

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Tourism Day with fanfare



Glimpses of World Tourism Day celebrations held at JK Public School, Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Tourism plays a significant role in improving a nation's economy and enhancing its image. The World Tourism Day was celebrated at JK Public School Panjtirthi with much exuberance. Jakiians participated with

zeal & joy besides speaking vigorously about the best places of India enunciating on different States and their significance regarding famous places of visit, culture, clothing, cuisine, Language, amusement parks, museums and other cultural

venues that attract tourists.

Dressed up in exuberant attires representing different States, Jakiians splendidly connected with the audience to exhibit vast culture and heritage of India. The importance of maintaining the monu-

ments and keeping the surroundings clean was well illustrated through an edifying skit by Jakiians, which sensitized audience to honour and preserve their mother earth. Highlighting theme of World Tourism Day 'Rethinking Tourism',

Jakiians added that the theme highlights the need to revamp how the world thinks about tourism. Speaking on the occasion, Principal of JK Public School, Panjtirthi Suman Banbah expressed, "The desire to explore new places and cultures has

helped the world to come together and connect effectively. The purpose of celebrating this day is to make Jakiians aware of tourist places around the world. Travelling is all about exploring, learning and embracing, that adds more meaning to life."

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises Lecture on human organ & tissue transplant, donation



A resource-person delivering lecture at GCW Bhagwati Nagar.

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JAMMU: GCW Bhagwati Nagar on Tuesday organised an extension lecture on Human Organ and Tissue Transplant and Donation in collaboration with SOTTO J&K. (State organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation). The program started with a welcome address by Dr.Pavanjeet

Bali, Department of English who introduced the resource person of the day and highlighted his achievements in the field.

Speaking on the occasion Principal of the college Dr.Meeru Abrol addressed the students and discussed, as well as, motivated the students towards this noble cause, wherein precious lives

can be saved if, we act as aware and responsible citizens of the nation.

The Resource person for the day was Dr. Sanjeev Puri, Joint Director, SOTTO J&K. The areas under discussion other than Organ /Tissue donation and transplant were Green Corridor etc. The myths pertaining to the issue were deliberated upon by the resource person and all the minutest details related to the topic under discussion were conveyed to the students. The lecture was indeed an eye opener for the audience and broadened their horizon towards life.

Anshu Sharma, Consultant (IEC/ Media, SOTTO)and Mr. Irfan Ahmed Lone, Transplant Coordinator, SOTTO J&K were also present on the occasion.

The programme was organised by Prof.Anju Bala and Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Nodal officers of Red Ribbon Club of the college.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof. AnjuBala, Department of English.

Jammu bags Men, Mixed Tug of War titles



Chief Guest interacting with participating teams.

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JAMMU: Hosts District Jammu clinched both Men and Mixed 4+4 titles in the two-day IV Senior UT Tug of War Championship held under the banner of J&K Tug of War Association at Unique Public Higher Secondary School Gadi Garh grounds, here today.

In the Men 600 Kg final Jammu defeated district Kulgam 2-0. Earlier, in the semifinals, Jammu beat Doda district 2-0 and Kulgam outplayed district Rajouri 2-1.

Similarly, in 580 Kg Mixed 4+4 (men and women) event, Jammu trounced district Udhampur 2-1. Semifinals: Jammu bt Anantnag 2-0; Udhampur bt Pooch 2-0.

Today's finals and semifinals officiated by the techni-

cal penal including Gaurav Kumar Dubey (chief referee), Robin Singh and Suman Kumari (both umpires).

In the finals and prize distribution function, vice president of the Association,

Kuldeep Kumar Gupta was the chief guest, who along with general secretary, Jodh Singh Isher and Jasbir Singh (joint secretary) presented the title trophies and other individual prizes.

Speaking to the gathering, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta asked the participating teams to take part in sports in a big way and stay away from drugs and refrain from indulging in anti-social activities.

Among other distinguished gathering present were Ravinder Singh (international player) and Nirlap Kour (Head of the Management) and Arti Jamwal (Coordinator) of hosts Unique Public School.

Attention: Kashmiri migrants pending medical disbursement claims

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JAMMU: Office of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) has urged the persons whose medical reimbursement cases are pending to furnish deficient documents by or before October 15, 2022 enabling the department to process their claims as per the laid down norms. As per a public notice issued by the department, there are 43 cases whose claims have been found deficient in terms of certain documents and they have been requested to furnish the same within the prescribed time period.

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JAMMU: Various Sikh Organisations under the chairmanship of Sudarshan Singh Wazir (Chairman Sikh United Front) appealed to the Home Minister Amit Shah to announce during his tour of Jammu and Kashmir, the reservation for Refugees of PoK of 1947 on the pattern it was given to Pahari people besides restoring the Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. During a Press

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SRINAGAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah handed over appointment letters on Tuesday to the kin of four Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel who were martyred in terror-related violence in the valley, officials said.

"The families of four JKP martyrs were given job letters by the home minister at the Raj Bhavan here," an official said.

The home minister shared photos on Twitter of his meeting with the relatives of the police personnel killed by terrorists in the Kashmir valley.

In a tweet in Hindi, Shah said: "Met the family members of the Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel who were killed while fighting against terrorists and handed over appointment letters to the kin of four such martyrs."

HM Amit Shah hands-over appointment letters to kins of 4 martyred police personnel



HM Amit Shah interacting with family members of a martyr police personnel.

He also lauded the Jammu and Kashmir Police's efforts in fighting against terrorism and said the entire country salutes their sacrifice.

With this, the families of 24 people killed by terrorists have received appointment letters from the home minister, the officials said.

On March 18, Shah handed over appointment letters in Jammu to the kin of four Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel who sacrificed

their lives fighting terrorists in the valley.

In October last year, during his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, Shah met the family members of Inspector Parvaiz Ahmad in Nowgam. Ahmad was also killed by terrorists.

The home minister had handed over the appointment letter for a government job to Ahmad's family.

Sikh organisations highlight demands



Sikh leaders addressing media in Jammu.

Conference the participants said that out of 24 reserved seats of 1947 refugees of POK eight (8)

seats of Assembly and two seats of Parliament be allotted to refugees settled in JK UT and these be

equally distributed among Jammu province and Kashmir province.

The speakers further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi after making an advance payment of Rs 5.5 lakh, had constituted a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to go into the details and recommend the compensation for payment to the Refugees of 1947 as one time settlement. After detailed study the JPC had recommended the payment of Rs 30 lakh to each family of the

Displaced persons of 1947 but no further action has been taken in this respect so far. They demanded that an announcement for release of balance amount of Rs 24.50 lakhs be made by the Home Minister during this visit.

Prominent among those present on this occasion include Mohinder Singh, Darbinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Raja Singh Sarpanch, Ravinder Singh Sarpanchm, Kulwant Singh Khajuria and others.

J&K Sports Council expresses grief over demise of DGP HK Lohia

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JAMMU: The J&K Sports Council has expressed grief over the sad demise of DGP H K Lohia. Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gull in a condolence message to bereaved family of Lohia said , ' HK Lohia was not only a accomplished police officer and a good human being but he also contributed immensely towards promotion of sports in J&K especially the game of wushu.I on behalf of the J&K Sports Council express our deep condolences to the bereaved family of HK Lohia. His untimely and sad demise is a big loss for the sporting fraternity," Gull added. It is pertinent to mention here that HK Lohia remained President of the J&K Wushu Association for two terms and played a pioneering role in developing the game of Wushu in J&K.

Ranjet Kalra, Member J&K Sports Council and Vice President J&K Wushu Association, Dronacharya awardee Kuldeep Handoo and Sh Vijay Saraf President J&K Wushu Association have also condoled the sad demise of HK Lohia.



Hadi of Iran lifts 17th 'Mission Dosti' Dangal title

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KATRA: Hadi of Iran Played a quite entertaining bout against his opponent and Arjuna Awardee International Wrestler Satyawart Kadian of Rohtak, India to win the title bout at full to its capacity, SMVDSB Sports Stadium, Katra.

The title winner Hadi was presented whopping of Rs. 1.50 lakh along with Traditional "Gurj (Gadda) and patta" while runner- up Satyawart got Rs.1,00,000.

For the second main bout held for Rs.1.50 Lakh, Ahmed Mirza of Iran gave a tough fight to his oppnent from Haryana Parvesh.

In another Rs. 1.25 lakh, Tedo of Georgia defeated Ravi Vehera of Haryana. In all wrestlers from then three nations of Iran, Georgia and India contested in this Kushti Maha kumbh with majority of the participants from outside J&K.

In the women bout, Wrestler DIVYA KAKRAN of U.P common wealth Bronze Medalist 2022 beat International wrestler Bhateri from Haryana, Asian Championship 2022 Bronze Medalist and junior World silver Medalist 2021. Winner Wrestler Divya Kakran was awarded with a handsome cash prize Rs. 40,000 while runner-up Bhateri got Rs 30,000.

MP Jammu Jugal Kishore Sharma was the chief Guest while Former Minister Pawan Gupta, Former Minister Ajay Nanda, former MLa Baldev Raj and R.S Pathania, J.C Sarkar, General Manager, Salal Power Station, NHPC

Ltd. Jyotipuram Additional, CEO SMVDSB Navneet Singh and Pujari Naresh Kumar were the guests of honour.

Prominent persons present on the occasion Deputy CEO SMVDSB Chander Parkash, DDC chairman Reasi Saraf Singh Nag, Reasi District BJP President Sheel Magotra, Saha parbhari Rohit Dubey, President Municipal Katra Vimal Indu (Shashi Gupta), Mandal Panthal President and DDC member Rajinder Mengi, DDC member Nirmala Devi, Ritu Thakur, Prithvi Raj Sharma (Retired S.P.), General Secretary Indian Style Wrestling Association of India Gourav Sachdeva (Appu) and SHO Katra Nishant Gupta.

The event is sponsored by Jammu and Kashmir sports Council, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Department of Tourism,, NHPC Ltd. Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Shiv Khori Shrine Board, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Jammu and Kashmir Police and Central Reserve Police Force.

The Wrestling event which is a part of Navratra Festival was organized by Katra Indian Style wrestling Association under the over all supervision of Shiv Kumar Sharma, President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association and Naresh Kumar (Pappu lakri). In all 23 bouts were played and 4th bout was won by Ishaq (lallu) of J&K Police who defeated Akash of Delhi.

People turn up at Amit Shah's rally in Rajouri wearing traditional turbans

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RAJOURI: A large number of people turned up at Union Home Minister Amit Shah's public rally here on Tuesday wearing traditional turbans, locally known as 'pagdis'.

Most of them were seen wearing different turbans tied in a traditional manner, with some having a portion pointing upwards, a style commonly referred to as 'Shanla'.

Dheeraj Sharma, a sarpanch from Dhangri Panchayat, said turban is part of the traditional dress of the people in Rajouri and Poonch and they wear it mostly during functions.

"We are wearing turbans today not only as part of the dress but to highlight our demand of Scheduled Tribe status for the Pahari community," Sharma told PTI.

Shah addressed a rally organised in this town, situated at the foothills of the Pir Panjal mountain range along the Indo-Pak border.

Shah announced that the Gujjar, Bakerwal and Pahari communities in Jammu and Kashmir will get reservation benefits in accordance with the recommendations of the Justice Sharma Commission which examined the issue of quota.

Even women were seen wearing turbans. Saffron and white colour turbans outnumbered other colours at the rally.

"Our turban is our pride and both Gujjars and Bakerwals as well as Paharis wear turban as a traditional practice." Sonam Sharma, who attended the rally said.

She said majority of the people who were wearing turbans were from the Pahari tribe and demanding ST status for the community.

A specially-abled aged man hailing from remote Topa village of Darhal walked several

kilometres to reach the venue.

Jahangir Malik (65), an employee of the Power Development department, had suffered electric shock a decade ago, resulting in the amputation of his lower limb.

"I am a Pahari and want my community to get ST status. We all have high hopes from the present BJP government," he said.

Malik said he walked several kilometres to reach the venue and be a part of this historic public rally.

"Today is a special day for our community and I walked for kilometres braving my pain," he said.

The Gujjar and Bakerwal community at the rally thanked the BJP-led government for giving them rights which were delayed by other parties in Jammu and Kashmir.

DEO Kupwara reviews progress under SSR 2022

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KUPWARA: District Election Officer (DEO) Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray convened a meeting of all concerned officers to review the progress under Special Summary Revision (SSR), 2022. Addressing the meeting, the DEO stressed upon the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) and other concerned to gear up their efforts for fulfillment of the targets within the given time frame. The DEO expressed his dismay over the non-serious approach of some officers towards their duties and warned them of stern action if any laxity is shown in completion of the targets under the Special Summary Revision process within the stipulated time frame. He stressed upon them to speed up the process of enrolment of the targeted voters and ensure that no voter is left unregistered in the district. The DEO also appreciated some AEROs for their better performance under SSR of their respective jurisdictions. It was given out in the meeting that the next review of the progress shall be taken on Oct 09, 2022.Among others, ADC Handwara, ADC Kupwara, DDEO, SDM Lolab, SDM Karnah and other concerned were present.