

SKK holds Award Ceremony for Deaf & Dumb Students

Jammu May 30, 2019: State's well reputed NGO, J&K Samaj Kalyan Kendra, Jammu (SKK) today held an impressive Award Ceremony to honour the toppers and other Divyang (persons with disability) who have excelled in this year's three Board Examinations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had suggested use of term 'Divyang' (divine body) replacing earlier terminology of 'viklang' for persons with disability. Since 2015, the Department of Persons with Disabilities of Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is also called as 'Divyangjan'.

Twenty eight students of the School for Hearing and Speech Handicapped including three blind students were presented with SKK cash awards and shields to six school toppers and M L Kachroo cash award to other 22 meritorious deaf and dumb students. In addition, five members of the SKK and Central Govt Pensioners Welfare Association contributed cash awards to six toppers. They are former Director Radio Kashmir, Jammu V K Sambyal, Patron of Central Govt Pensioners Welfare Association, V P Sharma, former IGP and Advisor SKK, Prem Gupta, General Secretary SKK, J K Vaid and President SKK, K B Jandial.

These awards were presented by the reputed educationist and State Commissioner of J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides, I. D. Soni who was the Chief Guest of the function. The School Topper Awards were presented to Ajaz Ahmad (12th Class), Tania, Sureshta and Manu Sharma (10th class) and Chetna & Bhawana Samotra (8th Class).

Earlier, a group of seven Divyang dressed in colourful attires presented cultural items. They danced to the tune of a popular song with so perfect expression and body actions that it was not difficult to believe that the artists cannot hear the sound of the song. It left the jam-packed hall spellbound.



Deaf & Dumb students of School For Hearing and Speech Handicapped presenting cultural items at Award Ceremony of SKK at Jammu.

This is the second time that the NGO which runs this school to provide free formal and vocational education to deaf & dumb students, has presented cash awards to the meritorious Divyang. Similar cash awards are given to those Divyang who bring laurels to the State in National Divyang sports tournaments. A separate Fund has been created by the NGO for these annual awards.

The Chief Guest, I D Soni in his address lauded the endeavours being made by the SKK, School and the students that have ensured their creditable results overcoming physical deficiencies. Quoting religious scriptures, he said the education is the fundamental requirement for a responsible human being. He offered all cooperation and support to the NGO in promotion of education to these Special Children and offered to enroll them in Bharat Scouts and Guides movement, saying that this regular additional training would be extremely useful in making them strong and helpful citizens besides imbibing positivity in their personality.

Congratulating the toppers and other meritorious Divyang, Jandial said the school is achieving cent percent results in all State Board Examinations with many getting first division for the last three years which should be viewed in the background of their speech and hearing impairment. He said the NGO is undertaking many initiatives like introduction of SMART class to ensure that these Special Children too get quality education. He also referred to the contributions being made by many individual bureaucrats and organisations like Social Welfare and Education Deptts and said the NGO seeks public support in their placement in private sector after they are passed out of the institution.

The Principal of the School, Roshan Bhan presented vote of thanks. The proceedings were conducted by Neelam Sharma.

Among those present included S.S. Wazir, former ADG of Police, Inderjeet Khajuria, Patron of SKK, J.K Vaid Secretary General of SKK, Prem Gupta, M A Anjum, Yoginder Koul, all former IGP, V. K Ghai former DIG, Er. VK Bhagotra, Sr Vice President of SKK, Dr. Shrikant Goswami, B. B. Magotra, SC Rekhi, General Secretary State Retired Officers Forum, M L Sharma, Vice President of SKK.



School Topper Awardees with Chief guest and other dignitaries.