

HAPPY BIRTHDAYLavit Verma
Class:- 1st
D.O.B:- 17-10-2016

JKPS Panjthirthi

HAPPY BIRTHDAYAyan Gupta
Class:- 3rd 'A'
D.O.B:- 17-10-2013

JKPS Panjthirthi

DC inaugurates Shield Taekwondo Academy in Doda**STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan alongwith ACD Doda Fhulail Singh and ACR/ACP Doda Ashfaq Khanji on Sunday inaugurated a fully equipped Shield Taekwondo Academy at Bilal Abad near Sport Stadium Doda under the name of Shield Taekwondo Academy (STA).



DC Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan posing with players and others.

The inauguration ceremony was held in the presence of Patron, District Doda Taekwondo Association, Tariq Hussain Malik and President District Doda

Taekwondo Association Junaid Ali Khan.

DC Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, during the ceremony, congratulated the Founder of the academy, Burhan Ud Din Khan for the launch of this prestigious well equipped academy.

Speaking to the media, the DC congratulated District Taekwondo Association for promoting

Taekwondo across Doda District and he further assured all possible support for the forthcoming National and International Events.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said Mountain biking as an adventure sport is gaining rapid popularity in J&K and such events have played a vital role in popularizing

this sport. He complemented the organizers for holding 'Kashmir Premier Mountain Biking Challenge' in Ganderbal district which will help to popularize the adventure tourism in the district and assured all support from the district administration in organizing such adventure sport events in the district.

The competition was held in various categories like Mens Elite, Masters and Youth Boys.

The culmination ceremony was held at JKTC Cafeteria Mamer during which position holders were felicitated by the Deputy Commissioner

IIT Jammu hosts 3rd Convocation ceremony**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: IIT Jammu hosted its 3rd Convocation Ceremony on the Jagti campus.

On 15th of October, a cultural night was hosted which began with an award ceremony which had Bank of Baroda Achievers Award 2022 for Best Academic Performance, Bank of Baroda Achievers Award 2022 for All-round performance, Prof. S.K. Jain Leadership Award Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, Prof. Ashok K Ahuja Steel Structures Award and Alumni Award for Best New Initiative. It was followed by Institute app release IRA and Cultural activities including Odissi Dance by Kavita Dwibedi, Gori Folk dance, along with a Dogri play "Suno Ek Kahani" by Natrang were performed. Director's Tribal Chair Announcement was also done during the event. Director, IIT Jammu, Prof Manoj Singh Gaur announced the set up of Tribal Chair at the institute. The objectives of the Tribal Chair are; to collect, transcribe, digitize, disseminate tribal culture of Gujjars & Bakerwals. On 16th of October the institute's Chairman Dr. Sharad Kumar Sarf, Director Manoj Gaur along with Registrar; members BOG and Senators were present at the event. Dr. G Satheesh Reddy who is Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri Government of India was the Chief Guest for the event and Hitesh Oberoi who

is Co-promoter, MD and CEO Info Edge India Limited was the Commencement Speaker.

The event began with a tree plantation drive led by the chief guests followed by a welcome message by Registrar Rajkumar Manjhiwal.

The Chairman gave the students the mantras for leading a successful life. Dr. G Satheesh Reddy encouraged the graduating students towards fulfilling the vision of AtmaNirbhar Bharat whereas the director congratulated the graduating students and highlighted all the important events of the past year. A total of 128 candidates of Indian Institute of Technology were awarded Bachelor of Technology Degree, 48 candidates were awarded Master of Technology Degree and 4 candidates were presented by Doctor of Philosophy. The President Gold Medal was awarded to Siddharth Srivastava from Civil Engineering. Director's Gold Medal was awarded to Abhishek Keshri from the Mechanical Engineering department and the Institute's Gold Medal for M.Tech was awarded to Mrigank Jha.

Abhinav Sharma, Mathi Saini, Daksh Chauhan, Rishabh Ranjan, Abhishek Keshri were presented with the Institute's Silver Medal for Bachelor of Technology. Animesh, Parth Dharmendar Kumar Pathak, Navjot Kumar and Vipul Raj were awarded with the Institute's Silver Medal for Master of Technology.

Over 200 traditional wine shopkeepers of Jammu have

reportedly lost their business in the e-auction and have been alleging that the trade has been taken over by the "liquor mafia" from outside Jammu and Kashmir through proxy bidders.

However, Sharma said there is no scope for any wrongdoing and the e-auction was done in a transparent manner as the e-auction of vends and the excise portal is being governed by J&K Bank as a third party nodal agency.

"We can assure that 100 per cent licences have been issued to the domiciles of J&K and there is no person from outside who is holding a licence of wine shop," he pointed out.

Over 200 traditional wine shopkeepers of Jammu have

reportedly lost their business in the e-auction and have been alleging that the trade has been taken over by the "liquor mafia" from outside Jammu and Kashmir through proxy bidders.

However, Sharma said there is no scope for any wrongdoing and the e-auction was done in a transparent manner as the e-auction of vends and the excise portal is being governed by J&K Bank as a third party nodal agency.

"We can assure that 100 per cent licences have been issued to the domiciles of J&K and there is no person from outside who is holding a licence of wine shop," he pointed out.

He further said the overall revenue collection has registered a substantial increase over the past few years.

"Earlier, the annual target which we used to achieve in excise was Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,300 crore. In 2021-22, we achieved a revenue of Rs 1,773 crore, while we are expecting a revenue of Rs 1,900 crore by the end of the

current financial year," the commissioner said, adding over Rs 919 crore has been realised this year till September.

On criticism of the Jammu and Kashmir administration for authorising departmental stores to sell beer and other ready-to-drink beverages in urban areas, Sharma said the excise policy has the objective to bring a transition among booze drinkers from high content alcohol to low content harmless drinks.

"The low content alcohol beverage is beer (5 per cent by volume) and we want to promote such types of drinks because it is in the interest of the tourist destinations... to ensure that there are no complaints of non-availability of liquor from the visitors."

"Jammu and Kashmir is home to the world class tourist destinations like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg and Patnitop... As far as tourist destinations are concerned, we are little liberal and we are ready to facilitate those who want liquor licences at such destinations," he said. (PTI)

Time to develop integrated models of medical teaching: Dr Jitendra

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking, as chief guest, at the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) on Sunday.

duce Yoga and Ayush studies in the same premises.

IMS ranks among India's top five Medical Institutes, noted Dr Jitendra Singh and said, the Institute in BHU imbibes the spirit of integrated and holistic approach where the students can access all the medical streams in a single campus.

Elaborating further on the integral and unique nature of medical professionals, Dr Jitendra Singh said, India's medical fraternity is being hailed across the world, particularly after the COVID pandemic.

He said, at a time when the medical practitioners across the world were taken by surprise by an unusual catastrophic event in the form of COVID pandemic, it was India's medical professionals who not only geared up

overnight but also commendable reoriented themselves to defeat the challenge in a manner that it has set an example before the rest of the world to follow. Aided by an integrated ecosystem, it was India which not only came out with the first DNA vaccine but also provided it to the rest of the world, he added.

While in the beginning of the pandemic, said Dr Jitendra Singh, the world was apprehensive that a disaster outbreak in a populous country like India would pose threat to other countries as well, it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focussed approach and day-to-day monitoring which helped India perform better compared to several European countries with less than half of India's popula-

NOTICE

I, Amita Kumari W/o Vijay Kumar R/o H.No 38 Dogra Hall, Jammu state that my name has wrongly been written as Anita instead of correct name Amita Kumari in my daughter Garisty Lakhotra Class 7th under Roll No. 19 school record. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to Principal S.P Smart School Exchange Road, Jammu within 7 days.

NOTICE

I, Abishek Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar Mother Name Darshana Devi R/o Village Palpora PO Mawa Tehsil Rajpura, Samba-184121 have lost my Passport bearing No. U3589621. Now I am applying for duplicate of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

NOTICE

I, Gulshan Sharma S/o Suraj Parkash Mother Name Veena Devi R/o Village Supwal PO Sujwan, Samba-184120 J&K have lost my Passport bearing No. S8787771. Now I am applying for duplicate of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

Kashmir Premier Mountain Biking Challenge flagged-off

DC Ganderbal, Shyambir flagging off cycle race from Stadium.

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal and Director Tourism Kashmir, Fazlul Haseeb on Sunday flagged off 45 Km off road cycle race from Madri Meharbaan Stadium Ganderbal to Mamer Sonamarg in which around 100 cyclists from different states including J&K, Haryana, Delhi and Bihar participated.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said Mountain biking as an adventure sport is gaining rapid popularity in J&K and such events have played a vital role in popularizing

this sport. He complemented the organizers for holding 'Kashmir Premier Mountain Biking Challenge' in Ganderbal district which will help to popularize the adventure tourism in the district and assured all support from the district administration in organizing such adventure sport events in the district.

The competition was held in various categories like Mens Elite, Masters and Youth Boys.

The culmination ceremony was held at JKTC Cafeteria Mamer during which position holders were felicitated by the Deputy Commissioner

Beer at departmental stores part of initiative to discourage high content alcohol: Excise Com**'All liquor licences issued to domiciles of J&K'****STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Dismissing accusations about the liquor mafia having taken control of the trade in Jammu and Kashmir after the introduction of e-auction, a top excise official said 100 per cent of the liquor licences for wine shops have been issued to domiciles of the Union Territory with revenue realisation touching an all-time high of 217 crore this year.

Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma also defended availability of beer and other ready-to-drink (RTD) beverages at departmental stores in urban areas, saying "the step is part of a policy initiative to encourage transition from high content to low content harmless alcohol." Talking to PTI here, the official said this year, the J&K excise policy has been issued with major emphasis on facilitating the opening of vends at tourist destinations so that the holidaymakers do not face any difficulty in having access to booze.

After the introduction of e-bidding and e-auction last year, he said 279 liquor vends were e-auctioned and the highest bidders were given the licences, generating a revenue of Rs 217 crore to the government exchequer against Rs 123 crore the previous year.

"The revenue generated is huge compared to the period before the introduction of the e-auction when only Rs 6 to 7 crore used to be realised on account of the annual renewal fee of the (wine shop) licences," he pointed out.

Over 200 traditional wine shopkeepers of Jammu have

Hundreds participate; thousands watch 'My Youth My Pride' sports events across Jammu**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A series of sports activities were held across the district headquarters of the Jammu division in which hundreds of participants were seen competing with each other. The participants were supported by their family, friends, and sports lovers at almost all the venues.

"Sport is a systematic process through which a child acquires knowledge, experience, wisdom, skill and sound attitude to progress in a lifetime", said Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director of tourism, while addressing the participants of the lawn tennis championship held in M.A Stadium, Jammu.

"The special sports initiative My Youth My Pride has earned national recognition now and this is an acknowledgment of the success of the program at all levels," she added.

Sunaina Sharma presided over the function as chief guest. More than 60 players from different clubs of Jammu district took part in the event which was supervised by Satish Gupta, Manager of the Indoor sports complex.

The chief guest was also apprised about the functioning of 23 indoor sports complexes at the district level besides 40 Khelo India centers and the progress of 948 ongoing sports projects.

Earlier, the welcome address was presented by

Rajiv Sharma, a member of the Sports Council. Others present on the occasion were Deepak Singh Lawn tennis instructor, Vinay Sharma and Divyam Gupta, besides players and parents.

Meanwhile, a Tug of War Championship was organized in Government Modern Higher Secondary School, Ramtan.

Kewal Krishan Sharma, the Principal of the school along with Dharamveer Singh, District Sports Officer, Ramtan attended the function as special invitees.

The participants whose number was fifty were very excited to be part of the event.

The Guests, while applauding the efforts of the Sports Council, appreciated the enthusiasm of the students. The Organizing Committee thanked dignitaries adding a note of appreciation for the beauty of the scenic Ramtan and the support of locals for conducting the event smoothly.

A Tug of war event was also organized in Islamia Farida HSS of district Kistwar.

In other games, a Gatka event was organized in the sports stadium Kathua. Sardar Charanjeet Singh, President of the district Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, along with Sarpanch Kathua and Dr JS Soodan, Physical Director of Government Degree College

Kathua were special guests on the occasion.

In the day-long competition, Dilpreet, Kamalpreet, and Kuljeet won gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively in the U17 category, while Maanamrit, Harsimran, and Jasdeep bagged first, second and third place in the U19 category.

In the U22 category, Manpreet and Kamaljeet won gold and silver medals, respectively. Ravinder Singh, General Secretary Gatka Association J&K supervised the event technically, while Amarjeet Singh, Lovepreet Singh, Simranjeet Kour, and Tarandeep Singh officiated the matches.

Khelo India Korfball Center along with Sports Council conducted the Korfball event under My Youth My Pride at the sports stadium Samba in which team Vijaypur prevailed over team Samba.

Additional Superintendent of Police Samba, Surinder Choudhary presided over the function as the chief guest. The event was supervised by a team headed by S.P Singh, Manager of MAM Stadium, Jammu, and Manjeet Singh KIC korfball coach officiated.

A Kabaddi competition was also held at GHIS, Kund Kanyari, Reasi in which more than 70 participants from different classes of the school participated.

which is sent to different parts of the country and abroad as well. Beer worth more than Rs 700 crore is exported from the Union Territory.

The commissioner said J&K Special Whisky continues to register the highest sale with over 1.06 crore bottles sold by September this year, followed by over 53 lakh bottles of Indian made foreign liquor (IMFL).

Asked whether the department plans to open more liquor vends at tourist destinations amid a record footfall of 1.62 crore visitors this year, he said, "We have to facilitate the tourist destinations... to ensure that there are no complaints of non-availability of liquor from the visitors."

"Jammu and Kashmir is home to the world class tourist destinations like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg and Patnitop... As far as tourist destinations are concerned, we are little liberal and we are ready to facilitate those who want liquor licences at such destinations," he said. (PTI)

SR College conducts JKAS Mains Test Series**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: SR College has started a test series for the aspirants preparing for the 2022 J&K Combined Competitive Mains Examination conducted by the JKPS in the college at Gandhi Nagar.

SR College of Competitions has been guiding civil services aspirants since the year 2000 and a number of students coached by the college have made their

entry into the final lists of various coveted services like LAS, IFS, IPS, IRS, IFoS, JKAS, JKPS, KCS and many other national and state level services.

The test series for Mains 2022 comprises 10 sectional and 04 full mock tests of General Studies and 4 sectional and 2 full length tests for each Optional. The students are also being provided with explanations and doubt clearing classes by the evaluators and

the strategy to complete the paper in time and to put more content in less time by resorting to flow charts and diagrams.

"The response was very encouraging and the tests are scheduled every Sunday and Wednesday. Further Full Mock Tests at the end will help the aspirants in getting their preparation assessed and evaluated," said Neha Sharma, Office Coordinator.

Transportation and Logistics: Place your trust in next growth engine