

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Mother's Day



Glimpses of Mother's Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: A Mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take. A mother bears so many responsibilities without any complaints or getting tired. The bond of a mother and her child is inexplicable.

To celebrate the same bond of affection and love,

JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi celebrated Mother's Day with a lot of emotions and merriment.

The Principal, Suman Banbah expressed, "It is believed that a mother is the epitome of love, generosity, sacrifice, and affection. Her presence on the earth provides solace to the enduring

humankind. A Mother's smiling face removes all sorrows and stress of the world. In return, we cannot give her anything, we can only thank and give her respect instead."

Jakiins enacted a skit to convey that Mothers are the emotional backbone of the family, who have the magic touch to heal all wounds and make all

things beautiful.

The audiences were entertained by myriad presentations by Jakiins like recitations, songs, dance performances and story enactments. All the performances exalted the mother as God, teacher, friend, philosopher and guide and emphasised the truth that a mother's love for her child is unconditional.

On the cherished occasion, to honour the incredible women of JKPS Panjtirthi, Nisha Mehra, the teacher incharge of the celebration, crowned the mother of JKPS Suman Banbah.

Nisha Mehra expressed, "Beauty and brains, you're more than that. Happy Mother's Day."

SMVDU Annual Sports Festival concludes



Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Prof. Pragati Kumar presenting trophy to winner.

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KATRA: The annual sports festival of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) culminated with the closing ceremony wherein the winners were awarded prizes.

The Sports festival, a semester long event, involves the participation of the students in athletics, badminton, basketball, chess, cricket, football, kabaddi, kho-kho, table tennis, tennis and volleyball in both male and female categories.

The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was Prof. Pragati Kumar, the Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, who

in his address emphasized upon the importance of sports in life for learning discipline, team work, and perseverance besides attaining physical and mental health.

He applauded the efforts of the organizers, participants and spectators in making the event happen. He also updated about the new sports facilities being developed in the university for the benefit of students.

In the closing ceremony, medals to the winners and awards to the best players were distributed by the chief guest along with the Registrar, Ajay Kumar;

Dean, Students Welfare, Prof. R.K. Mishra, President, Board for Sports Activities, Dr. Parvez Singh Slathia, and Vice-President, Board for Sports Activities, Dr. Kamaldeep, The organizing body for the sports festival, Board for Sports Activities (BSA) expressed gratitude to all the departments of the university and especially students for their help and role in organizing the festival.

BSA extended special thanks to the Vice chancellor for his unwavering support for conduct of sports activities in the university.

Rasikh attributes his success to DC Team Management J&K cricket fraternity keen to see Rasikh in Team India as the cricketer continues 'bowling brilliance' at IPL

Kalra, Bagal, Huwaid, Koul shower accolades

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JAMMU: Feeling proud over the consistent performances of Rasikh Salam at the IPL scene, the entire cricket fraternity of J&K is keen to see the bowler in Team India soon.

Former J&K cricketer and Member of J&K Government UT Sports Council, Ranjeet Kalra while complimenting Rasikh Salam for his brilliant run at this year's IPL said, "Rasikh Salam is a living example of 'never say die' spirit. He faced a lot of odds in his career but fought against them with persistent hardwork and resilience. I would also like to commend the Delhi Capitals team management who exhibited tremendous faith in his abilities and backed him. Rasikh always had the fire and the talent to perform at the highest levels and it was just a matter of time as to when he would find his much overdue fame and success. I am glad that he is among the top performing fast bowlers this season."

"I hope and pray that he con-



tinues to be focused and plays for the country in the near future. We all are so very proud of him." Mr lu Kalra added.

Meanwhile, becoming penultimate over specialist for Delhi Capitals, talented Rasikh once again took two important wickets against Royal Challengers Bangalore tonight including in-form explosive batter Rajat Patidar (52) when the batter was going great guns and Swapnil Singh (00), before contributing valuable 12 runs in a partnership of 37 off 24 balls with Axar

Patel at a crucial stage of the match, however, Delhi Capitals were on the losing side.

On the other day, Rasikh took all important wicket of Riyan Parag against formidable Rajasthan Royals before scoring 3-ball 9 runs and continued to be impressive in Delhi Capitals' victories, thus keeping his side alive for the playoffs, besides keeping J&K's flag high at the Indian Premier League (IPL) and making J&K Cricket fraternity feel proud.

"Rasikh is a wonderful

bowler. He has the ability to wobble the ball both ways, besides having tremendous control on line and length and having art of bowling lethal slingers. A great display of bowling skills by this charismatic Speedster, is making the entire cricket fraternity of Jammu and Kashmir feel proud," said former First Class Cricketer, Mr Surinder Singh Bagal, left-arm fast bowler who had the distinction of representing India-A teams against Australia and England.

It is pertinent to mention here that Rasikh earlier in IPL this season captured 3/44 against Gujarat Titans and 3/34 against formidable Mumbai Indians.

What gives immense satisfaction to Rasikh's well wishers and fans is the fact that he has now become a penultimate over specialist.

Former First Class Cricketer, NIS and BCCI Level-1 Coach, Mr Huwaid Hamid was of the same opinion. He said that Rasikh's 3-wicket hauls

against Mumbai Indians and Gujarat Titans in the earlier matches is a testament to his skill and brilliance. He performed brilliantly in the last season's Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 and other Senior Men's tournaments. He deserves National Selectors nod for his selection to the higher levels.

Rakesh Koul, former First Class Cricketer while terming Rasikh Salam a special talent said if he continues to perform in the same way, the day is not far away to see him represent the nation.

Meanwhile, when contacted soon after his team Delhi Capitals' match against RCB, Rasikh said, "By the grace of God it is going on very well as far as my bowling is concerned."

"My Team Management, Captain and all the players are very much supportive and back me all the time. I owe my success to my Captain and the Support Staff. I will leave no stone unturned to continue doing well," Rasikh maintained.

Shiksha Niketan celebrates 113th Birth Anniversary of late Dev Dutt Mengi



Shiksha Niketan School faculty and students celebrating Birth Anniversary of Late Dev Dutt Mengi on Monday.

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu celebrated the 113th Birth Anniversary of Late Dev Dutt Mengi, the Founder Principal of Shiksha Niketan Establishment on Monday.

Late Dev Dutt Mengi, retired as District Education Officer, was known for his optimistic thinking and love of education.

The School had organised the Ramayana Paath one day earlier.

All the teachers from Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Shiksha Niketan High School, Gandhi Nagar, Pushp Vatika, Jeevan Nagar and R M Public School, Chowadhri gathered.

The Principal Rameshwar Mengi, the RMP's Trustee Rita Mengi, the Director of RMP's Rakshan Mengi, the Director of Shiksha Niketan Gandhi Nagar and Pushp Vatika Risheek Mengi and all the near and dear ones of the Mengi's family gathered there to get the blessings of Lord Rama.

On the next day Hawan Ceremony was organized.

Sant Subhash Shastri, Swami Hridhyanand Giri, S.P Verma and I.D Soni (Former State Commissioner Bharat Scouts and Guides) were the presiding guests of the occasion.

Lt General, Rakesh Sharma (President J&K Ex. Service Men's League), Sanjay Gupta (CA), M.K. Wadhwa (Chairman Indian Art Centre), Ramesh Trakaroo (Ex-Chief Manager UCO Bank), Akanksha Gupta (CA), Nikhil Choudhary (Advocate),

Kuldeep Rattan Mengi, Someshwar Mengi, the Media Personnel and the Principals of various schools were the Special Guests of the occasion.

The School Principal, Rameshwar Mengi delivered the welcome address on the occasion. He also highlighted the "Academic and Humanitarian Achievements and Contributions" of Late Dev Dutt Mengi.

All the dignitaries were presented the Gifts as a token of respect and honour as well as the Saplings to be planted by the Shiksha Niketan Family. The function began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Principal, Rameshwar Mengi and other dignitaries.

The students presented a variety of cultural items on the occasion.

At last, Preeti Bhoj was served to all present on the occasion.

Director YSS visits Kupwara; takes stock of under construction sports projects

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KUPWARA: The Director Youth Services and Sports J&K Subash Chander Chibber undertook a comprehensive tour to far off District Kupwara to assess the progress of the ongoing activities and evaluate the ground-level situation of various developmental projects being constructed by the Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K. He was accompanied by District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kupwara Zahoor Ahmed Wani and other senior field officers and officials of the Department of YSS&S.

During his visit, Director engaged with various stakeholders, including local youth, officials of the Department of YSS and community representatives, to gain insights into the execution of ongoing projects and initiatives of the Department. The primary focus was to ensure the effective utilization of resources and infrastructure to promote youth engagement and sports



development in the district.

He visited under construction playfield at Anderhama in sports zone Drugnulla, Galizoo stadium Kupwara, Haqanabad Punzwa and kralpora to assess the progress and status of various ongoing development sports projects in the district.

While addressing the Press at Galizoo stadium Kupwara Director expressed satisfaction with the ongoing efforts of the field staff of the District in fostering a vibrant sports culture in Kupwara.

He ensured that every step would be taken to nurture sports talents of the Kupwara youth in the best possible man-

ner: Emphasizing the importance of sports in holistic development, the Director reiterated the Department's unconditional support towards providing ample opportunities for the youth to excel in various sporting disciplines.

Director assured of continuous support and assistance from the YSS to address any challenges or requirements in identifying and channelizing sports talent in J&K youth. He further reaffirmed the commitment to the overall welfare and empowerment of the youth in the region through games and sports.

DPS Udhampur celebrates unprecedented 100 pc Board Result

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UDHAMPUR: Delhi Public School Udhampur (DPSU), one achieved 100 per cent result in the Board examinations of class Xth and XIIth. In the recently announced board results, every student from DPSU has excelled, showcasing not only their

This milestone is a testament to the relentless efforts put forth by both students and educators alike.

Principal, Dr. Kunal Anand expressed immense pride in the students' outstanding performance, stating, "This achievement reflects the exceptional caliber of our



DPSU faculty and students celebrating success in Board exams.

academic prowess but also the dedication and hard work instilled by the school's faculty and staff.

students and the unparalleled dedication of our faculty. It is a testament to our holistic approach to education, which focuses not only on academic rigor but also on character development and personal growth."

The school's innovative teaching methodologies, personalized attention, and comprehensive support systems have undoubtedly played a pivotal role in shaping the success of its students.

As DPSU celebrates this momentous achievement, it reaffirms its commitment to empowering future generations.

ZPEO Basohli organizes Inter School Zonal Level Competition

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BASOHLI: With the direction and overall supervision of DYSSO Kathua Sunil Singh Sambyal, Inter School Zonal Level tournament held at GMHSS Basohli on Monday under the chairmanship of Principal GMHSS Basohli Lalit Kumar Sharma and Tara Singh Incharge ZPEO with the cooperation of field staff in Kabaddi, Volleyball, Chess, Wrestling and Football.



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

The tournament was inaugurated by Vice Principal of Higher Secondary School Bhoond, Dev Raj along with physical education staff at block Bhoond.

The event showcased the talent and competitive spirit of the participating youth. The competition was held in various disciplines namely Kabaddi, Volleyball, Chess, Football, and Wrestling.

A total of 719 players are taking part in Zonal level tournament.