

# Bounce back after every failure & emerge a victor: Principal JKPS Kunjwani



Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore and students speaking at morning assembly on Thursday.

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JAMMU: "A rejection is nothing more than a necessary step in the pursuit of success". With these inspiring words, Atharv

from Grade 6 Galaxy introduced the theme of the assembly "Rejection & failure" with the audience. Substantiating the stand of the class, another student Jasjot Singh stated, "when we fail, we should learn and adjust our approach. This helps us take the time to reflect, improve and get closer to

our goals. Failure is not the end, but rather a new beginning. It's an opportunity to learn from our mistakes, develop new skills, and grow as individuals".

"Failure is always going to be a part of our lives whether we like it or not. We are humans, we make choices, and every choice has an opportunity cost. However, nothing is certain in life, as I have come to know and reflected on failure as a source of guidance that can bring individuals to achieve remarkable things", he added.

Summing up the elaboration on the topic, he further added, "Failure is life's greatest blessing. Yes, it is paradoxical, as failure can be detrimental, resulting in unfavorable loss of jobs, money, family, friends, or anything considered precious".

Reinforcing the line of argument, Idhant narrated a poem: "Life is largely thought for the good. But, setbacks also live in its neighborhood. Can be won every time, if faced with nerves. Life then goes smooth,

on its curves. Hard work, Smart work isn't always paid. Hopes breakdown and dreams start to fade. Besides all deeds, rejections hit back. Failures we face and belief we lack. Ups and downs are a life's clear stance. Rejection is an invitation for the next chance. Keep up the spirits and try things again. Failure means: efforts don't go in vain. Making his concluding remarks on the topic, Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore said, "Failure is natural, something very common. We may fall in life while confronting the arduous challenges, yet we must bounce back". "Failures must be taken very positively, as victory is a material gain but a spiritual loss, whereas failure is a material loss but a spiritual gain. Victory is always followed by merit and celebrations, whereas failure is always followed by self-introspection & realization. Bounce back after every failure & emerge a victor", summed up the Principal.

## 54 selected cricketers set to grab opportunity in JKCA's Women's Cricket League

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The selected 54 women cricketers across J&K were all set to grab the opportunity in the first of its kind JKCA's Women's Cricket League, which commenced with a One-Dayer at JKCA Hostel ground here on Thursday.



Captains of teams during a toss for cricket match.

The players divided into four teams will have to play three 2-day matches and a one-dayer.

The League began with a One-Dayer between the two teams led by the star cricketers of Jammu and Kashmir namely Sarla Devi and Sandhya Sayal. This is the platform to live dreams for women cricketers of Jammu and Kashmir as

they will get ample opportunity in 2-day matches to showcase their cricketing skill. Apart from the top women cricketers of the Union Territory, the list includes few big names who have also served other States/UTs earlier, which include Jaisa Akhter, Chitra Singh Jamwal and Shivanti Gupta. These cricketers will be showcasing their cricketing skill under the watchful eyes of the Selectors for the League including Surabhi Dadheechi, Ankita Jalla,

Masarat Ahad and Pratibha Bhasin. Meenu Singh Slathia and Summayah Jan have been appointed as the Coaches cum Incharges of the Camp, while Rohit Rana and Satika Sharma are the Trainers for the Camp. Dr Lovely Bansal and Diya have been appointed as the physiotherapists.

It is pertinent to mention here that apart from the players who had represented the JKCA at the national scene last season, the players have been picked from the Talent Hunt 2024 as JKCA has already shortlisted the probable in the women's U-23, U-19 and U-15 teams for 2024-25 season.

### Carrom Association to raise Veteran team

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association has decided to raise its veteran team for representing the Union Territory in the upcoming Veteran National Carrom (men and women) Championship. The Association desires to register such players for the event which is scheduled to be held on May 25 and 26 at Navyabharathi Global School, Nizamabad in Telangana. So, the Association wants to register veteran players (above 50 years) via email: jkcarrom@gmail.com on or before May 7. Interested players can also contact on Mobile Nos. 9906767529, 9070000093.

## Jammu to host BRICS, Asian Wushu selection

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The two-day final selection trial for the two prestigious events of BRICS Games and open selection trial for the 10th Asian Wushu Championship shall be held at Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, here tomorrow. The BRICS Games are scheduled to be held in Kazan (Russia) from June 11 to 17 while 10th Asian Wushu Championship shall take place at Macau (China) from September nine to September 16. The Wushu Association of India will conduct the final selection trial for the BRICS Games and the selection trial for the National Coaching Camp for the 10th Asian Wushu Championship on May three and May four.

Around 200 Wushu athletes from all affiliated units across the country are taking part in the selection trial. Some prominent athletes, Arjuna Awardee and world champions will be seen in action. Current International Wushu Federation athlete of the year 2023, 19th Asian Games Silver Medalist and Arjun Awardee, Roshibina Devi will be seen in action. It is the first time that the selection trials for the prestigious events are taking part in the city of temples, Jammu. Earlier Wushu Association of India (WAI) had organised National Wushu coaching camp in 2011, 2013 and 2023 at Gulmarg and Srinagar respectively. The J&K Sports Council have recently

procured the latest Wushu equipment for both centres, resultant J&K is becoming hub for the Wushu events. The deadline for the entry by name for the BRICS games is May 15, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) will organise the National Wushu coaching camp for the final selected players after the selection trial at any SAI centres or as proposed by WAI. Open selection trial will be held for the 10th Asian Championship in which around 45 to 50 campers will be shortlisted for the National Wushu coaching camp, the final selection trial for the championship will be held on the month of July ending or August one to finalise the Indian Wushu championship for Macau.

## Two-week river rafting event commences at Gulabgarh Paddar



DC Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav inaugurating river rafting in Chenab River.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: District Administration Kishtwar has joined hands with adventure enthusiasts and stakeholders, including Asikini Adventures and Extreme Adventures to organize a thrilling two-week river rafting event in mighty Chenab River near Gulabgarh Paddar.

The event on Thursday witnessed the presence of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav; CEO Kishtwar Development Authority Dr. Rishi Kumar Sharma; SDM Paddar Amit Kumar; ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh among other officers and officials. DC Kishtwar shared words of encouragement with the stakeholders and adventure

enthusiasts for the event. Meanwhile, during the tour of Paddar Sub-Division, the Deputy Commissioner assessed the preparations for the Shree Machail Mata Yatra by taking first hand appraisal of the status of approaching roads, bridges, and accommodation facilities. Necessary directions were passed to concerned agencies to expedite the preparations to ensure hassle-free facilities ahead of the Yatra.

## J&K preferred venue for the training of Indian Colts Football Team

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Scripting history yet again, the J&K Sports Council is once again gearing up to host twin camps for India U-17 National Team camp, which is scheduled to participate in the SAFF U-17 Championship followed by AFC U-17 Championship Qualifiers in September and October respectively. While thanking the J&K Sports Council and the Union Territory administration, the All-India Football Federation through a communique expressed its gratitude for hosting and providing the best possible facilities to the India U-16 National Team training camp in Srinagar last year in August. The team had trained under the tutelage of the renowned footballer of the J&K, Ishfaq Ahmad who was nominated as the head coach of the team for the SAFF U-16 Championship held at Thimphu, Bhutan in September 2023 wherein India U-16 team won the title. The initiatives and assistance received towards the development of Indian Football and the impact of National camps in J&K as acclimatization had helped the team a great deal and earned applause from all



Students at football academy.

corners. The AIFF has requested for the arrangement of both lodging & boarding facilities, and transportation for a 42-member contingent comprising 35 players and 7 officials from the first week of June this year. To get the teams trained for the international events, Ishfaq Ahmad has been appointed as the Head Coach of the team. The J&K earlier had a reputation of hosting the Santosh Trophy, Federation Cup and Hero I-League matches only but the venue due to several factors including the training and acclimatization factors is fast turning into the preferred location. The Head Coach for the twin camps Ishfaq Ahmad said that the hosting of camps in Srinagar is a unique opportunity to host National Camps

Highlighting the stellar performance of Heritage School was the outstanding contribution of Hatif Mohammad, who showcased extraordinary talent and skill throughout the tournament. In a thrilling final showdown, Heritage School demonstrated remarkable prowess on the field, securing a well-deserved victory against Birla Open Mind with a score of 2-0.

one after other to make it a routine affair for the Union territory which will not only boost the local football players but simultaneously infuse the new energy into the youngsters who are eager to take up the affair. "With an eye on the growth of football and the involvement of the youth in the game in the region which enjoys the numero-uno status due to its wide popularity the focus on grassroots and its professional aspects shall add a new chapter in the football history of J&K," said Nuzhat Gull Secretary J&K Sports Council. J&K is known for producing great Football players and among the recent ones Mohammad Hamad playing for Real Kashmir FC and Muheet Shabir of J&K Sports Council Football Academy were awarded the best defender and the best goalkeeper respectively in the recently held Indian League tournament.

umh. The entire Heritage School community extends heartfelt congratulations to the football team for their remarkable achievement in clinching the championship title.

## Chenab Valley Bash T20 tournament commences



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh inaugurating Chenab Valley Bash T20 tournament.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHADERWAH: The much anticipated Chenab Valley Bash T20 tournament commenced on Thursday at Bhaderwah. The tournament was declared open by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Doda, Harvinder Singh at a grand opening ceremony marking the beginning of thrilling cricket extravaganza that promises to captivate audiences and showcase the best of local talent. With teams from across the region vying for

glory, the Chenab Valley Bash T20 tournament is set to be a showcase of skill, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. The tournament promises high-octane matches, nail-biting finishes, and unforgettable moments that will keep cricket enthusiasts on the edge of their seats. With a strong emphasis on fair play and competitive spirit, the Chenab Valley Bash T20 tournament is set to be a highlight of the sporting calendar in the region.

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## CS reviews IT Depts' initiatives aimed at enhancing citizen services, govt efficiency

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Advocating the need for making government services more accessible and impactful for common masses, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Thursday emphasized enhanced focus on strengthening the grievance redressal mechanism, "Samadhan," by integrating AI features like IVRS and video chat facilities. "This will facilitate public interaction with higher authorities paving way for the citizens get their issues and concerns redressed in a more cohesive and responsive manner", maintained the Chief Secretary while chairing a meeting held at the Civil Secretariat here to review ongoing projects and initiatives undertaken by the Information Technology (IT) Department. The meeting assessed the progress made in streamlining the citizen-centric services and implementing depart-

mental reforms for improved work output and enhanced public convenience. Commissioner Secretary, IT Department, Prerna Puri, Deputy Director General, National Informatics Center, Dr. Sushel Kumar; SIO, NIC attended the meeting. The meeting delved into various IT departmental initiatives including E-office, 4G saturation/BharatNet, State Data Center; CSC Touch Points, Centers, Online Services and Auto Appeal System. Besides, it reviewed the implementation of Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) interventions, strengthening measures to protect government systems and data through Cyber Security. The Chief Secretary, emphasized the importance of fully realizing the potential of these technological innovations in making government services more accessible for citizens.

