

Jammu & Kashmir-Crowning Glory of India: Principal JKPS Kunjwani



Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore and students addressing morning assembly on Friday.

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JAMMU: "With the sound of gushing water, aroma of pine trees, the vibrancy of thought, rise of azaan and an unfathomable calling, Jammu & Kashmir is truly the heaven on this Earth". With this opening statement, Master Anshul alongwith his team mates from Grade IX B presented an informative Morning Assembly on the topic "Geographical features of Jammu & Kashmir".

Quoting the Persian poet

Firdous on the enchanting natural wealth of J&K, Rishita said, "If there is a paradise on the planet Earth, it is here in Kashmir". This land is a great combination of mighty splendors of mountains, lofty glades and forests. J&K consists of two divisions - Jammu and Kashmir Valley. The climate of the UT ranges from the burning and scorching heat of the plains of Jammu to the snow capped mountains of Kashmir".

"The most productive soils of the state found are loamy soil, Hill soil and alluvial soil. 60 to 70% of forest area is confined to Kashmir only which has deciduous vegetation. The Chinar, Poplar, deodar, Pine, Mulberry, Walnut and other fruits trees grow throughout the valley. The UT of J&K has a diverse variety of flora and fauna. The snow leopard, brown Bear, Himalayan Black Bear, Hangul, Red Fox, Marthor, Musk Dear etc. are found in

the region", added Avril.

"J&K has many lakes, rivers and glaciers. Significant rivers that flow through J&K are Jhelum, Chenab, Indus and Tawi. Major lakes include Manasbal Lake, Dal Lake, Wular Lake, Nageen lake, Pangong lake and many many more. J&K is indeed the Crown of the nation, surrounded by the high mountains of the world, a land of immense natural beauty rich in soil and forest resources

full of wild life, rivers and lakes with rich agricultural and climate", further added Navya.

Spreading the flavor of Dogri, another brilliant debator Nimish from the class recited a poem in Dogri, which enthralled the audience with its rich content and expression:

Uddti Uddti Aayi Chidee,

Poorji Jammu Shair

Khand Mithhe Log Itte,

Na Jhagda Na Bair.

Tawi Jaiye Paani Pitta,

Dhote Apne Pair; Bawe Jaiye Mathha Tekya, Parshhad Aali Barfi Laggi Badi Shail...

"To a scholar, it's home to rich folklore and ancient manuscripts; to an artist, a canvas painted with enchanting rainbows; to a geologist, a lifetime wealth of explorations; to students of Culture, the meeting ground of various races & civilizations; and most of all, a tiny sliver of hope that heaven might just exist on Earth

after all, for it is ours & only oursvery own to behold and witness: Jammu & Kashmir", he concluded.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore lauded the commendable endeavours of students. He appealed the audience to amass the wealth of knowledge regarding the UT of J&K. How ironical is the fact that humans keep collecting information of the whole world but remain oblivious of their surroundings. He stated, "Dear students,

keep collecting information regarding its varies physical features, rivers, lakes, mountain peaks, rich flora & fauna, assembly constituencies after the delimitation process, our state animal, state bird, state tree, state flower, folk songs, folk dances & various other cultural riches". He appealed teachers "to help children know more about Jammu & Kashmir-the Crowning Glory of India: the Paradise on the planet Earth".

Cricket for Excellence-2 U-19 OD Tourney

Safran drubs Redscapes CC to meet Jammu Strikers in finals

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JAMMU: Getting the better of Redscapes Jammu Cricket Club in an easy context by 5 wickets on Friday, Safran Junior Cricket Club has sealed berth in the finals and will lock horns with Jammu Strikers in the summit clash of the ongoing Cricket U-19 One Day Tournament, being jointly organised by Safran Cricket Club and Country Cricket Academy at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, here tomorrow.

Earlier, batting first,



Winner team posing for a photograph with official.

Redscapes Jammu Cricket Club scored a good total of 242 runs in 48.3 overs. Dheeraj Sharma top scored

with 78 runs off 74 balls, studded with 11 boundaries and 2 sixes, while Madhu Sudan Sharma and Manav

Sharma contributed 55 and 41 runs respectively.

Rohanpreet was the pick of the bowlers, who took 4 wickets by conceding 39 runs in his 8 overs.

In reply, Safran Junior Cricket Club chased the target in 40 overs by losing 5 wickets, thus won the match in an easy contest by 5 wickets. Lakshya, Prayrit and Shaurya scored 65, 63 and 54 runs to the total respectively.

For Safran Jr Cricket Club, Ashutosh Mahajan and Aman Rajput took 3 wickets

each, while Shaurya bagged 2 wickets. Shaurya was adjudged as the man of the match for his all-round show.

The Tournament, an initiative of Country Cricket Club and Safran Cricket Club, is being held under the overall supervision of Vikrant Sharma and Sarthak Khoda.

Six teams are taking part in this tournament. The participating teams include Safran Cricket Club, Jammu Strikers, Crossway Academy, Katra Academy, Weekend Warriors and Red Capes XI.

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JAMMU: Aakash Sharma (XII) of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and his parents by winning 'Best Delegate Award' in Panasonic: Joy of Green Model United Nations (MUN) Dialogue of 2023 under the Harit Umang Olympiad 2022-23. The topic of MUN was Energy Conservation Goals-2023.

Based on the scores earned in these rounds, Aakash Sharma was declared the winner of the entire event and bagged the coveted first position.

Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra congratulated Aakash and his parents for his brilliant achievement. She also appreciated the teacher incharge, Rama Gupta for keen efforts.

President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director S.S Sodhi congratulated Aakash and his parents and extended their best wishes for his future endeavours.



DPS Jammu faculty felicitating winner Aakash Sharma.

Inter-school meet of RS Pura begins



A Kabaddi match in progress at RS Pura.

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JAMMU: Part of the annual calendar of activities, four-day inter-school sports meet of R S Pura Zone got underway at different venues here under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS).

The competition is being organised in two age groups of under-14 and under-17 in both boys and girls sections at Government Middle School Mill Area, Bana Singh Stadium and Devinder Singh ground in Zone R S Pura.

Around 400 young school going athletes are expected to take part in this event. To begin with, the boys' competition is being organised in the first phase.

Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) R S Pura, Uttam Chand Sharma presided over the opening function amidst encouraging the participants. Earlier, Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Rakesh Kakar described the event an opportunity for young students to explore the hidden talent in this multi discipline sports meet.

The technical panel for this meet is led by activity incharge, Veerpal Singh (PEM).

Udaan 2023 concludes at CUJ



CUJ faculty felicitating a participant.

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JAMMU: The Office of Dean Students' Welfare at Central University of Jammu (CUJ) concluded the annual cultural festival, Udaan 2023, here on Friday.

Different co-curricular competitive events organized by various cultural societies of the university came to their successful conclusion.

The day began with outstanding performances by the Jammu and Kashmir Cultural Academy. The folk forms of Jammu were depicted in their most vibrant shades, and were enjoyed thoroughly by students from across the country enrolled in the university. Dogri and Kashmiri song and dance performances enthralled the bustling crowd of young students. The valedictory ceremony held at Brigadier Rajendra Singh Auditorium. Dean Students' Welfare Dr. Ritu Bakshi informed everyone that 530 students across 17 different events participated in the successful conclusion of the festival.

A premier of documentaries prepared by the students showcasing Udaan 2023 and its various events, prepared by the

participants of the Chitrangan Documentary Making Competition, followed the welcome address. Young filmmakers of the country got an opportunity to display their skills first-hand to a house-full auditorium.

Vice-Chancellor and Patron of the university Prof. Sanjeev Jain congratulated the organizing teams for coming together to successfully conduct a festival.

In his presidential address, Prof. Jain talked about channelizing the energy of the students in a positive direction.

To conclude the event, Assistant Dean Students' Welfare Dr. Vinay Kumar presented the vote of thanks.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Registrar Prof. Yashwant Singh, Dean Students' Welfare Dr. Ritu Bakshi, Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof. Devanand Padha, Dean School of Languages Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean Research Studies Prof. Deepak Pathania, deans, heads and faculty members from various departments and a lively crowd of young researchers and students were present for the event.

Series of sports events held across Ramban

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RAMBAN: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Ramban, in collaboration with the Education and Social Welfare Department, on Friday organised different sports activities to celebrate Children Sports Festival under the Aegis Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

According to the District Youth Service and Sports Officer, Ramban Dharamveer Singh series of sports events like Chess, Carrom and other activities in different schools of the district are being organised by the department.

While appreciating the youth for exhibiting their talent in different disciplines of sports, the Chief Education Officer, Dev Anand advised them to adopt sports as a regular activity for their overall development.

PSPS Govt College for Women Gandhi Nagar hosts Jashan-e-Eid

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JAMMU: Eid, the festival that upholds the spirit of brotherhood, love and secularism, was on Friday celebrated with great enthusiasm by Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, GandhiNagar.

Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Chief Guest on the occasion. She addressed the students and apprised them about the customs and practices of Eid. She also envisioned Eid as a celebration and as a means of self-control and self-diagnosis and emphasised the importance of humanity and universal brotherhood. Advocate Radha Sharma, President Alumni Association of the College graced the occasion with her esteemed presence.



The event showcased the rich cultural diversity of India. The program began with a soulful Kawwali performance on "Khawaja mere Khawaja" by Prof. Rahul Sharma, Prof. Abhinav Sharma, Prof. Varun Sharma, and Prof. Javaid Iqbal.

The students of the College performed a scintillating skit on the play Idgah by Munshi

Premchand, which brought alive the essence of the festival and showcased the beauty of the occasion.

The celebration continued with a mesmerizing singing performance by Prof. Neelam Thapa and Prof. Suman Bala, which added an enchanting touch to the event. The program also included a kawwali dance by the students of the

JSS Kathua holds parent orientation programme for newly admitted students

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KATHUA: Parent Orientation Programme for newly admitted students of classes Pre Nur to Prep for the academic year 2023-2024 was organized by Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS) Kathua on Friday.

Harleen Anand (Director Operations JSS Kathua) was the special guest and Usha Pathania (Director Academics at Mahattatva) was the resource person.

The event commenced with a welcome extended to the parents and special



JSS Kathua faculty and parents during orientation programme.

guests by Mili. R. Sumbria, Principal of the School.

Usha Pathania, conducted interactive session on CRE-

ATE curriculum and effective parenting styles which was appreciated by all.

She also spoke in detail

about different ways of nurturing a child with love and utmost care to build a strong foundation for a glorious future.

Mili. R. Sumbria stated that special focus will be laid in grooming the overall personalities of these students thereby creating world class citizens who are personally sound, mentally alert and emotionally balanced.

Preeti Sharma (Deputy Coordinator Pre-Primary Wing) presented a vote of thanks.

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College. Through their performances including Dance, Sufi Songs, Skits and many more, the faculty and the students brought out the significance of Eid. The spirit of Eid was well imbibed by the students. The dance performance on the tunes of Qawwali filled the environment with happiness and love.

The special attraction of today's programme was Exhibition cum Sale from Women Self Help Group, NRLM-UMBED, district Jammu. The stalls included Haat Bazar selling Bangles,

Toys, Sweets, Eatables, Paranddaas, Fancy Baskets, applying designer Mehandi and a lot more. It was a hand holding effort by the NSS wing as a social outreach program for Rural Women.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Prof. Neelam Thapa and Prof. Suman Bala. NSS wing and Cultural Committee coordinated and organised the event. The event was finally concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Suman Bala, who expressed gratitude to all the guests and participants for making the event a success.

Ayushman Bharat Diwas celebrated at MVIS

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SAMBA: To familiarise the students with Ayushman Bharat Yojna, special knowledge session was administered by Dr. Vidhi Bhatial, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Samba at MV International School (MVIS), here on Friday. She highlighted the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme and its importance to the people. She said the purpose of the scheme was to uplift the living standard of the people by providing free medical treatment and saving the hard earned wages of the people and securing their future. The students were sensitized with policy framework, free healthcare facilities, new wellness centers and related survey programmes. Making the youth work as social ambassadors against the widely spreading drug abuse, knowledge regarding rehabilitation centers and their working was also provided. She further added that students need to generate their ABHA ID (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) which will help them to share their health records digitally with hospitals, clinics, insurance providers and others. Principal of the School, Kundan Lal Dogra appreciated the Yojna and complimented the Medical department of District Samba for apprising the people about benefits of government scheme. Dr. Sandeep Rangroo, District Nodal Officer Samba was also present to coordinate the event.

