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## SPUR



# **MAKHAN LAL SARAF**

LIVING LEGEND IN ART & ENTERTAINMENT

akhan Lal Saraf-srinagar born, self-taught, senior-most, sought after actor of the valley manifested into a Theatre Producer, Director, A-grade Radio Artiste, Television actor, Empanelled Producer (PBBCI), outside Director (DDK Srinagar) and a popular Playwright - with dozens of Plays, Documentaries and Tele-films to his credit besides being the author of two books on dramatics one of which is in the syllabus of Kashmiri Department, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

He has the credit of having produced and directed works of reputed playwrights, on stage, like Ali Mohd.

Lone, Pushkar Bhan, Sajood Sailani, G.R Santosh, Moti Lal Kemmu, Bansi Nirdosh, Avtar Krishen Rehber and

Hriday Kaul Bharti. All of which brought him:

- 1) Production Awards for all the plays he produced
- 2) A medal for "Best Acting" by J&K Government
- 3) Five best Acting Awards by J&K Academy
- 4) Two playscript Awards by J&K Academy
- 5) "Natya Saman" from Allahabad Natya Sangh
- 6) Recognition as Actor/Director by Bakshi Memorial Society
- 7) Recognition for "Life Achievement" by Sadiq Memorial Society
- 8) Award for "Life time Achievement" by Jehlim Art Society
- 9) Best Play Award-Inter-college Drama Festival 1994

Mr. Makhan Lal Saraf is a popular name amongst the masses in Kashmir valley - for his contribution in Radio plays as a voice and as Actor in Television plays and serials - through DDK Srinagar and Kashmir Channel. He has acted in the very first Kashmiri films - 'Manziraat' and 'Mehjoor' besides in a serial programme for small screen directed by Sham Benegal.

Mr. Saraf has grown under the guidance of Shri. R.K Braroo and Shri. Pran Kishore, with whom he traveled throughout the country and performed in Trivanthpuram, Bangluru, Madras, Calcutta, Lucknow, Chandigarh, New Delhi - through J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages with operatic form of plays directed by Pran Kishore. He is on the penal of adjudicators for Drama festivals organized by the Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and teaches in workshops as well.

He is a member of a number of socio cultural organizations in and outside the state of Jammu and Kashmir, like UTKAL Sanskritik Sangh, Allahabad Natya Sangh, Sanat Nagar, Sanskritik Sangh – Hyderabad/Bhartiya Natya Sangh. Mr. Saraf is an active member (Executive Member) of EKTA - Kashmir Theatre Academy. His articles on Drama appear in varied journals published by Sangeet Natak Academy, Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Srinagar, Nagrad ADBI Markaz, Oxford Press, New Delhi, etc. His popular stage plays are

#### **PRODUCTION AWARDS:**

**1.** GRAND REHEARSAL - 1967 **2.** TALAASH - 1969 **3.** BE CHUS TSOOR - 1970

**4.** FUNDBAAZ - 1971 **5.** INSAAF - 1972 **6.** AKNANDUN -1974 **7.** BADSHAH - 1975

8. DR. FA STUS - 1976 9. NARKAPURI - 1978 10. YES LAGI TAS LAGI SARKERI - 1983

**11.** BAAZGUSHT - 1994 **12.** TAQDEER SAAZ - 1967, a Trend Setter Production **13.** BUS AKH TAMAH **14.** KUS LOG DAVAS

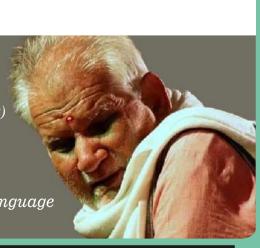


#### **FOUNDER**

- 1. "Rungmunch", Srinagar 1966 (Regd.)
- 2. "Kashmir Theatre", Srinagar 1973 (Regd.)
- 3. "Bhoorang", Jammu 2008 (Founding Member)

#### **BOOKS AUTHORED**

- 1. From Actor to Artist in English
- 2. Drama Movement in Kashmir in Kashmiri language





### Ten Lessons from the Story of the Ant and the Grasshopper

We all have heard the anecdote of "The Ant and The Grasshopper". Once there was an ant who was very busy collecting grains for winter season. At the same place was a grasshopper who was dancing like as if there will never be any end to spring and autumn. He even offered the ant to dance with him, but she refused and got busy with her work. Soon, winter approached. The ant had plenty to eat and survive the harsh winter. But the grasshopper was starving as he had not gathered any food. Nor did he find any shelter. He approaches for help to the ant. The ant first lectures him for his carelessness and then offers him food and warm blanket. The story ends here. It's a small story with so many lessons. I found these ten inspiring things from the story:



- 1. Hard work always pays. The ant had enough food to survive through winters all due to her hard work.
- 2. There should be work-life balance. The ant was only working and the grasshopper was simply dancing. This extreme behaviour needs to be replaced with a balanced one.
- 3. Being kind is more important than being right. The ant would have been right in not helping the grasshopper, but her kindness won our hearts.
- 4. In life we work hard like ant throughout our life to lead a life of comfort at the old age. Definitely, we must work hard and save often when we are young to be financially independent when we are old.
- 5. The ant teaches us to be proactive. Instead of procrastination, being proactive is always an important step to an effective and successful life.
- 6. There is abundance in this universe, even so much to help the grasshopper who didn't gather anything.
- 7. The grasshopper was brave enough to ask for help from the ant who had earlier warned her. We sometimes need to admit our mistake and seek help.
- 8. Hope sustains life. The grasshopper hoped that ant would help him and the ant hoped that grasshopper . would have learned his lesson.
- 9. Sharing what you have with others will not make you poor but will win you a friend.

I believe that the grasshopper and the ant would have become life long friends. The ant must have taught the grasshopper hard-work and the grasshopper would have taught the ant some moves.

By: Parminder Kaur (PRT English)

### Value Yourself

A speaker started off his seminar by showing a \$20 to the public. He asked the people "Who wants this?" There was no surprise to see that all of them lifted their hands. He offered to give the money to one of them but insisted that he will do something to it. He crumpled the paper money and showed it again to the crowd and repeated the question. Still, everyone raised the hands. He then put the money into the ground and stepped on it and then raised it again and offered it to the public. The people gathered there still showed interest to take that money despite seeing how dirty the note was. He told the public" No matter what I did to this money, you all still want this. You all went in favor of my offer just because the value of the money never decreased despite what all I did to it. Similarly, value yourself despite the painful conditions or failures"



#### Moral:

Believe in yourself and work hard to achieve success. Value yourself irrespective of the failures or obstacles and don't degrade yourself just because of the temporary setbacks.



# EARTH DAY













To sensitize the children to become the crusaders for environmental conservation, IDPS organised the 'Earth Day Special Assembly'. It was moving and insightful to witness such strong messages on

'Save the Environment -Save Earth'

being presented by IDPIANs through creative presentations. 'Our Children are Our Future' and we all need to do our bit to contribute to the environment positively, for that will be one of our best investments we will ever make for our children.















## VIRTUAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WITH MALAWI



To foster cultural understanding by exposing students to different customs, languages, and perspectives, a virtual foreign exchange was organized for students of Grade IX with Malawi.















The students got a platform to enhance their language skills as they immersed themselves in a foreign language environment.



### **RAMNAVMI: SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**

The greatness of a culture can be found in its festivals. **Ram Navami** is considered to be one of the auspicious festivals in India and is celebrated on the last day of **Chaitra Navaratri**. On this occasion, a special assembly was conducted by the students of IDPS from all the blocks.

























## Rama Navami

ama Navami is the day on which Lord Rama, the seventh incarnation of Lord Vishnu, took birth in human form on the land of Ayodhya. He is the ardha ansh of Vishnu or has half the divinitive qualities of Lord Vishnu. The word "Rama" literally means one who is divinely blissful and who gives joy to others, and one in whom the sages rejoice. Ram Navami falls on the ninth day of the bright fortnight in the month of Chaitra (April/May) (8 days after Yugādi) and coincides with Vasant Navratri or Chait Durga Puja. Therefore in some regions, the festival is spread over nine days. This day, marking the birthday of Lord Rama, is also observed as the marriage day of Rama and Sita and thus also referred to as Kalyanotsavam.





We appreciate all your hard work. Your dedication and enthusiasm create a truly enriching experience for the students. Your efforts make a real difference in their lives.

Thank you for executiving you do.



#### **FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP**

CBSE has taken an initiative to sensitize teachers on the basics of Financial Literacy and the use of Digital Tools that are relevant in the current scenario.

Resource Person for the session Ms. Priyanka Gandotra is associated with CIEL (Centre for Investment Education and learning), BSE (Bombay stock exchange), SEBI (Securities & Exchange Board Of India) and has NISM certifications in Equity Markets and Mutual Fund Distribution.









This training session aimed to enhance the financial literacy skills among educators empowering them with essential knowledge and tools for the subject. Fostering a culture of financial awareness and responsibility within the educational community.

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY: INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY





extremely beneficial for overall health because it is said that 30 minutes of dance class is equivalent to a jogging session. Students enjoyed the Dance session in today's assembly. Special Assembly on International Dance Day was observed to celebrate this beautiful form of art and to cherish other dance forms globally. The students enjoyed the session in assembly.













### **SPORTS**



# 3rd RAVI TIKKU MEMORIAL SPEEDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024



3rd RAVI TIKKU MEMORIAL SPEEDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP -2024 hosted by IDPS JAMMU. The event was organised by J&K Speedball Association wherein 200 participants from across the schools of Jammu gave their wholehearted participation. The chief guest of the event was Dr. Sanjeev Verma (IAS)- Commissioner/ Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department, Special Guest - Mr. Vijay Bakaya (IAS) - Ex Chief Secretary (J&K) and Dr. Narinder Mohan Tikoo , Presiding Guest - Dr. Suminder Singh - Managing Director, IDPS and Pro Vice Chairman, IDPS JUNIORS, Mr. Swaran Choudhary-Managing Director(FINANCE), Ms. Randeep Wazir - Principal, IDPS and Ms. Pooja Malhotra (Founder Patron JK Speed Ball). The event witnessed the presence of the family members of Late Sh. Ravi Tikku who established a legacy in Speedball as a sport. Other revered Guests on this occasion were Mr. Munish Gupta -Vice president JKSBA, Mr. Tarun Uppal, Mr. Sucha Singh (Retd.HOD Sports SMVDU) and the members of JK Speed Ball Association.































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#### **AMAZING FACTS**



Alexander the Great was the first person to be pictured on a coin.



The Greek name for the mosquito is "anopheles," which means good for nothing.



Elephants sing to each other, but their songs are in a frequency too low for humans to hear.



The tallest building in the world is the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, standing at over 2,700 feet.



Giraffes are 30 times more likely to get hit by lightning than people.



Ants don't have lungs.

#### FABLED FURST

#### Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi



R. Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi became the first Indian female physician in the year 1887. She was also the first Indian woman who was trained in Western medicine and the first woman to travel to the United States of America.

# **QU** 72

- 1. What type of fruit is typically used to make raisins?
- 2. What is the capital city of Australia?
- 3. Which ocean is the largest in the world?
- 4. Who was the first President of the United States?
- 5. What landmark symbolizes freedom and stands in New York Harbor?
- 6. What is the capital city of Canada?
- 7. What is the world's largest desert, which is not covered in sand?
- 8. Which river is often referred to as the "Mother of Rivers" and is the longest in the world?

 Grapes 2. Canberra 3. Pacific Ocean
 George Washington 5. The Statue of Liberty 6. Ottawa 7. The Antarctic
 Desert 8. The Nile

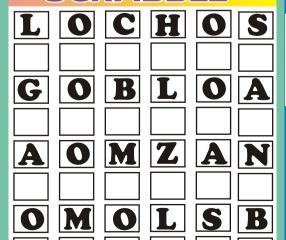
#### **WORD MEANING**

# "Wizardry"

very impressive or ingenious technology or devices: "the car is full of hi-tech wizardry"



#### SCRABBLE





#### Kamal Ranadive

The Unsung Scientist Who Made Science
Accessible to All Women

Padma Bhushan Kamal didn't just set up India's first tissue culture lab, she shaped iconic institutions like the Indian Cancer Research Centre (ICRC) and the Indian Women Scientists' Association (IWSA).

Kamal Samarth, better recognised as Kamal Ranadive, was one of India's trailblazers in early cancer research. In fact, she was probably the first in the nation to propose the correlation between breast cancer occurrence and heredity – which was confirmed by later researchers.

Kamal also happened to be one of the first scientists to pioneer cancer study through animal models which helped to provide amazing insights into the origin of leukaemia, breast cancer and oesophageal cancer. The scientist successfully proved the relation between susceptibility of cancer and the interaction between hormones and tumour virus. Her work on leprosy bacteria led to the discovery of the necessary upgrade on Leprosy vaccine in India.

# QUOTE

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If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.



#### **Current Affairs**

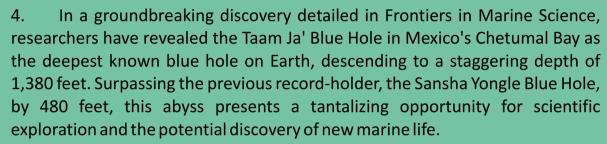
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1. Neeraj Chopra, the reigning Olympic and world champion in javelin throw, started his 2024 season on a strong note, securing a second-place finish in the Doha Diamond League 2024. Chopra's impressive throw of 88.36m on his final attempt fell just 2cm short of Czechia's Jakub Vadlejch, the reigning Diamond League champion and Tokyo 2020 silver medalist.



3. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan Honoured with Honorary Doctorate by McGill University. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, a globally renowned leader in public health and infectious diseases, has been named among the 10 exceptional individuals to receive an honorary degree from Canada's prestigious McGill University during the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies.



- 5. Tamil Nadu's Shyaamnikhil becomes India's 85th Chess Grandmaster. In a remarkable achievement, P Shyaamnikhil from Tamil Nadu has etched his name in the annals of Indian chess history by becoming the country's 85th Grandmaster (GM). The 31-year-old chess prodigy, who embarked on his journey at the tender age of eight, finally secured the coveted third and final GM norm at the prestigious 2024 Dubai Police Masters Chess Tournament.
- 6. Yuzvendra Chahal Creates History by become First Indian Bowler claim 350 T20 Wickets. Yuzvendra Chahal, the wily leg-spinner from Rajasthan Royals, continues to etch his name in the annals of T20 cricket history. In the ongoing edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), Chahal achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first Indian bowler to take 350 wickets in the shortest format of the game.
- 7. Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has been appointed as the National Ambassador for UNICEF India. This prestigious role comes as recognition of her long-standing association with the organization since 2014, where she has served as a Celebrity Advocate.
- 8. Bengaluru's Flying Wedge Defence Unveils India's First Indigenous Bomber UAV. Flying Wedge Defence, a Bengaluru-based defense and aerospace technology firm, recently revealed the FWD-200B, India's inaugural indigenous bomber unmanned aircraft. With a focus on cost-effectiveness and self-reliance, the firm aims to position India as a leader in innovative defense solutions.
- 9. Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor Assumes Command as AOC-in-C, Training Command. Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor has taken charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Training Command (TC) in the Indian Air Force. With over 34 hundred hours of flying experience, he was commissioned into the Fighter stream in December 1986.























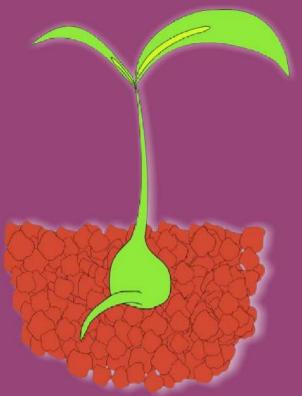
In a vast and bustling forest, a brave little seed named Sam lay nestled beneath the soil. While other seeds around him were content to stay buried, Sam was determined to reach for the sky and experience the world above.

One day, as the rain fell gently on the forest floor, Sam felt a surge of courage. He began to push through the earth with all his might. The journey was tough, and the soil seemed to resist his efforts, but Sam refused to give up.

Weeks turned into months,

and Sam's stem emerged, stretching toward the warmth of the sun. Despite facing obstacles like rocks and tree roots, Sam's determination remained unshaken. His journey upward was slow but steady, and he used every bit of energy to grow stronger. "I want to see the world above, feel the sunlight on my leaves, and sway with the breeze," Sam replied with a smile. "There's so much beauty beyond the soil."

Lily was intrigued by Sam's determination and decided to join him in his journey. Together, they faced challenges and supported each other through the toughest moments.



One day, Sam's efforts were rewarded as he burst forth into the sunlight, his leaves unfurling to capture the warm rays. He marveled at the world around him, the vibrant colors, and the gentle whispers of the wind. Lily soon joined him, and the two friends reveled in the beauty of their newfound freedom.

As the seasons changed, Sam and Lily continued to grow, their roots firmly planted in the earth. Their

branches swayed in the wind, and their leaves provided shelter for creatures both big and small. The forest animals admired their strength and resilience, and Sam and Lily became symbols of courage and determination.

Years passed, and Sam's once small stem had transformed into a mighty tree, its branches stretching high into the sky. The forest was a better place because of Sam's bravery, and his legacy inspired countless seeds to reach for the sky and embrace the world beyond the soil.

Moral of the Story: The story of the brave little seed teaches us that with determination and courage, we can overcome obstacles and achieve our dreams. Just as Sam and Lily's journey led to a stronger and more beautiful forest, our efforts can have a positive impact on the world around us.



This stage of your life – student years – is a whirlwind of possibilities. You're exploring passions, discovering talents, and charting the course for your future. It's exciting for sure, but it can also feel overwhelming at times. That's where this magazine comes in. We're here to celebrate your journeys, big and small. We want to showcase your brilliant ideas, groundbreaking projects, and the unique perspectives you bring to the table. But here's the real key: This magazine isn't just about seeing what others achieve. It's about inspiring you to take action. Feeling stuck? Read about a student who overcame a similar hurdle. Spark an idea? Share it with us, and inspire others! This is your platform to learn, grow, and make a real impact. So, dive into these pages, unleash your creativity, and don't be afraid to challenge yourselves. Remember, every successful person you see started exactly where you are – with a dream and the determination to make it

Believe in yourselves, because we believe in you! Now, go forth and conquer!

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