

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 extraordinarily 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 Syrian 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, Chairmain 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.

Sunil Sharma congratulated Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council Nuzhat Gul for giving excellent platform to the youth of UT of J&K by organising these kind of events for youth.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Rajinder Singh, Taekwondo Coach and Chairmain PDTA.

The championship 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, Ashaq Hussain, Rupneet Kour, Mohd Sameer and Karan Bhargav (all District Referees).

Prominent others present were Saurab 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.

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 Dhamrinder 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. Harshreet 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.

Tug of war pulls crowds in Reasi, Jammu

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JAMMU: An Athletics meet was on Monday organized in Sports Stadium Kathua under the aegis of My Youth My Pride initiative.

More than 85 athletes were part of the event where competitions in the 100m, 200m and 400m race were held. The meet also included shot-put competition for U14, U18, senior women and men categories.

Dr. Shashi Sukhdev Singh, former handball player and a national medalist, was the chief guest on the occasion, while Vijay Kotwal was guest of honor: Both the guests shared their experience and motivated the athletes to work hard towards realization of their dreams whether in sports, academics or any other fields. A horde of spectators was also present on the occasion throughout the event. Meanwhile, Subash Stadium Udhampur came alive with Kabaddi matches organized under the banner of My Youth My Pride initiative of the Sports Council. Sixty players drawn into different teams competed with each other. Dr. Vinod Kumar, SSP Udhampur, presided over the function as the chief guest, while Mohammad Rafiq Ahmed, ACR was guest of honour on the occasion.

The event was supervised by Naveen Sharma, Manager Subash Stadium Udhampur along with Vikas Dogra Judo Coach, Ricky and Kumar Football coach.

Meanwhile, a Gatka event was also organized in Subash Stadium Udhampur. Around 60 players along with 10 officials were part of the event. Rajinder Digra, District Information Officer Udhampur presided over the function as chief guest while as S. Nardeep Singh Gurudvara Prabandkh Committee Udhampur was guest of honour: S. Ravinder Singh, General Secretary Gatka Association was also present. Avtar Singh and Jasvinder Singh officiated the bouts. Likewise, Kabaddi and Kho Kho matches were organized in Mini Stadium of border district Rajouri. Players comprising boys and girls from different clubs of the district participated in the event. A large number of spectators also witnessed the matches. Sunil Singh Sambyal, DYSSO Rajouri, along with Chief Education Officer Rajouri were the special guests on the occasion. Both the guests had brief interaction with the participants and shared some motivational tips with the participants. In the district Reasi, Tug of War competition for U17 and U19 categories attracted a lot of crowd. More than seven hundred spectators were present at the venue to root for their teams.

Dr. Sushma Mawa, Principal Government Higher Secondary School Reasi was the chief guest on the occasion. Dr. Mawa applauded the Sports Council for reaching out to athletes under My Youth, My Pride flagship programme.

Hockey India Chief Tirkey honours Prithipal

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JAMMU: Hockey India president, Padamshree Dilip Tirkey felicitated Jammu man, Prithipal Singh for his services as commentator in the finals of Charanjit Rai-28th Nehru Girls Hockey Tournament.

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

Singh, popularly known as exceptional skills as a commentator in the recent past.

Six National Games medals for J&K in Wushu

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JAMMU: The game of Wushu has earned J&K a name in the ongoing 36th National Games at Gujarat making sure as many as six medals.

While four bronze medals have already been awarded, the colour of two other medals will be decided tomorrow with the holding



J&K Wushu player declaring winner in 36th National Games at Gujarat.

of finals.

Earlier, during the day, Abhishek Singh Jamwal and Abhijeet Singh of Jammu and Kashmir sailed into the finals, reports reaching here said.

While Abhishek Singh has made it into the final in 56 kg weight category, Abhijeet has qualified in the 70 kg. Earlier, in the semifinals, decided today, Abhishek trounced his opponent from Maharashtra. Now, he will take on his opponent from Punjab.

To confirm final berth, Abhijeet Singh defeated his opponent from Services. He will be playing against Uttar Pradesh for the gold.

Further, Ishant Singh, Owais, Pratham and Pankaj Raina lost in their respective semifinals thus won Bronze medals today.

"Wushu has so far secured six medals in the National Games and two of our players will play tomorrow for the Yellow metal," informed Kuldeep Handoo.

District Chess meets from Oct 12

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JAMMU: District Chess Championship for Samba and Reasi shall be held on October 12 and 13 respectively. Both these events shall take place under the banner of All J&K Chess Association.

The Samba district championship shall take place on October 12 at Shishu Niketan School Samba. Those interested players have been advised to contact Jangbir Singh (7006939984) for participation.

Similarly, the Reasi meet shall be held on October 13 at Amba Kids School, Panthal in Katra. Players can contact Mr Katoch (9906015298) for competition related information. In Jammu, the Jammu District Chess Championship shall be held on October 14 at Hotel Nek, Below Gumat Jammu. Contact person: Arvind (7006939984). POONCH: Poonch District Chess Championship on October 20 at KCM Degree College. Contact person: Abhinov Dabur (6005805913).

RAJOURI: Rajouri District Chess Championship on October 22. Contact person: Neha Dutta (9419190086).

KATHUA: Kathua District Chess Championship on October 23 at Learning Temple School, Kathua. Contact person: Ravi Sharma (7889590407). Meanwhile the AJKCA has made the AICF registration for 2022-23 compulsory for participation at the district level. Registration can be done online at www.aicf.in.

Jammu Skating Championship concludes

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JAMMU: Jammu District Skating Championship organised by J&K Roller Skating Association (JKRSA), concluded with prize distribution at Shiva Roller Skating Institute, Peer Kho, here.

Around 300 boys and girls took part in three days event which held under 'My Youth My Pride' programme of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

Divisional Sports Officer of the JKSC, Ashok Singh was chief guest in the closing function, who along with other guests presented medals. President of the JKRSA, GS Khurmi expressed his satisfaction over successful conduct of the event.

Among others who were present included Roshan Gupta (senior vice president), Seema Kharyal, Usha Anand, Kamal Anand, Rajesh Anand, Neetu Jamwal and Parabhat Aggarwal.

The technical panel comprised Jugraj Singh, Jatin



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

In Senior Men's Inline Hockey: Shiva Club with team members Tarun Gandotra, Dhruv Pant, Hiteshwar Singh, Dixit Gupta, Sahil Gupta, Rakshak Jandial, Varun Anand and Jasvinder 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 Hockey: Hockey Club Classico won gold medal and silver medal was won by Roller Athlete Skating Club.

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 Men's: Abhinav Anand won Gold Medal.

In Artistic Event: 05-07 years Boys: Aayan Sharma won gold and In 11-14 years Girls: Ishanvi 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 Dignra won silver each and Shiva Gupta won bronze. 05-07 years Girls: Aayraa Vashishth won two gold, Aarghya Rajput won two Silver, Samaira Gandotra and Pragma Sharma won bronze each. 07-09 years Boys: Gurtej Singh won two gold, Rudraksh Singh Bhau won two silver and Riansh

Sharma won two bronze. 07-09 years Girls: Anshika Thakur won two gold, Pragun Kour won two silver and Pari Gupta won Bronze. 09-11 years Boys: Abhyudha Singh Salathia won gold and silver; Viraj Gandhi won gold and bronze, Ayan Khan won silver and bronze. 09-11 years Girls: Aahan Gupta won two gold, Sugandh Mahajan two silver and Anandini Sharma won two bronze. 11-14 years Boys: Puneesh Puri won gold and bronze, Arnab Singh Slathia won two silver and Abhinav Bakshi won gold and bronze. 11-14 years Girls: Tamana Saini won two Gold. Prageet Kaur won silver and bronze and Saanvi Grover won silver and bronze. 14-17 years Boys: Rajveer Singh won gold and silver; Udhay Narayan Sharma won two bronze. 14-17 years Girls: Pratyaksha Gupta won two gold, Shrnaya Sharma won two silver and Nivriti Sharma won two bronze.

Above 17 years Boys: Kartikeya Puri won two gold, Suryabhaskar won two silver

and Shayan Chauhan won two bronze. Above 17 years Girls: Diya Rajput won two gold and Shine Mahajan won two silver. In Master Above 35 years: Sudesh Kumar won two gold and Seema Kharyal won two gold.

In Speed Inline: 05-07 years Boys: Pavit Gupta won two gold, Viraamsh Gupta won silver and bronze, Karanvir won silver and bronze. 07-09 years Boys: Tabish Haider Chib won two gold, Mridul Jungmal won two silver and Kavin Arigam won two bronze. 07-09 years Girls: Meera Ashish Tawade won two gold, Ainoor Gohar Dar won silver and bronze and Vaidehi Mahajan won silver. 09-11 years Boys: Aarav Sharma won gold, Medhansh Sawhney won gold and silver and Reyansh Abrol won silver and bronze. 09-11 years Girls: Kannan Raina won two gold, Aaira won two silver and Deeva won two bronze. In 14-17 years Girls: Diya Dogra won two gold and In 17+ years Girls: Vanshdeep Kour won two gold.