

Jr Journalists from Rajat Sharma Club interact with Principal JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS), Kunjwani is a CBSE affiliated, child-centric, value-driven, co-educational, Senior Secondary school, which enjoys the privilege of being the FIRST CBSE school (direct affiliation) of Jammu. Stretched over a period of three decades, JKPS Kunjwani has emerged as a trendsetter, a model of excellence imparting 21st century holistic education to children on its rolls.

With the start of the session 2022-23, JKPS Kunjwani introduced 18 Clubs to groom students in variety Co-scholastic domains.

Members of one of the Clubs, namely, Rajat Sharma Club of Jr. Journalists, interviewed the Principal Rajesh Rathore.

Here are the excerpts of the meaningful transaction between the Jr. Journalists (JJ) and the Principal Rajesh Rathore (RR):

JJ: What is your concept of an ideal JKiiian?

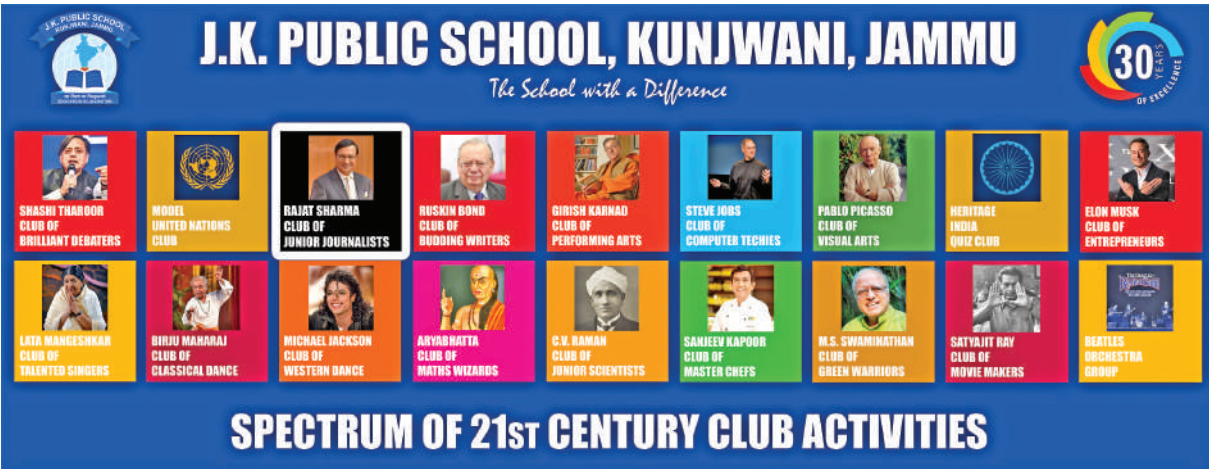
RR: An ideal JKiiian is the one, who can always be spotted in a group, who has a distinctive flavour to his/her personality; has a lively interest in topical events and the world around; speaks and writes fluently in English and in atleast one Indian language; has sufficient mastery over Mathematics and Science to understand and appreciate the scientific basis of modern civilization; is well informed and forms his/her own judgement; knows that being educated means abiding by certain standards of social

behaviour; consistently makes efforts to master the use of his/her hands in some form of creative activity; has developed a love of reading for its own sake; plays games and has learnt that sports-manship is a quality that must be cherished in day-to-day life; is not afraid to speak the truth without being offensive and has greatest regard for the rule of law and justice; is well mannered, sensitive and smart in his/her dress and deportment; cherishes the freedom of the mind, the humanity of the heart and the integrity of the individual; loves truth, beauty and goodness. In short, he/she is the epitome of what a cultured person aspires to be!

JJ: Which features of the Institution do you admire the most?

RR: JK Public School, Kunjwani is one of the finest Institutions in the UT of J&K. Its infrastructure is an architectural marvel. Classrooms are quite spacious, well lit, & it's equipped with well-designed smart boards & soft boards. Since JKPS emphasizes on the holistic grooming of every child, so we have hand-picked, talented teachers in our Art, craft, Music, Dance & Sports faculties.

Here merely being a scholar is not eye-catching but when a scholar plays guitar/drum/keyboard or shakes legs on a dance style, like, contemporary/ hip-hop/ break/ bhangra or sings a western song or presents a soulful rendition of a classical number or refutes the ideas of an opponent on a



debating platform or makes the audience burst into peals of laughter during a comic skit or makes the audience sob during a poignant scene of a tragic play, that catches the fancy of the gallery of spectators. We keep raising the bar.

Though it's a day school, yet it is spread over a vast expanse giving ample space for all the sports activities, like, Football, Cricket, Volley-ball, Basketball, Mini Olympic-size Swimming pool, Skating rink, Cricket practice nets, Badminton court, Squash courts, Tennis court, and indoor games, like, Judo, Karate, Taekwando, Gymnastics, Table Tennis (6 Nos.), Yoga, Carom, Chess etc.

JKPS is a wonderful school, wherein students are very decent, respectful and adorable. Teachers are quite knowledgeable, dedicated and committed. Their communication skills are very strong: whether it be written or verbal expression

JJ: How do you define an ideal teacher?

RR: An ideal teacher has to be very knowledgeable, as it establishes the credentials of a teacher in the classroom. Without a profound knowledge, no teacher can stand firmly on his/her feet. Strong communication skills are always a crucial hallmark for a teacher. Explanation of a theoretical concept stays with a child forever, if it is articulated well by a teacher irrespective of the subject or the class.

A teacher, being a classroom leader, has to be a practitioner, not merely a preacher. It's truly stated that values are to be caught, not to be taught. A teacher has to be competent, responsible, punctual, regular, well-organized, value-driven, well-attired, compassionate, forgiving and generous, if he/she wishes to see these qualities in his/her students. We can never expect students to exhibit those qualities or skills, which are found missing in their teachers.

JJ: How do you encourage and motivate the staff?

RR: I encourage my staff

members by citing examples from my 27-year long gratifying teaching career. Words of appreciation and motivation fill the members of my staff with renewed vigour, passion and determination. When Titans clash on a common platform, then clinching one of the coveted top three positions brings laurels to the institution. Addition of every accomplishment makes our hearts heave high with pride and admiration. We felicitate the members of the staff on special occasions for their meritorious services and outstanding contributions. We organize capacity building programmes to empower our teachers on a regular basis.

JJ: How do you recruit and maintain quality teachers?

RR: The selection procedure for the recruitment of teachers has been quite stringent at JKPS Kunjwani. First of all, we shortlist candidates with brilliant academic background, schooling, strong communication skills in English alongwith suitable

experience from renowned CBSE schools. Then we conduct a written test to evaluate the subject knowledge, written expression, relevance, reflection, hand writing and the presentation of the candidates. It is followed by a live demo, wherein a subject expert thoroughly discusses the subject-related, class-specific concepts with the candidates. Then, we conduct an interview, wherein we discuss about the areas of interest of a candidate in Co-curricular and sports activities, teaching experience, professional training programmes, capacity building workshops and overall personality. Finally the short-listed candidates get the privilege of having an Interaction with the Chairman & the Director.

JJ: What would be your ideal school environment and how would you encourage that kind of culture?

RR: An ideal school environment ensures a holistic growth profile to every student. School should not merely focus on a sound

knowledge base, language acquisition, personality development and fitness & stamina, whereas it should also focus on developing finer sensibilities in every child. Today the hallmarks of our Institution are the development of environmental awareness, community outreach programmes, creative thinking, critical thinking, decision making and problem solving skills among students. JKPS Kunjwani has designed 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will act as a lighthouse to set the direction of grooming from the entry stage to the passing out stage.

JJ: Outline the role that parents should play in the school?

RR: Parents' community is a great asset and one of the most important stakeholders for any institution. Parents must feel connected to the Institution and teachers. Parents and teachers together can ensure holistic grooming of students. They must be constantly in touch with the subject teachers, Class Teacher, Coordinator and the Principal. A regular feedback rather a 360 degree feedback is the need of the hour. Decency, dignity and mutual respect can always nourish the bonding between parents and teachers. Good parent-teacher bonding always fetches desired results and forms life-long relationship.

Parents need to be very rational in today's world. They should not be credulous to whatever their wards narrate at home. They must clarify on certain inputs

from their wards. Even school staff feels very happy and satisfied, when they receive a call from parents. Believe me, whenever I speak to parents over phone, it cements the bonding between us. They appreciate teachers for their meaningful contributions and share their observations/suggestions on how to take the Institution to greater heights.

JJ: How do you visualize the future of your school?

RR: With the strong backing of an enlightened Management team, educational think-tanks, extremely talented Staff, superbly supportive parents & immeasurably talented & promising students, JK Public School Kunjwani enjoys the reputation of being one of the finest institutions in the entire North India. It's committed to ensure that a competent, compassionate, creative, responsible global citizenry passes out from its magnificent portals every year. AMEN!

JJ: Thanks a lot sir for sparing your valuable time and for reflecting your vision and strategies to help students design their roadmaps to reach their dream destination. Your unique vision and passionate endeavours will certainly put the JKPS Kunjwani on a new trajectory. Wishing you the best of luck!

RR: Thanks a ton, my beloved students. This institution is reaching its pinnacle of glory due to your sincerity, dedication, commitment & focussed approach. I wish you a very bright future. Good luck!

India beats Philippines in 14th Asian Women's U-18 Volleyball

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JAMMU: India defeated Philippines 3-1 in the opening match of the 14th Asian Women's U-18 Volleyball Championship being held in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand, a VFI release said on Monday.

As per report reaching here, India women spikers had to work hard for the 14-25, 25-21, 25-23, 25-19 victory. Indian Captain Kavita, Rajnandani & Raksha have performed extraordinary and beat Philippines team, it stated. India shall meet Japan in its next match tomorrow at 12.30 PM.

Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Member of Parliament & President, Volleyball Federation of India and other office bearers congratulated to all players



A match between India and Philippines in progress during 14th Asian Women's U-18 Volleyball Championship.

ers of the Indian team.

Chief Patron Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja, President, Sidharth Daluja, Chief Executive Officer Kuldeep Magotra besides

other office bearers also congratulated the team for their excellent performance in the opening match of Championship an wished them best of luck for future matches.

12-member J&K Judo team leaves for Khelo India Youth Games

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JAMMU: Twelve members J&K Judo Team on Monday left for Khelo India Youth Games to be held at Panchkula, Haryana from June 8 to 13, 2022. The team: Akshay Sharma, Arnav Gupta, Varun Sharma, Eshan Saini, Rajat Singh Chib, Mithali Kotwal, Harshita Singh, Suhani Kiran, Tazeem Fayaz and Tanleek Shah. Team is accompanied by Team Coach Ritika Slathia (JK Sports Council Coach) & Manish Chatwal (Team Manager).



Judokas standing along with Vikas Gupta Sr Vice President, Suraj Sharma General Secretary Judo Association JK, Suraj Bhan Singh and Arshi Nad.

Nissar, Sonu excel in Mansar Dangal



Wrestlers of main bout along with other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Nissar of district Doda and Sonu of Delhi won respective fights for the main bouts in the Mansar Dangal which was organised by Mansar Dangal

Committee at Mansar.

Around 60 bouts fought in this day-long dangal which was witnessed by a healthy crowd of over 3000 wrestling lovers. Police Post officer Mansar, Sub-

Inspector, Nirmal Singh was chief guest, who along with other special invitees presented the titles.

The bouts were officiated by the technical officials from Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) including Purshotam Kumar (PEM), Vipen Photra (REK), Ravi Kumar(REK), Sourab Pandit (REK) and Anshu Brat Khanna.

Mansar Dangal Committee members present were Mohinder Kumar, Sat Paul, Sham Lal, Ajay Kumar, Anil kumar, Narinder, Rohit, Binnay, Kishori Lal, Mohd Din, Akshay, Vishant, Sunil and Din Mohd.

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JAMMU: The Department of Ecology and Environment had initiated a Green Life Contest for students and School in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. The motive of the LIFE (Life Style for Earth) contest was to encourage the students to make efforts for cleanliness, encourage plantations of the trees, plants and flowers.

Schools from all districts of J&K participated in the contest.

Around 1300 students from Jodhamal School enthusiastically participated in the contest under the guidance of their teachers and the CCA incharges Deepali Puri and Mubeen Butt.

The theme for World Environment Day 2022 is "Only One Earth".



Armaan Kansal of Class IV-Jodhamal School Jammu receiving trophy from LG Manoj Sinha on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Jodhamal Public School was declared as the Green Champ School by the department.

The award ceremony for the contest was held on June 5, 2022 at SKICC, Srinagar, where a proud students of Jodhamal Public School, Armaan Kansal received the award on behalf of his school from the Lieutenant

Governor Manoj Sinha.

The Trustee of Jodhamal Public School Nandan Kuthiala, Director, Arati Kuthiala along with the Principal Dr. Deep Khare congratulated Team Jodhamal. They also thanked the staff, students and parents of team Jodhamal for their collaborative approach and hard work.

Senior Women's One-Day Tournament Bismah slams ton; Sandhya, Aanvi, Rukaya, Rifat, Mahroof, Bilquees impress



Teams posing alongwith selectors and other officials at University ground in Jammu.

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: After wreaking havoc by taking a 7-wicket haul on the other day, gutsy all-rounder Bismah Hassan scored a magnificent century today, while Sandhya Sayal, Rifat Chowdhury, Rukaya Amin, Aanvi Singh, Mahroof Anjum, Bilquees Wani, Chitra and Rubiya Syed impressed on day-4 of the ongoing Senior Women's One-Day Tournament, being organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) at different venues across the Union Territory.

Four matches were played today with two in each province.

Meanwhile, at GGM Science College Hostel Ground Jammu, JKCA A3 defeated A5 by 4 wickets.

Earlier, batting first, JKCA A5 scored 157 runs. Rifat top scored with 57 runs, while Bavandeep contributed 37 runs to the total.

For JKCA A3, medium pacer Aanvi Singh was the pick of the bowlers, who took 4 wickets, while Tanisha and Nadia claimed 2 wickets each.

In reply, JKCA A3 chased the

target by losing 6 wickets, thus won the match by 4 wickets. Tanisha (31), Aanvi (28), Nadia Chowdhary (26) and Nancy (23) were the main scorers.

Aliya took 2 wickets for JKCA A5, while Rifat and Shruti claimed one wicket each.

At University of Jammu Ground, JKCA A1 defeated A4 by 5 wickets.

Batting first, JKCA A4 scored a modest total of 115 runs. Chitra scored 37 runs and skipper Sanjana contributed 36 runs. For JKCA A1, skipper Sandhya Sayal and Neemami Slathia took 2 wickets each, while Urvasi and Shivanti claimed 1 wicket each.

In reply, JKCA A4 chased the target by losing 5 wickets to win the match by 5 wickets. Sandhya Sayal top scored with 56 runs, while Madhu Devi contributed 22 runs to the total. For A1, Chitra took 2 wickets, while Heema, Shivangi and Mehika claimed 1 wicket each.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium Ground-A, JKCA B1 defeated B3 by 4 wickets.

Batting first, B3 scored a good total of 195 runs in 50

overs. Rubiya Syed and Qousar Jabeen contributed 31 runs each. Mahroof Anjum was the pick of the bowlers for JKCA B1, who captured 5 wickets.

In reply, B1 chased the target in 43.4 overs by losing 6 wickets, thus won the match by 4 wickets. Rukaya Amin top scored with 61 runs, while Iqra Nabi contributed 19 runs to the total. Aqsa took 4 wickets, while Rubiya Syed claimed 1 wicket.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium, Ground-B, JKCA B2 got the better of B4 by 4 wickets.

Batting first, B4 scored a good total of 197 runs. Heema Mushtaq top scored with 39 runs, while Afeen Malik contributed 27 runs to the total. For B2, Asra Shafi took 3 wickets, while Gousia Shalban claimed 3 wickets.

In reply, JKCA B2 chased the target, in 37.1 overs by losing 6 wickets, thus won the match by 4 wickets. Bowling all-rounder, Bismah Hassan top scored with unbeaten 100 runs, while Asra Shafi contributed unbeaten 36 runs to the total. For bowling side, Bilquees Gani took 4 wickets and Bilquees Rasool bagged 2 wickets.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Kunjwani organized COVID 19 Vaccination Drive - Dose 2 in association with NTPC Gangyal in the school premises for 150

students aged between 12 years and 14 years on Monday.

All COVID-19 safety protocols were followed during the vaccination camp. Both Covaxin and Corbevax were

available based on the 1st dose of the students.

Adherence to social distancing protocols was ensured by the organizing team & safety measures were strictly followed.

Additionally as a part of healthcare protocol, qualified doctors, nurses, support staff were available on standby.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore appreciated

parents and students for extending their best support to the vaccination camp.

He also lauded the cooperation and support of JKPS teachers for making it extremely successful.