

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Janmashtami



Glimpses of Janmashtami celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Janmashtami is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Krishna, one of the most powerful and famous reincarnations of Lord Vishnu.

and festivity at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi. Dressed as Radha and Krishna, the Jakiens added a traditional touch to the entire celebrations while dancing to the beats of Janmashtami songs and filling the air with joy and festivity.

The splendid and colourful performance by the Students depicting the birth of Lord Krishna with a message of victory of good over evil was worth watching. To the delight of the audience, the children performed

a mesmerising dance to the tune of popular Krishna bhajans. The rhythmic movements and colourful costumes left everyone spellbound. Suman Jamwal, the teacher incharge addressed the audience and said "Every

moment of life is worth a Celebration. The more you praise and celebrate life, the more there is in life to celebrate."

The Jhanki of Krishna with the peacock wing at the top made hearts of the audience beat with joy and ecstasy. Images of Krishna's infancy were placed in a cradle. A small skit, signifying Janmashtami's message of encouraging good deeds and discouraging bad deeds, was shown to kids. It was a beautiful presentation with joyous melody and

twirling dancers. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbhabh wished Happy Janmashtami to one and all. She highlighted the significance of this blissful occasion and emphasized on the relevance of Lord Krishna's

teachings. She also advised students to spread love and live in the moment wholeheartedly. The Principal asked few questions to Jakiens regarding the celebration and the winners were rewarded with cash prizes.

MAJK felicitates Ladakh expedition team



MAJK and Tawi Trekkers J&K members felicitating Ladakh expedition team.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A team of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) which recently scaled UT Kangri (6070m) in Ladakh was felicitated in a function organised jointly by MAJK and Tawi Trekkers J&K, here.

Four members of the team, Sumit Khajuria (leader), Shashi Kant Sharma, Sourav Deep Singh and Mallikarjun Singh were honoured by Anil Goswami, retired IAS officer; former Legislator Ashwani Sharma; Rahul Sharma, patron Tawi Trekkers and Parveen Sharma, Chairman, CCBL.

Aryan Oriental Convent Udhampur; St Xavier Jammu, GCW Parade in Jammu and The Shri Ram Universal School, who overwhelmingly participated in the Dharamshalla Himalayan Trekking Programme, were also honoured.

Ranvir Singh Jamwal has the distinction of scaling Mount Everest three times and also highest peaks of all the continents.

She disclosed that one of the members of Tawi Trekkers J&K presently prepares for Everest expedition is going to participate in an expedition to Ama Dablam peak, a formidable peak at a height of 6812 m in the Everest region, in October this year.

To initiate more and more children into adventure activities Tawi Trekkers is also going to organise day-long treks for about 2000 students besides Dharamshalla Heritage Trekking Programme from the first week of October; she added.

While Verinder Slathia, a former Special Secretary and Prof. K Khajuria, Principal, Government Degree College, Purmandal were the special guests on the occasion the other prominent present included Ram Khajuria; Rakesh Goswami, Sushil Chakharria, Prerna Charak, Ananjay Raghav Khajuria, Suksham Verma, Ulfat Khan, Vikas Singh and Vaibhav Sharma.

The function was conducted by Shawetika Khajuria, general secretary of MAJK.

Surjit- Yudhvir share top Bout in Kalakot Dangal



Former Joint Secretary JKSC, Shiv Kumar Sharma posing with wrestlers at other members.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Wrestler Surjit Singh of J&K Police of Reasi and Yudhvir of Delhi shared 70th Dali (Kalakot) Dangal title after the contest between top wrestlers remained undecided in 27 minutes of close contest at village Dali (Kalakote) in District Rajouri.

Cash prize money of Rs. 20,000, jointly given to both the wrestlers, presented by contractor Thakur Randhir Singh, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Swarn Singh and ex-Sarpanch, Ranjeet Singh.

Dangal was organized by Dangal Committee Village Dali Tehsil Kalakot District Rajouri in support with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Swarn Singh (president), Ranjeet Singh, Sukhrib Singh (Pali) and Raspal Singh Mahla.

Contractor Thakur Randhir Singh was the chief guest while former Joint Secretary of J&K State Sports Council and president J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association, Shiv Kumar Sharma presided. Naib Tehsildar Kalakote Mohan Lal, Naib Tehsildar Solki Manoj Kumar and Raspal Singh Mahla, retired Chief Librarian and Yuv Raj Singh, J&K BJP Yuva Morcha leader were the guests of honour.

The second main bout was won by Yuv Raj of Marzali, Akhnoor, who defeated Anil of Reasi. Winner Yuv Raj awarded

with cash prize of Rs. 9,000 while runners-up, Anil got Rs. 7,000.

In third main bout, Subash of Reasi defeated Banu of Akhnoor to receive Rs. 6,000 cash prize runners-up, Banu presented Rs. 5,000. Another third bout, played between Jarnail Singh of Reasi and Abha of Akhnoor ended in a draw with result both the wrestlers shared Rs 10,000 cash prize.

In all, 76 bouts were played in this day-long dangal and the organizers. Members of Dali Dangal Committee included Swarn Singh (president), Ranjeet Singh, Subhrib Singh (Pali), Ratten Singh Dogra, Sukhrib Singh (Teacher) and Dharam Paul.

Aquib Kirmani qualifies Ph.D



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Aquib Kirmani, son of Ishaq Hussain Shah, resident of Village Baila, Tehsil Mandi, District Poonch has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Sociology from University of Jammu.

He worked on the topic, "Socio-Cultural and Economic Consequences of Labour Migration to Gulf: A Study of Poonch District in J&K" under the supervision of Prof. Vishav Raksha.

NMC welcomes Union Govt's nod for Unified Pension Scheme



NMC President Subash Shastri talking to reporters.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) on Monday welcomed the Union Government's nod for the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS).

Extending his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shastri said "I really thank to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on behalf of salaried/working class to take a historical decision on NPS and giving relief to NPS holder."

He further said, "Our demands, including 50 per cent of the average basic pay drawn over the past 12 months of service as pension to employees who joined the service after January 1, 2004, have been fulfilled. It has got the Cabinet nod."

"Those who have retired and are getting low pension due to NPS, their cases will also be reviewed and they will also get benefits," said Shastri.

"The cabinet decision reads that family pension will be 60 per cent plus DA. There has been talk of a minimum pension of Rs 10,000," he said.

The National Pension System is applicable for government employees joining service after April 1, 2004. It was based on the premise of contribution rather than defined benefit applicable for employees prior to the NPS.

He hoped that NDA government at the centre would also take a decision regarding setting up of 8th Pay Commission, releasing of 18 months DA arrears, merging of 50% DA with basic pay pension and increase of pension to 5% 10% 15% of pensioners in their respective age groups, decreasing the time period of computation of pension to 12 years.

Kalal Bn organises friendly matches under Op Sadhbhavna



Kalal Bn officials felicitating winner team.

STATE TIMES NEWS
NOWSHERA: As part of the ongoing Op Sadhbhavna, a friendly cricket match was organized by Kalal Bn between Kalal Village and Seri Village at Kalal Village on Monday, under the Col KJ Singh SM Memorial Cricket Tournament.

The event aimed to promote unity and provide an opportunity for the local youth to engage in sports. The match saw both teams putting up a

spirited performance, with Seri Village emerging as the winner. Despite the competitive spirit, the game was played in a cordial atmosphere, with players from both teams displaying excellent sportsmanship. In a gesture of goodwill, Kalal BN distributed cricket playing equipment to both teams, encouraging them to continue pursuing their passion for the sport.

The event was a huge success, with the local community turn-

ing out in large numbers to cheer for their teams.

Kalal Bn's initiative was widely appreciated, as it helped bring the people of Kalal and Seri villages closer together. Op Sadhbhavna is an ongoing initiative by the army to promote peace, harmony, and development in the region. Through such events, Kalal Bn aims to build bridges with the local community and provide opportunities for their growth and development.

Warm welcome to IM Soham



International Master in Chess, Soham Kamotra according welcome by chess fraternity of Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: India's latest and J&K's first-ever International Master (IM) in Chess, Soham Kamotra was accorded warm welcome by the chess fraternity of Jammu, here today.

A felicitation function was organised to celebrate Soham's distinct achievement at Nek Hotel by the All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) involving senior players and aspiring kids.

Important to mention here that close to his IM rank, Soham achieved the ultimate goal in an event at Dubai.

In the meantime, working president of AJKCA, Atul Kumar Gupta said that Soham's performance will go a long way to motivate younger generation to excel in Chess.

Soham was presented a cash prize of Rs.11000 by his first coach, Vivek.