

JKPS Kunjwani honours its cricketer alumnus Vivrant Sharma



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty members felicitating Vivrant Sharma, the all-rounder cricketer.

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JAMMU: Vivrant Sharma, the all-rounder cricketer was invited by his alma mater JKPS Kunjwani for the felicitation ceremony followed by an interactive session with the cricket enthusiasts of the school.

It's noteworthy to mention here that Vivrant has been auctioned at a respectable amount of Rs 2.6 crore by Sunrisers Hyderabad for IPL 2023. He knocked 69 with 2 sixes and 9 fours in his debut IPL match played against

Mumbai Indians.

Vivrant Sharma passed out in the session 2016-17 from JK Public School, Kunjwani and his legacy has become a driving force for the students of the school, the school which gave wings to the celebrated

cricketer's dreams.

There was an interactive session between him and the students wherein the students asked questions from him and felt motivated. The atmosphere of school was reverberated with his presence.

He shared his memorable moments with students, when he met the cricketer Brian Lara and Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

He inspired students to follow their dreams and to work hard to achieve their goal. He

told them to stay focussed and keep inspiring them till they reach their dream destination, exhibiting their indomitable spirit and unflinching self-belief.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore wished him

good luck for his future endeavours and expressed his cherished desire of seeing him play for Team India.

He lauded his debut knock of 69, which is the highest IPL debut knock by any Indian batsman till date.

Director JK Educational Society Shashi Chaudhary appreciated Vivrant Sharma for his meteoric rise in the field of cricket and presented him a memento as a token of love & blessings. She wished him great innings ahead.

India to face Kazakhstan in NSC CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup final today

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JAMMU: India will meet Kazakhstan in the final of CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup 2023 held at Kathmandu, Nepal tomorrow.

The Indian senior women's volleyball team entered the final after beating Uzbekistan by 3-0 sets (25-17, 25-20, 25-15) in the semifinal match and hosts Nepal bowed out of the semifinals going down to Kazakhstan in the fifth set on Friday.

Indian team captain Nirmal Tanwar, blockers Soorya and Aswini, attacker Anushree and Prerona and setter K.S. Jini were exceptional in the win against Uzbekistan.

The highly competitive match between Nepal and Kazakhstan saw the home team win the second and third set before losing the first, fourth and decisive fifth set with scores of 28-30, 25-16, 25-15, 18-25, 7-15.

Earlier, in the Pool A clash, India remained strong with



Indian team with officials after winning semifinal match of CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup 2023.

the likes of Soorya, Nirmal and Anushree, three of team joined the Indian team which picked up silver medal at the last year's AVC Women's Challenge Cup in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand. Nepal also captured the AVC Central Zone Championship in 2019 and 2021 to their name.

India got off to victorious start against Nepal to bag the first two sets 25-12, 26-24. Cheered on by home crowd at the venue, Nepal hit back gal-

lantly to take the third set 25-21. However, the Indians still held firm in the fourth set as they went on aggressive attacks and effective blocks to win the set thrilling 25-21 and match.

Nirmal chipped in with 19 points for India, while Anushree and Soorya kept good company to add 16 and 14 points respectively.

At the competition of the pool play on Wednesday, India topped Pool A with 9 points from three straight

wins, followed by Nepal with 6 points from two wins against one loss. Kyrgyzstan collected 3 points from one win against two losses and winless Bangladesh finished fourth in Pool A with no point awarded.

Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta-Member of Parliament & President, VFI, S. Vasudevan-Chairman VFI, Raj Kumar-Executive Vice President VFI, Ramavtar Singh Jakhar-Executive Vice President-CZ, Asian

Volleyball Confederation, President, Rajasthan State Olympic Association, Anil Choudhary-Secretary General, Sunil Tiwari-Treasurer VFI, Kuldeep Magotra-Associate Secretary VFI and all the office bearers of the Volleyball Federation of India congratulated the team and Coach for their tremendous and mind blowing performance in the championship and wished the team best of luck for final.

Meanwhile, Patron-in-Chief, Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja; President, Sidharth Daluja; Chief Executive Officer, Kuldeep Magotra; General Secretary, V K Magotra; Treasurer, R C Sharma; Executive Vice President, H S Gill, Joint Secretary Mohd Tariq and other office bearers of VAJK also congratulated all players and officials for their performance in the championship and extended their wishes for bringing coveted trophy in India.

3rd Unity Cup Championship 2023 begins

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JAMMU: The Academy of Unity, in association with JK Montessorie School, announced the commencement of the 3rd Unity Cup Championship.

This championship, held in the remembrance of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, is generously supported by the Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial Trust (JK-UT).

The opening ceremony of the 3rd Unity Cup Championship was attended by Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria as the Chief Guest, along with Amrik Singh, Advisor to the National Commission for Minorities, Government of India, Harpreet Singh, as the Guests of Honour and the Principal of JKMS Ritu Gupta. The championship aims to foster a spirit of unity and sportsmanship among the participating schools. With the involvement of numerous educational institutions, the event promises to be a celebration of talent, perseverance, and



Dy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria and others at opening ceremony of 3rd Unity Cup Championship.

teamwork. This year, the tournament also emphasizes the inclusion of girls, providing them with an opportunity to learn self-defense and explore the world of martial arts.

By participating in this championship, girls can find a platform to excel in martial arts and build a brighter future.

The Academy of Unity is a branch of the Inara Welfare Trust, led by Founder Aman Gupta.

With a mission to teach self-defense in various areas

of Jammu, including orphanages, homes, and slums, the trust has been instrumental in creating a community dedicated to the betterment of sports and culture.

Through their efforts, countless individuals have gained valuable skills, self-confidence, and a passion for martial arts.

The Chief Guest extended his blessings to Inara Welfare Trust for their commendable work in promoting self-defense and supporting such initiatives.

KCPS senior students perform Hindi play 'Mahabharat: Ek Dharm Yudh'



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JAMMU: Senior students of KC Public School staged the Hindi play 'Mahabharat: Ek Dharm Yudh' at the school open-air theatre for invited parents on the evening of May 26.

It was the finest theatrical performance ever put up by the students of the school. The play was directed by

Saish Gunjikar, PGT in English, who joined the school recently.

Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra welcomed the parents and students at the Magnificent Mandua open Air Theatre before the start of the play.

The well-known Indian mythological classic is perhaps the richest human cre-

ation in terms of the philosophy of human existence that has been dramatised umpteenth times on stage and through other visual media.

All the actors performing lead roles played their parts to perfection under expert guidance of their director. Adhiraj Jamwal as Duryodhana, Ojasvi Raina as Ashwatthama, Shambhavi as Kunti, Ridhima Singh as Gandhari, Harshini as Krishna, Udbhav as Yudhishtira and Eddha as Draupadi left the audience spell-bound with their sterling performances.

In his vote of thanks address, Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey conferred lavish praise and appreciation on the students for their incredible performance and congratulated Director Saish Gunjikar for setting a benchmark in the long tradition of theatre at KC Public School.

Inter-school U-17 meet concludes at Kanuyian

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POONCH: Part of the annual calendar of activities, inter-school (boys and girls under-17) competition at Zone Kanuyian in district Poonch concluded today at Government High School Mangnar under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS).

The completion took place under the guidance of district (DYSS) officer, Mohd Qasim. Over 80 participants took part in Volleyball, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Carrom and Chess in this competition.

District officer, Mohd Qasim was the Chief Guest



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials.

and Headmaster of the school, Noorine Fatima was Guest of Honour in this event.

The competition officiated by the technical panel including Balvinder Singh, Jasbir Singh, Rajinder Singh

Toofan, Vikas Sharma, Amiran Khan, Sandeep Kumar, Pawandeep Singh, Pervaz Ahmed, Ramiz Tariq, Gurbir Singh, Inderpal Kour, Sham Dulari, Aneel Sharma, Ameet Sharma, Tejinder Kour, Darshan Kour, Raj

Kumar. These competitions conducted under the supervision of ZPEO Kanuyian, Amresh Kumar Sharma. Also present were Puneet Kour, Chamkour Singh, Yasmeen Naz and Pankaj Kumar.

Two days hockey trial begins

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JAMMU: Hockey J&K on Saturday started two days trials for 13th Hockey India Junior National Men Hockey Championship 2023 which is scheduled to be held on Rourkela, Odisha next month. Trials were held at KK Hakku Hockey Stadium Jammu wherein a total of 60 players from various districts of Jammu division participated on first day. Trials will also be conducted at aforesaid venue tomorrow. Trials for Kashmir division will be conducted at Polo Ground on May 30 and 31, 2023.

Udhampur-Kathua share U-19 girls Volleyball title

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UDHAMPUR: Hosts Udhampur and district Kathua declared joint winners in the Divisional level inter-district under-19 girls Volleyball tournament which was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Subash Stadium, here on Saturday.

The final could not be completed due to the hostile weather conditions resulting into the organisers declared the finalist teams as joint winners.



Participating teams taking pledge before starting the tournament.

Earlier, in semifinals Kathua defeated Reasi 2-1 (25-23, 11-25, 15-11) while Udhampur trounced district Poonch 2-0 (25-17, 25-11).

Acting president of Municipal Committee Udhampur, Surinder Singh Khalsa was the chief guest while district (DYSS) officer

Udhampur, Romesh Chander Mishra presided. Also present were Jaswinder Singh, Som Dev khajuria, Ramesh Chander and Vikas Sharma.

Shiksha Niketan hosts State level poster making competition

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JAMMU: A state level poster making competition held at Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar which was organized by Indian Oil Corporation Limited J&K UT for the students of classes XI and XII on Saturday.

Among 35 students from the Arts, Commerce and Science streams who took part in this competition, first position was bagged by Tejas Dutta (class XII), second by Mannat Chouhan (class XI) and third position had gone to Amandeep Singh (class XI).

The programme was based on motto LiFE 2023 and the theme of the poster making was Energy Conservation.

It was a wonderful and inspirational programme held under the supervision of Basit



Ishaq, Assistance Manager Retail Indian Oil Corporation who supervised the programme and praised the principal and management for organizing such a wonderful programme.

The programme was a success under the guidance of the headmaster of the school, Harish Sharma and Incharge High Secondary Wing Sudesh

Rana. The coordinators of programme were Isha Sawhney and Sukhvinder Kour lecturers of high secondary wing.

Rameshwar Mengi, Principal of the School, hailed the efforts of Indian Oil Corporation and congratulated them for organizing such a memorable and inspirational programme.

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SUNDERBANI: The Sports and Physical Education Department of GDC Sunderbani in collaboration with NCC and NSS wings of the college on Saturday organized a marathon from college to Thandapani under the banner of G20.

The aim was to inculcate and promote a healthy lifestyle among people as also the virtues of resilience, endurance and sportsmanship.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of more than 50 students. A distance of 5.4 km was covered in this run.

The college principal Prof. Minne



Principal Prof. Minne Sharma flagging off marathon.

Sharma encouraged the students to actively take part in such events. She also highlighted the need of organizing such events to boost the morale of stu-

dents. Rafiq Ahmad Rather Librarian and in-charge sports elaborated the value and importance of running and appreciated the students for their active

participation. The marathon was flagged off at 6:45 am. The police department cooperated in restoring the traffic on the Jammu-Poonch national highway during the race. The health department also facilitated an ambulance for the event. The Closing Ceremony ended with prize distribution to winners and participants.

Akshay Kumar, Manohar Kumar and Sachin Sharma finished the race before the stipulated time and were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. Prof. Sham Lal, Dr Rabinder Kumar, Prof. Hitesh Kumar, Prof. Rajnesh Kumar and Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad monitored the whole event.