

# English language connects diverse cultures, facilitates communication, opens door to endless opportunities: Principal JKPS Kunjwani



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

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: "English is not just a language, but a bridge that connects people, ideas, and cultures across the world. It opens doors to opportunities and knowledge enabling us to communicate and collaborate globally". With such an impactful statement Mayukh Sharma from Grade 7th Galaxy alongwith his classmates conducted the Morning Assembly on the topic "Importance of English in today's global world" at JK Public School Kunjwani. Reflecting her views very

efficiently, Shanaaya said, "English is a globally significant language, serving diversified roles in various spheres. Approximately 1.5 billion people speak English, with over 400 million being native speakers and the rest using it as a second or foreign language". "It is the most widely studied foreign language globally. English is an official or working language in major global organizations, including the United Nations, World Trade Organization (WTO), World Bank, and Olympic Games. It's the

default language for international aviation (regulated by ICAO) and maritime communication", added Omkeshwar. "English is a Link Language in India, which has 22 official languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and more than 19,500 dialects. It serves as a link language to bridge communication gaps among linguistically diverse states and Union Territories (UTs)", reflected Syna. "The Indian Constitution recognizes English as an

associate official language, complementing Hindi for administrative and legal purposes. It is the medium of instruction in a vast majority of Indian schools and universities, fostering inter-state academic collaboration", opined Shirin Raina. Throwing light on the prominent role of English as a significant Library Language, Janvi stated, "Over 80% of academic content globally is published in English, making it a critical 'library language' for researchers and students. Its

digital dominance may be understood by the fact that English constitutes 60% of the content on the internet, far surpassing other languages. It's a unique standardized Knowledge Resource, as most scientific journals, research papers, and international textbooks are available in English". Karnan Kour brilliantly established the role of English as the Business Language of the world by saying "Countries with higher English proficiency are reported to have stronger GDP per capita. English-

speaking economies contribute to 70% of global trade. Multinational corporations like Google, Microsoft, and Amazon use English as their primary business language. Proficiency in English significantly improves employability; for instance, a 2019 study found that English-speaking workers earn 34% higher wages than their non-English-speaking counterparts in India". "The diversified roles of English ensure its status as a unifying language for global and regional purposes while being indispensable for

accessing knowledge, fostering diplomacy, and enabling economic development", concluded Prabhav. Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore applauded the presenters from Grade 7th Galaxy for enthraling the audience with brilliant reflections, polished diction and spirited performance. He said, "English serves as the bridge that connects diverse cultures, facilitates communication, and opens doors to endless opportunities. It is the language of negotiations, contracts, and international collaborations. It helps break

down barriers, facilitating travel, international work, and global networking. Being able to communicate in English opens a world of opportunities, making it a skill worth-learning". "Dear students, mastering English gives you the power to think big and reach beyond borders, allowing you to bring your vision to life on a global stage. For anyone looking to thrive in the modern world of professionalism and excellence, English is not just a language, it is the foundation for success", he summed up.

## Satish Sharma declares 68th National School Games 2024-25 closed Jharkhand emerges U-17 Girls Football Champion

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, FCS&CA and Transport, Satish Sharma, on Tuesday declared the 68th National School Games in four sports disciplines of Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football closed in a grand valedictory ceremony at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. A total of around 4000 athletes and officials drawn from 44 state/UT/organisation teams across the country took part in these prestigious games, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, under the aegis of School Games Federation of India (SGFI). While addressing a large gathering of participants, the Sports Minister extended gratitude to them for showing sporting spirit and discipline during this month long sporting extravaganza, helping its smooth and successful conclusion. Emphasising Government's commitment towards promoting genuine sports talent while ensuring that no individual or group would



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma presenting trophy to winner team.

be allowed to politicize sports, the Sports Minister assured that only deserving athletes would be supported and those who have misused sports bodies for personal gain would be shown the door. Satish Sharma asserted, "let sports be the domain of the sportspersons only, adding only sportspersons should run the sports associations and organisations to yield better results, thus see J&K carving a space on India's sports map and budding athletes blossoming at the national scene". Extending gratitude to the parents, coaches and sports teachers for their unwavering support and encouragement of young athletes, the Minister also highlighted the broader

benefits of sports, stating that it is essential in shaping well-rounded individuals, keeping the youth engaged and diverting them from the sedentary lifestyles. Secretary YS&S, Sarmad Hafeez, while speaking on the occasion, stressed the role of the department in nurturing the sports talent at the grass-root level and instilling values of leadership, discipline and perseverance. He also congratulated the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, for successful completion of the 68th National School Games in Judo. He expressed confidence that the remaining three national championships would also be successfully organised. The glittering closing

### Calls for constituting panels regarding felicitation of medal winners on arrival in J&K

JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, on Tuesday asked the Heads of Department of Youth Services and Sports to constitute teams of officers to welcome and felicitate the medal winning sportspersons/teams of Jammu and Kashmir on their arrival in the UT after participation in National and International tournaments. As per a circular issued here today in this regard, the initiative is aimed at to encourage the sportspersons to pursue sports and motivate players to achieve high level of excellence in the field. The circular further stated that due publicity may also be given to the achievements of sports persons and felicitation ceremonies held wherever possible at Railway Station/Airport/Bus stand or any other place of entry wherever the teams/player(s) arrives. This unique initiative reflects commitment of present dispensation and Sports Minister towards recognizing and honouring the medal winner players/teams who bring laurels to the J&K.

ceremony commenced with a warm welcome address by the Director General of YS&S, Rajinder Singh Tara. He spoke about the significance of such events, not only for promoting sports but also for fostering cultural exchange, brotherhood, and religious harmony among children. Highlighting the magnitude of the event, Tara informed that over 4,000 participants competed across various sports disciplines during the games, emphasising J&K's commitment towards nurturing budding athletes and promoting sports in every

nook and corner of the Union Territory. The ceremony also witnessed an enthralling performance by famous Dogri singer Sonali Dogra. Meanwhile, Jharkhand clinched gold, Haryana bagged silver and Manipur claimed the bronze medal while Anushka Kumari of Jharkhand was declared as the Best Player in the U-17 Girls Football Championship. The Sports Minister, along with other dignitaries, distributed medals/trophies among the winners of Girls U-17 Girls Football Championship.

## Shaheed DySP Manjit Club lifts Sayeed Mushtaq Bukhari Volleyball Tournament trophy



SDM Surankote Farooq Nazki presenting trophy to winner team.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch clinched the trophy of the Sayeed Mushtaq Bukhari Memorial Volleyball Tournament, held at

Surankote, here. Organized by Habib Volleyball Club in memory of the former MLA, the tournament featured 16 teams from across Jammu and Kashmir. In a thrilling final,

Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch defeated Habib Volleyball Club Surankote 3-1, with set scores of 25-20, 24-26, 25-23, and 25-21. SDM Surankote Farooq Nazki was the Chief Guest, and SDPO Surankote attended as the Guest of Honour, alongside other dignitaries. The organizing committee honoured Mohd Tariq, Chairman of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club, for his dedication to the youth in border and remote areas. Saqlain Tariq and Musharraf Khan were recognized as the best setter and best attacker of the tournament.

## Swachh Bharat BIG Cricket League 2024 Chief Secretary XI, Infra Business enter semifinals

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Swachh Bharat BIG Cricket League 2024 entered its thrilling quarterfinal stage on Day 7 at Kot Tawa, delivering two action-packed matches that set the tone for the competition's climax. Organized by 92.7 BIG FM in collaboration with the Department of Rural Sanitation, J&K, the tournament blends cricketing excellence with the noble message of cleanliness under the theme "Let's Swing for Swachhta."

The first quarterfinal match featured Chief Secretary XI against District Administration Samba XI. Winning the toss, Chief Secretary XI elected to bat first and capitalized on the decision by posting an imposing total of 197 runs in their allotted 20 overs. Shahid emerged as the star of the match with a stellar all-round performance, smashing a solid 47 runs to steer his team to a formidable score and later claiming two crucial wickets. His efforts earned him the well-deserved Man of the Match title, as Chief Secretary XI advanced to the semifinals. The second match of the day saw Shiyva Ayurveda face Infra Business in a one-sided contest. Batting



Winner team posing for a photograph.

first, Infra Business exhibited their batting prowess, amassing a strong total of 188 runs. Amir Wani was the stand-out performer, contributing a brisk 50 runs and wreaking havoc with the ball, taking three wickets in his three overs while conceding just 13 runs. His exceptional all-round performance secured him the Man of the Match accolade. Shiyva Ayurveda faltered under pressure and were bowled out for just 100 runs, conceding an emphatic 88-run victory to Infra Business. The excitement continues tomorrow with the remaining two quarterfinal matches. Swachhta Strikers will take on Tawi Challengers, while Hill View Rajouri will face Mullan CC in what promises to be another thrilling day of cricket action.

The tournament is a perfect amalgamation of cricket and social responsibility, supported by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Directorate of Rural Sanitation-J&K as the title sponsor. Presented by the Jal Shakti Department, the event is powered by SMVD Narayana Super Speciality Hospital. Associate partners include Shree Bajrang Bali Contract Company, Jammu Hev's, and My Physio, while Aroma Multicuisine Family Restaurant serves as the refreshment partner. Stay tuned as the Swachh Bharat BIG Cricket League 2024 progresses, inspiring communities through cricket and fostering a shared commitment to a cleaner, greener India.

## JKIANS shine in National Wushu Championship, All India Kyakushin Bugkukan Karate Championship



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In the 24th Sub-Junior National Wushu Championship held at Tarn Taran (Punjab) on December 7 and 8, 2024, Dhruvika Gupta of JK Public School Kunjwani won one bronze and one silver medals. Similarly in the All India

Kyakushin Bugakukan Karate Championship, held on December 7 and 8, 2024 at Trikuta Bhawan, Amphalla, Jammu, the school won six gold medals, eight silver medals and one bronze medal. The winners were Viraj Singh, Dhairya Sheel Singh, Raghav Rajwal, Yogita

Pandita and Tsering Youngchan, gold medal each. Vismay Dewan, Harshvardhan Sharma, Pratyksh K Sanjeev, Lakshya Pandita, Akshay Sharma, Aadity Verma, Arshpreet Kour and Yuvraj Singh, silver medal each. Avneet Kour won bronze medal and Avneet Kour

marked the participation. Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society and School Principal Rajesh Rathore, congratulated the winners and felicitated them in the school assembly. They also lauded the school coach Pawan Kumar, Gopal Dass and HOD (Sports) for this brilliant achievement.