

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Dussehra



Glimpses of Dussehra celebrations at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Celebrating festivals is an integral part of learning at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi. Keeping this tradition continue, JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrated

Dussehra-the festival of pleasure, merriment and triumph. Through such celebrations, students not only learn the significance of the festival but also learn to embrace all traditions and culture with grace and love.

Dussehra is a popular Hindu festival that is related to the great epic Ramayana, which symbolises Rama's killing of Ravana signifying the victory of right over wrong. It is also related to the story of Goddess Durga killing the

demon Mahishasura. The little jakians of Prep wing of JKPS Panjtirthi celebrated Dussehra with much excitement. The students also enjoyed listening to the Dussehra song sung by little toddlers.

Ramlila was staged by the students in which they presented the scenes of the banishment of Lord Rama from Ayodhya. The primary objective of the entire show was to convince the students that no matter how intelligent a person

is, his pride will be the reason for his fall. They learnt how Ravana's single mistake overpowered his entire wisdom. The message of 'the triumph of virtue over the vice' was well conveyed through the play.

The auspicious occasion inspires not only to be truthful, but also fight for justice for the weak, and destroy seeds of malice. Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah wished Happy Dussehra to

one and all and expressed, "The day was filled with learning and fun. The students learned about the values of respect, humility and obedience and honesty which are the core of the great epic, the Ramayana".

Inter-State Cricket Tournament for Blind commences



Visually impaired Cricketers posing with Chief Guest Ranjeet Kalra and other dignitaries during inaugural ceremony of Invitational Cricket Tournament for Blind in Jammu.

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JAMMU: The inter State Invitational Cricket Tournament for Blind being jointly organised by the Cricket Association for Blind in J&K and Cricket Association for Blind Kerala in collaboration with the

J&K Sports Council commenced at MA Stadium, here on Thursday. Member J&K Sports Council and Member of Governing Council (Sports) Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Ranjeet Kalra inaugurated the champi-

onship. Teams from Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir are taking part in the six-day tournament. Ranjeet Kalra, while welcoming the cricket players to Jammu, reiterated J&K

Sports Councils resolve to support the specially-abled players and their associations. He also outlined the series of sports events being organised by the Sports Council under Lieutenant Governor's flagship programmes - 'My

Youth My Pride' and "Har Din Khel-Sabke Liye Khel." Secretary Sports Council Nuzzat Gull in a message to the players wished the tournament all success and pledged sports councils full support to the six-day tourney. Earlier Ajay Kumar General Secretary CAFB J&K in his welcome address thanked the Sports Council, the J&K Police and Department of Youth Services and Sports for their support in organising the tournament. Jineesh P, President Cricket Association for the Blind in Kerala also spoke on the occasion and encouraged the players.

34th Jammu District Volleyball C'ship from Oct 14

JAMMU: Jammu District Volleyball Association is going to organize 34th Jammu District Volleyball Championship (boys/girls) 2022 on October 14 and 15, 2022 at MA Stadium Jammu under the aegis of Volleyball Association of J&K.

"All the interested teams who intend to participate in the tournament are requested to send their entry fee of Rs 500 on or before October 12 to Hardip Singh Gill, Secretary of Jammu District Volleyball Association (Mobile 9419142292)," a hand issued by the association stated on Thursday. Fixtures shall be drawn on October 13 at MA Stadium at 5:00 PM, it added. "Team shall consist of 8 plus 1 players, who shall be in proper uniform. Participating teams shall be provided to & fro bus fare (except local teams) and refreshment," it stated and added, "Teams shall report at aforesaid venue on October 14 at 9:30 AM." "Tournament shall be conducted as per rules and regulations of Volleyball Federation of India," it stated.

Trials for Asian Dragon Boat meet on Oct 16

JAMMU: Dragon Boat India and Traditional Sports Federation shall be conducting selection trials for 14th Asian Dragon Boat Championship to be held in Thailand. The trials shall take place at Masoli River, Gangakhed, Parbhani District Maharashtra on October 16. The selected paddlers shall undergo compulsory 25 days coaching camp at same venue, a handout issued here on Thursday informed. The last date for submission of entries for the trials is October 10.

33rd North Zone Level Volleyball Tournament begins



Volleyball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Udhampur on Thursday.

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UDHAMPUR: 33rd North Zone Level Volleyball Tournament was inaugurated by Vidya Bharti and Bharatiya Shiksha Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir at Bharatiya Vidya Mandir High School Udhampur, here on Thursday. The tournament in which 15 schools from 5 states (Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and Jammu & Kashmir) are participating was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. Vinod Kumar, Senior Police Officer of District Udhampur.

Bal Krishna (Seh Sangathan Mantri Vidya Bharti Uttarakstra), Mal Khan Singh (Kestra Khel kud Sanyojak), Ramesh Bamotra (Vidya Bharti Uttakestra Seh Sanyojak) and Kishor Chauhan (Keshtra Pramukh), Suresh Parihar (Seh Mantri), Pardeep Tripathi (Prant Nirakshak), Sameer Krishan (Office Secretary), Kuldeep Raj (Khel Kud Sanyojak) besides Dr. Yogeshwar Gupta (President Municipal Committee Udhampur), Advocate Amit Sharma (DDC Majalta), Rakesh

Sharma (DDC Ghordi), School Management Committee member Mamchand, Advocate Anil Khajuria, Ashok, Nand Kishore (Kisan Morcha Prant Prabhari), Udayveer Singh (President Association of Industries), DDC Councillor Vikram Salathia, Rakesh Khajuria, Anil Arora and Chaman Gorkha SHO Udhampur were also present. A total of 300 players of different category, Bal Verg Kishore Verg and Tarun Verg are introduced by the Principal of the host school, Remu Sharma.

The guests were welcomed by giving mementoes by Arun Gupta (BSS Patron) and President Bhartiya Vidya Mandir Udhampur, Sunil Badyal. Vinod Kumar apprised the children about sports and also made them aware of the various schemes of the Government of India such as the drug free scheme, in which he told that the drug free scheme whose only goal is to channelize the energy of the children in the right path. A colourful programme was presented by the children of the host school.

DPS Udhampur honoured with Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2022 by LG Sinha

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UDHAMPUR: Under the aegis of Ministry of Education, Government of India, the School Education Department of UT of J&K presented the 'Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya Puruskar' to Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur at SKICC, Srinagar for the session 2021-22.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha presenting award to Dr. JC Gupta, Pro Vice Chairman of DPS Udhampur.

The award has been instituted by the Ministry of Education, to recognize, inspire and celebrate excellence in sanitation and hygiene practices in schools. The purpose of the award is to honour schools that have undertaken significant steps towards contributing and fulfilling the mandate of the Swachh Vidyalaya Campaign. Dr. JC Gupta, Pro Vice Chairman of DPS Udhampur was felicitated with the prestigious UT level award by the Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of J&K at the prestigious ceremony held at SKICC, Srinagar on the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. This year under the sub category of Hand washing & soap DPS Udhampur was honored with this prestigious award with a score of 100 per cent & five-star rating.

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Coaches Day celebrated at Handball ground



Players and officials during celebration of Coaches Day at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Coaches Day celebrated with enthusiasm at the Handball ground developed by Arun Sharma Sports and Social Welfare Trust at S D Sabha School, here on Thursday. To appreciate the contributions of coaches in shaping the life of players, the event was organised by senior National Handball players, Sonia Jain, Atula Rajput and Ambika Sharma.

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Later, it was resolved by the senior players to celebrate the Coaches Day every year on October six. Other senior players present were Sanjay Manhas, Anil Dogra and Sahil Sharma. Pertinent to mention here that National Coaches Day first celebrated in United States of America and then spread to other nationals. Now, whole world celebrate the day and honour the coaches for shaping the lives of sportspersons.

JKPS Panjtirthi wins 42 medals in Open J&K UT Qwan Ki Do C'ship



Principal JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah felicitating medal winner students.

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JAMMU: Students of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi brought laurels to the school by winning galaxy of medals in the recently held Open J&K UT Qwan Ki Do Championship-2022 organised by Qwan Ki Do Association of JK, here.

A total of 42 students of JKPS Panjtirthi participated in the championship and won 42 medals including 12 gold, 18 silver and 12 bronze. Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah congratulated the winners and said, "I am proud of our school curriculum which lays stress

on academics, co-curricular activities and sports activities too as all these activities leads to physical fitness, positive attitude and team spirit". She motivated the jakians by saying, "Self motivation empowers you to strengthen your confidence and achieve greater heights in life."

Team-B scripts narrow win over Praful Challengers in MIET Cricket

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JAMMU: Team-B got the better of Praful Challengers in a thrilling contest by 2 wickets in the T20 match of the ongoing series of preparatory matches to select MIET Jammu College team for forthcoming Inter-Collegiate tournament at Country Cricket Stadium, here.

Batting first, Praful Challengers scored a modest total of 105 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Ankit Badyal top scored with 24 runs, while Shamshad Malik, Vansh Godgotra and skipper Praful Dhar contributed 18, unbeaten 14 and 13 runs respectively. For Team-B skipper Ashish and Keshav Sharma took two wickets each by conceding 19 and 11 runs respectively, while Divansh Rajput and Rayyan Ahmed claimed one wicket each. In reply, Team-B chased the target in 19 overs, losing 8



Captains tossing coin during MIET Jammu Cricket at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota.

wickets in the process, thus won the match in an exciting contest by 2 wickets. Ashish top scored with power-packed 34 runs, while Vansh Budhgal, Karan Tickoo and Waseem Intiyaz contributed 19, 15 and 14 runs to the total respectively. Praful Dhar, Nishant Saini and Saver Fotedar bagged 2 wickets each, while Nitin

Kumar and Ankit Pandita claimed 1 wicket each. At one point of time Ashish was going great guns, scoring 34 off just 19 balls, before Praful dismissed him with a beauty, adding worries to the Team-B camp. However, the tailenders of Team-B held their nerves in the crunch situation and scripted a thrilling win.

Maroofa Volleyball Club lifts district Kulgam C'ship trophy

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KULGAM: Maroofa Volleyball Club clinched the title trophy of two days District Volleyball Championship organized by District Kulgam Volleyball Association under the banner of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Yaripora, here. The championship in which a total of eight teams participated was sponsored by J&K Sports Council. In the final match played on Thursday, Maroofa Volleyball Club beat TIAI Yaripora by 3-1 (25-21, 25-17, 22-25, 25-19).

In the closing ceremony, ZPEO, Abdul Aziz was the Chief Guest, who gave away trophies to winner and runner-up teams. Other results: Maroofa Volleyball Club beat HSS Kulgam by 2-1 (25-19, 20-25, 15-11); Parvaiz Volleyball Club beat Zaiba Appa Club by 2-0 (25-14, 25-17); TIAI beat HSS Yaripora by 2-1 (25-19, 21-25, 15-12); and AAA beat Akhran volleyball Club by 2-1 (25-19, 21-25, 15-10).



Participating teams posing with dignitaries.