

# Thrills and spills of Teachers' Day celebration at JKPS Panjtirthi



Glimpses of Teachers' Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite imagination and instill love for learning. JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi wore an air of festivity and merry making on the celebration of Teachers' Day.

Music, fun and laughter seemed to pervade the air. Teachers' Day was celebrated at JKPS Panjtirthi to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan with incredible gusto and zeal.

Jakiens highlighted the loving and heart warming relationship that a teacher and a student always share at JKPS. They further entertained the teachers through role plays, singing and dance performances.

The most awaited and exciting segment of the celebration was the Teachers' felicitation ceremony. The Principal Suman Banbah wished Happy Teachers' Day to one and all and expressed, "I am proud to be associated with the group of teachers who are determined, disciplined and hard working."

She added, "Teaching is one of the noblest profession that creates all other professions." She delivered a talk about the desired personality traits of a teacher; impact of a disciplined teacher on a child, tips for Time management, benefits of punctuality, tips for flawless teaching and perfect copy corrections".

She further commented "I believe that the motivated staff is always more productive and more efficient and evaluating the competency and performance of the teachers is very much required to promote their professional growth and to raise the standard and quality of education." To give teachers their well-deserved credit and recognition and appreciation, the Principal herself discretely selected 20 best teachers of the year and felicitated them with cash prizes.

On the occasion the Principal reviewed, analysed and spoke about the qualities, traits, talents and achievement of each teacher individually.

## Arushi wins medals in Commonwealth Chess C'ship in Sri Lanka

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JAMMU: Arushi Kotwal, a Woman Candidate Master (WCM) from Bhaderwah in Doda district, has made history by winning medals in the Commonwealth Chess Championship held recently in Sri Lanka. The daughter of the soil won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Rapid Chess Championship 2024, held from August 31 to September 1.

She secured this top honor while competing against tough international opponents. Arushi's stellar performance placed India in a dominant position in the Rapid format, with the country winning 13 gold medals, 13 silver medals, and 7 bronze medals overall. Sri Lanka followed with 1 gold, 3 silver, and 9 bronze medals, while Singapore and Zambia each won a gold medal. In addition to her success in the Rapid category, Arushi also won a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Blitz Chess Championship, held on August 29. Arushi's remarkable achievements highlight her consistent excellence in chess and have brought significant recognition to Jammu and Kashmir. India continued to shine in the Blitz category, securing 11 gold, 15 silver, and 8 bronze medals. Sri Lanka followed with 5 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze medals, with Zambia adding 1 gold to the tally.

This edition of the Commonwealth Chess Championship saw participation from five countries: India, Mauritius, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Zambia. A total of 282 players competed across 18 different categories, making it a highly competitive and prestigious event. Arushi's accomplishment is especially significant as she became the first player from Jammu and Kashmir to win a medal in the Junior (U-20) category in any Commonwealth or international chess championship, including Asian or World competitions. Earlier this year, in January 2024, Arushi also won a bronze medal at the All India Inter-University Chess Championship, held in Gujarat. Currently, Arushi is pursuing her Master's degree in Political Science at the University of Delhi, balancing her academic pursuits with her passion for chess. Her achievements not only bring pride to her family and state but also inspire young athletes and chess players across India.

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## JK Bank to face Gokulam in Climate Cup final



J&K Bank teams posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: The top football side of the UT, J&K Bank (JKB) shall be playing against two-time I-League Champion when they meet Gokulam Kerala FC in the final of the Climate Cup 2024 at Ladakh. In the semi-finals, JKB made it a solitary goal win against North East United (Reserve). The only goal

came through Akif Reshi, who was later declared man of the match to be presented Rs 10,000 cash prize. Earlier, in a preliminary round of quarter-finals, J&K Bank defeated blanked Ladakh Football Club 4-0. The J&K Bank is led by Shahnaz Iqbal and Manzoor Dar as coaches.

## Birpur Warriors Club bags Softball title



Winner team receiving trophy from dignitaries.

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SAMBA: Birpur Warriors Club today lifted the men's title while women's trophy went to Women's Club in the District Samba Softball Championship which was organised by District Samba Softball Association at Government Higher Secondary School grounds, Sadyal, here. Vansh Charak awarded with title of Best Athlete of the championship for his allround performance. In the finals and closing function, Principal of the host school, Dr Anju Gupta as chief guest, who presented the title trophies and other individual prizes. Rahul Singh Jamwal, Reetu Sharma, Proshtam Chand, Sarita Bandral were other prominent among the guests, a handout issued here informed. Joint secretary of the J&K Softball Association, Padam Dev Singh congratulated the winners and runners up teams in different age groups. The event was sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC). The technical panel comprised Ghar Singh, Vikram Singh and Jaskaran Singh. **The Results:** MEN: Birpur Warriors, winners; Purmandal Rangers, runners-up and

GHS School Birpur remained 3rd. WOMEN: Women Softball Club, Birpur, 1st; Preeminent Institute School, 2nd and GHS School, Sadyal, 3rd. JUNIOR : Boys: Young Taught Softball, 1st; Spikers Softball Club, 2nd and Friends Club, 3rd. Girls: Wais Club, 1st; Hard Dier Club, 2nd and Peak Vision Club, 3rd. SUB-JUNIOR: Boys: TDS Academy, 1st; Dare Softballers, 2nd and HAWKS Samba Club, 3rd. Girls: Unique Sporting Club, 1st; Royal Softball Club, 2nd and Angels Softball Club, 3rd.

Dr. Ritu Pallavi, Assistant Commissioner (Training) from KVS Headquarters, New Delhi, inspected this NSM competition and provided proper guidance to the participants and also inspected the food, stay arrangements. I.S. Kushwaha (AEO), KVS Headquarters, Sudhakar Dubey (Inspector), KVS Headquarters and Vivek Singh (Technical Coordinator), New Delhi made this competition the memorable one by appreciating the efforts of the Organizing and Executive Committee. Amit Walter, Senior Principal of the Jammu Region escorted the dignitaries to various venues. In hockey (U-14) Mumbai Region triumphed over Gurugram by a convincing performance of 4-0 while Jaipur defeated Patna by 3-0. In another match, Chennai defeated Gurugram by 8-0 in a convincing way. In Hockey (U-17), Bhopal outplayed Patna in a one sided match by 3-0 & Bhubaneswar was outclassed by Ranchi by 5-0. Bengaluru got a convincing victory over Delhi by 2-0 while Jaipur skills paid off in a one sided match against Lucknow by 5-0. In the Kabaddi matches being held at Moulana Azad Memorial Stadium, Jammu, in U-14, in a very tight match between Jabalpur Region and Gurugram, Jabalpur defeated Gurugram by 24-23. In another closely fought contest, Chennai emerged victorious against Patna by 37-36, Lucknow celebrated a well deserve victory against Jammu by 34-19 while Jabalpur outshined Jaipur by 28-19. In other match, Ranchi emerged victorious against Delhi by 42-25. In Kabaddi (U-17), Bengaluru thrashed Lucknow by 45-39 while Gurugram region defeated Kolkata by 31-28. Team Dehradun vanquished team Jaipur by 30-15 while Chennai defeated Delhi by 35-34 in a very close contest. Nagendra Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, KVS, Regional Office, Jammu visited both the venues. He encouraged the players and expressed satisfaction after reviewing the facilities of transportation of players from stay venue to playground, medical facilities, food, sanitation and stay arrangements etc. Islam Khan, Assistant Commissioner, KVS RO Jammu and In-charge of the ongoing National Sports Meet 2024 in Jammu Region also visited the venues and interacted with the participants and escorts from different regions. He expressed invaluable blessings and best wishes along with satisfaction about the over-all arrangements for this National Sports Meet, 2024. Furthermore, he also instructed the officials, principals for its smooth conduct ahead and grand closing ceremony to be held in the respective stadiums.

## Raiders Rock & Hockey Handlers shine in 53rd KVS National Sports Meet 2024

### Girls power on field to shuts out opponents

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JAMMU: The 4th day of the 53rd KVS. National Sports Meet (Girls) was full of excitement, thrills and sportsmanship as the girls displayed their power and excellent sports skills in Hockey and Kabaddi matches being held at K.K Haku Stadium and MA Stadium in Jammu. Dr. Ritu Pallavi, Assistant Commissioner (Training) from KVS Headquarters, New Delhi, inspected this NSM competition and provided proper guidance to the participants and also inspected the food, stay arrangements. I.S. Kushwaha (AEO), KVS Headquarters, Sudhakar Dubey (Inspector), KVS Headquarters and Vivek Singh (Technical Coordinator), New Delhi made this competition the memorable one by appreciating the efforts of the Organizing and Executive Committee. Amit Walter, Senior Principal of the Jammu Region escorted the dignitaries to various venues. In hockey (U-14) Mumbai Region triumphed over Gurugram by a convincing performance of 4-0 while Jaipur defeated Patna by 3-0. In another match, Chennai defeated Gurugram by 8-0 in a convincing way. In Hockey (U-17), Bhopal outplayed Patna in a one sided match by 3-0 & Bhubaneswar was outclassed by Ranchi by 5-0. Bengaluru got a convincing victory over Delhi by 2-0 while Jaipur skills paid off in a one sided match against Lucknow by 5-0. In the Kabaddi matches being held at Moulana Azad Memorial Stadium, Jammu, in U-14, in a very tight match between Jabalpur Region and Gurugram, Jabalpur defeated Gurugram by 24-23. In another closely fought contest, Chennai emerged victorious against Patna by 37-36, Lucknow celebrated a well deserve victory against Jammu by 34-19 while Jabalpur outshined Jaipur by 28-19. In other match, Ranchi emerged victorious against Delhi by 42-25. In Kabaddi (U-17), Bengaluru thrashed Lucknow by 45-39 while Gurugram region defeated Kolkata by 31-28. Team Dehradun vanquished team Jaipur by 30-15 while Chennai defeated Delhi by 35-34 in a very close contest. Nagendra Goyal, Deputy Commissioner, KVS, Regional Office, Jammu visited both the venues. He encouraged the players and expressed satisfaction after reviewing the facilities of transportation of players from stay venue to playground, medical facilities, food, sanitation and stay arrangements etc. Islam Khan, Assistant Commissioner, KVS RO Jammu and In-charge of the ongoing National Sports Meet 2024 in Jammu Region also visited the venues and interacted with the participants and escorts from different regions. He expressed invaluable blessings and best wishes along with satisfaction about the over-all arrangements for this National Sports Meet, 2024. Furthermore, he also instructed the officials, principals for its smooth conduct ahead and grand closing ceremony to be held in the respective stadiums.



Participating teams posing for a photograph with Dr. Ritu Pallavi, Assistant Commissioner (Training) from KVS Headquarters, New Delhi and others.

## Radha, Diksha, Shahnaz win sprint gold in Reasi

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REASI: Radha Devi, Diksha Devi and Shahnaz Akhter emerged as fastest runners thereby secured gold in the day-long district level athletics meet of school going girls in three age groups of under-14, under-17 and under-19 at General Zorawar Singh Stadium, here today. The event was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Reasi as part of the annual calendar of activities. Now, the selected athlete shall represent district Reasi in the upcoming UT level athletics meet of the DYSS. The young athletes were complimented and felicitated by the district (DYSS) officer Reasi, Tarsem Singh in the presence of Incharge ZPEO Asha Devi. **The Results:** UNDER-14 year: 100 mtrs: Shahnaz Akhter (GHS Kheralair), 1st; Samreen (GMS Upper Seela), 2nd and Zubaba Bano (GMS Darmari), 3rd. 200 mtrs: Shagufta Kousar (HS Kambal Danga), 1st; Priyanka Devi (GGHSS Reasi), 2nd and Pooja Devi (GHS Kheralair), 3rd. 400 mtrs: Ruksana (GGHSS Khairlair), 1st; Janvi (GMS Lower Seela), 2nd and Anuradha (GGHSS Reasi), 3rd. 600 mts: Shenza Akhter (HS Kheralair), 1st; Kushi Devi (Lower Seela), 2nd. Long Jump: Samreen (GMS Upper Seela), 1st; Janvi (GMS Lower Seela), 2nd. Shot Put: Veerta Devi, (GGHSS Reasi), 1st; Palak Dogra (GMS Dheerti), 2nd. Discuss: Simran Devi (HSS Khairlair), 1st; Shagufta (HS Kambal Danga), 2nd. High Jump: Tania Kousar (GMS Kayala), 1st; Robina Kousar (HSS Kambal Danga), 2nd and Pallavi Devi (MS DIET), 3rd. UNDER-17: 100 mtrs: Diksha Devi (HSS Panasa), 1st; Bhumi Sharma (HSS Katra), 2nd and Pooja Devi (HSS Salal), 3rd. 200 mtrs: Meenakshi (HSS Panassa), 1st; Eva Thakur (Gurukul Public Reasi), 2nd and Priyanka Devi (GGHSS Bharak), 3rd. 400 mtrs: Aarti Devi (GGHSS Reasi), 1st; Shivali Devi (Kotli Bhaga), 2nd and Geetanjali Sharma (GGHSS Dadooa), 3rd. 400 mtrs: Haseena Bhukari, (HSS Bharakh), 1st; Ruksana Bibi, (HSS Panassa), 2nd and Manvi Sharma (GHS Sirah), 3rd. Javelin: Vanshika Devi, (HSS Poomi), 1st; Kritika Thakur (GGHSS Reasi), 2nd and Shruti Bharti (GHS Sirah), 3rd. Shot Put: Ruksana Bibi, (HSS Panassa), 1st; Fargula Bibi (HSS Gran), 2nd. Discuss: Sneha Devi, (HSS Khairlair), 1st; Simran Bhagat (GGHSS Reasi), 2nd. High Jump: Madhvi Sharma (GGHSS Reasi), 1st. UNDER-19: 100 mtrs: Radha Devi (GGHSS Poomi), 1st; Gouri Chib, (GGHSS Reasi), 2nd and Geetika Sharma (GGHSS Reasi), 3rd. 200 mtrs: Nazia Kousar (HSS Panassa), 1st; Ankita Devi (HSS Arnas), 2nd and Rubena Athler (GGHSS Reasi), 3rd. 400 mts: Shaboo Devi, (HSS Arnas), 1st; Antra Kumar (HSS Ransoo), 2nd and Vishali Kanathia (HSS Katra), 3rd. 800 mts: Anjali Rajput (HSS Kotli Bhaga), 1st; Freena Kousar, (HSS Panassa), 2nd and Ranju Devi (GGHSS Reasi), 3rd. 1500 mtrs: Anjali Rajput (HSS Kotli Bhaga), 1st; Parveen Akhter (HSS Panassa), 2nd. 3000 mtrs: Payal Devi (HSS Ransoo), 1st. Priyanka Devi (HSS Panassa), 1st; Payal Devi (HSS Ransoo), 2nd and Honey Rajput (GGHSS Katra), 3rd. Shot Put: Kajal Devi, (HSS Arnas), 1st; Shipali Thakur (GGHSS Reasi), 2nd. Discuss: Antra Kumar, (HSS Ransoo), 1st; Geetika Sharma (GGHSS Reasi), 2nd. High Jump: Nisha Devi (HS Kambal Danga), 1st; Lakshita Sharma, (GGHSS Reasi), 2nd and Hansasina Bukhari (GGHSS Bharak), 3rd. Long Jump: Radhu Devi (GGHSS Poomi), 1st and Kajal Devi, 2nd.



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