

Skill acquisition training fetches Professional edge to our students: Principal JKPS Kunjwani



Principal JK Public School Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore and students addressing morning assembly on Wednesday.

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JAMMU: "As we navigate the complexities of the 21st Century, it is crucial to recognize the significance of acquiring skills that complement our academic pursuits". With this opening statement, the lead presenter of the School Assembly from Grade 10C Shradha Mahajan conducted the assembly on the

topic "Skill acquisition in today's ever-evolving competitive world". The topic was further substantiated by Gunvika by saying "Acquiring skills enhances employability, boosts confidence, fosters innovation and develops problem solving abilities. It equips individuals with specialized knowledge, enabling

them to adapt to the changing industry demands. On the other hand, high studies offer specialization, research opportunities and networking. Universities and institutions provide a platform for intellectual exploration, critical thinking and creativity. Pursuing higher education enhances career prospects, increases earning potential

and fosters personal growth". Reinforcing the reflections further, another brilliant student Anandi pitched in. She stated, "As Nelson Mandela aptly stated, education is the most powerful weapon which one can use to change the world. In this rapidly evolving world, where technological advancements and globalization are reshaping indus-

tries, the workforce demands adaptability, creativity and expertise. Thus, acquiring skills and pursuing higher education becomes essential for staying ahead". Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore applauded the presenters of the morning assembly for drawing the attention of the audience towards the topic of utmost

importance. He reflected his views on various aspects of the topic. He said, "Skill acquisition and higher studies are vital for industrial and societal success. By investing in these areas, we can unlock our potential, drive innovation and contribute to a brighter future. Let's prioritize our skill acquisition programme and provide a wider

exposure to students regarding the gamut of career choices available today". Appealing the teachers, he concluded, "Kindly focus on the CV profiling of students on the rolls of our Institution, right from Grade 6 onwards, in the same way, as witnessed in the top Business Schools of our country for their MBA stu-

dents. Class Teachers must record the achievements of students on various parameters, such as, Academics, Co-curricular activities, Sports activities, Language proficiency, Personality development skills, Soft skills, Online Skill building programmes & Short-Term Certificate courses during Summer/Winter break".

35 States/UTs to take part in 68th National School Games Judo U-17 Boys Opening Ceremony of sporting extravaganza today

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Thirty State/UT teams have already reached Jammu while a total of 35 teams have registered and are expected to participate in the 68th National School Games in the discipline of Judo U-17 Boys, the opening ceremony of which will be held at MA Stadium here tomorrow.

This was informed by the Director General Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara through an official statement issued on Wednesday. Tara said that all the requisite arrangements have been made for smooth and successful conduct of the mega event. "We have finalized all the requisite arrangements made for a comfortable stay of the players at the lodging centres, their transportation facilities and the facilities at the venues. Strict directions have been served to the Conveners and the Officials of various committees with regard to performing their duties perfectly and holding the event in a most befitting manner to set a benchmark," maintained Mr Tara, who is also the Chairman of the event. He said Judo U-17 Boys National is part of the historic series of 68th National School Games in four disciplines of sports including Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football, adding that the Judo and Wushu events will be held at Indoor Sports Complex Bhagwati Nagar, while Fencing competitions will be conducted at Gymnasium Hall University of Jammu, and the Football Tournament will be organised at Sainik School Football Ground, Nagrota Jammu.

Meanwhile, out of the expected 35 teams, 30 teams have already reached Jammu which include Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, IPSC, IBSSO, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, KV Sangathan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Vidhya Bharathi, West Bengal, CBSE, while Chhattisgarh, CBSE WSO, Jharkhand, Navodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Tripura have not reported yet.

All India Inter University Fencing Championship 2024-25 begins at JU

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The All India Inter University Fencing (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25, organized by the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, University of Jammu commenced on Wednesday at the University Gymnasium Hall, after it was declared open by Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning, University of Jammu amidst large number of gathering of dignitaries, players of different Universities, officials, employees and students of the University as well as the people from the civil society.

Shiv Kumar, DIG J&K Police Jammu was the Special Guest of the function whereas Rashid Ahmed Choudhary International Referee & Competition Director of this event was the Guests of Honour.

Krishan Kumar High Performance Manager Fencing (SAI) New Delhi and Dr. Deepak Singh Patyal Chief Coach SAI, NCOE Patiala were also the guests on the Dias. The Association of Indian



DIG J&K Police Jammu, Shiv Kumar and other dignitary lighting ceremonial lamp.

Universities has entrusted with the responsibility to University of Jammu, for hosting the All India Inter University Fencing (Men & Women) Championship 2024-25 from November 6 to 10, 2024 in which 103 teams from the various Universities across the Nation in Men & Women section are participating.

More than 1200 players from different universities of India are going to compete in this mega Event.

While addressing the gathering Prof. Meena Sharma congratulated the organizers for organizing such type of

Sports events, which will provide an opportunity to the students of the various Universities to come closer to each other besides showing their Sports talent.

She also appreciated the mass participation of the players and officials accompanying their teams of the various Universities.

Shiv Kumar Sharma in his address said that the University of Jammu is organizing various Sports activities to engage the energy of the youth in a positive manner. Sports and games help in large muscle co-ordination resulting in physical

fitness apart from inculcating sportsmanship, leadership, unity, competitive spirit among the students. While addressing he stressed upon that sports and games are the only sources that can eliminate the drugs and bad evils from the youth of the society. Shiv Kumar Sharma in his address also highlighted the development of sports in terms of infrastructure and performance during the last few years.

Earlier, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of

Jammu presented the formal welcome address and briefed about the Championship.

Dr. Baba also emphasised that Sports and games impart a sense of discipline, fellow-feeling and togetherness. Sports and games are the right avenues to channelize the energy and vitality of students in a positive direction. He highlighted the features of the fencing game in his address. He also promised that University of Jammu will be front runner in nourishing the talent of the sportsperson who will ultimately make the Jammu as well the nation proud.

An impressive demonstration of fencing game was also conducted by the fencer during the inaugural ceremony of this mega event. The proceedings of the function were conducted Vandna Sharma and Lakshika Janwal.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Komal Nagar, Assistant Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu.

Others present on the occasion were Dr. Inuran Farooq, Dr. Akhilesh Sharma, Irfan Goni, Vimal Kishore, Vikas Karlopia, Ravish Vaid, Gagan Kumar, Shamsheer Singh, Jai Bharat, PD Singh, Sumeet Kumar, Harinderpal Singh, Inderjeet Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Ashok Singh Bali, Richa Mandla, Manjeet Kotwal and officials of the participating teams.

Today's result
EPEE MEN: Sufyan (Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar), gold; Deepak (Kurukshetra University) silver; Shubam (Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar), Zala Harshvardhansinh Dipaksinh (Heemchandrcharya North Gujarat University, Patan, Gujarat), joint bronze; Sathe Soham (Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University), 5th Rank; Lokesh (Chandigarh University, Mohali), 6th Rank; Rohith Soman (Yenepoya Deemed To Be University), 7th Rank; Neeraj Kumar (dr. Rammanohar Lohia Avadh University Ayodhya UP), 8th Rank.

VC CLUJ inaugurates YUVTARANG Annual Cultural and Literary Fest

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The much anticipated cultural and literary extravaganza, YUVTARANG, organized by the Department of Students Welfare, Cluster University of Jammu, commenced with great enthusiasm at PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The festival was inaugurated by Professor K.S Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Jammu, who was joined by Principals of the constituent Colleges and various Deans, Associate Deans of the university along with faculty and students.

In his opening remarks, Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar emphasized the essential role of extracurricular activities in holistic student development, highlighting



VC CLUJ, Prof K.S Chandrasekar and others at YUVTARANG festival.

Yuvtarang as a platform that promotes creativity, collaboration, and cultural awareness, aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. "YUVTARANG is crucial in nurturing students' talents beyond academics, enriching their educational experience," he remarked.

Prof. (Dr.) Monika Sharma, Dean Student

Welfare, Cluster University Jammu, presented her formal welcome address and briefed the audience about the vision of YUVTARANG fest. She explained that this fest is an annual celebration of student's talent across creative, literary, and performing arts.

She shared that this event brings students together from various Constituent col-

leges and schools of Cluster University in different events like photography, painting, theater, dance, and more, fostering teamwork, cultural appreciation, and personal growth under faculty guidance to ensure overall development of students.

Following the inauguration, the festival kicked off with spirited Mehandi and Clay Modelling competitions.

In the Mehandi competition held at PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar, first place was awarded to Palki Verma of School of Humanities and Liberal Arts, with second and third positions going to Aarti Kumari of Government College of Education and Aarti Chandra of SPMR College of Commerce respectively.

The Clay Modeling competition, conducted at SPMR College of Commerce, where

Arun from SPMR College of Commerce clinched first place, while Sahil Singh Manhas of MAM College and Sonakshi Sharma of SPMR College of Commerce secured second and third positions. The days competitions were judged by Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Malti Sharma and Palak Gandotra.

The inauguration was attended by Ankur Mahajan, Registrar, CLUJ; Dr. Naveen Anand (DAA), Dr. Ranvijay (controller) Dr. Zubair Kales, Dr. Satinder Kour, Prof. D.S. Manhas, Prof. Vishal Sharma (all Deans) and Prof. S. P. Sarsawat (Nodal Principal), Prof. B. B. Anand Principal MAM College, Prof. Romesh K. Gupta, Principal GGM Science College, Prof. Rajinder Singh, Principal SPMR Commerce College and Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal GCOE Jammu,

Nagesh Janwal Financial Advisor CLUJ, Associate and Assistant Deans, Cultural Conveners, the Student Cultural Council, faculty members, and students.

The event proceedings were hosted in a coherent way by Prof Sugandha Mahajan, and the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Kuldeep Raina.

The entire festival is organized and managed under the supervision of Dr. Monika Sharma, with key contributions in the inaugural function from Prof. Babita Janwal Campus Cultural Chair person, Prof. Tarseeem Lal, Prof. Amit Pal Kour, Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Dr. Shubhra Janwal, Dr. Neetu Kumari, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Prof. Sunita Kumari, Prof. Mohd Ashraf, Dr. Harpreet Bhatia, Prof. Paramjeet Singh and Dr. Romi Rani.

Doda Volleyball meet at Bhaderwah from Nov 19

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District Doda Volleyball Championship shall take place at Government Degree College Bhaderwah grounds under the banner of Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) from November 19.

The entries for the two-day event shall close on November 15. Only those registered players of the affiliated clubs are eligible for becoming part of the participating teams, a handout issued here today said.

For further information clubs can contact Zahoor Elhi (9596719295) and Muddasar Bhat (9906162886).

Srinagar Judo meet from Nov 12

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Srinagar District Judo Association shall hold two-day Srinagar District Judo Championship at Indoor Hall Polo Ground Srinagar from Nov 12.

The championship is being held under the banner of Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, a handout issued here today informed.

The competition shall be conducted by the team under the guidance of organising secretary, Gowhar Khan. Those eligible judokas have been advised to bring along Date of Birth certificate and submit with the concerned coaches.

Mahi Club wins Shopian Volleyball trophy

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mahi Volleyball Club clinched the men's trophy in the District Shopian Volleyball Championship which held at Government Degree College grounds, Shopian in Kashmir.

In the final, Mahi Club defeated Super Spikers Shopian Volleyball Club 3-2 (26-24, 21-25, 25-21, 20-25, 15-12). Earlier, in the semifinals, Mahi Club beat Royal Club Aglar 3-1 (25-22, 25-23, 21-25, 25-20) and Super Spikers trounced GDC Shopian 3-0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-19).

The girls title trophy went to Khelo India Shopian, who beat CNEI Nagbal 3-1 (25-22, 25-23, 20-25, 25-20).



Chief Guest presenting trophy to a winner team.

The event held under the banner of Volleyball Association Jammu and Kashmir (VAJK) and sponsored by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council involving 14 teams from

across the district. Shabir Ahmad Kullay, MLA Shopian was the chief guest, who presented the title trophies. Majid Ahmed, DySP Shopian was guest of honour.

Among others present were Aijaz Ahmad Mir, DDC member, Dr. Shafeeq Ahmad, Principal Government Degree College Shopian and Basit Ahmad Assistant Professor.

J&K UT Roller Skating Championship concludes

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K State Roller Skating Championship, organized by the J&K Roller Skating Association under the guidance of S. G.S. Khurmi, concluded at MA Stadium Jammu. This three-day event witnessed remarkable performances from various age categories, highlighting the enthusiasm and dedication of skaters from across the state. With over 200 participants, the championship provided an exceptional platform for athletes to demonstrate their talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The event concluded with a medal ceremony honouring the winners and runners-up, with awards pre-



Chief Guest, Rajinder Singh Tara, DG YSS with medal winners and other dignitaries.

sented by the Chief Guest, Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General, Youth Services and Sports, J&K.

Distinguished Guests of Honor included Baljinder Pal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer-Jammu, and Suraj Bhan Singh,

Manager of Indoor Stadium.

The J&K Roller Skating Association commends all participants for their hard work and dedication. Heartfelt appreciation extended to the officials, coaches, and volunteers

who played an essential role in the event's smooth execution. This successful championship reflects the rising popularity of roller skating in Jammu and lays a strong foundation for future talent development and competitive excellence in the region.