

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Literacy Day

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JAMMU: Illiteracy is one of the stumbling blocks to progress. The ability to read and write gives individuals greater strength to deal with the world and greater access to information.

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrated World Literacy Day to highlight the significance of literacy, dignity and human rights.

Kiran Gupta, teacher of JKPS Panjtirthi anchored the programme and said, "As we need food to live, we need literacy for social and personal development."

To show the joy of learning and fulfill the mission of literacy, a skit was organised which not only brought smiles to many faces but also was helpful in inculcating the moral values such as generosity, caring, sharing, etc.

A plethora of activities were held to polish their



Glimpses of World Literacy Day celebrations held at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

reading and writing skills. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbha

lauded the theme of international literacy Day 2022 - "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces". She further added, "Literacy is an essential tool

to eliminate poverty, lowering child mortality, population control, and attain gen-

der equality. Literacy not only enriches an individual's life, but it creates opportu-

nities for people to develop life skills." The winners of the ques-

tionnaire round of Literacy Day were awarded by the Principal.

JSS Kathua organises Sahodaya Inter School Poem Recitation Competition

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KATHUA: Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua organised Sahodaya Inter School Poem Recitation Competition for sub-junior level (classes 3rd to 5th) under the prestigious banner of Sahodaya School Complex Jammu Chapter, on Saturday.

It was a smooth and meticulously flowing recitation format which initiated the celebration of ideas and encouraged the growth of creative self-expression apart from oratory skills.

The topic for the Poem Recitation was "India of My Dreams". In all, 29 reputed Sahodaya Schools of the Jammu region all CBSE affiliated participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The objective to organize poem recitation was to develop communication skills and confidence and to remove stage fear among children.

Sunil Kumar Regional Transport Officer Kathua was the Chief Guest and Dr Seena



A dignitary speaking at a programme in JSS Kathua.

Malpota HOD (English) and Vice Principal Govt. Degree College Kathua was the Guest of Honour. The competition was judged by Jury Members comprising Pankaj Khajuria (Assistant Registrar Kathua Campus, University of Jammu), Dr Chetna Gupta

(Assistant Professor, Department of English, GDC, Kathua) and Dr Eva Sharma (Assistant Professor, Department of English, GDC Kathua). The programme was inaugurated with lamp lighting by the venerated chief guest, guest of honour, jury members

and Rohini Aima, Vice Chairperson Jammu Sanskriti Schools, Mili. R Sumbria Principal JSS Kathua along with Harleen Anand, Director Operations JSS Kathua and Govind Ram Sharma, Administrator JSS Kathua. The program commenced with Mantra Uchharan seeking blessings from the Almighty followed by the School Song which was sung by the school choir.

Mili R Sumbria, Principal extended welcome to the gathering and explained how Sahodaya which means rising together is organizing such marvellous events that provide a platform for students to exhibit their innate potential. The first phase of poem recitation which comprised almost 15 schools followed a beautiful and elegant dance performance by the dancing Divas of JSS Kathua which left each one spellbound. This was followed by the 2nd phase of the poem recitation competition which

comprised 14 schools and was followed by yet another patriotic dance performance by the dynamic Sanskritians.

In the sub-junior category, Redit Jamwal from Army Public School Damana bagged the 1st position followed by Drishti Sharma from Sai International School, Hiranagar who ranked 2nd position. The third position was a tie between Kaashvi Gupta from JK Public School, Kathua and Sukhrashi Sambyal from JK Public School, Kinjwani. The consolation prize was shared by Art Rai from Doon International School, Navya Rajput from Army Public School, Akhmoor and Aditya Raina from Army Public School, Miran Sahib. Heartiest Congratulations to all the winners and participating schools as well. Sunil Kumar expressed his immense surprise over the meticulous and diligent performance of the children.

Dr Seena Malpota congrat-

ulated the participants and was excited to see the level of confidence of the students representing the Jammu Region.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Sonia (Deputy Coordinator) of Middle Wing of JSS Kathua who appreciated the efforts of the participants and the teaching fraternity of different schools who worked hard to prepare and mentor these budding poets also for displaying an amazing projection of competence and expression. She extended her heartfelt gratification to all the special guests and the members of the jury for sparing their valuable time and making the event fruitful at the same time as the first and most productive platform for children. The smooth conduct of the entire event was made possible by the valuable contribution of the Principal, Coordinators and entire staff of Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua.

Secy YSS convenes meeting of sports associations

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JAMMU: Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS) and Tourism departments, Sarmad Hafeez, on Saturday convened a meeting to review preparedness and participation of J&K contingents in the 36th National Games to be held in Gujarat later this month. Addressing the representatives of sports associations of different games, Sarmad Hafeez said, "this review meeting has been called to crosscheck our preparations and take note of all possible steps need to be taken to mitigate the concerns of teams and athletes before the prestigious event. Secretary directed the representatives of the associations to ensure proper selection trials before the departure of contingents to the prestigious event in a transparent manner. Sarmad Hafeez apprised the representatives that the Lieutenant Governor is keen to see J&K athletes in action in the "36th National Games" and that he has specifically stressed enhancing the participation of J&K athletes in future events.

Representatives from the associations, while presenting a brief report on their respective teams as well as athletes, informed that various coaching and training camps in the disciplines of Archery Athletics, Cycling, Fencing, Gymnastics, Handball, Judo, Rowing, Shooting, Roller-skating, Wushu and Wrestling, to name a few, are currently being held in both Jammu and Srinagar as well as outside the union territory. They added that progress of each athlete is being closely

monitored by the coaches and specialists before participation in the national event. Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, while speaking on the occasion, apprised that funds for conducting special coaching camps and departure of team J&K to the venue have already been released and the same shall reach stakeholders through direct benefit transfer mode to ensure transparency. Nuzhat Gul said, that a proper ceremonial dress, customized tracksuits along with other gear and equipments shall be provided to the athletes and officials for participation in the national games. Others who attended the meeting included Ranjit Kalra and Rajeev Sharma members of J&K Sports Council, Joint Secretary, Divisional Sports Officers, General Secretary, J&K Amateur Athletics Association, Senior Vice-President Archery Association of J&K, General Secretary Cycling Association, member J&K Amateur Fencing Association, General Secretary J&K Gymnastics Association, representative of J&K Handball Association, General Secretary, J&K Judo Association, representative J&K Rifle Association and General Secretary Wrestling Association J&K. Besides, Dronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo, Dr. Akbar Khan, member of Sports Council, Shafqat Ahmad Watali, General Secretary J&K Water Sports Kayaking and Canoeing Association and CEO of J&K Wushu Association were also present.

LG Rolling Trophy: Cricket trials of Bishnah Zone concludes



Dignitaries and participating players during the trial.

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JAMMU: Pertaining to LG Rolling Trophy, selection trials in the discipline of Cricket for Zonal Level age group 19-35 years organised by Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Bishnah, concluded at Bhatia Cricket Academy Bishnah, here on Saturday.

The trials were organised under the guidance of Sukhdev Raj Sharma, District Youth Services & Sports Officer Jammu and overall supervision of Surbjeet Kour Zonal Physical Education Officer

Bishnah. About 155 boys were drawn from different institutions of Zone Gandhi Nagar during the trials.

Boys from different Panchayats of Bishnah zone were participated in the trail.

ZPEO Bishnah appreciated the staff members for their efforts and also motivated the participants of different Panchayats and also gave best wishes for their future endeavour.

All the field staff members of Zone Bishnah were officiated during the selection trials.

J&K Kalaripayattu Championship concludes



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The 5th J&K Kalarippayattu Championship, organized by Kalarippayattu Association of J&K, concluded with prize distribution function at Carmel Convent School campus, here on Saturday. Participants representing different districts of Jammu, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Reasi, Srinagar, Ganderbal, Budgam, Bandipora, Kupwara, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Doda, Baramulla, Anantnag, Kulgam contested in this two-day competition. Senior vice president of the Association, Gul-E-Surkhab was the chief guest, who along with other guests felicitated the winners with medals and certificates. Among the special guests were Maria Swati (Principal, Carmel Convent School), Pankaj Dutta (Powerlifting Coach), Farooq Ahmed Dar (businessman), Tarsem Sharma, Arshad Aziz, Shabir Ahmad Lone and Dr Navneet Gupta. The Chief Guest appreciated the Association spreading the game to almost all the districts of J&K in a short span of time. The championship was conducted under the supervision of Danish Sharma, general secretary Kalarippayattu Association J&K.

J&K Pencak Silat Cup 2022 concludes

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SRINAGAR: Three-day J&K Pencak Silat Cup 2022 concluded today in Indoor Sports Hall Polo ground, here. The event was organized by Pencak Silat Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under "My Youth My Pride".

The DDC Member, Khonmoh, Aijaz Hussain was the chief guest while Mohammad Iqbal, Manager Sports Council was the guest of honour. Both these guests presented medals and certificates as also other prizes to those Referees and technical officials.



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

The event witnessed a record 900 participation from 16 districts of the Union Territory, a handout issued by the Association mentioned.

Speaking to the gathering, chief guest lauded the efforts

of the Association for involving such a big number of participants from almost every part of the UT. He said that sports was the best way to keep away of youths from drug menace. Nasir Ahmad

Digoo, president, Pencak Silat Association of J&K was the organising secretary. General secretary of Indian Pencak Silat Federation, Mufti Hamid Yasin was also present.





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