

# JK Public School Kunjwani organises Patriotic Song Competition

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** An inter-house 'Patriotic Song Competition' was organized on Friday to expose children to music, while also enhancing their social and presentation skills.

The School campus was filled with children brimming with enthusiasm and eagerness to showcase their talent. The students from classes VI-VIII participated in patriotic song competition, therefore, demonstrating love for their country.

The students prepared well for the competition and a wide range of songs were presented. While the choice of songs ranged from the patriotic to the popular, it was interesting that each child had worked hard to comprehend the lyrics and sang the songs with conviction. Their songs invoked a strong sense of patriotism in each one who listened. The room was resplendent with a feeling of belonging and pride. We discovered potential talent in singing from amongst our students and are very optimistic that these students are strong pillars of our school.

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JKPS and Rajesh Rathore, Principal JKPS, were the judges of the event and appreciated the efforts of the participants on their choice of songs, the rendition and the creative skills.



Glimpses of inter-house 'Patriotic Song Competition' being organized at JK Public School Kunjwani.

Inderjeet Kour, School Coordinator, also praised the efforts of students. A total of 100 participants participated in the competition. The Tagore House bagged the first position and the children were judged on various parameters like song choice, music interpretation and so forth. The success of the show could be well judged by the smile on the faces of the students and the teachers.

## MMMD Campaign: Dept of Botany GCW Gandhi Nagar holds plantation drive, pledge ceremony

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The NSS Units and Department of Botany at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar Jammu spearhead the famous Meri Mitti Mera Desh (MMMD) campaign by conducting plantation drive (Vasudha Vandhan) and pledge ceremony.

The "Meri Mitti Mera Desh" campaign signifies the collective commitment to preserve our environment and nurturing a greener, healthier future for generations to come.

The day commenced with a



PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar faculty and students during plantation drive.

ceremonial tree plantation, symbolizing the growth of a shared vision for a cleaner and greener nation.

NSS Programme Coordinator Prof Mala Bhasin, NSS POs Prof Sugandha Mahajan (Unit 1), Prof Anupama Sharma (Unit 2), NSS volunteers plant a variety of indigenous trees, enhancing the biodiversity of the campus and its surroundings that will ultimately lead

to creation of Amrit Vatika of 75 indigenous plants.

Following the plantation drive, a pledge ceremony took place, where students, faculty members, and attendees took Panch Pran pledge and showed their dedication to preserve the environment, reducing their ecological footprint, and promoting sustainable practices in their daily lives.

Prof Mala Bhasin, Head of the Department of Botany at GCW Gandhi Nagar, expressed her excitement about the event, stating, "The 'Meri Mitti Mera Desh' campaign is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage actively in environmental conservation. We hope to make a lasting impact on our community's awareness about the significance of environmental stewardship."

Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal of College appreciated the efforts of NSS team and Dept of botany and said that the event marks a significant step towards fostering a sense of responsibility and ownership towards the environment, and it is expected to be a source of inspiration for similar initiatives in the region.

The faculty of Dept of Botany including Dr Harjeet Kour Sodhi, Prof Samia Hamid, Dr Renu Sharma, Prof Meenakshi Sharma, Prof Swarn Singh and other non teaching staff members were also present during the event.

## Arushi of JKPS Panjtirthi to perform gymnastic on I-Day at Bakshi Stadium

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The proud jakkian, Arushi Gupta of class 8th of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi has been selected for the gymnastic presentation to be demonstrated on the Independence Day function celebration at Bakshi Stadium Srinagar on August 15, 2023. The event shall be graced by the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, who will be hoisting the Tricolour to symbolise the nation's unity and hard-fought freedom.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah congratulated the jakkian and wished her good luck for her performance. She further wished, "May our nation continue to shine as a beacon of hope and unity."



Principal JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah with Arushi Gupta.

## MMMD: NCC cadets of GCW Parade conduct rally, take pledge



NCC cadets and faculty members of GCW Parade taking Panch Pran pledge.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Under the initiative of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, 42 NCC cadets of 2 J&K Girls Bn from GCW Parade, Jammu celebrated the campaign of "Meri Maati, Mera Desh" as a tribute to the martyred brave hearts.

The cadets took a pledge on Panch Pran and carried an awareness rally shouting slogans of "Meri Maati, Mera

Desh" and "Mitti Ka Naman, Veeron KO Vandan."

The cadets also conducted plantation drive in the college and at their homes with their family.

The Principal of the College, Dr S.P. Saraswat, also gave a speech on significance of honouring the martyrs with this campaign and said that pledge encourages the individuals to actively engage in the

activities that help in the uplift of the society. The whole event was conducted under the overall supervision of Principal Dr SP Saraswat and organized by ANO Lt Suman Lata along with staff members Dr Mamta Sharma HOD Sanskrit, Dr Mohd Majeed NSS Programme Officer, Dr Piali Arora, Dr. Mehak Tuptehi and other staff members.

## Miran Sahib girls to face Satwari in U-14 Basketball final

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Miran Sahib Zone shall take on Satwari Zone in the under-14 girls Basketball event in the ongoing inter-zone sports meet of district Jammu, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Shastri Nagar Play fields, here tomorrow. Earlier, in the semifinals, decided on Friday, Miran Sahib beat Marh Zone 10-02 while Satwari Zone defeated Gandhi Nagar Zone 16-02.

Meanwhile, Gandhi Nagar Zone shall be playing against Jammu Zone in the under-17 girls Basketball event, slated for tomorrow. In the semifinals, played today, Gandhi Nagar trounced Miran Sahib zone 16-06 and Jammu Zone defeated Bhalwal zone 20-12. Earlier, district (DYSS) officer, Sukhdev Raj Sharma visited the venue and interacted with the teams and officials.



Chief Guest interacting with players at Jammu.

## District Poonch Taekwondo Championship begins

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**POONCH:** District Poonch Taekwondo Championship under the theme Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organised by District Poonch Taekwondo Association under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association in collaboration with J&K Excise Department and Christ School Poonch commenced here.

The event is supported by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.

Around 200 budding players of taekwondo from different clubs and institutions of district Poonch are participating in the event.

The Chief Guest of the opening ceremony was Mohd Arif, Excise Inspector Poonch which Prempakash Luthra (ret'd) District Youth Services and Sports Officer was the Guest of Honour. The chief guest met with all



Taekwondo players posing with Mohd Arif, Excise Inspector Poonch during opening ceremony of district Poonch Taekwondo Championship.

the players and gave his best wishes to all the participants.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Amit Sharma, Joint Secretary of the Association. He highlighted the achievement of taekwondo in district Poonch. He also thanked Nuzhat Gul, Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council for supporting the players of Poonch. He also thanked J&K Taekwondo Association for providing excellent platform to the players of Poonch.

All the bouts held under the technical supervision of Ashaq Hussain, Vishvas Sudan, Toosef Tahir and Mohd Qasim, all national players and District referees.

# VAJK organises volleyball matches in Jammu, Poonch



CEO VAJK Kuldeep Magotra presenting trophy to winner team at Jammu on Friday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU/POONCH:** To mark the celebrations of the 77th Independence Day, Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council on Friday organized volleyball matches at Jammu and Poonch under the banner of Azadi Ka Khel Utsav, Nasha

Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, My Youth My Pride and Mari Mati Mara Desh-initiatives undertaken by Govt to promote national unity and communal harmony and to eradicate menace of drug among the youth in the country.

At Jammu, an exhibition volleyball match for men was organised by Volleyball

Association of Jammu and Kashmir at Play field Shastri Nagar, here. MA Stadium Volleyball Club outplayed Pinto Volleyball Club Jammu by 2-1 (19-25, 25-20, 15-13) sets in a well contested match which was officiated by Anil and Sahil Sharma.

On the occasion, the artists of Bhartiya Lok Kala

Sangeet Sansthan presented theme based cultural programme and enthralled the audience through their presentation. Besides this, they also administered pledge on Drug de-addiction as per mandate given to them by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India.

The organisers also distrib-

uted sports kits to the office bearers of five best identified volleyball clubs of Kathua, Samba, Jammu and Udhampur districts.

These sports material was provided by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Member of Parliament and founder of KIIT and KISS University Bhubaneswar, through the Art of Giving (AoG) organisation, an NGO.

The office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K namely Kuldeep Magotra CEO, Vijay Magotra Hony. General Secretary, H.S Gill Executive Vice President, R.C Sharma Treasurer, Akbar Ali Office Secretary, Subash Shastri Executive Member, Naresh Kumar Sharma, FIVB Level 1, 2 qualified volleyball coach besides Kamal Sharma President Kathua Volleyball Association, Balbinder Jamwal Secretary Samba District graced the function. Apart from this, Amarjeet Singh, Mulkhraj Sharma



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Poonch.

National Volleyball referee and Anil Sharma Manager Playfield Shastri Nagar were also present. Light refreshments were served to all the participants on this occasion.

At Poonch: an exhibition volleyball match was organized by Shaheed Dy SP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch. The match was played between Shaheed Dy SP Manjit Singh memorial volleyball club Poonch and Poonch volleyball club in which Shaheed

Dy SP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch registered a win with 2-1 (25-23, 24-26, 15-12) sets.

Mohd Ajaz Choudhary DySP Operation was the Chief Guest, who appreciated the efforts of Mohd Tariq, Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch and asked the youth to avoid the bad habits particularly drugs. Others present were Ramiz Tariq FIVB Level 1,

2 qualified volleyball coach, Irfan Ahmed and Imtaiz Mir. Similarly Volleyball Association of J&K is getting reports from all district volleyball units of J&K UT regarding celebration of Independence Day in their respective areas.

President VAJK, Sidharth Daluja expressed his gratitude to all office bearers for their active participation in the current campaign which would conclude on August 15 all over the J&K UT.