

# Felicitation ceremony of Toycathon 2023 held at JKSCERT Jammu

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Toycathon 2023 culminated with the felicitation of finale winners at JKSCERT, divisional office Jammu. Toycathon 2023 was the first of its kind rolled by any State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) in India. Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir took the lead to organise this event on the analogy of Toycathon, a unique initiative initiated by the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on 5th January, 2021.

Toycathon 2023 saw the participation of brilliant minds and talented students who created innovative, educational and culturally rich toys and games. The initiative was to foster creativity, curiosity, and innovation among the fresh and young minds of UT of JK. Above all the revival of cultural heritage is at its basis aiming at VOCAL FOR LOCAL. The outstanding work displayed by the young creators aligned with the vision of promoting "Make in India" and encouraging the spirit of innova-



Director SCERT, Prof. Parikshat Manhas presenting certificate to a student.

tion. The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Jammu and Kashmir launched Toycathon 2023 on 12th of May 2023 under the leadership of Director JKSCERT Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas under the theme: Promotion of innovative ideas and revival of local heritage.

The felicitation ceremony began with the singing of National anthem, followed by welcome address by Technical coordinator Vivek Jandial and prize distribution where Director JKSCERT Prof.(Dr.) Parikshat Singh Manhas, Joint Director, Jammu

Division, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu Kapoor and Joint Director, Central Move, H.R Pakhroo felicitated the Toycathon 2023 winners.

Toycathon 2023 attained the colossal target of about 1.25 lakh registrations As far as student registration details are concerned from Jammu Division, 32628 students registered in Category 1 (Class 6th to 8th), 16540 students registered in Category 2 (Class 9th to 10th) and 4779 students registered in Category 3 (Class 11th to 12th) and in total 53947 students were registered from Jammu Division for this event. 3 prizes in each category

1st, 2nd & 3rd along with appreciation certificate and 7 consolation prizes in each category were awarded to the winners.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and Chairman, J&K Board of School Education highlighted the importance and need of toys and games for making education holistic, joyful and experiential. He impressed upon the initiative of designing toys and games to leverage the potential of toys and games in realising the dream of Atam nirbhar Bharat where the youth of J&K instead of being job seekers should be the creators of jobs.

He further added that Toycathon was not just a competition; it was a catalyst for collaboration. The Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) rendered support by becoming the knowledge partners of SCERT. The conduct of

Design Registry workshop for the students who worked on the creative designs motivated them to protect their Toy designs under Design Rights. Accordingly, 115 applications were filed with the support of IP Mitra Program of DPIIT, which speaks volumes about the journey of Toycathon 2023.

Joint Director, JKSCERT, Divisional Office Jammu, Dr. Sindhu Kapoor presented vote of thanks acknowledging the hard work and dedication of each and every member that resulted in making Toycathon 2023 a roaring success. She hailed the creativity of young creators and added that this initiative inspired all to continue fostering creativity, innovation and a sense of wonder. The event was moderated by Ms. Monica Sharma, Academic officer, JKSCERT. The other team members in the organizing committee were Sabah Rashid, Pooja Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Anil Sharma, Navneet Gupta, Lakshmi Puri and Pratibha Jamwal.

# DPS Leh excels in Khelo India Winter Games 2024



DPS leh team posing for a photograph.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: Adding to its string of achievements, dedicated faculty of DPS Leh - Kunze Angmo and Rinchen Dolma, along with student, Edzes Angmo of Class X won the coveted Silver medal in the historic inaugural Women's Khelo India Ice Hockey Tournament held at NDS Stadium from 2nd to 6th Feb.2024.

Prior to this achievement, the talented trio from DPS Leh clinched the gold medal and a cash award of 2.5 lakh in the 11th National Ice Hockey Championship (women's

category) during Khelo India Winter Games 2024, held in Kaza, Himachal Pradesh from January 19th to 25th. Representing 'Maryul Spamo,' the team showcased exceptional skill in the event jointly organized by the Ice Hockey Association of India, Ice Hockey of Lahaul Spiti, and Spiti Administration.

Moreover, DPS Leh also emerged victorious in the inaugural Royal Enfield Ice Hockey League, conducted in collaboration with UT Ladakh and the Ice Hockey Association of Ladakh at NDS Stadium

in Leh from January 3rd to 13th, 2024.

Major General (Retired) Mohinder Kumar Sagoch, Director of DPS Leh, commended the triumphant trio and acknowledged the dedicated staff members whose guidance paves the way for the bright future of the students.

Priyam Shukla, Principal of DPS Leh, praised the faculty and students for their outstanding achievements and expressed her hopes for the school's continued pursuit of excellence in education, sports, and co-curricular activities.

# Rich Harvest School bids farewell to graduating class of 2024



RHS faculty presenting memento to chief guest.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Rich Harvest School is an institute renowned and dedicated for providing a holistic and nurturing learning environment for its students. With a focus on academic excellence, character development, and social responsibility, the school empowers its students to become well-rounded individuals prepared to excel in their chosen fields and contribute positively to society.

Rich Harvest School celebrated the achievements and bid a heartfelt farewell to its graduating class of 2024 with a memorable farewell party on February 7th, 2024. The afternoon brimmed with nostalgia, laughter, and well wishes as students, teachers, and esteemed guests came together to mark the culmination of a significant chapter in the lives of these young individuals.

The event commenced with

a heart warming welcome speech by the school principal, highlighting the remarkable journey of the graduating class and their contributions to the Rich Harvest School community. Throughout the afternoon, students showcased their talents through captivating performances, including dance routines, musical presentations, and through heartfelt speeches they shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to their teachers and mentors.

The ceremony also recognized outstanding academic achievements and contributions towards extra-curricular activities. Awards were presented to students who excelled in various fields, showcasing the diverse talents and dedication of the graduating class. Guest speakers, including ASP SDPO Bari Brahmana IPS Mukund Tibrewal, Managing Director Gambhir Dev Singh Charak Director Mrs. Ruchi Charak and Principal Mrs. Anita Bhatia

offered inspiring words of encouragement and shared valuable insights for the students' future endeavours.

A special segment was dedicated to acknowledge the tireless efforts and dedication of teachers who have nurtured and guided the students throughout their academic journey. Students expressed their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation through personalised messages and tokens of appreciation.

The farewell party concluded with a vibrant dance floor, allowing students and teachers to create lasting memories. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, joy, and a sense of camaraderie as everyone celebrated the successes and embraced the bittersweet emotions of farewell.

Sharan Raj Aryan of class 12th was crowned as Mr. RHS and Vishakha was crowned as Ms. RHS/

# JKPS Panjtirthi students shine in IDPS Checkmate Chess Fest



Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah feliciating winner students.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Two jakians namely Lakshay Choudhary of class 8th and Ishaan Choudhary of class 3rd participated in IDPS Checkmate Chess Fest Tournament and came out with flying colours.

Among 180 chess players

# AITA TS 7 Tournament Erin to meet Anandita in girls final

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Erin Mir shall be playing against Anandita Gurung in the title clash of girls event in the ongoing AITA TS 7 Tournament, organised by the J&K Lawn Tennis Association (JKLTA) at MA Stadium, here tomorrow.

Earlier, in the semifinals, decided today, Erin defeated Devina Rawley 8-4 while Anandita Gurung trounced Yagavee Kunjam 8-5.

Meanwhile, semifinals line up has been drawn in the boys category with Hardeep Singh, Aahan Bhat, Abhirath Thappa and Aryan Razdan qualifying for the last four stages of the competition. The Results: Quarterfinals: Hardeep Singh Soodan beat Dixit 8-1; Aahan Bhat beat Abhyam Verma 8-0; Abhirath Thappa beat Vinamr Gupta 8-0; Aryan Razdan beat Ranveer Choudhary 8-1.

Pertinent to mention the matches are being played as per the norms of All India Tennis Association (AITA) under the supervision of vice president JKLTA, Hanumant Singh.

The Championship is being organized by the JKLTA in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the aegis of All India Tennis Association (AITA).

# Jodhamal girls represent J&K in National Basketball Championship



Girls of JPS posing with faculty members.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Raising the bars in basketball at Jodhamal, two promising players: Aadya Sambyal and Mugdha Koul represented Jammu & Kashmir in the recently concluded 67th National School Games Basketball (Under-19) Girls 2023-24 held under the auspices of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Mumbai.

At Jodhamal School, Basketball, thus, joins the league of games to have national representations in the session 2023-24. Other games in which Jodhamal Students have participated in national level in the academic year 2023-24 are

Skating, Roller Hockey, Swimming, Badminton, Table Tennis etc. The School's holistic programme ensures all-round development of students who excel in diverse domains with their zealous participation in curricular and co-curricular activities.

'Taking pride in the students' achievements, their Coach Vinod Dogra is ecstatic. Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Arati Kuthiala, Director, Girish Kumar, Principal and Shefali Sanwal, Vice Principal complimented and congratulated the students on their stupendous achievement and wished them greater glories in times to come.

# DPS Kathua extends welcome to Vivek Arora as Principal



Vivek Arora assuming charge of Principal DPS Kathua.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Delhi Public School Kathua appointed of Vivek Arora as its new Principal. With a strong background in education and a commitment to excellence, Arora's leadership will undoubtedly enhance the educational experience at DPS Kathua.

Arora holds a Master's degree in Mathematics, Environmental Sciences, and Public Administration, in addition to a Masters in Education (M.Ed) and a Diploma in Computer Applications. His diverse academic background underscores his dedication to fostering holistic development among students.

A proactive participant, mentor, trainer, and observer of various CBSE programs, Arora's expertise extends beyond the classroom. His

contributions to education have been recognized with prestigious awards, including the National Award (A P J Abdul Kalam Award) by IITA and the 'Most Qualified Principal of the Year' by

National School Awards.

"We are delighted to welcome Vivek Arora as the new Principal of DPS Kathua," said Kanta Andotra, Founder Chairperson, and Gauri Thakur, Director. "His wealth of experience and passion for education make him a valuable addition to our school community. We are confident that under his leadership, DPS Kathua will continue to thrive and inspire excellence."

Arora's appointment signifies DPS Kathua's commitment to providing a nurturing environment where students can excel academically and personally.

# AM Hyundai celebrates triple inauguration in Jammu Platinum Paloura, Rajouri Branch, Mobile Service Van



AM Hyundai officials and others at a programme.

standard for excellence in the automotive retail experience. Boasting an opulent showroom and cutting-edge service center, AM Hyundai Platinum Paloura is poised to redefine the automotive landscape in the region.

**Key features of AM Hyundai Platinum Paloura:** Exquisite showroom with the latest Hyundai models on display; advanced service center with expert technicians and cutting-edge equipment; customer-centric facilities and amenities for an unparalleled experience.

Esteemed dignitaries from Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) and AM Group, along with prominent figures from the community, will grace the inauguration ceremony, making it a momentous occasion for Jammu and the entire region.

**AM Hyundai Rajouri Branch:**

Elevating Customer Reach In addition to the Platinum Paloura inauguration, AM Hyundai extends its footprint with the opening of the Rajouri Branch. The new

branch will bring Hyundai's innovative and reliable vehicles closer to the residents of Rajouri, providing a convenient location for sales and services.

**Key features of AM Hyundai Rajouri Branch:** Dedicated sales professionals to assist customers in making informed choices; Efficient service center to ensure prompt maintenance and repairs; Exclusive offers and promotions for Rajouri customers

**AM Hyundai Mobile Service Van:** Bringing Service to Your Doorstep

In a pioneering move towards enhancing customer convenience, AM Hyundai introduces the Mobile Service Van. This initiative is designed to take service and maintenance directly to customers' doorsteps, ensuring a hassle-free experience.

**Key features of AM Hyundai Mobile Service Van:** Equipped with essential tools and equipment for on-the-

spot servicing; Trained technicians to address minor repairs and routine maintenance and scheduled visits to various locations for added convenience.

These three inaugurations underscore AM Hyundai's commitment to delivering excellence at every touchpoint, from the flagship Platinum Paloura dealership to the extended reach in Rajouri and the innovative Mobile Service Van.

AM Hyundai invites customers, media, and the community to join in the celebrations at these three locations, marking a new era in automotive excellence in Jammu.

**About PARA Sport Achievers**

Chandeep Singh and Kritika Khanna are accomplished athletes who have excelled in PARA Sport Events, bringing honor to the nation through their outstanding achievements and medal-winning performances.