

JKPS Kunjwani organises workshop on effective communication for school faculty



Glimpses of workshop on effective communication for school faculty being organized at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: "Effective communication is need of the hour & it is the bridge between confusion and clarity".

With reference to this thought, JK Public School (JKPS) Kunjwani organized a workshop on the importance of effective communication for its school

faculty.

The objective of the workshop was to encourage the teachers to use effective communication skills and strategies as good communication is sine qua non for being an effective teacher.

Founder Director of the Carpe Diem Educational Foundation, Seema Abrol was the resource person for

the session. She has been in the Educational Industry for more than two decades with a proven track record.

The programme commenced with the welcome address by Principal JKPS Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore. He emphasized on the importance of English language, which has become a bare necessity in today's

highly competitive world.

"It's diversified roles, as an International language, link language for the country, library language, business language for the Corporate world & many other features have made it the most sought-after language of the world. Even many Oriental countries like, China, Japan, Korea etc got com-

pelled to run the courses Masters in English in their universities", he summed up.

In the session, resource person Seema laid stress on the importance of good communication skills and the barrier to the communication. She emphasized on the fact that the ability to communicate information effec-

tively, accurately, clearly and as intended is a vital skill for teaching profession. It's what enables a teacher to pass information to other people and to understand what is said. She also deliberated upon the 7Cs of communication i.e. to be clear, concise, concrete, correct, coherent, complete and courteous. Incorporating

these 7Cs definitely yield the desired results.

Through various fun-filled activities like Chinese Whisper and Role Play, she involved all the teachers. It was an interactive session for teachers and they participated with great energy and enthusiasm.

She accentuated on the need to give such platform and exposure to the students for all

round development of their personalities. She shared that effective communication skills is a key factor in deciding our success in professional as well as personal life.

More than 80 teachers from Toddlers, Primary, Middle and Senior Wing attended the session. All the attendees left the venue with innumerable take aways.

JKAACL organises 'Folk Fest' at Sainik School Nagrota

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JAMMU: J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages on Saturday organised a Folk Festival at Sainik School Nagrota, Jammu with an aim to provide a glimpse of rich cultural folk traditions of J&K to the staff and students of the school. At the very outset, Secretary JKAACL, Bharat Singh said that such programmes aim to revive the rich and vanishing vernacular culture of Jammu region. The youth are highly enthusiastic to witness the grandeur of the regional heritage, he said.

Parveen Akhtar A Desai, the first Lady of the Sainik School Nagrota was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In the beginning, Lt. Colonel Amit Kumar, Vice Principal Sanik School, Nagrota welcomed the Secretary, JKAACL with a bunch of flowers. He also welcomed Dr.Shahmawaz, Editor cum Cultural Officer, JKAACL and Anil Tickoo, Assistant



JKAACL artists performing in a Folk Festival at Sainik School Nagrota, Jammu.

Cultural Officer, JKAACL. The renowned artists of Jammu region presented a variety of folk forms like Geetru, Jattar, Haran, Bhakah and Dogri Folk dances. The students were briefed about each folk form. They were told that the Geetru, presented on the occasion by RamDitta & Group, is a dance -song of Dogra - Pahari region of Jammu performed on the occasion of Festivals, feasts and weddings by the rural folk parties. Boys and Girls both participate in

this traditional dance-song form in their traditional costumes. It was followed by Haran by Charan Das Mangotra & Party- a folk-Opera that represents dance and drama in an integrated musical form. This form of Operetta is performed by the village folk throughout the hilly areas of Duggar during the days preceding Lohri. The term Haran means "Deer" the legendary animal that finds its mention in various folk songs especially Heea Haran. Dogri Folk dances were presented by

Astivta Theatre and Musical Group who enthralled the audience. These dances of Jammu are mostly ritualistic in form with fast and rhythmic steps. Bhaakh was presented by Kamla Devi and the party. Dogra Women through their songs deal with the pain of separation. Through Bhaakhs, women give vent to their longing for husbands or beloved. Bhaakh also expresses the pain women undergo being away from their maternal home, their roots, their childhood friends, and how

they deal with their pain.

Jattar was presented by Loknath-Jattar of Mohan Lal and Party. Performance of Jattar takes place in which normally a Dhol is used as a music instrument and the dialogues are to be held in between Nath (Who beat the Dhol) and CheLa (who gives the instructions as Devta) Thali which is put on the top of Garha used as musical instrument followed by the Dhol and the dialogues.

After the conclusion of the event First Lady of the School Mrs Parveenakhtar A Desai in the presence of Mr.Amit Kumar, Vice principal presented a memento to Sh. Bharat Singh, JKAS Secretary, JKAACL for organising such a beautiful event. The Cultural Academy's effort in promoting cultural sensitivities is receiving rounds of appreciation from the art and culture connoisseurs of the region.

Valley Stags Banpora seals T10 Intra-Dialgam Cricket League with emphatic 5 wicket win

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DIALGAM: Valley Stags Banpora on Saturday sealed the first edition of T10 Intra-Dialgam Cricket League by defeating Gousia Colony Super Kings in a close fight that ended up to the last over of the match.

Chasing a target of 51, Valley Stags Banpora lost three early wickets to the pace and spin of Gousia Colony Super Kings, losing Aqib Khurshedon zero in the very first over. After losing Aqib, skipper Waseem Hassan kept cool, took ones and twos to stabilise the innings but didn't kept long, lost his wicket to Shahid. Rakib Farooq who has been declared Man of the Tournament played his natural innings up to the last ball and sealed the finals for his team.



Valley Stags Banpora team in jubilant mood after receiving winner trophy.

Aqib Khurshed was declared Man of the Match for taking four crucial wickets, Rakib Farooq Man of the Tournament and Muneeb Afroz was declared the best bowler of the tournament.

It is pertinent to mention that IDL- 2023 is being

organised by Zubair Basheer, physical education trainer and enthusiast for a drug free society. It is because of his contribution that many young footballers and cricketers of the area have been able to find a place in the national squads of the country.

Dist Level Youth Sports Tournament organised in Samba



DC Samba Abhishek Sharma posing with participating teams and officials.

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SAMBA: The Department of Youth Services & Sports Samba kicked off on Saturday the Inter-Zone District Level U/19 Boys sports Tournament with the presence of Chief Guest, Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma.

The vibrant event, held at the Rani Suchet Singh Sports Stadium in Samba, showcased the unifying power of sports and garnered participation from a whopping 320 enthusiastic young athletes.

The DC emphasized the

importance of sportsmanship and equality in his inaugural address, stating, "No sport is inherently inferior or superior. A single dedicated athlete has the potential to elevate a sport's status and leave a lasting legacy."

The tournament features an array of sports disciplines, including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Tug of War, Badminton, and Cricket. The cricket matches will be held at the Boys Higher Secondary School Kelli Mandi Ground in Samba.

This spirited event not only

promotes physical fitness and healthy competition but also fosters a sense of camaraderie among the youth of Samba. It serves as a testament to the commitment of the Department of Youth Services & Sports Samba to nurture young talent and provide them with a platform to shine.

With the collective enthusiasm of 320 participants and the support of the local community, this U/19 Boys Tournament promises to be a remarkable celebration of sportsmanship, determination, and unity.

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JAMMU: The International Finance and Accounting Conference (IFAC-2023) on the theme, "Reimagining Finance, Accounting, and Banking in A World Under Reset" organized by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), concluded on a grand note on Saturday after two days of insightful discussions and networking opportunities.

The event was graced by dignitaries and led by the Prof. B.S. Sahay, underscored IIM Jammu's remarkable contributions to the conference's resounding success.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Praveen Kumar, Conference Chair at IIM Jammu.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics, IIM Jammu, reinforced the significance of remaining receptive to novel concepts, emphasizing that the academic community must continuously discover



Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay posing with others at closing ceremony of IFAC 2023.

and adopt new paradigms. He urged participants to maintain a robust research pipeline, foster social capital, and facilitate faster growth and collaboration.

Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu emphasized the vital role that participants play in the success of conferences and the importance of integrating theory and practice in education. He underscored the importance of passion in teaching and the need for educators to be fully engaged with their work on mental, emotional, and physical levels.

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Co-Chair, IIM Jammu, presented the conference report and Best Paper Award. He also unveiled the eagerly awaited dates for "IFAC 2024" and disclosed the theme of the forthcoming conference, building anticipation for the next conference.

Concluding the remarkable two-day conference, Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Co-Chair, IIM Jammu delivered the vote of thanks.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Rambalak Yadav, Chairperson, Research, IIM Jammu.

The second day included engaging sessions by Dr. Harsha Jariwala (IIM Jammu), Dr. Mosab I Tabash (Al Ain University, UAE), Dr. Ashish Kumar (IIM Jammu), Dr. Satish Chandra Tiwari (ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad), Dr. Pranith Kumar Roy (IIM Raipur), Dr.Nenavath Sreenu (Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology, Bhopal), Dr. Harish Singla (NICMAR, University, Pune), Dr. Pankaj Agrwal (XLRI), Dr. Eshika Aggarwal (IIM Jammu), Dr.

Arunava Bandyopadhyay (IMI, Kolkata), Dr. Pooja Kumari (IIM Visakhapatnam), Dr. Sarbjit Singh (IIM Jammu), Dr Manu Bansal (IIM Jammu).

Out of over 600 submissions received, a notable 500 were selected for presentation across five prominent themes encompassing finance & economics, accounting & banking, fintech, financial literacy & inclusion, and related fields. Among these, 100 papers were presented in offline mode at the IIM Jammu campus, while 400 papers were presented online. The conference featured an impressive 47 tracks, attracting a robust participation of 650 delegates. This included 120 participants who engaged in the pre-conference workshop, further enhancing the depth of knowledge exchange. The valedictory program was convened on the second day following the successful completion of all presentations.

Inter-CBSE schools Hindi Story Telling Competition held at MVIS



Dignitaries posing with faculty members and participating students at MVIS.

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SAMBA: MV International School (MVIS) organised 'Inter CBSE Schools Hindi Story Telling Competition' for students from classes 3rd to 5th, under the aegis of Jammu Sahodaya School Complex, Jammu.

The student had to choose one of the topics 'Moral Values or Environmental Conservation' for their presentations.

Twenty five prominent

CBSE schools of Jammu, Samba and Kathua participated in this event.

Kewal Krishan, CEO Samba, was the Chief Guest of the opening ceremony while Dr. Vandana Gupta, Principal GDC Vijaypur, was the Chief Guest during the closing ceremony. Special Guests who graced the occasion were Sanjeev Pradhan, Principal APS Samba; Suresh Kumar Khajuria, HOD DIET Samba; Dr. Sheetal Sharma,

Assistant Professor GDC Vijaypur and Vandana Gupta, DIET Samba.

The event was judged by Prof (Dr.) Sania Gupta, GDC Kunjwani Jammu; Dr. Archana Parihar, Sr. Lecturer HSS Sumbh and Nirmala Devi, PGT Hindi KV Samba.

In his opening address, CEO Samba Kewal Krishan congratulated MVIS for conducting the event so meticulously.

Earlier, Principal MVIS Kundan Lal Dogra, welcomed

the guests and participants. He shared that story telling was an ancient art in Indian history and that the same is being used as latest pedagogy in NEP 2020.

First prize was bagged by Ashree Jandial from Heritage School; whereas Moksha Mahajan of Doon International School stood second and the third position was clinched by Dhanyata Verma from Army Public School Sunjwan. First conso-

lation prize was won by Guransh Singh (Jodhamal Public School); whereas Nirmat Sharma (Rich Harvest School) won the second consolation prize and third consolation prize was won collectively by Akshita Sharma (Army Public School Kaluchak), Aarohi Sharma (Kartar Public School Kathua) and Vanya Bagul (MV International School).

The Chief Guest Dr. Vandana Gupta appreciated the participants for putting up a marvellous show that was full of much needed moral values for all. She complemented all participants and winners of the event for their mesmerising performances.

The event was compered by Neha Sharma and students of class 5th namely Harsh Sambyal, Garima Sharma, Ayushi Verma and Sumaira Sharma. The vote of thanks were presented by Cultural Coordinator Navneet Kour.

District Baramulla Volleyball Championship SRM Welkin to face Khelo India Center in women final



Participating women teams posing with dignitaries at Baramulla.

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BARAMULLA: District Baramulla Volleyball Championship being organised by the Baramulla District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council got underway at Indoor Stadium, here on Saturday. Ten matches including six in women section and four in

men section were held today. Ichpaul Singh was the Chief Guest during opening of girls volleyball championship.

Results WOMEN: SRM Welkin beat KHELO INDIA CENTER by 2-0 (25-19, 25-22); GDC Bla beat Spiker Club by 2-1 (25-22, 20-25, 15-13); Khelo India B lost to Glorious Infra by 0-2 (21-25, 22-25); Spartan Bla beat Worries Bla bu 2-0

(25-20, 25-19). In semi-finals of girls section, SRM Welkin beat GDC Bla by 2-1 (25-20, 22-25, 25-22) and Khelo India Center beat Sparton Bla by 2-0 (25-20, 25-22).

MEN: Challenger Seelo beat Syed Roomi Nowpora by 2-0 (26-18, 25-22); Chinnand beat Kh. Bagh by 2-1 (25-21, 20-25, 15-13); Amargarh Volleyball Club beat Khelo India Center by 2-1 (25-22, 23-25, 17-15).