hiteshwar Singh, Dixit Gupta, Sahil Gupta, Rakshak Jandial, Varun Anand and Jaswinder won gold medal and silver medal was won by Phoenix Hockey Club and bronze by Indian Club.

In Junior Boys Roller Hockey: Roller Athlete Skating Club won Gold Medal and silver medal was won by Hockey Club Classico.

In Junior Girls Roller Hockey: Gold medal was won by Hockey Club Classico "A" and silver medal by Hockey Club Classico "B".

In Sub Junior Boys Roller

Hockey: Roller Athlete Skating Club 'A' won gold medal, silver medal was won by Roller Athlete Skating Club 'B' and bronze medal by Hockey Club Classico.

In Sub Junior Girls Roller

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In Cadet Boys Roller Hockey: Roller Athlete Skating Club won the gold medal and silver medal was won by Hockey Club Classico.

In Cadet Girls Roller Hockey: Roller Athlete Skating Club won the gold and silver medal was won by Hockey Club Classico.

In Scooter Event: Above 17 years Boys: Abhinav Anand won Gold Medal.

In Artistic Event: 05-07 years Boys: Aayan Sharma won gold and In 11-14 years Girls: Ishani Soni won gold and Ishani Soni won silver.

In Speed Quad: 05-07 years Boys: Ismail Hayat Mattoo won gold, Burhan Zargar won gold and bronze, Naveen Mehta and Abheek Diga won silver each and Shiva Gupta won bronze. 05-07 years Girls: Aayra Vashishtha won two gold, Aarghya Rajput won two Silver, Samaira Gondotra and Pratyaksha Gupta won two gold, Shranya Sharma won two silver and Nirviti Sharma won two bronze.

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Jammu Skating Championship concludes



Members of Hockey Club Classico posing for a group photograph after winning the Senior Men's Category title in Roller Hockey.

Sabarwal, Ankush Gupta, Rupinder Paul Singh, Darpan Gargotra, Shivank Sharma, Uday Singh Jamwal and Rahul Verma.

President of the J&K Roller Skating association GS Khurmi expressed his satisfaction with the successful conduct of the event and promised some more championships/competitions in future endeavours.

In Roller Hockey Masters: Roller Athlete Skating Club with team members Ankush Kohli, Ritesh Gupta, Sanjeev

Kumar, Gagan Singh Jamwal, Sourab Bakshi, Ramneesh Sharma and Krish Gupta won gold medal and Silver Medal was won by Addiction RHC.

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