

Toddlers' World- A unit of JKPS Kunjwani conducts 'Create a Superhero' activity



Glimpses of "Create a Superhero" activity being organized by Toddlers' World- A unit of JK Public School, Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: Toddlers' World- A unit of JK Public School, Kunjwani - Capes, creativity, and courage filled the air as the students of classes 1&2 at JK Public School came together to participate in the highly engaging "Create a Superhero" activity.

Designed to nurture creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, this activity provided young minds with the opportunity to step into the shoes of storytellers, innovators, and even world-savers.

The challenge was simple yet inspiring: Imagine a

superhero who can tackle real-world issues or create a better future. Students worked individually or in groups to conceptualize their unique superheroes, complete with names, costumes, superpowers, and a mission to save the world.

The activity didn't stop at

just ideation. Students also designed colorful posters, costumes, and props to bring their characters to life. During the presentations, classrooms transformed into lively superhero headquarters as students enthusiastically shared their superhero's backstory,

powers, and how they would make a positive difference in the world.

"Activities like 'Create a Superhero' give students a chance to combine creativity with social responsibility,"

"It's amazing to see how deeply they think about

real-world challenges and how they imagine solutions in such a fun and engaging way."

To make the event even more memorable, students voted for their favorite superheroes in categories like "Most Creative," "Best Backstory," and "Best

Visual Presentation." Winners received certificates and small prizes to celebrate their efforts.

The "Create a Superhero" activity aimed at fostering holistic learning and empowering students to become confident and innovative thinkers.

Through this initiative, JK Public School Kunjwani reinforced its commitment to creating a dynamic learning environment that celebrates creativity and encourages students to dream big, think critically, and care deeply about the world around them.

Refresher Football Coaching Course launched Shiksha Niketan School celebrates Basant Panchami

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC), in collaboration with the KNVB Dutch Football Association, on Saturday launched a Refresher Football Coaching Course in Jammu, marking a significant step towards the development of football in the region.

For the first time, the International Football Coaching & Life Skills Program has been introduced in Jammu & Kashmir, with 35 local coaches getting the opportunity to participate in the KNVB World Coaches Program. The initiative is a major step in enhancing football coaching standards



Dutch instructors Roger Schouwenaar, Raimond Massop with participating players and officials at Jammu on Saturday.

in J&K.

The World Coaches Program, established by the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), has a strong presence in India and its various states and union territories. The program aims to develop football at the grassroots level by providing structured training and knowledge

sharing with local coaches.

The five-day course commenced on February 1, 2025, at Mini Stadium Parade, Jammu, under the guidance of Dutch instructors Roger Schouwenaar and Raimond Massop. Both instructors, holding UEFA-A Coaching Licenses, bring over 20 years of international coaching experience

across 40+ countries.

This initiative is expected to strengthen football coaching in J&K, and future collaborations between the Dutch Football Federation and the J&K Government are anticipated to sustain and expand such exchange programs.

The WorldCoaches Program, now in its 15th year, has been instrumental

in developing football coaching worldwide, with nearly 20,000 coaches trained across 65 countries-over 30% of whom are women, a percentage that is expected to grow for better gender representation in the sport.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul expressed gratitude to the Dutch instructors for organizing the course in Jammu. She emphasized that the latest coaching methodologies and philosophies imparted through the program will benefit athletes across J&K. She also highlighted the importance of international collaborations in providing local coaches with exposure to top-quality coaching practices.

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School celebrated Basant Panchami organized by Middle Wing. The school was beautifully decorated with yellow color theme.

The students made colorful handmade kites, bunting, flowers. The main guest of the event was Banu Mahajan (Ex-Corporator Gandhi Nagar) . The function started with the attachment of batches and bouquet ceremony. After this, the function proceed with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

Students of Middle wing threw the light on the day. The day is significant for students as it is believed that goddess Saraswati



blesses them with success in their careers and education.

The festival also indicates a change of weather. According to Hindu mythology, Rituraj the king of spring season, is said to be welcomed during the Basant Panchami festival. It is believed that people feel

e ecstatic in the spring because of their good health and affluence. On this occasion, Students of Middle Wing performed cultural programme. Rameshwar Mengi, Principal of the School, appreciated one and all and also wished everyone happy Basant Panchami.

Kho Kho body felicitates top players from J&K



Kho Kho Association of J&K felicitating winner players.

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JAMMU: Kho Kho Association of J&K felicitated female athletes of the game, who performed exceptionally well thus brought laurels to the Nation and UT of J&K as well.

Dr Baljinder Kour, as the president of the Association continues to uplift and support athletes in the region by way of holding such honours.

The felicitation of Nazia, the gold medalist in the Kho Kho World Cup 2025,

Netball trials on Feb 3

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JAMMU: The Netball Association of Jammu and Kashmir announced the selection trials for the 37th Junior Traditional, 3rd Junior Fasts and 1st Junior Mixed Netball National Championships, scheduled to be held in Haryana on February 3.

The trials shall take place on the February 3 at Dussehra Ground, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Participation in the trials is exclusively open to registered players.

For more information, players can contact the Association personally or on WhatsApp: 8082334844.

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National Games: J&K bags 2nd place in men's Sanda



Medal winner J&K wushu team with officials.

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JAMMU: Surya Bhanu Partap Singh and Mohd Kamraan secured gold medals for J&K in the ongoing 38th National Games at Uttarakhand, while Ayeera Chisti won a Silver.

Earlier Arjun Sharma, Rohan, Ishant Singh and Saleem Kumar confirmed bronze medals in the Games.

Top J&K athlete Surya Bhanu outclassed opponent from Manipur in the finals of 60 kg; Mohd Kamraan defeated Services Sports Control Board athlete in plus 90 kg and Ayeera Chisti lost the final bouts to opponents from MP.

The J&K team was accompanied by Ajaz Hassan and Lalit Singh as coaches. In the meantime, Secretary, Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul congratulated the medalist winners, especially those who clinched gold. Meanwhile, president of the Association, Vijay Saraf; Ranjeet Kalra (VP); Bhavneet (general secretary) congratulated the medalists for making whole J&K proud. Kuldeep Handoo (Dronacharya Awardee) thanked J&K Sports Council for the support. He assured that J&K Wushu will achieve the new heights in the forthcoming international and national events particularly 20th Asian Games 2026.

attended the World Cup camp, and Seema, an international Kho Kho player who represented in Nepal was the main theme of the function.

The event was collaborated by Ranjit Global School and Ranjit College of Education thus providing a platform to the talented athletes.

Dr. Baljinder Kour's assurance of continuous support will surely inspire more players to compete at the national and international levels.

Tiny Tots School hosts farewell for Class XII Batch of 2025

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JAMMU: Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School held a memorable farewell and good luck party for the outgoing class XII batch of 2025.

Organized by the enthusiastic students of Grade XI, the event was a delightful blend of fun-filled games, heartfelt speeches, and generous gifts for the departing students.

Among the highlights of the evening, Mohd



Tiny Tots Higher Secondary School management, faculty with title holders at farewell function.

Shakeel was honoured with the title of Mr. Tiny Tots, while Shreya was

crowned Ms. Tiny Tots. Numerous other accolades were awarded to commend the remarkable achievements and talents of the graduating class.

In her address, the

school's Director, Gurpreet Handa, extended her best wishes to the students for their forthcoming board exams and conveyed her blessings for their future endeavours.

Principal Dr. Vikram Handa reminisced about the students' journey from toddlers to young adults and expressed his confidence in their ability to face the challenges of the world beyond school. The farewell event marked a significant milestone in the lives of the students of Tiny Tots Hr Sec School, symbolizing the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

The school's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals was evident throughout the day's celebrations.

J&K refuse to bat on Day 3 of Ranji clash against Baroda amid allegations of pitch tampering

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MUMBAI: Jammu and Kashmir did not take the field at the start of the third day of their ongoing Elite Group A Ranji Trophy clash against Baroda alleging that the pitch was tampered with overnight to favour the home team at the Reliance Stadium in Vadodara, a report said on Saturday.

According to a report in ESPNcricinfo, J&K alleged that the pitch was tampered to help the home team Baroda force an outright win to ensure qualification for the quarterfinal stage and play was held up for one hour and 25 minutes in the first session on Saturday.

J&K, Baroda and Mumbai are involved in a three-pronged battled for knockouts qualification from Group A with only two teams from each group set to progress.

On Saturday, Mumbai crushed Meghalaya by an innings and 456 runs for

their biggest ever victory by innings' margin to win with a bonus point.

The contest in Vadodara began only at 10:55am on Saturday after the intervention of the match referee Arjan Kripal Singh.

When PTI contacted an official travelling with the Jammu and Kashmir team on the matter, he denied having any such information.

"I do not know anything about it," he told PTI.

The report added that match officials extended play by one hour on Saturday, with the Baroda Cricket Association stating that the dampness in the pitch was the cause, which is not unusual during the winter season.

Jammu and Kashmir, resuming at 125/1 on Day Three, were bowled out for 284 in their second innings, setting a target of 365 for Baroda to win. The hosts reached 58 for two at stumps, needing another 307 runs on the final day.

Manjit Club felicitates players, presents kits



SP Poonch, Mohan Lal Sharma and other dignitaries and players.

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POONCH: Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch felicitated its talented players, who excelled at the National level, representing the border district of J&K in a function held here.

Further, players from two other fast growing

clubs of Makhdoomi Volleyball Club and Shaheed Mumtaz Volleyball Club were presented sports kits as a token of encouragement.

The SP Poonch, Mohan Lal Sharma JKPS was the chief guest, who appreciated the efforts of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Club and its chair-

man, Mohd Tariq in the development of youth of the border district. Those present on the occasion were Anuroop, DySP DAR, Saleem Bandy XEN, Pardeep Khanna and Ramiz Tariq. Meanwhile, Mohd Tariq thanked the visiting guests for encouraging the young talent from the district.