

17 SDGs, an Alchemy of producing Future Leaders: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS), Kunjwani is a CBSE affiliated, child-centric, value-driven, co-educational, Senior Secondary school, which enjoys the privilege of being the FIRST CBSE school (direct affiliation) of Jammu. Stretched over a period of three decades, JKPS Kunjwani has emerged itself into a trendsetter, a model of excellence imparting 21st century holistic education to children on its rolls.

JKPS Kunjwani introduced 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to groom students in variety domains.

Members of one of the Clubs, namely, Rajat Sharma Club of Jr. Journalists, interviewed the Principal Rajesh Rathore. Here are the excerpts of the meaningful transaction between the Jr. Journalists (JJ) and the Principal Rajesh Rathore (RR):

JJ: Sir, what inspired you to design 17 SDGs for JK Public School Kunjwani, which reminds us of 17 SDGs of United Nations?

RR: Actually 17 SDGs of the UN stands for the vision of UN at a glance. The impressive circle depicting 17 goals of the UN in the form of coloured sectors always inspired me. I started making list of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for my school and I fixed the number to 17. These 17 SDGs will help us design a blueprint for a sustainable grooming of our students for all the future needs. It will also act as a light-house to set the sail of our ship. We have a comprehensive plan to see its effective implementation in all the domains of school life.

JJ: How will you define the very first SDG, that is, Sound knowledge base?

RR: Knowledge is power in today's world of professionalism and excellence. Knowledge helps an individual understand the world. It gives an upper edge to every gatherer. It paves the way to evolve a well-reasoned perception. It gives us power to equip, energize and empower ourselves. Without knowledge, we can't think vertical, lateral, divergent, convergent, critically, creatively, and judiciously.

JJ: How do you interpret the second SDG, namely, Polished expression?

RR: Every child may not be gifted

with linguistic intelligence. Hence it's the moral duty of every Institution as well as teachers to empower every student in terms of strong communication skills. Inculcation of written and verbal skills are easier, only if one focusses on extensive reading and speaking. Every child must be very sound in English and Hindi both; whether it be written or verbal expression.

JJ: Scientific Quest sounds very interesting. Your take on it. (3rd SDG)

RR: Every natural phenomenon taking place in the universe has got a definite scientific reason behind it. We need to foster the spirit of inquiry and exploration in every child. No individual should be credulous and take anything on its face value unless examined properly and arrived at a conclusion. Scientific quest refers to a critical examination and creative solution. It keeps an individual away from the clutches of superstition.

JJ: How can you impact the 'Mathematical acumen' of students? (4th SDG)

RR: NCF 2005 converges on the idea: how to mathematize the thinking of students. Scoring good marks in Maths may not be the litmus test for an individual to exhibit mathematical acumen.

JKPS focuses on empowering every

child with the requisite tools for

performing the basic operations, namely,

addition, subtraction, multiplication

and division. Dodge tables will be mastered by every child. Teachers are training students for learning mental Maths.

Competitive exams calls for speed and

accuracy in Maths. Hence the mantra at

JKPS today is speed and accuracy to

every child to evolve mathematical

sharpness in them.

JJ: How are you equipping children for 'General Awareness'? (5th SDG)

RR: In today's world, every child must be a well-informed person. Learning of a few concepts from the languages, science, maths, social science and computers will not be suffice. One must broaden the ambit of one's learning. Current affairs, national, international affairs, sports news make an individual well

groomed. Children must be trained for general awareness in a systematic manner. Knowledge is the sum total of myr-



iads branches of learning.

JJ: How much importance will you attach to the acquisition of Computer Skills? (6th SDG)

RR: In today's hi-tech world, every child must be computer savvy. Mastery over the basic operations is expected from every child. One must develop proficiency in variety basic operations, namely, word, excel, PPT and various coding languages. Acquisition of extraordinary skills in computers can be an added advantage and an asset to the organization.

JJ: How are you planning to make your students Environmental Sensitive? (7th SDG)

RR: The most gratifying experience is to make students aware and informed about their future role in strengthening the society and the nation. Matured reflections from students pertaining to environmental sensitivity fills me with pride and admiration. We wish every child to be a green warrior. They must plant some saplings from an early age.

They are being groomed for the judicious use of water and electricity. They are being trained for carbon footprinting. JKPS has tied up with a national agency to emerge a Green school, fulfilling all the points laid down.

JJ: How will you ensure Fitness & Stamina in every child? (8th SDG)

RR: It's truly stated, "catch them young". Children are a bundle of energy. They never feel tired and look forward earnestly every moment to go outdoors to unleash their physical energy. If they

are imparted a befitting training as per their interest area, they can bring laurels to the school. JKPS has taken a pledge to groom every child as an athlete and no child should look obese.

JJ: How can you enhance the Aesthetic Sensibility of a child? (9th SDG)

RR: Every progressive and futuristic institution must instill the elements of aesthetic sensibility in children. Teachers must tap the potential of children in art & craft. They must impart systematic training to children during their formative stages with lot of appreciation.

Praiseful training may activate some dormant skills in children.

Colours, patterns, visualization & spatial intelligence need deft touches from an observant guru. Thus we can enhance the aesthetic sensibility of every child on the rolls.

JJ: What do you mean by Musical Appreciation in every child? (10th SDG)

RR: Music is the elixir of life. Its therapeutic powers are phenomenal. At JKPS, every child is given a sound training for raagas. We are imparting successful training to children in both the domains: whether it be vocal or instrumental. We give equal weightage to classical as well as western music. Let every child develop an appreciation for music.

JJ: What is your strategy for equipping JKians with Life Skills? (11th SDG)

RR: School grooms students not

merely for jobs but for the entire life. JKPS has integrated the components of life skills into its curriculum & adopted the culture in letter and spirit, as suggested by WHO. Each child is being equipped with the tools of self-awareness, effective communication skills, empathy, inter-personal skills, critical thinking, creative thinking, decision making, problem solving, coping with stress and emotions. We wish every JKian to take on the future challenges effectively and emerge a victor.

JJ: Inculcation of age-old Value System is a bare necessity to live a happy life. What is the JKPS advantage? (15th SDG)

RR: Redefining success, the greatest scientist of the 20th century Albert Einstein said, "Success in real sense is giving more to the society than receiving from it". We need GenNext to be groomed with honesty, sincerity, compassion, co-existence, respect for elders, poor & downtrodden. Let every child be a Charity ambassador of the school. In a nutshell, every JKian should be an epitome of what a cultured person aspires to be!

JJ: Holistic grooming is not possible without exposing students to Community Services. Your reflection, please. (16th SDG)

RR: Community service is an integral part of JKPS. We are adopting a village and a few Govt schools, wherein JKians will leave their creative imprints and elevate the standards of grooming for their less fortunate brethrens. Students will also be visiting Orphanages, Blind school, Special schools, Old age homes, Slum areas etc to study the variety strata of the society so as to plan collectively their Community service programmes.

JJ: Inculcation of Patriotism in every child is the earnest need of the hour. How do you sensitize your students? (17th SDG)

RR: As Principal of the school, I'm the loudest, while singing the National Anthem, as it's not a ritual for me but my tribute to thousands of those martyrs, who laid their lives and made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. "Nation First" is one of the taglines at JKPS. Every JKian is committed to pay his/her Income Tax honestly & religiously ahead.

JJ: Thanks a lot sir for sparing your valuable time and for reflecting your vision and strategies behind these 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Your visionary leadership and administrative strategies will certainly put the JKPS Kunjwani on a new trajectory.

JJ: Imparting 21st century Leadership Skills to students is sine qua non for every futuristic school. (14th SDG)

RR: The motto of JKPS Kunjwani is 'Grooming Future Leaders'. Students are empowered with the requisite leadership traits, like, knowledge, oratory, confidence, sense of initiative, courage, creativity, responsibility, social contribution & global citizenship.

My Youth My Pride

Wushu, Judo events conclude in Jammu

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JAMMU: The inclement weather conditions across the union territory of J&K meant that most of the outdoor sports activities were completely or partially affected by the soggy condition however, all the indoor activities went ahead with their business as usual with many players mostly comprising of students reaching to the venues to make maximum out of the holiday.

The Wushu championship, under the special sports initiative, My Youth My Pride, was organized by J&K Sports Council in Bhagwati Nagar Indoor Sports Complex, Jammu. More than 100 participants exchanged fists with their opponents in 63 fights.

Pankaj Kumar Anand,

General Manager of industries presided over the function as the chief guest, while Rajeev Sharma member of the J&K Sports Council was the guest of honor on the occasion.

Pankaj Kumar Anand, while addressing the participants, said "The fights

Devotional Song 'Dhol Bajda' released on eve of Navratras



BJP leader Baba Chanchal and others releasing devotional song 'Dhol Bajda' at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Devotional Song "Dhol Bajda" was released on Sunday on the eve of Navratras. Senior BJP leader Baba Chanchal who was the chief guest on the occasion released the song. Tarika Mahajan, senior journalist also graced the occasion and was also honoured by Baba



Officials posing for a photograph with players in Jammu on Sunday.

against our opponents are a harbinger of fighting spirit in our lives by way of which we shall be able to triumph over any hardship, the more we exert the better the results."

Meanwhile, the Judo event held in the Indoor Sports Complex, M.A. Stadium concluded today.

More than 300 Judokas participated in the event under different categories.

Former Cabinet Minister, Sat Sharma, attended the function as Chief Guest, while Suraj Sharma, General Secretary J&K Judo Association, along with Sheveta Thakur, member of Sports Council

With a message of importance of peace, harmony, empathy and non violence in life, a skit was exhibited by jkians.

Jkian recited slogan "Do not let behaviour of others destroy your inner peace at any cost."

Principal of JKPS Panjirthi Suman Banbhal urged the students to imbibe the value of

Chanchal. The song as sung by Bunti Goriya; produced by Ajay Banal; music director/ music composer RK Parwana; Director/ Choreographer- Sumant Dogra; Video- Tri production; Recorded - Wazir X music (studio); Makup Artist - Sunidhi Badyal; Dance team - Ruchika Khajuria, Geejanjali

Khajuria, Sonia Devi, Amisha Dhabarde, Ajay Kalsi, A Kay Radhey, Lucky, Kuldeep, sporting actors were Sachin Mandla.

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District Kulgam Volleyball Championship from Oct 4

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KULGAM: District Volleyball Championship for boys and girls is being organised by Kulgam District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association J&K with collaboration of J&K Sports Council from October 4 to 5, 2022 at Sports Stadium Akhran. All the volleyball clubs/teams of district Kulgam are requested to contact the Organising body before October 2, 2022. Interested teams/Clubs can register their teams/clubs by sending their team name on WhatsApp 9541644490.

District Rajouri Volleyball Championship from Oct 2

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JAMMU: Relief Commissioner (RC) Migrants and the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) is jointly organising first of its kind sports event in various sports disciplines in the migrant schools from September 28 to October 2, 2022.

This sporting extravaganza is being held in five disciplines of sports including Cricket, Chess, Tug of War, Yoga and Ludo to be played at different venues.

As per the circulars issued by the Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Atul Kumar and District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma, the venues include Sports Stadium Jagti (Cricket and Tug of War), GHSS Camp Roopnagar Muthi (Chess), GHSS Camp Purkhoo (Ludo) and Muthi Camp, Purkhoo Camp & Community Hall L. No-14 Jagti (Yoga).

"Cricket for open category boys will be held from September 28 to October 1, while Tug of War, Ludo and Chess will be held on September 28, 29 and 30 respectively and Yoga will be performed on September 30, October 1 and 2,"

JK Public School Panjirthi celebrates International Peace Day



Glimpses of International Peace Day celebrations at JK Public School Panjirthi.

love, harmony and non violence to live a successful life.

She added, "International Peace day encourages embracing diversity with peace and acceptance.

It was an enriching experience for the students as they realized the importance of unity and peace and I hope that the students will promote peace in all walks of their life."

Kotli Mahajan Sabha organises health check-up camp

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JAMMU: Kotli Mahajan Sabha, Rahari Colony, Jammu on Sunday organised a mega health Check-up Camp for joints (Heap, Knee and Shoulder Replacement) at Kotli Bhawan, here. Arthroscopy Surgeons from Punjab visited the camp and checked about 300 patients free of cost.

The camp was organised under the presidency of Kamal Gupta, President Kotli Mahajan Sabha, Rahari Colony, whereas Rajesh Choudhary (Patron) was also present. Free medicines were also provided to the patients on spot. Free Check-up of knees

up systems by renowned surgeons from Punjab. Other present and assisted in organising the camp include Prof. Ashok Gupta, Aryaveer Gupta, Rajan Gupta, Pradyot Gupta, Sudesh Gupta, Subash Gupta, Vinod Gupta, Dr. R.C. Gupta, Rajeev Gupta, Bimal Gupta and Satish Sharma.

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