

# Green warriors of JKPS Kunjwani harped on celebrating Eco-Friendly Diwali

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JAMMU: Green Warriors of MS Swaminathan Club at JK Public School Kunjwani conducted a special Assembly to sensitize the audience for celebrating an Eco-friendly Diwali. Eco-friendly means "earth friendly", that is, which does not cause any damage to our environment. Green warrior Anya threw light on the importance of Diwali. She reflected, "Diwali is the festival of lights. It is celebrated for five days in some states. It is celebrated by Hindu community all over India. It is celebrated for Lord Rama coming back to their home after 14 years of exile / vanvas. Diwali is celebrated by firecrackers and sweets. People light their homes with beautiful diya. Overall, Diwali is a festival that brings happiness to all of us". Pitching in with his brilliant observation Green warrior Anirudh shared, "We all know that Diwali is the festival which celebrates togetherness. Along with this goodness, here are a few things that are harmful for our environment like noise pollution, air pollution etc. Some of the tips to celebrate eco-friendly



Students and faculty members of JK Public School Kunjwani speaking during morning assembly on Friday.

Diwali included the following: using beautiful Diyas to brighten your homes; gift something that is homemade; avoid using plastic; go for eco-friendly firecrackers; & make beautiful Rangoli with the use of natural material. Another Green warrior Avni Sharma drew the attention of the audience towards some burning issues. He

stated, "Diwali is the festival of light. However, along with this goodness, there are a few things that always make us concerned, like, air pollution, noise pollution and wastage of resources that can cause harm to the nature". Green warrior Mohd Faizan Bhat shared some brilliant ways of celebrating Diwali with the same fervor without

burdening the environment. He requested the audience to try out a few viable solutions to tackle the problems of environmental issues. He shared, "Use beautiful diyas to brighten your home, instead of electric fairy lights. Gift homemade things, instead of plastic materials. Make Rangoli with natural material, like, flowers, turmeric etc

instead of artificial colours. Donate your old things needy and downtrodden, instead of throwing them. Go for eco-friendly crackers. Decorate your home, using homemade home décor. Ditch plastic for packaging". Various cultural activities were performed in different segments like Rangoli making, fancy dress, recitation

from Ramayana and skit presentation. Class audience got thrilled on watching the theatrical skill and dialogue delivery from their classmates. The entire campus looked coloured, vibrant and joyous with the festivity of the day. Vice Principal JKPS Shashi Rattan appreciated the students for such a mean-

ingful Morning assembly. She highlighted the contributions of our religious scriptures, being the custodians of our cultural heritage, passed on from one generation to another. She recited and paraphrased the immortal shloka: 'Astoma sad gamaya', means, lead us from ignorance to knowledge. "Tamaso ma jyotir gamaya", means lead

us from darkness to light. "Mrityor ma amritam gamaya, means, free us from the darkness and usher us into the light. Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore lauded the passionate endeavours of Green warriors and wished the audience and their members of the family a very happy & prosperous Diwali. He invoked students "to think big and act big". He made them resolve taking utmost care of the Mother Nature and keep her as happy & vibrant as their Inner-self on the day of the festival. "Let us celebrate Diwali not with fire-crackers, but with spreading love and happiness", he summed up. Students promised to help out their parents during the interior & exterior décor of the house. They also resolved performing the minor errands assigned to them, while the elders of the family prepare sweets and other choicest dishes. They also gave their words to write a diary on a day-to-day basis, highlighting their contributions at home pertaining to the domestic affairs. Thus, the Morning assembly got concluded on a very happy & positive note.

## Seeno Club wins District Doda Volleyball Trophy



Chief Guest presenting trophy to winner Volleyball team and VAJK officials posing with team members.

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DODA: Seeno Volleyball Club Bhalessa clinched the title trophy of the Doda Volleyball Championship which was organised by Volleyball Association of

J&K (VAJK) at Halipad Ground Bhalessa, here. In the final, Seeno Volleyball Club defeated Tribal Youth Volleyball Club 3-1 (25-21, 19-25, 25-22, 25-21) amidst applause from

the audience. The event, wherein nine teams of the district took part, was sponsored by the J&K Sports Council. SDM Gandoh, Arun Kumar Badyal was the Chief

Guest and Salahudin Mir ZPEO was the Guest of Honour in the closing ceremony who presented the title trophies and other individual prizes. The Chief Guest appreciat-

ed the efforts of VAJK in taking the game to remotest parts of the UT by way of holding competitive volleyball. Kuldeep Magotra (CEO VAJK) and Mohd Tariq (Joint Secretary VAJK) were among other prominent persons present in the closing function. "We are thankful to the locals of Gandoh town for overwhelming support and encouragement during the two-day event. Such gestures further strengthen organisers' resolve to visit rural pockets with more such events," said Kuldeep Magotra. The final was officiated by Zahoor Elahi, Ishtaik Ahmed, Zai ul Haq.

## Hermann Gmeiner School holds community awareness programme at Trilokpur



Students of Hermann Gmeiner School Jammu, faculty and others during awareness programme.

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JAMMU: In continuation of Social Impact Programme of Hermann Gmeiner School Jammu, an awareness programme on 'Drug Abuse' was held at Trilokpur Village on Friday under guidance of Principal Subrata Kundu. Under the guidance of teachers namely Rekha Kaul and Rajinder Kumar Koul, the students of class IX, presented Skit and PPT highlighting various factors responsible for drug addiction, it's symptoms and harmful effects. Teachers delivered short speeches, held brief con-

versation with the people. The teachers assured them that many such dif-

## Scouts & Guides Tritya Sopan Camp concludes at Heritage School



Scouts & Guides of Heritage School posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Scouts and Guides Tritya Sopan Camp was organized in Heritage School grounds from October 17 to 21 under the aegis of J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides, Jammu. In all, 32 scouts and eight Guides attended the camp, which was conducted by K.L Sharma (Pre-ALT) and Harvinder Kour (Pre-ALT) with the support of Scout Master and Guide Captain from the School. Manjeet Kour, I/C Scouts and Guides Heritage School along with Shabaz Khan made arrangements

for the training camp. During the training the Scouts and Guides learnt the use of compass, estimation, pioneering (lashing and different knots as per the APRO II & III), cooking, tent pitching etc. In closing ceremony, the Scouts and Guides presented demonstrations of the skills acquired during the camp. Principal Heritage School, Akash Pradhan appreciated the efforts of J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides for involving the students in this noble movement.

## Ankush, Naveen sparkle as Habbakadal Warriors, Hill View Rajouri script wins in KPCL

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Ankush Bhat dazzled with the willow, while Naveen Kher sparked with the ball as Habbakadal Warriors and Hill View Rajouri registered resounding victories over their rivals in the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Cricket League (KPCL) Season-III being organised by Safran Cricket Club at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, near here. In the first match, Habbakadal Warriors defeated Kashmir Vikings Cricket Club (KVCC) in an easy contest by 6 wickets. Earlier, put into bat, Kashmir Vikings Cricket Club scored 134 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process. Rishab top scored with 53 runs off 59 balls, while Rahul, Sunny and Vishal contributed 21, 19 and 14 runs to the total respectively. For Habbakadal Warrior, Sagar Bhat was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 wickets by conceding 24 runs in his 4 overs, while Akshay Dhar and Ronak Razdan claimed 1 wicket each. In reply, Habbakadal Warriors chased the target easily in 18.5 overs, losing 4 wickets in the process, thus won the match by 6 wickets. Ankush Bhat was the top scorer with unbeaten 61 runs off 56 balls, while Anshuman Koul and Aalok contributed 16 and 15 runs to the total respectively.



Man of the Match award being presented to a winner at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota in Jammu.

For Kashmir Vikings CC, Rajat Koul bagged 2 wickets, while Sharesh Pandita claimed one wicket. For his superb batting display, Ankush Bhat was adjudged as the man of the match. In another match, Hill View Rajouri thrashed Sharika Cricket Club in an easy contest by 9 wick-

ets. Winning the toss and batting first, Sharika Cricket Club scored a paltry total of 70 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 9 wickets in the process. Rajeev Pandita top scored with sedate 18 runs off 38 balls, while Akshay contributed 12 runs to the total. For Hill View Rajouri, Naveen Kher was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 wickets by conceding just 2 runs in his 2 overs, while Surinder Kachroo also bagged 2 wickets. Gourav Koul and Vimarsh Kaw claimed one wicket each. In reply, Hill View Rajouri chased the target easily in 5.4 overs by losing 1 wicket, thus won the match by 1 wicket. Sidharth Bhat scored unbeaten 36 runs off 17 balls, while Vimarsh Kaw contributed unbeaten 20 runs off 17 balls. For Sharika Cricket Club, Ankur Bagati claimed 1 wicket by conceding 18 runs in one over. Naveen Kher was adjudged as the man of the match for his superb bowling show. The matches were officiated by Ashok Singh and Girdhari Lal as the umpires, while Arun Zalpuri, Deepak Pandita, Raja Nadeem and Amit Bhat were the scorers. Ajay Peshin was the match referee. The tournament is being held under the overall supervision of Chief Organiser Sarthak Khoda.

## Investiture ceremony held at JPS



Student Council of Jodhamal Public School posing for a photograph with Chief Guest and faculty members.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Investiture Ceremony was held at Jodhamal Public School (JPS) to felicitate its newly elected Prefect Council, for the session 2022-23. The Chief Guest, J.P Singh, former Inspector General, along with school's trustee, Nandan Kuthiala, Director, Arati Kuthiala, Principal, Dr. Deep Khare, Vice Principal, Shefali Sanwal and the parents of the Prefect Council members were escorted into the hall by the NCC cadets. The NCC cadets of the schools displayed their skills and event commenced with a

mellifluous welcome song sung by the school choir. Mubeen Butt, CCA Coordinator - Sr. Wing introduced the Prefect Council members-Parthi Gupta (Head Girl), Karmanya Wahi (Head Boy), Prachi Motiyal (Deputy Head Girl), Lakshav Singh Sanlyal (Deputy Head Boy), Asni Mahajan and Danishveer Singh (Academic Prefects), Suhani Sharma, Akshat Dogra and Ayaan Malhotra (CCA Prefects), Nandita Mehta, Ciya Gupta and Aditya Abrol (Sports Prefect), Anya Anand and Medansh Thusoo (Eco Prefects), Adhya Sharma and Atin Wazir (Discipline Prefect);

followed by the House Prefects, Nishtha Anand and Mukul Dev Verna for Challenge House, Asfee Khan and Harshal Chawla for Discovery House, Vinisha Barala and Rozan Rahi for Enterprise House, Amishi Mahajan and Joshua Thomas Johnson for Invention House; the Neutral Vice Prefects Mitashi Arora, Anirudh Mahajan, Maahira Sharma, Naman Sharma, Manasvi Singh, Anish Arora, Sarish Jain, Shubham Singh Jaral, Prajna Gupta, Mrigank Chaudha; House Prefects Vanshika Gupta, Dewang Gupta, Akshdeep Kaur; Tushar Gupta, Vironika Rajput,

Dikshit Gupta, Livanya Mehta and Eklavya Mahajan. Dr Deep Khare read the charter of duty and responsibility. The Prefect Council took the oath and pledged to accept and uphold the responsibilities and duties mentioned in the Charter. The Chief Guest felicitated the Prefect members with sashes and badges. The House Prefects were felicitated by their House Masters-Ajay Kumar; Neeraj Puri, Harneet Kukkal and Aashima Sharma. The ceremony was organised by the Mubeen Butt, CCA Coordinator - Sr. Wing.

## Jammu, Ramban bag Divisional Volleyball titles

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: District Jammu and Ramban bagged under-17 and under-14 titles respectively in the inter-district Divisional level Volleyball Tournament which was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at three venues of SIKS Model HSS Boys Udhampur, Mini stadium Udhampur and Subash Stadium, here on Friday. In the under-17 title clash Jammu trounced district Doda 3-0 (25-23, 25-22, 28-26) in a close contest. Semifinals, Doda beat Samba 2-0 (25-22, 25-18); Jammu beat Ramban 2-1 (25-22, 23-25, 15-12). Preliminary Round: District Doda beat Kishtwar 25-12, 25-18; Samba beat District Poonch (25-13), 23-25, 15-13; Doda beat Rajouri 25-14, 25-16. Ramban beat Kathua 25-23, 25-19, 15-10; Jammu beat Udhampur 25-15, 25-16, 15-13; Ramban beat Reasi 25-14, 25-13. To claim the under-14 title trophy, district Ramban beat Kathua. Semifinals: Ramban beat Jammu 2-0 (25-15, 25-22); Kathua beat Samba 2-0 (25-14, 25-17). Preliminary Round: Kathua beat Poonch 25-21, 25-18; Jammu beat



SSP Udhampur, Vinod Kumar presenting trophy to a winner team.

Reasi 25-23, 20-25, 25-22; Ramban beat Rajouri 25-20, 25-23; Samba beat Udhampur 25-20, 25-15. Around 200 school going players, representing 10 districts of the Jammu Division took part in this event. In the valedictory function, SSP Udhampur, Vinod Kumar was the Chief Guest, who along with Guests of Honour, Mohd Rafiq Jaral, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Arvin Koul, Chief Education Officer Udhampur, Dr Jogeshwar Gupta,

Chairman Municipality Udhampur and Anil Arora Councillor presented the title trophies. The final match was witnessed by a healthy crowd, especially those veteran sportspersons of the town. In the meantime, the DYSSO Udhampur, Savarn Singh extended his gratitude to Chief Education Officer (CEO) Udhampur on behalf of the DYSS for providing ground and allied facilities for smooth and successful conduct of the tournament.