

Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani hosts Inter-school Competition



Glimpses of Inter-school competition held at Toddlers' World of JK Public School Kunjwani, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Toddlers' World of JK Public School Kunjwani, Jammu hosted Inter-school competition on November 18, 2022 and saw zealous participation from more than 11 prestigious schools of Jammu and Kathua.

It was a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness. The teachers and the students of different schools gathered to participate in different competi-

tions titled 'The lost from the lost', Dexter's Laboratory and A visit to Disney Land. The participants prepared zealously and showcased their skills in their respective events. Their vivacity and brilliance reflected fully in their performances.

The event started with an encouraging speech from Rajesh Rathore, Principal JK Public School Kunjwani & President Jammu Sahodaya. He appreciated all

the participating schools for availing the wonderful opportunity, created by the host school. He lauded children for mesmerizing the audience with their impressive turn out, confidence level & vivacity.

Under the guidance of Shivangani Pandotra (Coordinator Toddlers' World) the programme was able to inculcate integrated learning, amalgamated with different aspects of the

world, which captivated one and all. Shashi Choudhary (Director JKPS) appreciated all the participants and spoke about an unlimited potential in every individual that can be honed at every opportunity and at every stage.

A two-hour competition was concluded with a vote of thanks. The programme was appreciated by the guests.

First Prize-Sadaf Fatima Abraham (IDPS, Jammu), Adhira Choudhary (Jammu

Sanskriti School Jammu) and Anhad Preet Singh (IDPS, Jammu.)

Second Prize-Ayaan Sharma (Jodhamal Public School, Jammu), Ayva Jain (Army Public School Kaluchak), Urwa Ibtihaj (Toddlers' World, Kunjwani) and Sargam Andotra (Jammu Sanskriti School, Kathua)

Third Prize-Vedanshi (Stephen's International Public School, Jammu),

Ruaansh Abrol (KC International School, Jammu) and Manvi Sharma (Toddlers' World Kunjwani)

Consolation Prize: Manya Dhiman (Shaurya International School Jammu) and Kriyaj (Toddlers' World, Kunjwani).

Appreciation certificates were given to all the participants. Merit certificates and trophies were given to the winners. The event turned out to be a grand success.

ASCOMS Principal invited by International Medical Sciences Academy

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JAMMU: Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal and Professor of Pharmacology, Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (ASCOMS) & Hospital, Sidhra, Jammu was invited by International Medical Sciences Academy to deliver the prestigious Dr. Pratap C. Reddy IMSA International oration during IMSACON-2022 organized with the theme "Medicine and Beyond" at Terna Knowledge City, Navi Mumbai on Saturday in association with Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Dr. Malhotra spoke in depth on "Prescribing behavior: Let's change the Future Generation".

During the deliberations, he laid emphasis on targeting the young prescribers for changing their mindset of continuing legacy of their predecessors in irrational prescribing.

He also informed the audience about the errors which could be encountered if the drugs are prescribed with caution. Describing the irrational prescribing and errors of Medication as a global issue, he laid stress on the Regulatory authorities world over to take cognizance of the situation for the remedial measures to be undertaken for its prevention.

He also stressed upon youngsters to follow the Good Clinical Practices guidelines issued by WHO in order to ensure safety of the patient.

Laying stress on adopting the policy of rational use of medicines and good prescribing guidelines, he stressed on budding prescribers to keep in mind the safety of patient as the utmost priority before prescribing.

Dr. Malhotra is the first medical professional from J&K who has been invited to deliver this most prestigious oration.



Principal ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra, Dr. Pavan Malhotra being honouring at IMSA.

HR Conclave 5.0 at IIM Jammu begins with grand start

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JAMMU: Fostering conversations between the institute and the corporate, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Saturday harmonized the 5th edition of the institute's flagship event, HR Conclave, a platform for industry leaders, academicians, and students to interact, network, and discuss pressing industry issues. The theme for HR Conclave 5.0 is "Mapping the Uncharted."

This theme has been chosen to encourage participants to think outside the box and explore new ideas and approaches to HR. The conference featured keynote addresses, panel discussions, and breakout sessions. Day one of the events witnessed panels discussing pertinent topics. The event commenced with Dr. Bajjeet Singh, Co-Chairperson Placements, IIM Jammu, addressing the gathering, highlighting the significance of people in an organization. Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, and Chairperson, Placements, IIM Jammu, expressed his gratitude to the corporate for its substantial assistance throughout IIM Jammu's formative years. Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, addressed the students on occasion, emphasizing that "Life without challenges is meaningless," and urged everyone to participate in their way to construct a strong progressive nation. He also mentioned the rapid strides made by the



Panelists at inaugural ceremony of HR Conclave 5.0 at IIM Jammu on Saturday.

Institute since its inception on all fronts including the recent 36th rank in the NIRF rankings 2022. He also mentioned IIM Jammu has been trying to offer holistic education to its students, in standards at par with the cream of global class Institutions by bringing in academic excellence through several unique pedagogical and operational reforms. It was followed by the keynote address by Rajesh Uppal, Senior Executive Director (HR & IT) at Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., who delivered the opening keynote address. Uppal enlightened the students with his insights and stressed the necessity of ongoing evolution in light of the rapid pace of change. He concluded his speech with the slogan "UPBEAT," signifying the pace of fast transformation.

The theme for the first panel was "Malaises of the Patriarchy - A Working Mother's Conundrum." Dr. Minakshi Kumari, Chairperson Alumni

Relations, IIM Jammu, moderated the conversation, which was presided over by Pragma Singh, Associate Director, PepsiCo, Neelam Roy, Associate Director-Talent Acquisition, Zyrcus, Namita Vyas, Director - Talent Acquisition, Nike, Reetu Raina, VP & Global Head - Talent Management, Amdocs, Kanika S, Senior HR Business Partner and Talent Lead, Zee Media Corporation Limited. The panel talked about the challenges faced by women in the corporate world and how the right talent is gender agnostic, and roles should not be defined by gender. Further, they agreed that patriarchal thoughts persist in modern culture, but they can be eradicated with the support of family members and educating the youth about "equity in the workplace."

The second panel discussion revolved around "Plugging the Brain Drain." Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu, moderated

ed the panel consisting of Arvind, Mahajan, Unit Head HR, SMVDNSH, Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Dr. B. K. Santosh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, illness2wellness, Neha Lal, Senior General Manager - HR and Operations, GCS Hospital and Medical College, Sugandha Jain, Vice President - HR, BeatO, Pradeep Singh Rathaur, Senior HR Manager, Cadila Pharmaceuticals Limited. The panelists talked about the reasons behind the Brain Drain and consecutively about the Reverse Brain Drain. They discussed how increasing opportunity is a key to reducing brain drain. The conversation was then followed by a healthy discussion on the factors that attract the Healthcare workforce in India. The discussion was then steered toward the evolution of the Indian pharmaceutical market. The panelists talked about the importance and need of both public and private sec-

tors in the healthcare sector. The panel discussion ended with a positive view towards medical tourism. The topic of discussion for Panel 3 was "1\$ vs. 77 cents: Gender Pay Gap." The panelists, Achint Jain, Head of Early Careers, Asia and Australasia, Willis Towers Watson, Arfa Merchant, Senior HR Specialist, JP Morgan Chase & Co., Arushi Wadhwa, Lead - Campus Recruitment and Culture and Talent Advisor, Sprinklr, Ashish Mahajan, Global Head Talent Partner, MoEngage, Atul Tiwari, Chief Human Resources Officer, Spice Money, Virender Pratap Singh, Senior HR Manager, NTPC. They highlighted the unconscious biases against women in the workplace. The main colloquy revolved around the prevalent prejudice between men and women in numerous areas and the necessity to take significant measures to reduce the gap. An engaging Q&A session followed the session.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and felicitation to all the esteemed guests by the Director, IIM Jammu. The event for day one ended with magnificent cultural performances by the students of IIM Jammu.

NGO Support organise series of events on Child Rights Week



NGO members and students during a programme at Jammu.

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JAMMU: In connection with Child Rights Week activities, NGO Support with its partner organizations National Human Rights Social Justice Council, Indian Red Cross Society Jammu Region, ISBTI (Indian Society for Blood Transfusion and Immunohematology), Government Medical College, YBA & Childline Organisation organised series of events with children in the SMGS Hospital, Balgrain Orphanage, Govt High School Gandhi Nagar, Channi Himmat, Govt Higher Secondary School Channi Himmat,

Corporate Schools, GD Goenka Toddlers School and with the Children of the Urban Slums in various slum pockets to spread awareness about child rights. Programmes on awareness of child rights were conducted where children were engaged through activities like organizing talk shows, debates on child rights, group discussions were held developing learning more about the importance of Child Rights.

NGO SUPPORT extended its gratitude to Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma Director School Education, Vipan Bhagat Director Childline

Jammu, Sat Pal Sharma Secy Red Cross Society Jammu Region, Adv MI Zargar Director General, NHR SJC, Dr Ghanshyam Sani HOD Pedratics, Dr Sanjeev Digra Pedratics Deptt SMGS Hospital, Manju Bala Headmaster Govt Girls High School Gandhi Nagar, Principal Govt High School Channi Himmat, Jyoti Chib, Principals Cooperative Schools, Shahnaz Choudhary Principal, Govt Higher Secondary School Channi Himmat, Balraj Singh President Rotary Club Jammu, Conveners Dr Alka Sharma and Prince Chandel.

Addl Commissioner State Taxes interacts with DDOs at Lakhanpur

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KATHUA: Continuing the momentum to generate awareness amongst the various stakeholders regarding the proper implementation of GST, Additional Commissioner State Taxes (Adm. & Enf) Jammu, Namrita Dogra on Saturday visited Lakhanpur to hold an interactive session with DDOs of Kathua District and later on carried out a Plantation drive here at State Taxes Office complex.

Rakesh Kumar, President M. C Lakhanpur; DC State Taxes Enforcement Wing Lakhanpur, Ranjeet Singh, Sona Gupta, Assistant Commissioner State Taxes Enforcement Wing Lakhanpur; Vikas Mengi Xen, Manohar Lal DFO, Dheeraj Bahadur BDO Duggain, Sunil Bhatia BDO Baggan, Vikas Gupta AAO FCD Kathua, Sushil Kumar advocate, Varun Gupta (CA), Nitish Kumar (CA), Rajan Bharti (CA), Sunil Sharma (CA) along with concerned State Taxes Officers attended the



Additional Commissioner State Taxes(Adm & Enf) Jammu, Namrita Dogra planting a sapling.

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GSTR-07 filing, ways to increase tax base and revenue augmentation.

During the Occasion, Namrita Dogra exhorted upon the officers to avail the opportunity to familiarize themselves with GST and develop tax deduction mechanisms.

She also acknowledged support provided by Commissioner State Taxes J&K, Dr Rashmi Singh in ensuring strict compliance of GST requirements by all DDOs especially those handling works contracts.

She emphasised upon the DDOs that they shall adhere to the timelines in filing their returns so that the revenue due to the government does not get delayed because of late filing of the returns and thus could be utilized for development of Nation. Deputy Commissioner State Taxes Enforcement Lakhanpur, Ranjeet Singh while presenting vote of thanks. He also stressed upon the officers to come up with specific instances so that the issues can be taken up for quick redressal. Also, during the occasion, Assistant Commissioner enforcement wing, Sona Gupta said that information in the form of FAQs, PPTs, ready reckoners will be disseminated among the various stakeholder for proper handling and knowledge imparting so as to ensure proper implementation of GST. Later, Namrita, Dogra carried out a Plantation drive at the truck terminal area of the office complex where Peepal and Neem trees were planted.

Himalayan Education Mission School Rajouri gets national award

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RAJOURI: Jammu Himalayan Education Mission School Rajouri, the only school from UT of Jammu and Kashmir, conferred with National Award 'Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar ----2021-22' in the category of Behavioural Change and Capacity Building by Ministry of Education, Dept of School Education Govt. Of India.

The award was conferred by Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Dr Subhas Sarkar who was also the Chief Guest of the occasion in presence of MoS, Ministry of Education Dr Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh and Umpteen dignitaries and senior officers from Dept of School Education, Union Ministry of



Chief Guest presenting National Award ' Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-22 to faculty of Jammu Himalayan Education Mission School Rajouri.

Education in addition to heads of the Depts and representatives from different States and UTs of India, in a grand ceremony at Akashvani Rang Bhavan, All India Radio, Sansad Marg, Delhi today.

The award was received by Mohd Farooq Muztar alongwith a student Swatchta Monitor on behalf of Himalayan Education Mission.

The school was earlier also awarded Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2022, UT level Award by Manoj Sinha Lt Governor J&K.

Directorate of Samagra Shiksha, under the aegis of School Education Department, J&K was the Nodal agency of the SVP in J&K.

The school has already received many prestigious awards for producing extra

meritorious candidates, with Top Positions & Distinctions in 10th and 12th class results.

A total of 44 schools from all over India from different states and UTs country were selected on the basis of certain parameters after several phases of scrutiny conducted by independent teams with technical support of UNICEF.