

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 fervour. 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) appreciated

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



meets Chinese Taipei at 8.30 a.m tomorrow.

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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

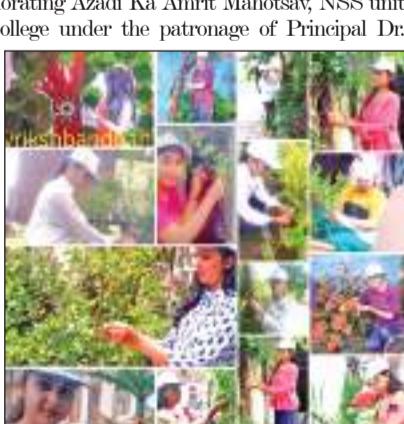
potential in block and attack.

NEXT MATCH: India

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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



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JAMMU: Commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tiekoo 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 needs 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

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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 Mohotsav (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 of both divisions.

The competitions were organized at the school, college, district and divisional levels with the help of Directorates 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.

Namo 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, Solihah 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 Sharifah 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 Sottra 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. Shafiq 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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

The championship was

organized by the local organizers wherein the inaugural match was played between Northern Lions and Sultana Tujer. Northern Lions Nowpora Sopore emerged as the winner of the inaugural event. About 32 teams from different districts are going to participate in the tournament.

The ADDC, who was the chief guest, highly applauded the local organizers for conducting the event and said that the District Administration will undertake all necessary initiatives for providing appropriate platforms to utilize the potential of youth in a constructive and productive manner.

He added that youth of the area are taking keen interest in sports activities and underlined the need for developing sports infrastructure.

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potent tool for overall personality development, ACR in his address, said that sports has the potential to shape young minds by inculcating the spirit of

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