

JK Public School Kunjwani hosts Shamia Memorial Basketball U-17 Girls Championship 2024-25



Glimpses of Shamia Memorial Basketball U-17 Girls Championship 2024-25 being played at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani hosted the highly acclaimed 'Shamia Memorial Basketball U-17 Girls Competition 2024-25' on Wednesday, October 9th. This tournament honours the legacy of Shamia, embodying the spirit of sportsmanship, determination, and excellence among young athletes.

The Chief Guests for the event were Siddharth Daluja and Gautam Daluja, members of management JK

Educational Society and the Guest of honour was Yusaf Chaudhary, father of Late Shamia Choudhary. The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Director JK Educational Society Shashi Chaudhary, Principal JK Public School Rajesh Rathore, Vice Principal Rupinder Kaur, School Coordinator Inderjeet Kaur and Primary Wing Coordinator Anju Raj.

As the day unfolded, the School's basketball court

became the battleground for an exhilarating display of skill, athleticism, and team spirit. The court came alive with fast-paced action and fierce competition, captivating spectators and participants alike. The participating teams from the top-notch CBSE schools, introduced and kicked off the action-packed matches.

The first match was played between Wazir Jankinath School and JK Public School Kunjwani, whereas the other

match was played between Birla Open Minds International School and APS Jammu Cantt.

Organized by the Sports Department of JKPS Kunjwani, the event aimed to foster camaraderie, sportsmanship, and healthy competition among the schools while providing a platform for students to showcase their basketball prowess.

With the sun high in the sky and the excitement palpable in the air, the stage was set for

a thrilling showdown. From precision passes to lightning-fast dribbling and gravity-defying dunks, the players left no stone unturned in their quest for victory.

The final match was played between JK Public School Kunjwani and APS Jammu Cantt, which showcased the pinnacle of talent and hard work, demonstrated by the young athletes. After the final match, the stage was shifted to the Prize Distribution Ceremony, celebrating the

achievements of the players. The proud winner of the tournament was JK Public School Kunjwani.

The main highlight of the event was the Shamia Memorial Basketball Rolling Trophy, a symbol of excellence and determination which was presented by Yusaf Chaudhary, father of Shamia, to the winning team JK Public School.

Later, Gautam Daluja, a worthy member of management and Yusaf Chaudhary,

the Guest of honour felicitated the referees, namely, Sunil Yadav, Rahil Singh and Manoj Solanki, whose expertise ensured fair competition.

Director, Shashi Choudhary also presented plants as a token of gratitude to Sidharth Daluja, Gautam Daluja and Yusaf Chaudhary for sparing their valuable time to grace the event.

As the event drew to a close, Anju Raj, Coordinator Primary wing, delivered a warm and heartfelt Vote of

Thanks, acknowledging the efforts of all involved in making the event a success.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore appreciated the basketball Coach Manoj Solanki along with Subash Chander, HOD Sports and his teammates. He lauded the skills, manoeuvres and sportsmanship of players for putting up a great show.

The day concluded with the National Anthem marking the end of a momentous occasion.

Jodhamal hosts Sahodaya Inter-School Swimming Competition

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JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School recently hosted a thrilling two-day Inter-School Swimming Competition under the Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex, featuring enthusiastic participation from 14 schools and 127 students competing in the Under 14 and Under 17 categories.

The event took place at the Aqua-Cube pool, where young swimmers showcased their athleticism and sportsmanship, creating an electric atmosphere filled with splashes and cheers.

The competition kicked off with a grand inaugural ceremony attended by esteemed guests, including Chief Guest Ved Prakash, Joint Director of Youth Services and Sports; Guest of Honour Dr. Vikesh Kour, Principal of Doon International School; and Special Guest Rajesh Sambyal, Physical Education Master at DYSSO, Gandhi Nagar.

The event culminated in a valedictory ceremony graced by Chief Guest Ramandeep Singh Soodan, President of the Swimming Association, J&K, and Special Guest



Winner swimmer posing with faculty members.

Bharat Kumar Sharma, Secretary General of the Swimming Association, J&K.

Participants competed in various swimming styles, including backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke, and butterfly, with relays adding to the excitement and tension. Many students excelled, reaching the finals and delivering exceptional performances.

Jodhamal Public School emerged as the Overall Champion, clinching 12 Gold Medals, 13 Silver Medals, and 4 Bronze Medals. The school's consistent performances across events distin-

guished them in the competition. Notable winners included Anahita, Advait, Hitanshi Yadav, and Aayansh Gupta, who earned Gold Medals in the Under 14 category, while Kartikaye Choudhary, Md Ibrahim, and Lavanya Katoch shone in the Under 17 category.

The silver medals were awarded to students like Md Ibrahim, Shereen Mahajan, and Riyaan Choudhary, with Advait Sharma, Vihan Goel, and Arshiya Malhotra taking home Bronze Medals.

The event was overseen by Harpreet Bhalla, Physical Education Teacher, and

Davinder Singh Jamwal, Swimming Coach, ensuring a fair and smooth competition. The success of the event was a testament to the dedication of the school's swimming coach, Pooja Bassan, and her team.

School Trustee Nandan Kuthiala, Director Arti Kuthiala, Principal Girish Kumar, and Vice Principal Amita Arora congratulated the winners and commended all participants for their sportsmanship. They expressed gratitude to the jury for their contributions, which were vital to the event's success.

GDC Sidhra organizes "Shram Daan" under Special Campaign 4.0 for Swacchta

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JAMMU: NSS Unit of GDC Sidhra under the aegis of IQAC organized "shram daan" under the banner of "Special Campaign 4.0 for Swacchta" initiative of Govt. of India.

This year's theme, Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskar Swachhata, aims to instill cleanliness as a natural habit and a core societal value among all citizens.

With the aim of engaging with local communities and fostering public participation and responsibility, NSS volunteers along with NSS Program Officer Dr. Purvaya Hans and other faculty members organized a massive cleanliness drive at Bajalta Railway Station. NSS volunteers cleaned the area thoroughly at the Railway station. GRP officials supported the cleanliness drive. Dr. Purvaya Hans, also briefed the students about the importance of imbibing the principles of Cleanliness and sanitation in our lives.

She urged the students to keep their surroundings clean for healthy life. She asked them to spread message of cleanliness amongst their families and communities.

Cleanliness drive was organised under the Implementation phase (2nd October 2024 to 31st October 2024) to aware the students about the principles of cleanliness and sanitation.

Principal of the College, Dr. G.S Rakwal appreciated the efforts of the volunteers and remarked that Cleanliness and sanitation are an integral part of the Gandhian way of living. Cleanliness ensures the well being of our citizens thereby lessening the burden on healthcare systems, and contributes significantly to environmental sustainability.

Taekwondo Championship for girls begins

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POONCH: The Social Welfare Department of Poonch in collaboration with the District Poonch Taekwondo Association, has launched a Taekwondo Championship for girls under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme.

This initiative, directed by Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, and supervised by District Social Welfare Officer Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt, commenced on Wednesday at the Poonch Taekwondo Academy, attracting over 100 female athletes from various Taekwondo clubs.

The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majeed as the Chief Guest, along with several dignitaries including Priyanka Singh, Centre Administrator of OSC and President of PDTA, Ashfaq Account Department of Social Welfare, Taranpreet Kour Specialist in Financial Literacy Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women Social Welfare Department, Noreen Akhter Gender Specialist Sankalp Hub for



Tehsildar Haveli Azhar Majeed along with Taekwondo girls during opening ceremony of Taekwondo championship at Poonch.

Empowerment of Women Social Welfare Department, Ajaz Rather Account Assistant Sankalp hub for Empowerment of Women Department of Social Welfare.

The chief guest interacted with the participants, offering best wishes and commending the Poonch District Taekwondo Association for providing an excellent platform for girls.

Priyanka Singh welcomed the gathering, while Rajinder Singh, Taekwondo Coach from the Department of Youth

Services and Sports, highlighted the achievements of Poonch's Taekwondo players at both the UT and national levels.

He expressed gratitude to the district administration and the Social Welfare Department for organizing this significant event in honor of International Day of the Girl Child.

The matches are being conducted under the technical supervision of experienced coaches and referees, including Rajinder Singh, Akarshit Sudan, Toseef Tahir, Vishnu Raina, Irfan Ahmed, and

Vanshika Sharma, all of whom have notable accolades in the sport.

Today's Results: Gold Medalists: Shenaz Kouser, Kritika Raina, Wasia Kouser, Tejasvin Kour, Sana Chouhan, Sabha Kouser, Sumaiya Majid, Ruksana Kouser.

Silver Medalists: Mariam Nissa, Rukhsar Fatima, Tasleem Kouser, Insha Imran, Ameena Kouser.

The championship promises to be an exciting three-day event, showcasing the talent and spirit of young female athletes in Poonch.

IDPS Akhnoor bags Jammu Rope Skipping trophy



Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries at prize distribution ceremony.

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JAMMU: International Delhi Public School (IDPS) Akhnoor bagged overall trophy in two-day 14th District Jammu Rope Skipping Championship held under the banner of Rope Skipping Association of J&K at KC International School (KCIS), here today.

Vishwa Bharti School claimed overall runners-up trophy while third place went to Carmel Convent School, Jammu. In total,

about 300 participants in different age groups of boys and girls contested for the top honours.

State Project Manager J&K Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM), Anissa Nabi was the chief guest, who felicitated the winners. Among other special guests were Dr KC Singh Mehta, Principal of IDPS Akhnoor; Dr Dheeraj Sharma, MD IDPS Akhnoor; Dr Pramod Kumar Srivastava, Principal of Model

Academy; Chaitanya Chowdhary, president of KCIS and Anupama Sinha, Principal of KCIS.

Also present were Neetu Bali (Founder and CEO of Sunder Gems and Jewels; Tarsem Sharma, founder and CEO of Rope Skipping J&K; Rajesh Dhar and Kirti Dhar.

Danish Sharma was organising secretary, who was coordinated by Babita Bhau, Sports Coordinator of KCIS.

BJP has become more stronger in J&K: Tilak

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has achieved a historic victory in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections and it is indeed a big achievement of the party.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP senior leader & State Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta said this while congratulating the newly elected MLA from R. S. Pura, Dr. Narinder Singh, along with other activists at party headquarter, on Wednesday.

Tilak Raj Gupta said that the splendid victory is the reflective of BJP's growing popularity among the people in the UT.

With voters turning out in large numbers in every part of the region, the BJP's success underscores the party's expanding



J&K BJP senior leader Tilak Raj Gupta congratulating newly elected MLA from R. S. Pura, Dr. Narinder Singh.

appeal and its continued efforts to foster development, integration, and stability in the region, he said.

Gupta further said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have voted for peace, development, and progress. The massive support to the party is a mandate for the policies which were framed for the wel-

fare and development over the past few years.

He said that the credit for the splendid victory also goes to the concrete efforts of the party activists, who reached at the doorsteps of the people to make them aware about various welfare schemes and mega projects of development.