

# Learn to take every decision with courage, clarity & confidence: Principal JKPS Kunjwani



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

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JAMMU: "It is in your moments of decision that your destiny is shaped". With this opening statement, Akriti from Grade 9D alongwith her batchmates conducted the morning assembly on the topic "Decision making" at JK Public School, Kunjwani. Karamjot reflected on the topic by saying, "Today, I am here to talk about something that can make a big difference in our lives: decision making

and cultivating a growth mindset. Let me start with a simple question; have you ever found yourself in a situation where you didn't know what to do? May be it was deciding which subjects to focus on for a test or choosing whether to participate in a competition. These moments might seem small, but this decision making process plays a major role in shaping our future". Adding more substance to the topic, Sadhna stated,

"Decision making is the ability to think carefully, choose wisely and taking responsibility for decisions. But let's be honest - it's not always that easy. Sometimes, we feel afraid to make mistakes or fail. That's where having a growth mindset becomes really important." Under the segment Quotations, Amithi quoted Abraham Lincoln, "The best way to predict your future is to create it in decision making". Alankrit Sharma referred to Napoleon Bonaparte, "Nothing is more difficult and precious than being able to decide". Rajiv Pradhan quoted John C Maxwell, "Every decision is a step towards growth, embrace challenges, learn and keep forward".

Ridhima Jaral quoted Nelson Mandela, "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fear". Megha referred to Hazel Uzbek, "You don't need a new day to start over; you only need a new mindset". Ayushman Sudan quoted Roy E Disney, "Achieving success is easy when your values are clear". JKPS Kunjwani Principal Rajesh Rathore applauded all the presenters for equipping the audience with nuggets of wisdom and stated, "Decisions, big or small, determine the paths we take and the goals we achieve. As we go through life, we must

remember that every decision is an opportunity to grow, learn, and move closer to our aspirations". "Learn to make choices that reflect your values, bring out your best, and positively impact those around you. Always keep in mind that indecision can sometimes be more costly than making the wrong choice. Learn to take every decision with courage, clarity, and confidence", he concluded.

Known for his evocative Dogri poems, Toofan's literary work has played a significant role in preserving and promoting the regional language. The recognition was presented by the Chief Guest, Satish Sharma, Minister for Sports and Food & Civil Supplies of Jammu & Kashmir Government, who awarded Toofan an appreciation letter for his valuable contributions to the cultural and literary landscape of the region. In addition to his literary achievements, Madan Lal Toofan is also deeply involved in sports, particularly in volleyball. He serves as the Vice-President of the Volleyball Association of Jammu & Kashmir and has been a passionate advocate for sports and social activities in the region. His dedication to both the literary and sports communities has made him a well-respected figure in Kathua and beyond. The felicitation ceremony was a fitting tribute to his multifaceted contributions, and it highlighted the importance of recognizing individuals who contribute to the cultural, social, and sports development of Jammu & Kashmir.

## Udhampur Taekwondo meet to begin on January 31

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JAMMU: District Udhampur Taekwondo Association under the agencies of J&K Taekwondo Association shall hold 14th Kyrougi and Poomsae Udhampur Taekwondo Championship from January 31 to February one at Subash Stadium Udhampur. Supported by J&K Sports Council, the competition shall be held in Pee Wee, Sub junior, Cadet, Junior and Senior categories. This was decided in a meeting held under the supervision of president District Udhampur Taekwondo Association, Rasal Singh and general secretary, Romal Singh. Those interested may contact the organisers on Mobile No 9906141009 to confirm their registration before January 30 before 5 pm.

## Madan Lal Toofan felicitated on Republic Day for contributions to Dogri Language, sports

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KATHUA: Madan Lal Toofan, a retired Deputy Commissioner of Customs and renowned Dogri poet, was honoured by the District Administration Kathua during the Republic Day celebrations for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of the Dogri language.



Sports Minister. Satish Sharma felicitating Madan Lal Toofan, a retired DC of Customs, on R-Day celebration.

## Ramesh excels in Masters Ranking Badminton



Ramesh Sharma with his partners.

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JAMMU: Ramesh Sharma of J&K excelled in the just held All India Masters Ranking Tournament at Panchkula in Chandigarh. Ramesh won two Bronze

medals in men doubles partnering with Umesh Aggarwal of Rajasthan and mixed doubles with Alka Batra, also of Rajasthan being the other partner.

## Crossway Cricket Academy and D-Drama celebrates Second Anniversary with honours, achievements

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JAMMU: Crossway Cricket Academy and D-Drama celebrated their second anniversary with a grand event that highlighted their remarkable achievements over the past two years.

The celebration was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and excellence fostered by the academy, and it honored coaches, students, and dignitaries who have contributed to its success.

During the event, dignitaries presented awards to the coaches in recognition of their dedication and efforts. Special attention was given to the students of Sukomul Ganguly, the Head Coach, whose trainees have excelled in various JKCA



Crossway Cricket Academy and D-Drama members and players during a function.

tournaments over the last two years.

Souvenirs were presented to talented players to celebrate their remarkable performances.

The honored students included Arya Suvansh Thakur, who represented JKCA in prestigious tournaments like the Cooch Behar Trophy, Vinoo Mankad Trophy, Col. CK Nayudu Trophy, and also

participated in the Under-19 NCA camp. Abhay Tondon was recognized for his representation in the Vijay Merchant Trophy, Cooch Behar Trophy, and his involvement in the Under-23 One-Day Tournament. Other distinguished students such as Adhijai Mehta, Gursimran Singh, Manitvey Sharma, Mannat Doffara, and Tegvansh Singh were also

acknowledged for their outstanding performances in various competitions like the Vijay Merchant Trophy, Vinoo Mankad Trophy, and the Under-15 Women's Tournament.

The Proprietor and founder of Crossway Cricket Academy, Rajbinder Singh Kler, reflected on the academy's journey over the past two years, celebrating its milestones and outlining

future plans to further enhance sports development in the region. He expressed his commitment to continuing the growth of sports within Jammu and creating more opportunities for young athletes.

Johnny William, former IGP and IPS officer, and a founding member of the academy, delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of sports in Jammu, motivating the students to continue pursuing excellence in their chosen fields. His words resonated with the young athletes, urging them to keep striving for success in the sports arena.

The event concluded with remarks from Delight William Kler, Director of D-

Drama, who highlighted the academy's accomplishments in the performing arts.

She elaborated on the success of national-level Kathak performances, theatre productions, and international music examinations conducted under the banner of Scottish Hall.

This anniversary celebration marked a significant milestone for Crossway Cricket Academy and D-Drama, underscoring their commitment to nurturing talent and promoting excellence in both sports and the arts.

The event not only honored the past achievements but also set the stage for future growth and opportunities for the students and the community at large.

## Late Deviram Chaudhary Divyang Cricket Tournament J&K defeats Madhya Pradesh in opening tie

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JAMMU: The J&K Welfare Association is delighted to announce the triumphant commencement of the prestigious Late Shree Deviram Chaudhary Memorial Divyang Cricket Tournament.

The tournament's inaugural clash witnessed an impressive 40-run victory for the J&K Divyangjan Cricket Team over their formidable opponents, Madhya Pradesh, at the JB Cricket Ground in Agra on Tuesday.

Under the astute leadership of Captain Ajeet Raj and Vice-Captain Aaqib Malik, the J&K team delivered an exemplary all-round performance. Electing to bat first, J&K set a competitive



J&K team after winning the match.

target of 143/7 in their allotted 20 overs. Rahul Sharma anchored the innings with a composed 36 runs, supported by Aaqib Malik's explosive 27 off 17 balls. Muddasir Gull added a crucial 18 runs, while Waseem Ahmad Bakshi provided a late surge with an unbeat-

en 15 off 16 deliveries. The innings was further bolstered by 22 valuable extras. For Madhya Pradesh, Rambaran Yadav emerged as the standout bowler, claiming 3 wickets for 26 runs.

In their response, Madhya Pradesh faltered under J&K's disciplined

bowling attack and succumbed for 103 runs in 17 overs. The highlight of the bowling effort was Waseem Ahmad Bakshi's exceptional spell, yielding figures of 4 overs, 22 runs, and 2 wickets at an impressive economy rate. Captain Ajeet Raj and Pritam also contributed significantly with two wickets each, while Babloo Budgam Para and Aaqib Malik chipped in with one wicket apiece.

J&K's fielding was equally commendable, with Pritam and Waseem pulling off spectacular catches and Sunil Kumar's sharp presence saving vital runs in the outfield. Ayaz Fani's brilliant direct-hit run-out further tightened the grip on Madhya Pradesh's

chase, ensuring they never gained momentum.

Waseem Ahmad Bakshi's outstanding all-round performance-comprising an unbeaten 15 runs and two crucial wickets-earned him the well-deserved title of Man of the Match. His contributions with both bat and ball were pivotal in securing J&K's emphatic victory.

This resounding win underscores the immense talent, cohesion, and determination of the J&K Divyangjan Cricket Team. The J&K Welfare Association extended its heartfelt congratulations to the team for their stellar performance and wishes them continued success as they progress in this prestigious tournament.

## Tiny Tots Hr Sec School celebrates Annual Sports Day



Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School management presenting memento to Sports Minister, Satish Sharma.

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JAMMU: Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School celebrated its Annual Cum Sports Day Function with enthusiasm and flair at the school grounds in Sainik Colony here on Tuesday.

The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Satish Sharma, Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology, Science and Technology, ARI & Trainings, who was welcomed by the students with a shower of petals.

The Chief Guest was given an exclusive tour of the school's Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and Machine Learning Laboratory, where students showcased their innovative models.

The Guests of Honour for the day included Anil Kapahi, Secretary Amar Singh Club; Sandeep Jain, President Bharatiya Jain Sangathan J&K; Sunny Dua; Shreyansh Kumar Jain; Manmeet Kour; Vishakhia Pandita; Dr. Additi

Khajuria; and Dr. Vaid.

Dr. Vikram Handa, Principal of Tiny Tots Hr Sec School, delivered the welcome address and presented the annual report, highlighting the school's achievements over the past year.

Chairperson Veena Handa, along with School Director Gurpreet Handa and the distinguished guests, officially inaugurated the meet by lighting the ceremonial torch, which was carried around the field by the Sports Captain, Sunny Thakur. This was followed by a Guard of Honour presented by contingents of different houses, led by the school's Captain body.

The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the Kindergarten students proudly marched while waving the Tricolour. The finals of various athletic events, including sprints, long-distance races, long jump, and fun races for the junior classes, were held throughout the day. The event also featured captivating cultural perform-

ances, showcasing traditional dances from Rajasthan, Punjab, and the Land of Fairies.

The highlights of the day were the energetic Shiv Tandav performance at the beginning of the program and the aerobics drill towards the end. The parents of the students applauded the talent of their wards with thunderous claps throughout the program.

Satish Sharma, the Chief Guest, lauded the students and staff for their efforts and emphasized the importance of incorporating modern technology, such as Robotics, Machine Learning, and Artificial Intelligence, into the curriculum. Sandeep Jain, in his address, spoke about the significance of patriotism and the formation of bonds and friendships during school days.

He praised the patriotic skit performed by the students and stressed the importance of organizing such activities regularly for the overall development of students.

Veena Handa, Chairperson of Tiny Tots Group of Schools, commended the efforts of the management, students and staff in putting together a fabulous event. The vote of thanks was presented by Kiran Zutshi.

The day concluded with fun races organized for the staff and parents, ensuring everyone had an enjoyable and memorable time.

## Mother Care Kid's Club Middle School celebrates 76th Republic Day

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JAMMU: Mother Care Kid's Club Middle School, celebrated the 76th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The students and staff came together to commemorate this significant day in Indian history.

The celebrations began with the hoisting of the National Flag followed by a series of cultural per-



Mother Care Kid's Club Middle School students celebrating R-Day.

formances that showcased the students' talent and creativity.

The students presented dances speeches and skits all centered around patriotic themes

The highlight of the event was the fancy dress competition where students dressed up as freedom fighters national leaders and other patriotic characters.

Principal Shalini Mahajan addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of Republic Day. She encouraged the students to uphold the values of democracy equality and justice and to work towards building a better future for India

The event concluded with a renewed sense of patriotism and pride in their country.