

## JKPS Kunjwani conducts workshop for teachers on National Curriculum Framework: Foundational Stage



Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore familiarizing school teachers of Toddlers' World with the updated guidelines.

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JAMMU: A workshop on the National Curriculum Framework: Foundational Stage (NCFFS) was conducted by the Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore to familiarize the school teachers of Toddlers' World with the updated guidelines and approaches to early childhood education as per the guidelines of NCFFS 2022.

The session focused on understanding the curriculum's principles, the developmental needs of young learners, and pedagogical strategies for effectively delivering content in foundational classes (ages 3-8) with special emphasis over Holistic Progress Card (HPC).

The primary objective of

the workshop was to acquaint teachers with the key components of the NCF for Foundational Stage; highlight the importance of a play-based, activity-oriented approach to learning; enable teachers to design and implement strategies that focus on holistic development of children; provide insights into age-appropriate learning outcomes and milestones & discuss the role of teachers in creating a safe, inclusive, and engaging learning environment.

The NCF Foundational Stage 2022 emphasizes on a child-centered and multidisciplinary approach that focuses on the cognitive, emotional, physical, and social development of young learners. The curriculum is

organized around four key pillars, namely, encouraging learning through play, exploration, and inquiry; activity-based learning - Promoting hands-on experiences to support conceptual understanding; holistic development - Focusing on the development of multiple intelligences, including linguistic, spatial, kinesthetic, and interpersonal skills & learning outcomes - Mapping out specific competencies and milestones for different age groups to ensure children achieve essential foundational skills by age 8.

Teachers were guided to ensure the quality of learning and assess every child quite fairly. Since children learn by listening, watching, and connecting with their teachers,

so teachers must exercise their pedagogic autonomy to plan and organize content, decide the sequence and methods of teaching.

They were briefed to focus on key aspects of designing HPCs, namely, taking pictures and saving them; keeping all resources, as and when, activities happen; making students save their art and craft work; taking feedback from parents regularly; displaying patience and explaining policy frameworks to parents whenever required; filling in assessment sheets based on observations and discussion with students; encouraging students to answer honestly; reflecting and taking notes after every activity; creating opportunities in the class-

rooms in the form of activities to observe competencies and assessing students with an open mindset, keeping the child's age and special needs in mind.

Outcome of the Workshop were quite rewarding and fulfilling. Teachers gained a deeper understanding of the NCF's guiding principles and their implications for classroom practices. Participants learned to incorporate play-based learning strategies, and they left with a clearer idea of how to integrate holistic development goals into their teaching, as per NCFFS 2022.

Teachers were equipped with new assessment techniques to better understand the progress of each child. The workshop fostered a

sense of community among educators, providing them with a network of colleagues to share experiences and resources for future implementation.

Teachers appreciated the hands-on, practical approach of the workshop. Responding to an activity, wherein they were asked by the Resource person to jot down their areas of strength, the list of outstanding features of the teachers at Toddlers' World included being Inquisitive, well-informed, observant, inspiring, appreciative, prompt, patient, supportive, and emotionally connected. The resource person Rajesh Rathore, Principal, JKPS Kunjwani lauded teachers for having almost all the characteristic features of an

inspiring teacher, committed to groom every child for all the future needs. Many teachers highlighted that the insights gained would help in creating a more engaging and inclusive classroom environment, while also making learning more enjoyable for young children.

The workshop proved to be a significant step in helping foundational stage teachers align with the objectives of the NCFFS 2022. It provided them with practical/professional strategies to enhance early childhood education and improve learning outcomes. Continuous professional development through such workshops will be instrumental in the successful implementation of the NCFFS 2022.

## Pant, Gill put India in command with emotional hundreds

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CHENNAI: Rishabh Pant and Shubman Gill cleansed months of hurt, anxiety and disappointments of varying nature with emotional hundreds on the third day to place India in a prime position to win the first Test against Bangladesh here Saturday.

Gill (119 not out) and Pant (109 led the hosts' run glut with an alliance of 167 for the fourth wicket that helped India, overnight 81/3, declare their second innings at 287 for 4 for an overall lead of 514.

Bangladesh showed some spunk in their second innings to reach 158 for four when play was called off at 4.25 pm due to bad light.

They still need a whopping 357 runs for the result to be in their favour.

Skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (51) and Shakib Al-Hasan (5) were manning the crease for the visitors, and the day could have ended on a better note for them have they been a slightly more judicious in shot selection against star off-spinner R Ashwin (3/63).

But let's forget the match situation and those dreary numbers for a while to cast a deeper look into the story of the day.

The hundreds by Pant and Gill stood as a testimony of these two fine young men's will to rise above towering personal obstacles that would have strangled the ordinary.

Pant's turmoil has been widely-documented after that horrifying car crash in December 2022, and the way he reacted after reaching his sixth Test hundred with a two off Shakib Al-Hasan underscored the value he attached to the knock.

## SVEEP initiative promotes voter awareness through U-19 Girls Volleyball Championship



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: The District Youth Services and Sports Office (DYSSO) Samba, under the leadership of Director General Rajinder Singh Tara, inaugurated Inter-District Divisional Level Volleyball Championship for Under-19 Girls on Saturday at

Government High School Jatwal. The event is being supervised by DYSSO, Dharmvir Singh and marks the celebration of youth sportsmanship and empowerment.

Chief Education Officer Kewal Kumar was the Chief Guest, while other guests included Ekshu, Assistant

Director Handloom and District Nodal Officer SVEEP. Their presence added prestige to the occasion and encouraged the participants.

In her motivating address, the Nodal Officer SVEEP urged the students and athletes to actively participate in sports and fulfill their

democratic responsibility. She emphasized the power and importance of vote and urged participants to spread awareness about the same. She also encouraged the audience to report any instances of drug consumption to the police or district administration to promote a healthier, drug-free society.

The championship witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 83 girls forming seven teams from various districts of the Jammu province. Their dedication, energy, and team spirit set the tone for an exciting tournament.

The DYSSO extended heartfelt congratulations to all the participants and winners for their exemplary sportsmanship.

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan, celebrated the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh with great enthusiasm. A special assembly was organized to honor the achievements of the last ruler of the Princely State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The program began with floral tributes to Maharaja Hari Singh's portrait, presented by Principal Gaurav Charak, Vice-Principal Anku Charak, and other key staff members, including Ravi Sadhu and Akashdeep Raina. Students Nandini, Tanisha from class 10B, and Dishu from 6th grade delivered speeches on the Maharaja's life history, providing insights into his contributions.

The celebration included a



Humanity Public School students performing cultural item.

delightful poem recited by Prachi (5G), Pehal (7G), Manya (UKG), and Akshay (LKG). Students from classes 5, 6, and 7 performed a melodious song, directed by music teachers Mr. Rajan Kumar and Mr. Kumar Abhilash, which filled the atmosphere with joy. Tiny Toddlers showcased a mesmerizing Dogri

dance, adding to the festive spirit. Pre-Primary teacher Mrs. Rajni Charak emphasized the significance of the day in her speech.

In his address, Principal Gaurav Charak spoke about Maharaja Hari Singh's legacy, urging students to embrace and preserve the Dogri language. Vice-

Principal Anku Charak highlighted the Maharaja's good deeds for his people, inspiring students to appreciate their heritage.

The program was beautifully hosted by 10th-grade students Chummun and Snover, making the event a memorable tribute to a beloved leader.

## BSF School organises counselling cum interaction session



IG BSF Jammu Frontier, D.K. Boora presenting a memento as a token of appreciation to Sarah Rizvi, IPS.

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JAMMU: BSF Senior Secondary School Jammu organised a counselling cum interaction session in the school's auditorium for the senior students of Class XI and XII.

Sarah Rizvi, was the Chief Guest cum Resource Person on the occasion. The programme was chaired by D.K.Boora, IG BSF Jammu Frontier.

Sarah Rizvi, IPS, had a thor-

ough interaction with the students. She emphasised on the three key points- Time Management, Discipline and Physical Fitness. In her address, she shared her incredible journey with the students. She motivated the students to focus on their studies and channelise their energy in positive direction. In an effort to help the students stay motivated, she gave them a slogan "Prepare for the worst and Hope for the Best!".

Students had one on one Interaction with the resource person. They were curious to know about her successful career. The session proved extremely rewarding for the students.

The programme was coordinated by Dr S.K Shukla, Principal BSF School Jammu.

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## CUJ organizes events during Hindi Fortnight

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Hindi Fortnight, organized by the Hindi Cell and the Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages at Central University of Jammu (CUJ), a series of events have been taking place.

Among these, students performed a play titled "Chief Ki Dawat," while the Viraj Kala Kendra presented a play on the theme "Gumshuda Sant Ki Talash."

Both performances captivated the audience, leaving everyone visibly moved.

In addition to the plays, after the inaugural ceremony, inter-college essay, speech, and original poetry competitions were held, with participation from students of various government colleges in the Jammu region. Winners of these competitions were honored with cash prizes.

During the play event's opening, Prof. Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Department of Hindi and Other Indian Languages, welcomed all the artists. Dr. Priyanjan, Assistant Director, Hindi Cell, pre-



CUJ faculty posing with students during a programme.

sented vote of thanks at the end of the program. All performers were honored for their contributions. The event was coordinated by Dr. Shashikant Mishra, Associate Professor of the Hindi and Other Indian Languages Department.

## Jammu crowned champion in U19 Boys Kho-Kho Tournament



Winner Jammu team posing with dignitaries after receiving trophy.

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KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Kathua, concluded the Inter-District Division Level U19 Boys Kho-Kho Tournament, with District Jammu emerging as the champion. In an exhilarating final match held on Saturday, Jammu defeated Udhampur by 6 points.

The tournament kicked off with the first match between Udhampur and Kathua, where Udhampur triumphed over Kathua by 5 points, securing a

place in the semifinals. In the first semifinal, Jammu showcased their skills by defeating Kishtwar decisively by an inning and 5 points.

The second semifinal featured Maharaja Hari Singh's trophy to the Jammu team, while the second and third place trophies were awarded to Udhampur and Poonch, respectively.

This tournament not only highlighted the athletic talents of the participants but also fostered a spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie among the teams.

champions. Poonch finished in third place after narrowly defeating Kishtwar by 1 point.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Sunil Singh Sambyal, presented the winners' trophy to the Jammu team, while the second and third place trophies were awarded to Udhampur and Poonch, respectively.