

33rd Kathua District Junior Volleyball Championship gets underway



Teams posing for a photograph with officials.

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KATHUA: 33rd Kathua District Under-19 Volleyball Championship 2021 being organized by Kathua District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir got underway at volleyball grounds, Government Primary School, Lower Mela, Hiranagar here on Saturday.

On second day of the championship, two more girls teams from Convent School Kathua and Women College

Kathua are reporting thus raising the number of girls teams to six.

Today's Results

BOYS: Pathwal Volleyball Club beat Volleyball Club Mangloor by 2-0; Upper Mela beat Gara Volleyball Club by 2-0; Kattal Gujran beat Bhaiya Club by 2-1; Gurah Mundian beat Chhappar Club by 2-0; Rising Star Club Hiranagar Morh beat Kootah Volleyball Club by 2-0; Volleyball Club Lower Mela beat Shaktipunj Volleyball Club by 2-0.

GIRLS: GLDMDC beat

Women College Kathua by 2-0; and GDC Kathua beat Convent School Kathua by 2-0.

Today's matches were officiated by Prince Mehta, Sahil Sharma, Saurav Sharma, Sahil Sharma, Nitin Sangra MPED and Roshan Sharma Physical Education Director.

Prominent persons present were M.L Toofan, Mohinder Sharma, Attar Singh, Surat Singh, Madan Lal, Ram Lal, Chuni Lal, Kamal Sharma S.P Sharma, Rajiv Sharma Panch, Haiden, Tilak Raj.

DYSS continues cleanliness drive in Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised clean India programme under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav at district headquarters of the DYSS and in the main bazaar of Gandhi Nagar.

The programme was organized under the supervision of district officer (DYSS), Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma.

The drive was initiated by Zonal Physical Education staff of Gandhi Nagar, who col-

lected the single use plastic on their way from district office to Gole Market Gandhi Nagar passing through different roads of Gandhi Nagar and back to District Office Jammu.

The ZPEO Gandhi Nagar, Chander Kanta Sharma speaking on the occasion exhorted upon all the field staff to keep their institutions and localities plastic free.

She also urged them to spread awareness in the society by and large about the harmful effects of single use plastic.

JKCA finalises women's team for one-day tourney

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) today finalised team for the Senior Women's One Day National Championship being organised by the BCCI at Kolkata from October 20.

The team was selected by the senior women's selection committee headed by chief selector, Surabhi Dadeechi and subsequently

submitted to the Sub-Committee of the JKCA.

"In order to give adequate pre-match practice to the team, the Sub-Committee has decided to send the team to Chandigarh to participate in Rama Atray Tournament being held there from October eight to October 12. Apart from the J&K team, the senior women's teams of Punjab, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh shall also be play-

ing in the tournament," informed Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development of JKCA.

Chetan Dhingra is the Head Coach of the team while Abida Nazir Khan has been made bowling coach and Meenu Slathia as fielding coach. Ankita Jhalla is the manager of the team.

The Team: Sandhya Sayal (Captain), Bushra

Need to upgrade sports infra for better results: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Former Member Legislative Council (MLC) and Secretary Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) JKUT, Ch. Vikram Randhawa has demanded upgrading of sports infrastructure in Jammu region for better results by the talented sportspersons.

Randhawa who paid a visit to the Skating Rink of MA Stadium today on the insistence of the parents of children undergoing training at MA Stadium interacted with the children seeking skating training and their parents. The parents and trainees informed Randhawa that the Skating Rink needs to be upgraded for better performance of the players. They also informed that there is only one male coach to train large number of aspirants and fur-



Former MLC, Ch. Vikram Randhawa interacting with players.

ther demanded that more coaches should be appointed so that the trainees may learn in a better way. Moreover, the girl trainees demanded appointment of a female coach to train them.

Randhawa gave a patient hearing to the demands of

the parents and their children undergoing skating training and assured them that all their genuine demands would be taken up with the Sports Council of Jammu and Kashmir for upgradation of Skating Rink as well as appointment of

more coaches to cater the present need of the rising number of aspirants.

He said that the BJP government is committed to promote sports talent in Jammu and Kashmir and all the required infrastructure would be upgraded accord-

Kathak Dance workshop begins in Rajouri

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JAMMU: The three days 'Kathak Dance' workshop inaugurated by District Development Commissioner (DDC) Rajouri, Rajesh Kumar Shavan. The workshop is being organized by Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA), University of Jammu (JU) in collaboration with Himalayan College of Education Rajouri.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC congratulated the organizers for holding such an activity in the border district of Rajouri and offered support for future activities.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal IMFA highlighted various courses by the institution. He further



DDC Rajouri felicitating Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal IMFA.

informed that such kind of workshops will be conducted in erstwhile Doda district, Udhampur and Kathua.

Earlier, Muslim Wani in his welcome address highlighted the contribution of Himalayan Education Mission in promot-

ing Art, Culture and Literature in the entire district of Rajouri. He informed that Himalayan Education Mission has recently started a multi-lingual journal title 'Dabstan-e-Himala' to provide platform for the artist and writers of young generation.

All Deaf J&K Association pays tributes to Gandhi, Shastri

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JAMMU: 152nd Gandhi Jayanti celebration was organised at South Block, Bahu Plaza to honour the Father of Nation on his Birth Anniversary and rich tributes were also paid to Lal Bahadur Shastri on his Birth Anniversary especially for his slogan 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan'.

All Deaf J&K Association led by President, General Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer were present on the occasion to hon-



All Deaf J&K Association members paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

our Bapu. In this connection, Speech was delivered by Vimal Bajaj, representative of the Deaf Association J&K, in which

he demanded enhancement of the pension from Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 for which file is pending with Director Social Welfare

Educational institutions celebrate Gandhi Jayanti



Faculty members of Govt. Degree College Kunjwani lighting ceremonial lamp.

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JAMMU: Government Educational institutions today celebrated Gandhi Jayanti by paying rich tributes to Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi and holding different activities to highlight Gandhian principles of world peace, social justice and purity of mind and soul by imbibing truthfulness and cleanliness.

Government Degree College Ukhral organised an essay writing competition on the theme "Gandhian Philosophy of Truth and Nonviolence" to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr) Ranvijay Singh encouraged the students to cherish and follow the philosophy of truth, unity and harmony as taught by Bapu Ji. A large number of students participated in this program. Principal, staff and students of the college paid floral tributes to the great leader.

GP GCW, Gandhinagar celebrated Gandhi Jayanti by hosting a Cultural Bonanza presented by the NSS volun-

teers, cadets of 2 J&K Girls Bn, and students of Music Department under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Through the mesmerizing music, thumping beats, poems and speeches, students revisited the Gandhian Philosophy. A total of 35 students participated in different events with enthusiasm and exhibited their talent.

Dr. Sangita Nagari, the Principal of the College was the Chief Guest on the occasion. She applauded the students and staff for their efforts in this pandemic situation and guided them to imbibe the essence of Gandhian philosophy of Non-Violence in their life too.

Swachhta Pledge was also taken by the Principal, Faculty and the Students wherein they committed to devote 100 hours per year to do voluntary work for cleanliness and encourage 100 persons to do the same.

Government College for Women Parade: National Service Scheme and National Cadets Corps wings of Government College for Women Parade Ground com-

memorated Gandhi Jayanti and International Day of Non Violence.

Around 25 volunteers of NSS Unit and 25 cadets of NCC participated in the event. The event started with a Swachhta pledge taking ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a visitation to the Darbar-e-aam, Mubarak Mandi to solemnize the event.

An Intra online poster and slogan making competition, on the theme "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world", in the honour of "International Day of Non Violence" were also held, where more than 300 students showed their active participation.

A cleanliness drive was also organized by NSS Unit of the college under "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan", in the college premises to promote a cleaner and healthier environment.

Directorate of School Education Jammu Commemorating the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and 117th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Directorate of School Education Jammu today organised an array of events in schools and offices covering all the 10 districts of Jammu Division.

At district level the programmes which included quiz, debates, plays, skits, songs, painting, poster making, swachhta drives etc. were held under the supervision of the Chief Education Officers of the respective districts, coordinated by the teaching community and other officials at the school level. Swachhta pledged were also administered to the students and officials across the division and students were made aware about the chief principles of Gandhian philosophy such as promoting anity, peace, selfless service, social equity, social justice, cleanli-

ness, secularism, non violence, universal brotherhood etc and his contributions in the freedom struggle.

Students were also reminded of the contributions of Lal Bahadur Shastri and his role in making India self-reliant through the Green and White Revolutions and mobilizing the entire nation with the slogan Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan.

At the division level, a colorful online programme was organised by the Directorate of School Education Jammu through its cultural cell wherein students payed tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri through various art forms.

Master Sandeep Koul from Government Boys Higher Secondary School Sarwal, Jammu and Niharika ,GHSS Birpur, Samba, shed light on the lives and ideologies of the two leaders through beautiful paintings, while Shalhu from GGHSS Kathua, chose singing. Bhumika Mahajan, GHSS Barmeen, Udhampur; Disha Rajput, GMS Chubby, Reasi (Poetry), Manisha Mehra, GHSS Ramban (Singing), Samridhi Sen, GMS Hatta, Kishtwar (Singing). Ashmita Rajput, Doda, (Poetry).. Aarzoo, GMS Bambalkote, Poonch, (Singing) and Saika Kouser, GMHS Palam, Rajouri enthralled everyone by their skill and talent. Supriya Sharma, Cultural and Education cell coordinated the event and Ashutosh Sharma provided the technical support.

The NSS unit of Govt. College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu organized a cleanliness drive with the theme "Clean your Surrounding" to celebrate 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. The event was held under the patronage of college Principal Dr. Sameru Sharma.

She said that on this day Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched an ambitious cleanliness programme -The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan with an aim to fulfill the dream of Clean India as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi.

Indians gained freedom under the leadership of Gandhi, but his dream of a clean India is still unfulfilled.

Mahatma Gandhi said "Sanitation is more important than independence". Many participants took part in the drive and uploaded their pictures while doing cleanliness around their surroundings.

The event was organized by NSS volunteers Mandeep Singh, Sakshi Bhat, Mohd Sami and Jaanvi Sharma under the guidance of NSS Programme officer Dr. Raman Gupta.

NSS Unit 1 of GGM Science College Jammu celebrated Gandhi Jayanti in the campus. In this connection a lecture was organized here today to sensitize the students to raise awareness about the relevance of Gandhian philosophy and to inspire positive approach towards its importance. The webinar was organized under aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav with the theme



SSP Railways, Arif Rishu and other officers taking pledge during Swachhta Diwas Celebration at GRP Jammu.

Swachh Bharat Clean India (village)" under guidance of worthy principle Dr. Ravender Tickoo and supervision of Dr. Narinder Kumar NSS PO.

The ceremony was organized in the presence of the Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and faculty members of Zoology depart-

ment.

Earlier, NSS PO Dr. Narinder Kumar in his welcome address, starts with the famous line 'Simple living and high thinking' and its objective is to transform the India.

The webinar ended with a special vote of thanks by the NSS PO. Tejassvani, Shubham, Poonam, and Palvi spoke on the occasion. Technical support was provided by Rohit in organizing the webinar.

Different educational institutions on Friday celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

The M.Ed. Section and Cultural Club of Government College of Education, Jammu jointly organized an Online Patriotic Song Competition through Google Meet.

Dr Kulvinder Kour; Principal of the college, said that Mahatma Gandhi is the epitome of peace, tolerance and co-existence and he reflects the true fabric of the Indian society, as Indians we need to follow his ideals.

Dr Rajinder Kour, M.Ed Coordinator elaborated upon the patriotic ideas and values of Gandhi.

The judges of the programme were Dr Devinder Kour of GDC Hiranagar; Dr Tahira

Shah of Department of Urdu, and Prof Rubina Yasmeen of GCOE Jammu.

The program was coordinated by Prof Shalini Rana, Convener Cultural Club. The students who played a key role in organizing the event were Sabya, Payal and Yasmeen

ingly. He further said that the Jammu and Kashmir has an immense talent in all fields of sports and as Skating is an individual performance it should be promoted by providing better facilities. He also said that Skating has number of other sports related to it like Polo Hockey etc. and if promoted properly the young buds can bring laurels to the nation.

He also provided refreshment to the children on the occasion and assured all logistic and moral support to them so that they may excel in their field. The parents of the children appreciated the efforts of the former MLC and expressed their gratitude to him.

Divisional Sports Officer, Ashok Singh and Coach Krish Gupta was also present on the occasion.

Romy qualifies M.Phil

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JAMMU: Romy Kumar, son of Tilak Raj and Rattna Devi, resident of G u n n i , T e h s i l Nowshera



District Rajouri, has been declared qualified for award of the Degree of Mater of Philosophy (M.Phil) in Education by University of Jammu. He worked on the topic 'Visual Arts and Performing Arts: A case study of the institute of Music and Fine Arts Jammu' under the supervision of Prof. Renu Nanda.



NSS unit of GGM Science College during a programme.

Choudhary. The winners of the event were Richa Anand and Anjali (1st), Palak Gandotra (2nd), Shakti Rani and Sahaj Sabbarval (3rd).

NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Kunjwani inaugurated three day Celebrations Programme on Gandhi Jayanti. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Hans Raj, Principal of the College by lighting of the traditional ceremonial lamp, followed by floral tributes to Gandhi. On the occasion various activities like singing, poetry recitation etc were conducted by the students.

Besides many students spoke on the relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in the present scenario. Principal of the college in his key note address stressed upon the students to follow Gandhian Philosophy to maintain peace and Communal Harmony. He also advised the students to put their best efforts to make their future bright and enlightened. He appreciated the efforts of organizing committee and NSS Programme Officer Dr. Manjeet Singh for their excellent coordination and successful organisation of Programme. The Proceedings of whole programme were conducted by Sukanya Mahajan and Manjeet Kour, students of semester III of the college. The Programme concluded with vote of thanks by Prof. Baljinder Kour.

Govt. College for Women Bhagwati Nagar celebrated Gandhi Jayanti under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Shikshit Bharat. This day is celebrated to honour the principles and contributions of M.K Gandhi who is also called Bapu especially by children.

The event was started with the floral tribute to Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi by the Principal of the College, Prof. Minnie Sharma and staff of the college. A documentary was shown to the students and staff of the college on "Gandhi Ji - A Great Soul of 20th Century", highlighting the many successful campaigns initiated by Gandhi in his fight against the British rule in India. The documentary exhibited the journey of Gandhi right from India to South Africa and again back to India. To commemorate the birthday of Gandhi a Bhajan Vandana was also organised in which students of the college participated. Prof. Minnie urged the students to follow the philosophy and values of Gandhi like equality, peace, harmony and non-violence. The students of the college also took the pledge to lead a life in peace by following the path of non-violence. The programme was organised by Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Prof. Gagan Jyoti , Dr. Mosmi Raina and Dr. Preeti Salathia.