

JK Public School Kunjwani celebrates Diwali with enthusiasm



Glimpses of Diwali celebration being hosted at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: In a spirit of joy and reverence, JK Public School, Kunjwani, hosted a grand Diwali celebration on October 28, 2024, in the school premises, where students and staff gathered to celebrate the festival of lights with enthusiasm and devotion.

The other dignitaries present were Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore, Vice Principal Roopinder Kaur, School Coordinator Inderjeet Kaur, Primary wing Coordinator Anju Raj

and Coordinator, Toddlers' World Shivangani Pandotra. The program began promptly at 8:00 AM, filling the air with a sense of unity and festive cheer. The celebration commenced with a soulful prayer and the singing of the school song, setting a peaceful and uplifting tone for the day.

A ceremonial lamp lighting followed, symbolizing the triumph of knowledge over ignorance and good over evil. Anjali from Class XI delivered an insightful oration on Diwali, sharing the festival's

cultural significance and its underlying message of hope, kindness, and togetherness. Adding a spiritual touch, students presented the Vakratunda Mahakaya Stotra and Shri Ram Stuti Stotra, enchanting the audience with their harmonious recitation.

The atmosphere resonated with reverence as students embodied the spirit of Diwali, reminding everyone of the blessings and values associated with the festival.

One of the highlights was a lively roleplay by toddlers, of

the characters from the Ramayana, allowing students to relive the era, the presentation was both engaging and educative, drawing appreciative applause from the audience.

Young talents from the primary wing, Medhansh and Mahiyal, added charm to the event with a heartfelt speech and a beautifully composed poem, expressing their joy and excitement for Diwali. Amitesh's melodious song performance further elevated the festive spirit, captivating everyone with his voice and

adding a musical flavour to the celebration.

On this occasion, the school also hosted a Rangoli competition wherein all the four houses, Bhagat Singh, Radhakrishnan, Tagore and Tilak participated with enthusiasm showcasing their artistic talents. Students created an array of unique and vibrant Rangoli designs representing their respective houses. The event brought out the best in them, as they worked together in unity reflecting the true spirit of Diwali - the triumph of good

over evil. Through their colourful and intricate designs, the students conveyed the message of love, harmony and togetherness.

The address of the Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore served as a moment of reflection, as he encouraged students to embrace the true essence of Diwali by spreading love, compassion, and generosity. He stated, "Diwali is not only a festival of lights but also a time to reflect on our actions and contribute to the betterment of society. Let's illu-

minate the darkness within us. Let's conquer our inner-self. Only enlightened individuals can help strengthen our society and contribute to the nation building process".

"I appeal every child to celebrate an Eco-friendly Diwali. Less pollution from each individual will keep the atmosphere clean & healthy. Decorate your houses with rangolis, diyas, colourful festoons, paper lanterns and the like. Help your parents in preparing special dishes on this auspicious occasion. Distribute sweets

& clothes to poor and downtrodden people. Visit any nearby Old age homes & spend some quality time with those lonely people", he concluded.

The event reached its culmination point with the singing of the national anthem, filling the gathering with a sense of pride and unity.

The Diwali celebration at JKPS, Kunjwani, was a memorable event that beautifully captured the essence of the festival, leaving everyone inspired and joyful.

Satish Sharma pitches for reviving traditional sports in rural, border areas

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SRINAGAR: Minister of Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, on Tuesday chaired a marathon meeting to review the functioning of Youth Services and Sports Department.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, Director General, Youth Services and Sports Rajinder Singh Tara, Special Secretary YS&S, Jyoti Devi Salathia, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, Additional Secretary YS&S, Narayan Dutt and other officers and officials from the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports and J&K Sports Council.

The maiden meeting of the Minister with the department of YS&S was aimed to ensure collective efforts towards realizing the vision of a vibrant sports ecosystem in the UT that fosters inclusive participation, competitive excellence, modern sports infrastructure and robust Youth engagement.

While speaking on the occasion, Minister assured that every possibility would be explored in reviving the traditional sports in rural and border areas. He said that our youth is highly capable



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

and they should act as torchbearers in eradicating the social evils like drug addiction. He stressed that it is high time that the established business houses of the UT would help in building high class sports infra and other such facilities under corporate social responsibility sector.

The Minister said the present regime under the leadership of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, is committed to provide all possible support to budding sports persons including world class facilities and equipment. He hoped that the officers and officials of the would work with the same zeal and commitment to take the department of Youth Services & Sports to the newer heights of success.

Earlier, the meeting had two comprehensive presenta-

tions by DG YS&S and Secretary J&K Sports Council.

In the first presentation, DG YS&S discussed the mass engagement of large number of youth in games and sports and highlighted the unprecedented growth of sports infrastructure in J&K under Capex and JKIFDC projects during last 4 years. A detailed description was also presented about the infrastructure of the department's Government College of Physical Education Ganderbal, Sports infrastructure developed in the college campus and the courses offered by the college. He also informed about the participation and achievements of the J&K youth in 67th National School Games.

He also threw light on preparations in place for

hosting 68th National School Games being organized under the aegis of School Games Federation Of India in 4 games viz Wushu, Judo, fencing and football from November 7th to December 10th at Jammu.

Director General Sports apprised that besides sports activities, the department is engaging lakhs of youth in the activities being organized on special days and occasions like Republic Day, Independence Day, Swachta Pakhwada, Environment Day, Arbor day etc.

Sarmad Hafeez informed about the recently introduced J&K Sports Policy saying that the policy outlines a structured approach towards developing sports infrastructure, promoting sports education and creating a support system for athletes through scholarships and awards and other

incentives. He also shed light on the sports scholarships being awarded to the meritorious students in the category of Sports through DBT mode by YS&S Department.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, in her presentation, highlighted the role of the organization in building a world class sports infrastructure across J&K. She also highlighted the initiatives of the Sports Council in establishing Sports Academies, Sports Excellence Centers and such allied facilities for channelizing and polishing the sports talent of the J&K youth under Khelo India Scheme. She stated that it is due to such facilities that J&K youth is achieving great laurels in National and International Sports events.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on the issues related to Rehbr-e- Khel (REK) and NYKs wherein the department was entrusted to work on all modalities and take all the necessary steps for better future prospects. Besides, the deliberations were also held on appointment of outstanding sports persons, regarding which, the Minister asked the concerned department to complete the process at the earliest.

KCIS achieves remarkable success at Model United Nations



KC International School students receiving trophy.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: KC International School (KCIS) recently achieved remarkable success at the Model United Nations organized by KC Public School from October 25 to 27, 2024.

The school won the Overall Best Delegation Trophy, highlighting the exceptional skills and dedication of its students.

This prestigious event brought together leading schools from Jammu, providing a dynamic platform for delegates to engage in debates, collaborate, and

tackle pressing global issues. A total of 22 delegates from KCIS participated, bringing home several accolades.

Among the standout performances, Khushi Rajput was recognized as Best Delegate in the UNSC, while Veer Charak and Sarthak Sharma earned Best Delegate titles in the UNHRC and Photography categories, respectively.

Aaryna also excelled in Journalism, receiving the Best Delegate award. Additionally, Aayaan Singh received High Commendation in Lok

Sabha, and both Aaradhya Gupta and Naisha Singh earned Verbal Mentions for their impressive contributions.

The achievement has been met with enthusiasm from the school management and Principal Anupama Sinha, who expressed their appreciation and congratulations to the delegates and their mentor.

Their hard work and diligent efforts have truly paid off, showcasing KCIS's commitment to fostering leadership and critical thinking among its students.

Tajinder Singh wins gold in Body Building Championship



Gold medal winner posing with Vinay Sharma, Vice President of BBAJK.

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JAMMU: Tajinder Singh achieved a remarkable feat by securing 1st place in the 65-70 kg weight category at the recent Body Building Championship, held at the Police Auditorium in

Jammu. The event was organized by the Body Building Association of J&K (BBAJK) in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council. This accomplishment earned Tajinder Singh

the prestigious Gold Medal, a testament to his dedication and hard work.

Vinay Sharma, Vice President of BBAJK, congratulated Tajinder on his impressive victory, expressing confidence in his potential to set similar records in the future.

Sharma highlighted that the primary goal of organizing such championships is to inspire youth to stay away from drugs, negative influences, and harmful associations.

By promoting a healthy lifestyle and positive engagement, BBAJK aims to steer young individuals towards constructive pursuits and foster a drug-free community, he said.

Deepak, Sumit among enter Snooker QFs

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JAMMU: Deepak Sharma, Anish, Arjun Sharma, Manav and Sumit Sharma among five cueist qualified for the quarterfinals of the senior snooker event of the ongoing 29th Jammu District Billiards and Snooker Championship at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here today. While Arjun, Manav and Sumit had easy 2-0 outings, Anish and Deepak underwent close contests thus making it a 2-1 wins.

This championship is being organised by Billiards and Snooker Association of J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council as part of the annual calendar of activities. The Results: Senior Snooker: Pre-quarterfinals: Deepak Sharma beat Alchil Sharma 2-1; Anish beat Anil Gandral 2-1; Arjun Sharma beat Rahil Mahajan 2-0; Manav beat Arichit 2-0; Sumit Sharma beat Siddharth Sharma 2-0.

Sumit Sharma in action during a pre-quarterfinal match of senior snooker event at Billiards, MA Stadium, Jammu.

Visually impaired J&K team wins Judo trophy



J&K teams after winning overall trophy in 3rd Visually Impaired Youth National Judo Championship.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir won overall trophy in the 3rd Visually Impaired Youth National Judo Championship cum selection trials for Youth Asian Games 2025 being held in India next year.

The J&K team bagged 10 medals, including six gold and two silver. About 150 Judokas of 16 States/UTs participated in this championship. Aneka Devi of J&K declared best Judoka of the event.

Subsequently, the medal

winner Judokas have been selected for Tashkent Youth Asian Para Games 2025 in Tashkent Uzbekistan in the month of October next.

Earlier, a 16-member visually impaired Judo team, including six girls, from JKUT participated in the event under the banner of J&K Blind and Para Judo Association.

Medal Winners: Gold: Bhumika Chib (46 Kg), Aneka Devi (52 Kg), Adiba Choudhary (60 Kg), Netra Tickoo (70 Kg),

Inman Ahmed (70 Kg), Satish Khmer (70 Kg), Silver: Shahnaz Akhter (46 Kg), Fiza Zohra (52 Kg), Bronze: Anshuman Sharma (62 Kg) and Karman Singh (70Kg).

All these visually impaired Judokas were trained by Suraj Bhan Singh, Chief Judo Coach of J&K Sports Council. The team was accompanied by Principal Sightless School for Girls Roop Nagar, Suhasi Kiran as team manager while Shakeel Ahmed was assistant.