

# Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani celebrates I-Day with patriotic fervour



Glimpses of Independence Day celebrations at Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani celebrated Independence Day on Thursday with great patriotic zeal and favour. Children were dressed up

in Tricolour and some of them as freedom fighters. They had a charisma and freshness in their presence and the school was all immersed into the optimistic vibe.

The celebration included a patriotic dance performance, role play, slogan, recitation. Children from class nursery and play group dressed up as freedom fighters. Their innocent walk and gestures held

everyone captive. The students were very clear in expressing their thoughts and ideas that must mark the day and respect for freedom fighters. The students of grade I & II show an

enactment on India's freedom struggle on this occasion. All the performers succeeded in instilling patriotic fervor among all. Shashi Choudhary (Director JKPS) appreciat-

ed everyone's effort. She contended that teachers and student have worked relentlessly. She appreciated the contribution of parents too for their indirect involvement in making this celebra-

tion a success. The celebration ended with a power pack dance performance of kids from Grade I and II and everyone present was engrossed and mesmerized.

## India wins 3-1 against Hong Kong in Volleyball

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: India made it a 3-1 win against Hong Kong to register their first win in the ongoing AVC Cup for Men at Nakhon Pathom in Thailand. The closely contested game witnessed superb play from both the sides, especially in the extended third and fourth set. The score: 25-23, 25-21, 29-31, 27-25. Dushyant Singh and Sachin Dagar performed well to their potential in block and attack. NEXT MATCH: India



meets Chinese Taipei at 8.30 a.m tomorrow.

## KC Gurukul wins Rope-Skipping championship

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: KC Gurukul Public School emerged overall champion 12th District Jammu Rope Skipping Championship 2022 organised by Rope Skipping Association of Jammu & Kashmir under the slogan of 'My Youth , My Pride ' at Carmel Convent School, Jammu. KC Gurukul School Public School received winner trophy while first runner up trophy was won by Carmel Convent School, Jammu and second runner up by Shangrilla Public School.



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Around 400 students from 25 schools/clubs from Jammu district participated in the Championship. The closing ceremony was

graced by Yasha Mudgal, Secretary, Cooperatives Department as the Chief Guest. Anissa Nabi-State Tax

Officer, Sunil Kumar Sawhney- President of Rotary Club Jammu were Guests of Honour. Sonia Pawar-Principal SGSD

International School Damana, Sr. Maria Swati-Principal Carmel Convent School, Sahil Sharma- Joint Secretary, J&K Olympic Association, Tarsen Sharma-Founder Rope Skipping J&K, Tarun Uppal-social activist, Chandan Dutta-social activist, Dr. Navneet Gupta-General Secretary Rope Skipping Association of J&K were also present.

The championship was technically supervised by Danish Sharma-Technical Director, Rope Skipping Association of J&K along his senior officials.

## MA Stadium closed till August 15

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Considering the restrictions imposed by the security agencies, the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) has closed all its training centres within MA Stadium till August 15. Though an official order is still awaited from the JKSC, the coaches of the respective training facilities have informed their trainees to stay home in view of the closure of the entire MA Stadium complex, including the two Indoor Complexes, till August 15. Now, the coaches expect the reopening of the MA Stadium from August 16 onwards.

## NSS unit of GGM Science College celebrates Vriksh Raksha Bandhan

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan on Thursday celebrated Vriksh Raksha Bandhan by tying Rakhi to the trees with the message protect trees. In many villages once a Rakhi is tied to a tree, villagers don't pluck even a leaf from the tree and this green tradition the need of hour to be adopted all over India. The volunteers took the pledge "Don't make trees rare, keep them with care." The volunteers participated in the drive saving the environment enthusiastically by celebrating a "green Raksha Bandhan". Following the "Green Good Deeds" campaign, launched by the environment ministry NSS GGM Science College started the societal movement to protect environment and promote good living, NSS Program Officer said in her message.



## Grand Finale of AKAM competitions in singing, essay writing, debating culminate at Srinagar, Jammu

**Winners to get prizes worth Rs 13 lakh**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR/JAMMU: Under the directions of Lieutenant Governor, in a run up to the 75th Independence Day celebrations and as part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), the Department of Culture, through J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (AACL) conducted series of singing, essay-writing and debating competitions, across Jammu & Kashmir. The events were organised by AACL in collaboration with higher education department as well as Directorate of School Education and Director Colleges. The District level competitions were conducted at several Government schools and colleges, and the winners from these competitions jointly competed in the grand finale, at the respective divisional-levels, Jammu & Srinagar.

Over 120 students participated at the divisional level competitions, including six winners of the district level competition from every district, three each from the School and College level Competitions. Namon Narayan of G.D.C. Reasi won the essay-writing competition in the Jammu Division, while as Ruksana Kousar of G.D.C. Bhaderwah was the runner-up in the Kashmir Division. Similarly, Soliha Haneef of the R.P. School Mallabagh, Srinagar was the winner and Muzamil Ahmed Reshi of the H.S.S. Zainapora, Shopian came close second in essay writing competition. In the singing competition, Poojan Kumar of HSS Doda was declared the winner and Shartik of the MAM College, Jammu was the runner-up in the Jammu Division. While as Owais Ashraf of GDC Killam, Kulgam won the singing competition in the Kashmir Division, with Mohsin Ashraf Khan of GDC Baramulla, was the runner-up. Faiza Basharat of GDC

Poonch bagged the first spot in the debating competition and Arush Kalsotra of the GHSS Jammu was the runner-up in Jammu Division. In Kashmir Division, the winner was Khursheed Ahmad Shah of GDC Baramulla, and Rowhan Rafiq of GHSS Baramulla stood second. In Jammu, the jury in the grand finale included Prof. Shalini Rana, Prof. Renu Nanda, and Dr Shahnaz Qadri for the essay-writing competition; Vijay Sambyal, Suraj Singh, and Anupama Sharma for the singing competition; and Abhimanyu Dev Singh Billwaria, Prof. Rajinder Kour, and Prof. Deepali Mahajan for the debate competition. While in Kashmir, the jury comprised Prof. Naseem Shafayee, Dr Nazir Azad, and Dr Javaid Iqbal for essay-writing; Waheed Jeelani, Munir Ahmad Mir, and Intiyaz Malik for the singing competition; and Prof. Shad Ramzan, Dr Afaq Aziz, and Dr Ghulam Nabi Haleem for the debate

competition. The winners of the Divisional Level Competitions shall be invited to the respective 75th I-Day ceremonies at Jammu and Srinagar. The monetary prizes, earmarked by the J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, shall be given away to the winners by the concerned Deputy Commissioners for the District Level competitions and by the respective Divisional Commissioners for the Divisional Level Competitions. Six winners at Divisional Level shall get a cash prize of Rs. 30,000/- each and six runner ups shall get a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- each. Likewise, six winners in every district (three from Schools and three from Colleges) shall get a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- each, while six runner ups in each district shall get a cash prize of Rs. 3000/- each. The prize money of nearly Rs. 13.00 lakh shall be awarded to the winners and runner ups in total for different categories.

## Young Rajouri boy in Indian Volleyball team

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: After Saqlain Tariq of Poonch and Mannat Choudhary of R S Pura in district Jammu, another young boy from district Rajouri has made it to the Indian Volleyball team. Kartik Sharma (Raina) of Bagnoti in border district of Rajouri has been selected in the under-18 Indian men's team for the 14th Asian Volleyball Championship to be held at Tehran in Iran from August 15 to August 22. Other members of the team included Kush Singh, Shekhar Turan, Aditya Rana, Ashish Swain, Patel Dhruvil Nayanbhai, Lavi Kumar, Yaman Kartik, Atul Singh, Abhishek, Kabilan Mahendran and Baliyan Aryan. Officials: Dr Bir Singh Yadav (Head Coach), Dr Shailesh Kumar (Assistant Coach), Jayakuar Nadarajan (Manager) and Mahendra Singh Saharan (Referee). Earlier, Mannat Choudhary from R S Pura Tehsil of district Jammu became part of the Indian team presently taking part in AVC (Under-20) Cup at Thailand. Important to mention here that Saqlain was first spiker from J&K to become international and turn professional. Meanwhile, incharge Rajouri District Volleyball Association, Mohd Tariq expressed his pleasure over selection of young Kartik Sharma (Raina) in the under-18 Indian team. "With his selection, Kartik has become third J&K volleyball player to become an international player after Saqlain Tariq of Poonch and Mannat Choudhary of R S Pura in district Jammu," said Tariq, who is also chairman of Shaheed DySP Manjeet Singh Memorial Volleyball Club.

