

JK Public School Kunjwani hosts Jammu Sahodaya event



Glimpses of virtual Inter-School Power Point presentation Competition being conducted by JK Public School Kunjwani under the banner of Sahodaya Jammu Chapter.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Kunjwani organized virtual Inter-School Power Point presentation Competition for Juniors (VI to VIII) under the banner of Sahodaya Jammu Chapter. A total of 25 top notch CBSE schools participated in the event.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr Ashok Sarkar, Dean Academic Affairs of IIT Jammu.

Members of the Jury to judge this competition were Dr Gaurav Varshney, Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science & Engineer IIT Jammu and Prof. Jasbir Singh, Senior Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science & IT University of Jammu.

Other dignitaries present were Pramod Kumar Srivastava, Principal Model Academy and President

Jammu Sahodaya, Vijay Puri, Advisor Shemford Futuristic School and Mentor Sahodaya Jammu, KCS Mehta, Academic Advisor IDPS Akhnoor and Mentor Sahodaya Jammu and the principals of all the participating schools.

Vandana Sharma, Principal JK Public School Kunjwani welcomed the Chief Guest and all other attending the session.

In every adversity, there is

a bright side. The COVID times, while restricting most of our activities have given a boost to technical expertise as was evident by the ease with which the children presented their Power Point presentations.

The programme started with a beautiful and very meaningful video "Prakriti Ke Krandan" setting the tone for the day's topic that was "Dams - A Man Made Disaster".

The students very knowledgeably deliberated upon the downside of big dams like Dam breaches causing devastating floods, displacement of people, disturbing ecological balance, causing landslides, destruction of marine life and so on. They also suggested remedial measures for sustainable development.

There were two interludes in between the presentations. A group song presented by the students and a dance

number set on the famous earth song of Michel Jackson.

Shashi Rattan, Vice Principal JKPS Kunjwani welcomed the Judges and other dignitaries while the programme Coordinator Parminder Kour presented the vote of thanks.

The programme culminated with an oath by the students to take care of the planet and not repeat the follies of their previous generations.

Inter-school competitions of Gandhi Nagar Zone conclude

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JAMMU: Part of the annual calendar of activities, inter-school competitions cum trials of Gandhi Nagar Zone of the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) concluded on Thursday different venues, here.

The whole activity in the disciplines of Fencing, Taekwondo, Judo, Wushu and Table Tennis took place under the overall supervision by Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Gandhi Nagar, Chander Kanta at Shooting Hall and Government High School

complex in Deeli.

In the concluding function, Assistant Director (DYSS), Mool Raj was Chief Guest while District Officer (DYSS) Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma was Guest of Honour.

In total, around 50 boys and girls drawn from different educational institutions of zone Gandhi Nagar participated in these events.

The competition was technically supervised by Varinder Sharma, Mukta Gupta, Ujjwal Gupta, Shifali Gupta, Mousumi Verma, Anthony Matttoo and Tonny Matttoo.



Participants of inter-school competitions posing with guests at Jammu on Thursday.

Rana pays obeisance at Kol Kandoli temple; prays for peace



NC Provincial President Devender Singh Rana during visit to Kol Kandoli Temple.

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NAGROTA: On the auspicious onset of Navratri, National Conference Provincial President Devender Singh Rana paid at Kol Kandoli temple, the first spiritual destination on the ancient heritage Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra route and prayed for peace and tranquility in the country as also in Jammu And Kashmir. He offered prayers and prayed for universal brotherhood besides well being of the

people. Rana felicitated the people on the commencement of Navratras and hoped this auspicious occasion to spread peace and unity and inspire people to rededicate themselves to the service of humanity and the country. "Pray Navratras to bring happiness, peace and prosperity to the people of the country and the State", he prayed. Later, Rana visited the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi to join the pujas and pay obeisance at the Bhawan.

NYKS organises 'Clean India Programme'

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JAMMU: Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh under the leadership of Surinder Saini, State Director, organized 'Clean India Programme' as a part of celebrations under Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav.

In Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, the programme has been started in all the 22 Districts by involving 7573 Youth Clubs under the guidance of concerned Deputy Commissioners, in which Municipalities, Educational Institutes, Religious Bodies, Professional Groups, Civil Societies & Community Based organizations, Sports Federations, NYKS Volunteers, NSS Volunteers, Department of Youth Services & Sports, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj Institutes etc have been involved.

Surinder Saini, State Director informed that Chief Secretary Jammu & Kashmir A.K. Mehta has directed all the Agencies involved in the Clean India Programme to successfully implement the campaign in

the UT.

Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Youth Services & Sports, Jammu & Kashmir and Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Secretary Youth Services & Sports Ladakh has given directions to all the Deputy Commissioners for launching and assisting in the organization of Clean India campaign.

Saini said that A Target of 151,460 Kgs of Single Use Plastic waste has been set up for Jammu & Kashmir

and Ladakh by the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India and up to 6th October, 2021 30255 Kgs have been collected.

The Deputy Director / District Youth Officers of the concerned districts are guiding the Youth Volunteers in taking up the activities in the villages/ Cities/ Historical / religious places to make Clean India Safe India.

CCI condemns minority community killings in Kashmir, urges Govt to deal with situation on top priority

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JAMMU: Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) Jammu has strongly condemned the continuous killings in Kashmir Valley during the past few days especially the three killings in an hour on Tuesday evening and the killing of the principal and teacher today.

In an urgent meeting held at Chamber house under the Presidentship of Arun Gupta along with the office bearers Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta Jr. Vice President, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General and Rajesh Gupta, Secretary in which Arun Gupta said that by targeting innocent people and non locals the terrorists are trying to create fear among them especially among the members of minority communities including Kashmiri Pandits and Sikhs.

Asserting that members of these communities are soft targets for the terrorists, he urged the Central Govt to take serious note of such unabated killings and take stringent action against the culprits to stop such killings before it is too late.

The Chamber of Commerce President said that it is a matter of serious

concern that innocent people are being killed in broad daylight in Kashmir which is a matter that needs to be taken very seriously. He said that although it is an open secret that Pakistan is aiding and abetting terrorism in J&K yet it is the result of anger and frustration among handful of terrorists operating in Kashmir that these terrorists have now resorted to target killings of innocents to make their presence felt and simultaneously creating fear psychosis among the minority community people.

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aimed at unprecedented development of industries and creating unlimited job avenues.

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KATRA: The nine-day long Navratri festival at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine began on October 7th with the commencement of Navratras Shat Chandi Maha Yagya and chanting of Vedic hymns along with other rituals organised by the Shrine Board amid tight security and strict Covid guidelines. Pilgrims paid obeisance at the Sanctum Sanctorum on the first day of Navratras.

"Shat Chandi Mahayagya", organised by the Board at the Shrine, commenced today on first Navratras amid chanting of Vedic mantras. The Maha Yagya is also being telecast on Shradhha MH One channel from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily during Navratras. The Maha Yagya, which is performed at the Holy Cave Shrine during Navratras for peace and prosperity, will conclude with Purna Ahuti on Mahanavami.

K. K. Sharma, Member Shrine Board; Ramesh Kumar, CEO of the Board; Naresh Kumar, SDM Bhawan; other senior officers of Board and a large number of pilgrims were present on the occasion. Like in the past,

Board has made elaborate arrangements to facilitate a much larger number of pilgrims who are likely to visit Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Shrine during Navratras.

These arrangements include round the clock water and power supply, sanitation and cleanliness, medicare and availability of special "fast related" food at the canteen outlets of the Shrine Board. Like in the past, the 'Bhawan' of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji, 'Atka' and the area surrounding it have been profusely decorated with flowers.

Also, as was done in the last year's Shardiya Navratras, this year's other special features of arrangements included bhajan and bhaith performances during Morning and Evening Atka Aarti by the renowned artists.

The CEO interacted with the pilgrims and enquired about the arrangements made by the board to facilitate them. He expressed satisfaction at the arrangements put in place for the pilgrims at Bhawan and Katra. He also informed that the play 'Mata ki Kahani' would be presented by Natrang Theatre Group in the Auditorium of Spiritual Growth Centre at Katra with a limited audience.

The show will also be telecast at different locations through LED screens to avoid large gatherings at a single place and to ensure that a greater number of people can witness the performance in their own personal space.

He underscored that all the activities have been planned to keep in view the pandemic. Many events have been redesigned to minimize public gatherings.



CCI Jammu President Arun Gupta chairing a meeting.

Abhinav elected President of Shopkeepers/Traders Association of JDA Market



Newly elected President Abhinav Anand along with other members.

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JAMMU: Abhinav Anand, Prop of Shop No 10 was unanimously elected as

President of Shopkeepers/ Traders Association of JDA Market, Sector 7, Trikuta Nagar.

2 J&K lifters to attend India camp

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JAMMU: Two weightlifters from Jammu and Kashmir have been selected for conducting 21 days assessment camp at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Lucknow training facility.

The camp shall be held from October 11 to 31 for talent identification in Weightlifting under Khelo India scheme of the SAI.

"It is a matter of pride for J&K that two young boys from the UT, Mohammad Unzer Bhat (67 kg weight category) and Syed Ahtisham Andbari from Kashmir have been selected for the proposed India camp under Khelo India scheme," said general secretary of Weightlifting Association of J&K, Yudhvir Singh on Thursday.

Important to mention here that these weightlifters have been shortlisted for the India camp considering their performance in the last year's Khelo India games.



Ahtisham

Mohammad Unzer Bhat

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