

Mother's Day celebrations made audience poignant at JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Kunjwani celebrated the much-awaited Mother's Day with zing and zest.

The day makes the world acknowledge the incredible influence of a mother in every child's life. The children across the nation, irrespective of their communities, castes, creeds, colours and gender, express themselves passionately and reinforce their special bonding with their mothers.

Keeping these emotional ties in mind, the school had a special celebration on Mother's Day. A plethora of activities were conducted in special Assembly, including dance and group songs.

The highlight of the programme was on the spot painting, wherein three students painted on the easel boards along with the recital from the Choir group children.

The students had something very special and unique to bring a smile on their beloved mother's face. With great feelings, they made beautiful greeting cards for their mothers. Each card was special and different in its own way. They poured out their hearts while they read out the rich content of their cards.

Aaliya Mahajan of Grade 4 enthralled the audience with her solo dance on all time favourite number dedicated to all the Moms:

**Maa, Meri Maa,
Meri Maa
Pyari Maa, Mamma...
Hathon Ki Lakeerein**



Glimpses of Mother's Day celebrations at JK Public School Kunjwani.

**Badal Jayengi,
Gham Ki Ye Janjeerein
Pighal Jayengi
Ho Khuda Pe Bhi Asar,
Tu Duaoon Ka Hai Ghar,
Meri Maa, Pyari Maa...**

Heart-warming feelings filled the air with intimacy, gratitude, appreciation and acknowledgement.

Principal Rajesh Rathore quoted, "Mother's feet forms the holi-

est precinct on the planet". He inspired the children to inculcate virtuous deeds and resort to ethical ways that makes the parents happy and contented.

"How ironical is the fact that

human memory can't retain the impressions from birth to attaining two years of age, when the parents shower their optimum love on children. Hats off to Moms for confronting countless sleepless

nights, wherein child kept on crying & got on mother's nerves, yet she handled every situation with patience and smile. Rarely children can show even 20% of that patience, feeling of joy & smile to

their Moms in their old age", the Principal further added.

All in all it was an extremely enjoyable and memorable day which left an indelible mark on the reminiscences of the audience.

JKCA's Talent Hunt trials in full swing across J&K

Vying aspirants show serenity, promise, composure on day-2

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JAMMU: The vying aspirants sweated-it-out in scorching heat and were busy in giving their best by showing serenity, composure and promise to get the selectors nod on day-2 of JKCA's historic Talent Hunt trials underway at various venues across the Union Territory.

As per the reports received from the Talent Hunt teams, the aspirants showed high spirit and great enthusiasm in showcasing their skill and talent.

Apart from the yesterday's attendance, more cricketers, both boys and girls, turned up for the trials at almost all the selected venues across the UT.

It is pertinent to mention here that a total of 1068 boys and girls from Kashmir province and 973 boys and girls from Jammu province took part in these first of its kind Talent hunt trials on day-1 and day-2.



Players posing for a photograph with officials at GGM Science College Hostel Ground, Jammu.

"It brings an ecstatic feeling to observe overwhelming response of the budding cricketers towards Talent Hunt trials. We are committed to provide a transparent system and it is the players and the officials to make judicious use of the same. We are hopeful that JKCA gets raw talent even from the remotest areas, which can be moulded by providing proper platform and ample opportunity," said Brig Anil Gupta while expressing satisfaction over

the conduct of JKCA's Talent Hunt Camp.

Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA said that the BCCI's Sub Committee in association with JKCA's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) named the First Class cricketers of repute for tapping talent across the Union Territory.

"To identify talented boys and girls out of a big number of cricketers is not everybody's cup of tea. That is why

we have nominated top cricketers of J&K to do the job," Manhas added.

Meanwhile, Member Legal Affairs JKCA, Advocate Sunil Sethi said that their job was to provide adequate infrastructural facilities and quality platform to the cricketers and it was upto them to grab the opportunity with both hands.

A group of cricketers who were part of the Talent Hunt trials while lavishing praise on the organisers said that

they deserve salutation for this first of its kind initiative to tap the talent at the grass-root level.

The Talent Hunt teams included Vidya Bhaskar, Dhruv Mahajan, Anit Pal Singh, Sanjay Sharma, Inderjeet Singh and Harsh Nayyar (Men), Payal Choudhary, Veena Sharma and Anita Gupta (Women), GGM Science College Jammu; Jagtar Singh, Suresh Singh, Gurupratap Singh and Pawan Sharma (Men). Pratibha Bhasin, Anju Gupta and Richa Trisal (Women) Sports Stadium Poonch.

Ranjeet Bali, Rakesh Koul, Akshay Khajuria and Bharat Sharma (Men), Surabhi Dadheechi, Pooja Sharma and Madhu Bandral (Wome) SMVDSB, Katra; Vikrant Taggar, Surjeet Singh, Vivek Singh and Shafiq Malik (Men) Madhu Sharma, Rajni Sharma and Anuradha Sharma (Women)

Bhaderwah.

Arshad Bhat, Fayaz Hazari, Shabir Kanth and Hilal Ahmad (Men) Masrat Ahad, Qurat-ul-an and Saima Rashid (Women) North Zone; Irshad Hassan, Asif Jeelani, Obaid Haroon and Farooq Akhoun (Men) South Zone; Manzoor Dar, Huwaid Ronga, Imran Haroon and Zahoor Sofi (Men), Kounsar Ali, Ravinder Kour Parveen Akhtar (Women) Central Zone; Masrat Ahad, Sumaya and Elizabeth Muntaz (South Zone).

Former First Class Cricketer Ashwani Gupta is the Talent Hunt/ Tournament Incharge of Jammu Province, while Former First Class Cricketer Abdul Qayoom is Tournament/Talent Hunt Incharge of Kashmir province including Ladakh and Roopali Slathia is the Talent Hunt/ Tournament Incharge for Women in both the regions and Ladakh.

J&K Fencer Riya Bakshi selected for Senior Fencing (Foil) World Cup

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JAMMU: A young and promising female fencer or J&K, Riya Bakshi has been selected for Senior Fencing (Foil) World Cup in Incheon Korea from May 12 to 14, 2022.

She was selected on the basis of her outstanding performance in Senior National Fencing Championship. She expressed thanks to Secretary Sports Council Nuzat Gul for support to excel in the fencing.

Pertinent to mention here that Riya Bakshi also secured gold medal in recently concluded 2nd Khelo India University Games, 2022 at Bangalore, Karnataka. This is for the first time that any female fencer of J&K in Foil event qualifies for the prestigious event.

Riya Bakshi is a trainee of Ujjwal Gupta, state awardee former international fencer.

Convener, Ad-hoc Committee Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, Adv. Supriya Chouhan, Maninder Pal Singh, Shottu Lal Sharma, Rachna Jamwal and all senior fencers congratulated Riya Bakshi for this achievement and wished her best of luck for her future endeavors.



NCC Annual Training Camp commences in Jammu

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JAMMU: NCC Annual Training Camp under the aegis NCC Group HQ Jammu commenced at Nagrota.

The ten day training camp is being organised by the collaborative efforts of 2 J&K Girls Battalion and will culminate on 13 May 2022. Amidst the post COVID times, the camp saw a massive participation of around 500 SW & JW cadets and 10 ANOs from all across Jammu region.

The cadets from diverse institutions were received along with their respective ANOs/CTOs on the first day. It was followed by rapid COVID Testing which was conducted in a smooth and hassle-free manner keeping in view the SOPs and overall safety of the participants.

The camp started with the opening address by Lt Col Mandeep Singh Sekhon, enlightening the cadets with the broad vision and mission of



Lt Col Mandeep Singh Sekhon enlightening the cadets during a camp.

imparting training for the next ten days.

He also highlighted the significance of honing the core areas of NCC cadets viz: Drill, Weapon Training, Map Reading, Health and Hygiene and Camp Hygiene and emphasized on the need to inculcate the values shared by the organization as a whole.

Maj Preeti, apprised the cadets with the importance of maintaining personal and camp hygiene.

The camp witnessed a

myriad of activities from Yoga to honing of Drill, from words of commands to basic turning, marching and saluting.

To impart a thorough practical knowledge to the cadets, the classes pertaining to the basics of weapon and introduction to map reading were also conducted by the training JCOs with utmost perfection and under the supervision of the ANOs respectively.

The cadets looked forward to the training with a great deal of enthusiasm.

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JAMMU: J&K UT Youth Volleyball Men team left for participating in 24th Youth National Volleyball Championship for Men & Women to be held at Islampur, District Sanlgi in Maharashtra from May 10 to 15, 2022.

Prior to proceeding for National participation, the team underwent 10 days intensive coaching camp organized by Volleyball Association of J&K with the collaboration of J&K Sports Council at MA Stadium Jammu under the supervision of Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer (J), J&K Sports Council Jammu and Volleyball Coaches Aashiq Hussain and Imtiyaz Ahmed.

Sidharth Dahuja President Volleyball Association of



Chief Guest, Ashok Singh Divisional Sports Officer (J) JKSC Jammu and Officer bearers of VAJK along with participating team posing for a group photograph.

J&K, H.S Gill Executive Vice President, Raj Guru Senior Vice President, Vijay Kumar Magotra Hony. General Secretary, R.C. Sharma Treasurer and Kuldeep Magotra Chief Executive Officer of the Association of J&K distributed sports kits and track suits among the

players and officials and also wished the team for good result in the national championship and upholding the image of J&K UT in volleyball at national level.

The team was screened by Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer (J), J&K Sports Council and Satish

Gupta, Manager Indoor Sports Complex MA Stadium.

TEAM: Irfan Ali (Srinagar), Aman Singh (Jammu), Taskin Amin Bhat (Doda), Mohit Sokolia (Jammu), Jasbir Singh (Jammu), Shamin Ahmad (Kupwara), Rohit Singh

(Jammu), Lovejeet Singh (Samba), Nazakat Lone (Kupwara), Zakir Nasir (Kulgam), Rohit Singh (Jammu) and Nitin Sharma (Kathua).

Subash Sharma, Aashiq Hussain and Imtiyaz Ahmed are accompanying as manager and coaches of men team.

Birpur Club lifts Inter-Panchayat YSS Cup

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SAMBA: Thrashing Mawa Club by 10 wickets in a one-sided summit clash, Birpur Cricket Club lifted the title trophy of the Block Level Inter-Panchayat YSS Cup-2022 at Sports Stadium, here.

The tournament was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Samba, Sunil Kumar.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Mawa Cricket Club scored 88 runs in 15 overs. Sanjeev top scored with 28 runs. For Birpur Club, Anit was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 important wickets, Shubham bagged 2 wickets, while Bikram and Rajat claimed one wicket each.



Winners of YSS Cup posing alongwith dignitaries at Sports Stadium in Samba.

In reply, Birpur Club rode on a superb batting display by Sahil Jamwal and chased the target in just 10 overs without losing any

wicket, thus won the match by 10 wickets to claim the title trophy. Sahil Singh Jamwal scored quick-fire unbeaten 62 runs, studded with 7

fours and 5 sixes, while Bikram contributed unbeaten 16 runs to the total. Sahil Singh Jamwal was adjudged as the man of the match and man of the tournament, while Raghav claimed the best bowler award.

The match was officiated by Sandeep and Bhupinder as the umpires, while Dheeraj Jamwal maintained the scorebook.

Ravinder Singh (Lablu) Sarpanch Samba was the chief guest on the occasion, who distributed prizes among the winners and runners-up teams, while Sunil Kumar, DYSSO Samba presided over the function.

Birpur Cricket Club was accompanied by their Sarpanch Veena Jamwal and sports promoter Rajeev Sharma.

Wrestling trials from May 11

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JAMMU: Wrestling Association of J&K (WAJK) shall hold day-long selection trials to pick up UT team for the Under-15 Boys Free Style, Greco Roman Style and Girls National Wrestling Championship scheduled to be held at Ranchi in Jharkhand from May 27 to 29.

The eligible wrestlers have been advised to report at J&K Police Wrestling Hall, Gulshan ground, here for selection process at 8:00 AM on May 11, a handout issued by the WAJK informed.

Young wrestlers have been advised to bring along Aadhaar Card and Date of Birth Certificate issued by competent authority.

No Wrestler will be allowed to participate in the selection trials without a valid age proof.

Players can also contact General Secretary of the Association, Ajay Vaid (9419632944), Dheeraj Sharma (9419685822), Om Parkash (9979596802) and Ravinder Kumar (9149826972).