

KC Public School retains number one rank as co-ed day-cum-boarding school in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: KC Public School retained its number one rank as a co-ed day-cum-boarding school in J&K for the 5th consecutive year since 2020. Education World in association with AZ Research Partners, Bangalore, released its 18th consecutive annual EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR) 2024-25. A sample database of 8,700 respondents, including 5,150 parents and 3,550 education professionals across 34 cities in India was surveyed to rate the country's Top 4,000 schools on 14 parameters of educational excellence, making it the world's largest annual school rankings survey. The 14 parameters of education excellence on which the



Raju Chowdhary, Chairman of KC Educational Society and Arti Chowdhary, MDi KCPS receiving award.

schools were evaluated are Academic Reputation, Competence of Faculty, Individual Attention to Students, Leadership/Management Quality, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Co-curricular Education, Sports, Community Service, Parental Involvement, Teacher Welfare and Development, Value for Money, Mental and Emotional Well-being, Services, Infrastructure Provision and Leadership /management quality. The Awards Ceremony was

held at The Leela Ambience, Gurugram from October 17 to 19. The three-day event, organized by Education World, brought together distinguished leaders from the education sector to celebrate excellence in schools across India. Day one commenced with an engaging panel discussion on aligning school leadership for educational excellence, followed by awards recognizing the top international day and boarding schools. Renowned speakers such as Bhavin Shah, Abhimanyu Basu, and Dr. Niyati Chitkara led thought-provoking discussions on innovative educational strategies. Highlights included the Education Leader of the Year Awards, recognition of visionary education leaders,

and insights into topics like technology's role in boosting fee collections, 21st-century skills in education, and the impact of AI on school infrastructure. Day two featured a deep dive into pedagogy, life skills, and pastoral care, along with awards for various school categories and regions. Day three concluded with the announcement of top government, philanthropic and special needs schools, alongside further recognition of extraordinary education leaders. Raju Chowdhary, Chairman of KC Educational Society and Arti Chowdhary, Managing Director of KCPS received the award from Dr. Sumer Bahadur Singh, an eminent educational leader of India.

Dr Andrabi inaugurates APJ Abdul Kalam Premier League

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PULWAMA: Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Premier League Cricket Tournament kick started at Dangerpora Padgampora in Pulwama on Sunday. The League is being organised by Jammu & Kashmir Development Foundation. Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of the J&K Waqf Board inaugurated the League in presence of the Chairman of the Foundation Bilal Parry, Superintendent of Police Awantipora Raashid Ahmad, Magistrate Awantipora Shakeel Ahmad & Assistant Commandment CRPF Vinay Kumar and others. Numerous eminent cricket clubs & teams of J&K are participating in the League. Dr Andrabi congratulated the organisers for this league and said that it will boost the sports spirit of our talented young



Chairperson Waqf Board, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi meeting the players.

sports stars. "During the past few years, Khelo India mission of the Prime Minister transformed sports sector in whole of India including Jammu & Kashmir. During these years our stars have made remarkable presence at national as well as at international sports events", said Dr Andrabi. She said it was also inspiring to see this league being organised in the name of the great icon of modern India APJ Abdul

Kalam. Dr Andrabi said that the peaceful atmosphere in J&K has boosted the sports activities in all spheres of life with new infrastructure for sports coming in at a huge pace. She said that we have a very bright future ahead in all sports categories. Bilal Parry the organiser of the League thanked Dr Andrabi, the local administration and the participating teams for making this event a grand success.

VAJK felicitates Satish Sharma on assuming charge of JKUT Sports Minister

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JAMMU: The Volleyball Association of J&K has felicitated Satish Sharma on assuming the charge of Youth services and Sports Minister of JKUT. In a press statement Sidarth Daluja President of VAJK congratulated the youngest and highly qualified Sharma as Cabinet Minister of Food, civil supplies and consumer affairs, transport, Science and technology, Youth Services and sports of JKUT. The office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K has extended heartfelt wishes to Sharma on his maiden appointment as Minister in Omar Abdullah's Cabinet and expressed confidence on his dynamic leadership and



vision for overall development of youth in nation building and inculcating sports culture among youth to shun the menace of Drug abuse from JKUT and to promote the concept of My Youth My Pride, Fit India etc. Highly qualified and associated with political family as son of late Madan Lal Sharma former minister of

erstwhile J&K state and former member of Parliament, Satish Sharma would leave no stone unturned in discharging his duties efficiently and advocating the cause of youth for their overall betterment in JKUT. On behalf of the Association Kuldeep Magotra CEO and Ramesh Sharma Treasurer of the VAJK presented bouquet to Sh. Satish Sharma as a gesture of a rousing welcome on his arrival at Jammu on Sunday. The office bearers of the Association are confident that Satish Sharma would focus on promotion of sports for tribals, Youth of border and sensitive pockets of JKUT to bring them in the mainstream in near future.

Jammu Club hosts two-day Saga of Traditions 'Karva Chauth & Diwali' Celebrations

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JAMMU: In a vibrant celebration of culture and traditions, Jammu Club hosted a two-day fest, 'Karva Chauth & Diwali,' on its premises. The event was managed by Gaurav Gupta, Secretary of the Club along with his team members and supervised by Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, who also serves as the Vice President of the Club. The two-day festival was celebrated with grandeur, reflecting the spirit of traditional festivities. It was a blend of tradition and modernity, featuring a variety of lifestyle exhibitors, Mehendi and nail art stalls, tarot readers, live snacks, and music. The exhibition



Dignitaries along with organisers and participants.

was specially curated to cater to the needs of women preparing for both Karva Chauth and Diwali, making the celebrations even more memorable. Special attrac-

tions included a play zone for kids, Dogri music and dance performances in collaboration with the Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, and a

thrilling Bumper Tambola. District Jail Jammu also established a stall to display items prepared by jail inmates. Speaking on the occasion, Gaurav Gupta emphasized that organizing such events is not merely about entertainment but also about preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region. He remarked, "These valuable traditions, passed down through generations, showcase the richness of our culture, and events like this help keep them alive." The Club Secretary acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Dr. Meevakshi Kotwal, Indu Puri, Vasundhara Gupta, Kavita Gupta, Dr. Shailaja

Mahajan other esteemed members of the Managing Committee and staff members, whose hard work and dedication contributed to the event's success. With its blend of cultural exhibits, entertainment, and activities, the 'Karva Chauth & Diwali' fest at Jammu Club was a resounding success, leaving attendees with cherished memories and a deeper connection to the traditions that define the region. The Committee Members who were present included Anil Sharma (JKAS), Kavita Gupta, Indu Puri, Dr. Shailaja Mahajan, Vasundhara Sharma, Ashwani Gupta, Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Sidharth Samntra, Vikram Dhawan and Dr. Hema Gandotra Jandial.

CUJ conducts breast cancer awareness programme

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu in collaboration with the American Oncology Institute at Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences & Hospital, successfully organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Program today in the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium. The event featured Dr. Surbhi Kudyar, a renowned specialist in Breast Surgery with qualifications in General Surgery (MS) and Breast Oncoplasty (MCh), as the key speaker. Dr. Kudyar addressed critical topics related to breast can-



cer and benign breast diseases, providing valuable insights and information to the audience. The program was coordinated by Ashutosh Gupta, Senior Marketing Manager, and Tanushree Khajuria, Deputy Manager

Marketing, both from the American Oncology Institute, Jammu. The event was well-attended, drawing over 130 staff members, students, and faculty from the university. Dr. Vijayata Puri, Senior Medical Officer at the CUJ

Health Centre, along with her dedicated supporting staff, Mrs. Alka Saini, Nursing Officer, Mr. Ankur Sharma, Medical Attendant, and Mr. Mohinder Singh, Attendant played a vital role in facilitating the program.

Empowering Future Leaders: Expa Training Workshop Inspires NCC Cadets at NCC Training Academy Nagrota

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NAGROTA: A two-day transformative EXPA Cadet Training Workshop was successfully conducted at NCC Training Academy Nagrota, as part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) initiative. The workshop saw the enthusiastic participation of 380 Senior Wing (SW) and Senior Division (SD) cadets from the Bihar & Jharkhand Directorate and Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh (JK&L) Directorate. The event, held under the aegis of NCC Directorate of JK&L, was conducted by a

team of 10 expert trainers led by Kamal Sunder Raj. Their mission was to equip cadets with crucial life skills and leadership tools needed to excel in today's fast-paced world. Over the course of two days, cadets engaged in interactive sessions on communication and listening skills, leadership, team building, time management, critical thinking, public speaking, and more. One of the key highlights of the workshop was the focus on gender sensitivity and creative thinking, empowering cadets with a progressive mindset. Cadets were divided into small-

er groups to encourage collaboration and active participation, fostering a spirit of teamwork. The holistic approach covered not only leadership but also vital skills like self-analysis and decision making. The EXPA workshop was conducted in line with the directives of the Director General of NCC (DG NCC), marking a crucial step in shaping the cadets' future. The cadets, through this immersive experience, have gained both knowledge and confidence needed to become tomorrow's successful leaders. This enriching journey is

expected to leave a lasting impact, equipping them with the skills necessary to face challenges and embrace opportunities in both their personal and professional lives in future.

Army Public School Akhnoor Golden Jubilee Celebration: Two-Day exhibition and book fair

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AKHNOOR: Army Public School, Akhnoor proudly hosted its much-awaited two-day grand exhibition and Book Fair on 18th & 19th of Oct, 2024 to commemorate the completion of its glorious 50 years thereby showcasing the incredible talent and exceptional creativity of students in varied fields of Science, Maths, Art & Craft, Photography and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Along with the phenomenal exhibition, a book fair was also organised which featured an impressive collection from local authors, renowned pub-



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lishers, and budding authors of APS Akhnoor, offering a literary feast

for all ages. Incepted with the words of addressal by worthy Principal, followed

by various cultural programmes, the exhibition was attended by students and teachers of various State and CBSE schools of Akhnoor. Walking through the displays featuring a plethora of books, artworks, models etc created by students across different grades, each display was the sheer reflection of hard work & determination. Attendees were also treated to live performances and interactive demonstrations further engaging participants in the creative process. The event witnessed a significant turnout of parents, students, faculty

members from various schools. Throughout the event, all were inspired by the passion and dedication that students exhibited. Indeed, it was an excellent opportunity for our students to display their hard work and express themselves artistically. Army Public School, Akhnoor, promised to further strengthen its commitment to education and innovation in this grand exhibition & Book Fair. Indeed, the Golden Jubilee celebration of APS Akhnoor not only honours the past but also laid the foundation for an inspiring future.

118 young innovators of Spring Dales Kathua visit IIT Jammu



Students during visit to IIT Jammu.

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JAMMU: 118 students of classes 10th, 11th, and 12th from Spring Dales English School embarked on an enriching educational tour to the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu. The visit aimed to expose students to cutting-edge technology and foster a spirit of innovation. During the visit, the students had the opportunity to participate in a range of interactive sessions and workshops. A highlight of the day was the ATL Lab (Atal Tinkering Lab), where they explored hands-on experiments and innovative projects, learning about robotics, coding, and the importance of creativity in problem-solving. The same learning shall be applied back at the ATL Lab in Spring Dales English School, Kathua.

In addition, the students attended a Drone Workshop, where they were introduced to the fundamentals of drone technology. They gained insight into the mechanics of drones, their real-world applications, and even had a chance to operate the drones themselves under the guidance of IIT faculty members. The educational tour also included a Campus Tour, giving students a glimpse into life at one of India's top engineering institutions. They explored the various state-of-the-art facilities, including laboratories, research centers, and the library, offering them a firsthand experience of the academic environment. The visit to IIT Jammu left the students inspired and motivated to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Teachers and students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to engage with leading minds and cutting-edge innovations in the field.

BBAJK weighing on October 23
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JAMMU: Body Builders Association of J and K (BBAJK) under the banner of J and K Sports Council conduct weighing of Body Builders for upcoming 24th Jammu and Fitness Championship in Categories of Men, Women and Masters at International Gym Rehari on October 23rd from 11 AM to 1 PM and also along with Adhar Card and 2 Photographs are also required. The Championship is Scheduled to be held at Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, Jammuat on October 26th. The weighing is conduct under the supervision of Rajesh Dutta (BBAJK). For further information the Body Builders can contact organizers on Mob. No. 7006202407.

GDC Kunjwani bags Champions Crown for Volleyball Tournament 2024

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JAMMU: GDC Kunjwani won the Inter Collegiate Volleyball Tournament organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Sarup Kohli, Principal of the College and under the supervision of Malik Aejaz Iqbal, Physical Director. The college bagged the Men's Volleyball trophy by defeating GDC Poonch in the finals. The team showed excellent sportsmanship and competitive



Winner students along with faculty members posing for photograph.

spirit throughout the tournament. Mohit Singh, Mohd. Riaz and Ansh

Changotra were awarded as the star performers for their outstanding contri-

butions throughout the tournament. Principal of the college,

Prof. (Dr.) Manisha Kohli congratulated the winners and emphasized the importance of sports in fostering teamwork, fitness, and discipline. Further she encouraged them to participate in sports events to increase mental alertness and self esteem and they would learn life skills like leadership, accountability and patience. The Basketball team was accompanied by Prof. Baljinder Kour, Convener Sports Committee; Mr. Malik Aejaz Iqbal, Physical Director; Prof. Shrikant Sharma.

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