

Toddlers' World of JKPS Kunjwani celebrates Janmashtami with zeal

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JAMMU: Janmashtami festival was celebrated at 'Toddlers' World of JK Public School Kunjwani with full zeal and fervour. This festival symbolizes the end of darkness and rooting out the evil forces.

Children came beautifully dressed up in ethnic wear as lord Krishna and Radha. Songs and Bhajans related to Janmashtami festival were sung by the kids.

Children from grade I and II performed a colourful and mind boggling dance performance and held everyone captive.

Shivangani Pandotra (Coordinator 'Toddlers' World) while addressing the kids spoke about the importance of the day and educated kids about the importance of good work in our lives.

According to her, holy occasions like this bring people together, inculcate the importance of traditions and signify faith and unity. The programme ended with the National Anthem.



Glimpses of Janmashtami festival celebrations at Toddlers' World of JK Public School Kunjwani.

India U-18 Men in Asian Volleyball QFs

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JAMMU: The young Indian team led by J&K boy Kartik Sharma as skipper on Thursday qualified for the quarterfinals stages of the ongoing 14th Asian Men's Under-18 Volleyball Championship at Tehran in Iran.

In their last league tie, India blanked Korea 3-0 (25-23, 25-20, 25-21) thereby qualified for the knock-out stages of the competition, reports reaching here informed.

Now, India shall take on Chinese Taipei in the quarter-finals on August 20 at 10.30 (IST).

Dhurvil Patel, Shekhar Turan, Kabilan and Yaman



Khatik (Libero) played excellently throughout in support with rest of the team. Kartik with his magnificent performance is leading Indian team to the knockout stage.

The office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K

headed by Raj Daluja Patron-in-chief have hailed/congratulated the entire team for their splendid performance in the International Volleyball Championship to glorify the name of India and JK UT in volleyball sports arena.

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JAMMU: ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh launched the new jersey of Media Cricket Club in Jammu. He was accompanied by Anil Bhat Bureau Chief, Press Trust of India Jammu, Vivek Suri, Captain MCC & other senior members of the team.

Speaking at the occasion, Mukesh Singh lauded the efforts of Media Cricket Club for taking such initiatives which will motivate more players from media fraternity to join the club. Mukesh said that media plays a vital role in dissemination of information in the society but despite their commitment to their duties, players of Media Cricket Club are playing

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good professional cricket for last many years with many victories under their belt and that too against star studded clubs.

Mukesh added that players of Media Cricket Club are very passionate for Cricket which he has himself observed while playing

few matches with them under Civic Action program organised by JKP. He wished MCC more success in days to come & assured full support to them.

Rahul Khatri presented vote of thanks and assured ADGP Mukesh Singh that despite paucity of time & commitment to their duties, the team will play good cricket round the year.

Vivek Suri, Rahul Khatri, Amit Kumar, Varun Sharma, Abhishek Baru & Aditya from Media Cricket Club were present at the occasion.

JKCA Blue lifts Sr Men's Multi-Day title as historic cricket event concludes

Manhas, Sethi urge Cricketers to set goals; get there

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JAMMU: Nasir Lone's brilliant century went in vain as Abdul Samad's all-round show and Shubham Khajuria's art with the willow overwhelmed his brilliance to guide JKCA Blue (Jammu Province) to emphatic 9-wicket win over JKCA Orange (Kashmir Province) to lift the title trophy of the Senior Men's Multi-Day Cricket Tournament at picturesque Shere-Kashmir Cricket Stadium Srinagar on Thursday.

The conclusion of this tournament marked an end to the historic 3-month long Talent Hunt 2022 and 'Cricket for Peace' Cup, organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) from the month of April this season.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 160/6, JKCA Orange (Kashmir Province) managed to score 327 runs in 66.3 overs in their

second essay, thus setting a target of 109 runs for JKCA Blue. Nasir Lone showed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up a magnificent century (110), while Sheikh Usaid (66) and Zaman Qayoom (52) were the other major contributors.

For JKCA Blue, Abdul Samad was the pick of the bowlers, who took 5 wickets by conceding 47 runs in 7.3 overs, while Ramdayal took 2 wickets by giving away 84 runs in 15 overs.

JKCA Blue rode on explosive Abdul Samad and gutsy Shubham Khajuria and chased the target easily in 11 overs to help their team register an outright victory by 9 wickets. Both the batsmen scored power-packed 51 runs each, hitting some massive sizes also, besides displaying elegance, grace and brilliance. Suryansh Raina was the only wicket to fall, who was dismissed by Parvez Rasool, his only wicket

in the match.

Shubham Khajuria was adjudged as the best batter; Abid Mushtaq as the best bowler; Nasir Lone as the best all-rounder; Shivansh Sharma as the best wicketkeeper and Vanshaj Sharma as the most promising player of the tournament.

Hemant Kumar Lohia, Commandant General, HG/CD and SDRF was the chief guest on the valedictory function, while Majid Bhat was the guest of honour. Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA; Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA and Majid Dar, Incharge Cricket Activity Development Kashmir were present on the occasion.

While addressing the gathering, Mr Lohia advocated for exploring the raw talent and polishing the existing talent for better performance of the State/UT sportspersons.

He lavished praise on JKCA Sub Committee Members for making the system fair and transparent.

Speaking on the occasion, both Mithun Manhas and Sunil Sethi urged the players to set goals and get there with hardwork and devotion.

While assuring cricketers of providing better infrastructural facilities and platform, they advised them to focus on their game to make it to the higher levels and even to the highest level.

Majid Dar in his vote of thanks, apart from extending thanks to the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and the Sub Committee Members of JKCA, thanked the organising committee and the officiating panel for conducting the event in a befitting manner; besides thanking media fraternity for giving wide coverage to this historic event.

India beat Zimbabwe by 10 wkts in 1st ODI

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HARARE: Shubman Gill and Shikhar Dhawan hit unbeaten half-centuries as India cruised to a 10-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the first ODI to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series here on Thursday. Opting to bowl, Deepak Chahar, who returned to action after nearly six months, took 3 for 27, while fellow pacers Prasidh Krishna (3/50) and Mohammed Siraj (1/36) were also among wickets to bowl out Zimbabwe for 189.

Chasing, Gill remained unbeaten on a stroke-filled 82, while Dhawan was not out on 81 as India romped home in 30.5 overs.

Brief Score: Zimbabwe: 189 all out in 40.3 overs (Regis Chakabva 35, Richard Ngarava 34; Deepak Chahar 3/27, Prasidh Krishna 3/50, Axar Patel 3/24). India: 192 for no loss in 30.5 overs (Shubman Gill 82 not out, Shikhar Dhawan 81 not out).

Members of Tawi Trekkers scale Kang Yatse-II



Four-member team of MAJK (Standing) with members of Tawi Trekkers, who scaled Kang Yatse-II, at Leh.

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JAMMU: Three Mountaineers of Tawi Trekkers J&K, who hold senior positions in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), have scaled the Kang Yatse-II (20500 ft) in neighbouring Union Territory of Ladakh.

While Everest Nirmal Kumar (Superintending Engineer) and Everest Rahul Jarangal (Executive Engineer) were part of the ONGC mountaineering expedition, Kangchanjunga sum-

miteers, Monty Rajkhowa (Superintending Engineer) did it in her personal capacity as a member of Tawi Trekkers J&K, a handout issued by the Tawi Trekkers, here today informed.

Nirmal Kumar, a J&K Government awardee (as an outstanding sportsperson) and a native of district Doda, was the leader of the ONGC mountaineering expedition.

"On return of the ONGC team at Leh from a successful expedition to Kang Yatse-II, the four-member team of

Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK), led by Sumit Khajuria, which is on a mountaineering expedition to the same peak, met the members of Tawi Trekkers J&K in the ONGC team and had an excellent interaction regarding the expedition," said president of the Tawi Trekkers, Ram Khajuria.

Meanwhile, the team of MAJK reached Thochungtse today after a 12 kms trek from Markha and are likely to reach the Base camp tomorrow, a distance of about 17 Kms.

Educational institutions celebrate Janmashtami

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JAMMU: Various educational institutions celebrated Janmashtami, the birthday of Lord Krishna.

To mark the birthday of Lord Krishna, Janmashtami celebration was organized in JK Public School Kathua with



JK Public School Kathua students during Janmashtami celebration.

zeal and fervour. The Krishna and Radha looked adorable in their traditional costumes and the entire area was transformed into a land of joy, celebration and happiness. Beautiful decorations were put to make this event more cheerful and colourful.

Children participated in Janmashtami celebrations by performing Dahi Handi event. Younger children wore Krishna outfit and showed their joy for the festival. Lord Krishna gives us the principle that we must focus on the solutions instead of the problems and also that where there is a will, there is a way. The school follows these principles and instructs the children to do the same too.

Doon International School celebrated Janmashtami with

gaiety. The celebration started with an alluring musical act carried out by the Kindergarten students. To uplift the audience more about the righteous life lead by Lord Krishna, a speech was presented by Maleeha Mushtaq of class 8. The students came attired up as Krishna and Radha and took out an impressive procession and danced cheerfully on the songs pictured for Lord Krishna. A 'Matki Phodo' event was also organized to mark the malicious nature of Lord Krishna in which the students took an active participation in inter-house competition. Out of four houses, Dedication stood first and Determination was declared as second. Principal, Dr Vikesh Kaur accredited the efforts put in by the teachers and merrily presented by the students.

Janmashtami was celebrated at Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar here. The celebration comprised of mirthful performances by the students & staff



Doon International School students during 'Matki Phodo' event.



Chief Guest, I.D Soni lighting ceremonial lamp at IDPS Akhnoor.

members of middle wing including dancees, enactments, Bhajan recitation etc. The most pleasing moments were the enactment of the students showing the various incidents related with the birth of Lord Krishna.

The main guest of the event was Aacharya Piyush Maharaj, who inspired all to establish a society that is just, sensitive and compassionate. However, it was the "Dahi Handi" performance which was undoubtedly the most eagerly awaited moment where students formed a human pyramid to break the earthen pot, laden with curd- a ritual performed on the occasion of Janmashtami. The Director of Pushp Vatika, Risheek Mengi and the Director of RMPs, Rakshan Mengi appreciated the efforts of the students who

presented a beautiful "Jhanki" of the birth of Lord Krishna. Principal, Rameshwar Mengi congratulated all the Shikshaniketains for their exhilarating performance, and spoke at length about the Karma Theory and its true meaning.

Janmashtami was celebrated in IDPS Akhnoor with great pomp and show. The Chief Guest, I.D Soni renowned educationist was received by Chairman Satpal Sharma, Dr Dheeraj Sharma MD and Dr KC Singh Mehta Principal.

Programme started with lightening of Lamp followed by series of cultural programmes presented by different hous-



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es. Chief guest appreciated school management for providing opportunities to students for displaying their talent.

Anish Chopra and Anika Gupta, students of Class II, Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu, dressed up as Lord Krishna & Radha on the eve of Janmashtami.