

In-House Teachers' training, earnest need today: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore organized a training programme for the teachers of the school, wherein the nuggets of wisdom & time-tested strategies to impact the teaching-learning process in the classroom & to build lifetime bonding with children. Here are the reflections in a nutshell of the session conducted for the teachers:

1. Start your class with some warm up activity: Children love variety and routine causes monotony. He asked teachers to start every class with some warm up activity with active involvement.

2. Explore collaborative learning, not teaching in the class: He emphasized on the collaborative learning, as learning by doing in a group lasts longer and makes children learn group dynamics in a better way.

3. Generate the wow experience in your class: He invoked teachers to create the wow factor in the class and only then children will feel the wow experience, which gets etched on the records of reminiscences.

4. Create the culture of expression, not a culture of a right answer: He drew the attention of the teachers towards the originality of ideas. After good deliberations, teachers promised to accept creative answers from students through variety expressions, not just the expression from the textbook.

5. Use "mind maps" to teach/review the work done: Mind maps help children retain the information. They find it easier to recollect and express a mind map later on. A well laid down Mind map calls for a conceptual clarity. A clear map gets imprinted forever.

6. He appealed teachers to change their perception from "conventional to un-conventional". He asked them to reform their own alphabetical series, like: A for Android, B for black-



berry & C for Cloud

7. He made a clarion call to teachers to make an "appeal to the heart of their children, before their brains". Connection with heart shall fetch them more lasting results. Emotional bonding is eternal, whereas professional bonding is ephemeral.

8. He appealed them to bring an element of theatrics in their teaching. He narrated a few stories to establish the shade of zing & zest in the classroom. He asked them to share a story, which should make them read the teacher's eye balls.

9. Giving students "ownership & responsibility" in the class can fetch rich dividends to a teacher. He narrated a few anecdotes to prove his point.

10. He deliberated upon "making online blogs" for students to comment on the day's feedback*.

11. Teachers like the idea of "sharing atleast one educational link" of the day with students*.

12. Quoting some examples, he appealed

teachers "to appreciate every little improvement in the class", like, Hey, I'm excited being here in the class; All my students are the most adorable in the world; I want you guys to learn well in my subject.

13. Variety deliberations established the fact that we must "respect the divergent views of the students in the class".

14. The Principal lauded teachers for their high degree of patience and appreciated them to be the "ZEN MASTERS, not the RING MASTERS".

15. He also praised the teachers for being "warm & courteous towards their students", for putting your ego aside & for treating every child as a VIP.

16. He expressed his joy over the school tradition for "singing the birthday song for the b'day students in the assembly. It works wonders.

17. He asked teachers to write the names of children from their respective class on a piece of paper. He appreciated all the teachers, who successfully and quickly wrote the

names of children. He summed up saying: "Be a Rockstar teacher by remembering the first name of all your students".

18. To foster the bonding with students, he requested teachers to "make a phone call to a few students after the school hours".

19. Teachers applauded the idea of "setting a MILESTONE CHART for every student's success".

20. One of the best take aways of the Enrichment session proved to be idea: "Winners 'make it happen' & losers 'let it happen'".

21. He requested teachers to bear the complete moral responsibility of the class. He wrote on the whiteboard: "Accept 100% responsibility for your class/subject result".

22. Striking the emotional chord of every teacher's heart, he stated that "never carry a grudge or a dislike for any child ever".

23. Although the sense of humour is a God's gift and it's difficult to develop it artificially. He appealed them to "cultivate the sense of humour, as it always helps".

24. God has been so kind and generous to have gifted every human with "a smile". He took a promise from every teacher to adorn their charming faces with a broad smile always".

25. Summing up the marathon session, the Principal Rajesh Rathore said, "Love your students & make them feel that they are the most important people for you. Only connectivity with children can make you successful".

All the teachers expressed their heartfelt thanks to the Principal for enriching them with his pearls of wisdom.

The session reached its culmination point with the singing of a song from the movie *Imtihan* "Ruk Jaana Nahin, Tu Kahin Haarke".

LG meets Para-athlete Irfan Ahmad Mir



Para-athlete Irfan Ahmad Mir posing for a photograph with LG Manoj Sinha.

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Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday met Para Athlete and sportsperson, Irfan Ahmad Mir from Pulwama, at the Raj Bhawan.

During the interaction, Irfan Mir discussed with the Lt Governor various matters pertaining to promotion and development of sports facilities for specially-abled sportspersons and athletes in J&K UT.

Irfan Mir, despite being visually impaired, had scaled Siachen Glacier, along with a team of seven other specially-abled persons and was mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his "Mann Ki Baat"

radio programme.

Appreciating the grit and determination of the Para Athlete who also represented India in International cricket series for the blind, the Lt Governor assured him of every possible support through the Department of Youth Services and Sports.

"UT administration is committed to provide the best sporting ecosystem vis-a-vis stadiums, trained coaches, exposure tours etc. to all the youth, especially specially-abled sportspersons and athletes", he added.

The Lt Governor extended his good wishes to Sh Irfan Mir for success in his future endeavors.

Returning Officer 'admits' objections in JKFA voter list

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JAMMU: The battle for elections of the J&K Football Association (JKFA) again returned to the court with Returning Officer expressing his inability to conduct the elections scheduled for June 12. Admitting that the objections raised by the members with regard to the voter list published by the J&K Football Association (JKFA) in the election notice of May 18, the Returning Officer (RO) had postponed the elections on June 10, two days before the scheduled date. Subsequently, a notice was issued in this regard by the Returning Officer informing the J&K Football Council (JKFC) and secretary of the JKFA, Prof BA Shah in this regards. The notice reads: On scrutiny of the objections, the voter list submitted and published in the election notice dated 18-05-2022 was not found consistent with the relevant provisions of the constitution of JKFA. On this disability, the election which was due to be held on June 12, 2022 will not be conducted. The RO further mentioned that in response to the election notice, number of objections were received challenging the legality, authenticity and validity of the voter list by various football clubs, District Football Associations (DFAs) and former office bearers of the JKFA. The RO notice concluded with bottom line saying, "The matter shall be submitted before the High Court J&K for appropriate orders as may be deemed fit."

3 centuries, 7 fifties scored on day-1 as Musaif, Kawalpreet, Afaan slam tons

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JAMMU: Three big centuries and seven half-centuries were scored on day-1 today, besides two 5-wicket hauls as JKCA's U-23 Men's Tournament got underway at four different venues across the Union Territory.

Musaif Ajaz, Afaan Muzaffar and Kamalpreet Singh scored magnificent centuries for their sides, while Wahid Teli, Yawar Hassan, Gulzar Ahmed, Junaid Qazi, Mustafa Rahil, Jiyad Magrey and Surya Udhay Singh scored half-centuries and the duo of Marutwan and Dhruv Parmar took an 5-wicket hauls.

Meanwhile, in the matches played today in both the divisions, JKCA A1, A4 emerged



Captains of participating teams and Umpire tossing a coin before a match.

winners in Jammu and B4 registered win in Kashmir division, while the high scoring match between B1 and B2 ended in a tie.

At GGM Science College Hostel Ground Jammu, JKCA team A4 defeated team A3 by 5 wickets.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, A3 scored 277

runs. Kamalpreet Singh top scored with 131 runs off 81 balls, while Sachin Sharma contributed 44 runs to the total. For team A4, Abhay Tandon took 2 wickets, while Vishal Kumar claimed one wicket.

In reply, team A4 chased the target easily in 36 overs by losing 5 wickets, thus won the

match by 5 wickets. Musaif Ajaz scored a power-packed century 152* off just 84 balls, while Anuj contributed 42 runs.

For JKCA team A3, Govind bagged 3 wickets, while Jaipal Singh claimed one.

At Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, JKCA A1 defeated A5 by a big margin of 103 runs.

Batting first, A1 scored 167 runs, with Surya Udhay Singh scoring 50 and Dikshant Kundal contributing 43 runs respectively.

For A5, Marutwan was the wrecker-in-chief who captured 5 important wickets, while Ashank took 2 wickets.

In reply, A5 bundled out for paltry 64 runs, thus lost the

match by 103 runs. Marutwan was the only batter to cross double figure mark, scoring 18 runs. For A1, Dhruv Parmar

was the pick of the bowlers, capturing 5 wickets, while Agastya claimed 2 wickets.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium Srinagar Ground-A, JKCA B2 defeated B5 in a close contest by 10 runs.

Batting first, B4 scored a good total of 246 runs. Wahid Teli showed stellar grit and tenacity to score 76 runs, while Danish Kumar contributed 34 runs to the total. For B5, Arreer Ashraf took 3 wickets, while Tenzin Tak bagged 2 wickets.

In reply, JKCA B5 scored 236 runs to lose the match by a narrow margin of 10 runs.

Yawar Hassan top scored with 63 runs while Gulzar Ahmed contributed 58 runs to the total. For bowling side,

Mujtaba Yousuf and Zahid Nabi bagged 3 wickets each.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium B, the high scoring match between B1 and B2 ended in a

tie as both the teams scored 345 runs each.

Batting first, JKCA B2 scored 345 runs. Afaan Muzaffar played a magnificent innings of 145 runs, while Junaid Qazi contributed 87 runs. For bowling side, Sakib Reshi took 3 wickets, while Yasir Gulzar claimed 2 wickets.

In reply, JKCA B4 also scored 345 runs, thus match ended in a tie Mustafa Rahil (74) and Jiyad Magrey (67) were the main contributors.

Mohd Shahdad took 3 wickets, while Gowhar claimed 1 wicket.

The Organising Committee for Jammu province included Sandeep Singh Sunny, Veemarsh Kaw, Mohit Puri and Surekha Devi, while the Organising Committee for Kashmir province included Zahoor Sofi, Manzoor Ahmed Lone, Huwaid Ronga and Tasaduq Rashid.

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JU organises 3-day national seminar on life & legacy of Maharaja Gulab Singh

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JAMMU: Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu-Prof Umesh Rai today inaugurated a three-day National Seminar on "Revisiting of Life and Legacy of Maharaja Gulab Singh". The event is organized by the Department of History, University of Jammu in collaboration with Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), Jammu Kashmir Study Centre and Maharaja Gulab Singh Research Centre.

The program started with the lighting of the "ceremonial lamp" along with the recitation of the "Vedic Mantras" by the scholars of the Department of Sanskrit, which was followed by a welcome address by Prof. Suman Jamwal, HoD History. She also introduced the dignitaries, including Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of

Jammu and Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman, ICHR, New Delhi and others for gracing the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor-Prof Umesh Rai appreciated the efforts of the entire team of the History Department in organizing such an insightful event.

"I am of the firm belief that

there is a dire need to rewrite the history of Jammu and Kashmir in general and of Maharaja Gulab Singh in particular," the Vice Chancellor said and added that such deliberations bring out new facts and stereotyping notions about the history of Jammu and Kashmir. He also stressed that such exercises can become instrumental in reshaping Jammu and

Kashmir.

Earlier, the theme of the seminar was introduced by Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, who gave a description of the lasting legacy of Maharaja Gulab Singh and his contributions in the formation of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and how this role has been neglected in the larger historical discourse.

Prof Shyam Narayan also talked about the seminal contributions of Maharaja Gulab Singh in reckoning traditional boundaries of India, especially Mansarovar, which has always been an integral part of the sacred geography of India.

The keynote address was presented by Dr. Madhulika Singh, who presented a vote of thanks. She extended her gratitude to all the dignitaries including Prof. Umesh Rai, Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Ashutosh Bhatnagar; who spoke about Jammu and Kashmir being an integral part of India and its strategic importance and how Maharaja Gulab Singh and his generals reclaimed the

cultural frontiers of India. He went on to emphasize the necessity of situating the history of this region in the larger perspective.

The presidential remarks were presented by Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar. He stressed upon revisiting the history of Jammu and Kashmir, and emphasized the need for rewriting it. He also underlined the fact that ICHR is engaged in the reconstruction of the history of the region and its proper production for the citizens of India.

The inaugural session was concluded by Dr. Madhulika Singh, who presented a vote of thanks. She extended her gratitude to all the dignitaries including Prof. Umesh Rai, Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Ashutosh Bhatnagar, Padam Shree Shiv Nirnobi, Padam Shree K. N. Pandita and other distinguished guests.

137 Bn CRPF starts 3-day Volleyball tournament

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UDHAMPUR: Three days long Volleyball tournament been organized by 137 Bn CRPF under the chairmanship of Mohd. Khalid Khan Commandant of Bn at SRTC Omara Mohn, Udhampur on Wednesday. Tournament was coordinated with Volleyball Association veteran players and District president of Volleyball Association of Udhampur Raj Guru, Sanjay Sharma, Ashok Padha and many more.

Tournament was organized under Civic Action Programme-2022 (CAP). It was informed that in tournament eight boys and four girls teams have participated. SSP Udhampur Vinod Kumar was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In today matches were played between Roun Domail Volleyball club beats Libral Volleyball club by the margin of

2-00, 26-24 & 25-22. While second match was played between CVC and Chriayi Volleyball club, CVC beats Chriayi club by the margin of 2-00, 25-18 & 25-19. While UVC club beats Khoon Majalta Volleyball club by the margin of 2-00, 25-17 & 25-18 in three sets.

In brief speech commandant said that main aim to organize particular tournament was to involve coordination of civilian with the forces. Also focuses on youth to be in main stream and to promote the

habits by staying away from drugs and intoxicating substances. Today matches were officiated by Kuldeep Kumar, Manik Nargotra, Naveen Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar and Suresh Kumar. Other who witness the tournament were Mohd. Khalid Khan, Commandant-137 Bn, Kartar Singh Ahlawat 2 I/C (A&A), L.R. Meena 2 I/C (Ops) other officers and dignitaries of Udhampur were also present on the occasion.

Participating Volleyball teams posing with officials and organisers.

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