

Grand finale of AKAM competitions conclude in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: As part of ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav (AKAM), the Department of Culture, through J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages (JKAACL) in collaboration with Directorate of School Education, Kashmir, conducted a series of singing, dancing and visual art (painting/drawing) competitions across the Kashmir Division.

JKAACL, under the guidance of its Commissioner Secretary, Zubair Ahmad, has successfully culminated the divisional level grand finale of the AKAM competition at Government Girls H.S.S. Koti Bagh here. Chronologically, the competitions were held at school, zonal and district levels before finally pinnacing at the divisional level. The key thematic areas for the competition were Patriotism, Cleanliness, Plantation, Peace, Truth & Nonviolence and Indian Culture. From Anantnag district, Mehrun-Nisa of M.S. Halkha, Shangus won the singing competition, Zaid Imtiyaz of Oxford H.S. Bijbehara won the dance competition and Sabora Jan of Oxford H.S. Bijbehara won the painting competition.

From Budgam district, Danish Maqbool of M.S. Nijloo won the singing competition, Toiba Zainab of PS. Jamia Mohalla won the dance competition, and Mohsin Majeed of G.M.S. Babapora won the painting competition.

From Shopian district, Adeel Khanday of Oxford Educational Institution won the singing competition, Atifa Amin of G.U.P.S. Chotipora won the dance competition, and Toiba Imtiyaz of G.P.S. Gulab Taing won the painting competition.

From Ganderbal district, Zainab Mushtaq of Royal Public School Badampora won the singing competition, Aijaz Ahmad of High School Surfrav won the dance competition, and Raqib Ahmad of M.S. Rangil won the painting competition.

From Kulgam district, Mohammad Aleem Reshi of G.M.S. New Chinhar Colony won the dance competition, and

painting competition.

From Bandipora district, Uzmat Zahoor of Ambition Public School Gulshapora, Markand, won the singing competition, Tabish Manzoor of Ms Sheikh Colony won the dance competition, and Shahid Nazir of G.M.S. Wanpora won the painting competition.

From Kupwara district, Shifayat from U.P.S. Wapora won the singing competition, Mehrish Imtiyaz of U.P.S. Cheek Keegam won the dance competition, and Muzamil Maqbool Lone of PS. Lone Mohalla, Kunnel, won the painting competition.

From Pulwama district, Tanzeela Fayaz of B.M.S. Wanpora won the singing competition, Atifa Amin of G.U.P.S. Chotipora won the dance competition, and Arsalan Ashaq of B.M.S. Wanpora won the painting competition.

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At the grand finale, the jury comprised of Nabi Bulbul, Gulzar Ahmad Ganaie, and Tariq Javid, and Nowshad Gayoor and Arshad Salah for the painting competition.

Three winners at the divisional level grand finale shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- each, and three runner-ups shall get a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- each. Likewise, from district level competition, in every district, nine winners shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- each, while nine first-runner-ups shall get a cash prize of Rs. 3000/- each, and nine second-runner-ups shall receive a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- each.

During the concluding ceremony, Nusrat Bukhari, Principal H.S.S. School Kotibagh, was the Chief Guest.

Farooq Anwar Mirza, Incharge Divisional Office AACL Kashmir; addressed the audience.

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Momina Zainab of P.S. Nawabagh won the painting competition.

All the district level winners from their respective categories competed at the divisional level for the "winner" and the "runner-up" positions in the grand finale of the competition at Government Girls H.S.S. Koti Bagh in Srinagar.

In the singing category, Zainab Mushtaq from Royal Public School Badampora, Ganderbal, stood as a winner; and Uzmat Zahoor of Ambition Public School Gulshapora, Bandipora, was declared the runner-up. In the dance category, Zaid Imtiyaz of Oxford H.S. Bijbehara, Anantnag, stood as the winner; and Harmanjot Singh of Budding Bloom School, Baramulla, was declared the runner-up.

In the painting category, Sabora Jan from Oxford H.S. Bijbehara, Anantnag, stood as the winner; and Mohammad Rayan of St. Josephs School, Baramulla, was declared the runner-up.

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Cultural activist Tsewang Rigzin from Kargil bags 'SPANDAN Lifetime Achievement Award'



Tsewang Rigzin from Kargil receiving 'SPANDAN Lifetime Achievement Award'.

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LEH: SPANDAN International has conferred

Tsewang Rigzin from Bodhkarbo village of Kargil district with 'SPANDAN Lifetime Achievement Award' for his service in the field of Art & Culture of Kargil, Ladakh.

Tsewang Rigzin is an eminent artist, a poet and a research scholar from Kargil district. He has contributed enormously towards the preservation and development of the local cultural heritage and

has been actively and rigorously involved in bringing to light the hidden treasures of Kargil over the years. He is credited with representing Kargil in many seminars at the state and national levels.

As an artist he runs a cultural organization, Bodhkarbo, and as a research scholar he has been contributing poetry and scholarly papers to J&K Academy of Art, culture and languages.

As a documentary film director he produced a local documentary called 'Choks Ji Chamba' depicting ancient Buddhist heritage and treasure present in the district.

CEC Kargil inaugurates Ladakh Yateem Trust Boys Hostel at Lankerchey



Chairman and CEC LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan inaugurating Ladakh Yateem Trust Complex.

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LANKERCHEY: Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor CEC/LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad Khan in presence of Executive Councillor for social welfare LAHDC-Kargil Agha Syed Mehdi Fazily, Councillor Lankerchey Ghulam Hyder, Sheikh Sadiq Balagi Chairman Anjuman-E-Sahil Zaman, Syed Mohd Towha Rizvi Chairman Markaz-E-Tabligah Imam Reza Sankoo and Sajid Hussain Tehsilder Sankoo, inaugurated Ladakh Yateem Trust Complex having 50 bedded boy's hostel facility at village Lankerchey, Sankoo.

On this occasion, others present include Kaneez Fatima Rector Kargil Campus University of Ladakh, Councillor Sankoo Agha Syed

Abdul Rahim, President Ladakh Yateem Trust Mohsin Ali, Sheikh Ali Warden boys hostels, Teachers, Students volunteers of trust and large number

of renowned personalities from all professions of life also joined the inauguration ceremony.

The programme started with the recitation of holy Quran and President Ladakh Yateem trust welcomed the Chief Guest Feroz Ahmad Khan with traditional Khatakalong with other dignitaries.

He briefly highlighted the key objectives of the trust and pre-

sented a memorandum to the Chief Guest.

Feroz Ahmad Khan praised the role of the Trust for reaching out to the orphans and rendering social service to the deserving orphanage children and financial support to them.

President Maktab-Sahib Zaman Educational Center Lankerchey Mohd Ali Rozi presented vote of thanks, concluding the program from doura khair recited by Sheikh Ali warden boys hostel.

JKITCO holds 46th AGM meeting

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JAMMU: J&K Industrial & Technical Consultancy Organisation Ltd on Monday held its 46th Annual General Meeting under the chairmanship of Mohammed Shafi Pandit, former senior bureaucrat.

MD, Madhu Sudan Somani; Independent Director, Soujanya Sharma, Former Municipal Commissioner, Advisor Dilip Jain, shareholders SIDCO, SICOP, SIDBI, PNB, J&K Bank, JKLSFC and other Banks also

attended the meeting. The board was apprised about the activities taken up by the company including skill development, consulting jobs, technical agency, BOT mode design and implementation of projects.

The core strength of the com-

pany is to provide consultancy to Industries, Project Management and create job oriented skill courses to lift the livelihood of the public, Consultancy, the third party monitoring and audit engineering works.

JKITCO is a PSU Company established in 1977. It was a pioneer company to provide technical consultancy to Govt

as well as to the Public & Private Corporates.

After taking over the compa-

ny by the New Management in 2013, the new management started Statutory compliance i.e. compliance of ROC CAG and Income tax in 2017 which were completed all in 2020.

Since then, the company is fully compliant and generating business from Central Govt Corporations, UT Departments and Corporates.

The first time after many years the turnover crossed Rs 100 lakh in 2021-22 and Company targeted Rs 150 lakh

income from Consultancy and coming out from Red.

The Board emphasized that this year new avenues will be explored for boosting the economy through industrialisation and creation of jobs in the J&K

The Chairman appreciated the efforts being made by the company and its staff and advised to work with more zeal

and enthusiasm to make this company an example for others.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

AOI associates with Mary Kom to spread awareness around 'Early Detection & Diagnosis of Cancer'

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JAMMU: American Oncology Institute (AOI) one of the largest cancer hospital

chain associates with Indian Olympic boxer champion Mary Kom for spreading awareness around 'Early Detection and Diagnosis of Cancer'.

The association also reinforces the commitment of AOI's tagline "we journey with you" by educating and empowering the masses about the importance of early detection and diagnosis of Cancer. Speaking about early detection, Dr Jagprag Singh Gujral, Group CEO, CTSI, South Asia, said, "In India, every year 1 million new cases of cancer are diagnosed. With the increasing rate of cancer in the country, it is imperative

to spread awareness about early detection and diagnosis of various types of cancers. We are glad to be associated with Mary Kom for the enormous task of voicing out the importance of regular screening and early detection of Cancer which can significantly improve survival rates and outcomes. AOI has always remained at the core of offering precision cancer care solutions and with this association, we take a step ahead in our commitment."

Commenting about the association, Mary Kom, said, "I am extremely happy to partner with American Oncology Institute for spreading awareness and promoting early detection as the key for beating Cancer.

For an athlete, one of the most important elements is to be prepared for every situation. The same principle applies in boxing and the training mainly focuses on building the offensive skills and knowing how to land those punches and counter punches is key. Likewise, early diagnosis of Cancer focuses on detecting symptomatic patients as early as possible. The earlier you detect, the higher are the chances of better outcome just like knowing every move of the opponent. Through this association, I am hoping to spread the importance and relevance of early detection and empowering every citizen to be prepared and lead a healthy life."

PAL KIA adorned with new 'Black Look'



Pal Kia showroom in Jammu.

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JAMMU: PAL KIA, presently situated at National Highway, has got

upgraded its existing showroom as per new Identity of KIA. It can be observed that the 'Red Look' has changed to a newer, younger and more energetic 'Black Look'. This goes with the brands identity of being young, energetic & inspirational. Not only this, PAL KIA in Jammu had delivered 40 new vehicles in a single day on Dhanteras in October 2022. As per PAL KIA's Sales Manager Alka Dhar, the upcoming months seem to be more promising as Passenger Vehicle Segment has seen a good recovery after COVID.

Joginder Singh, General Manager, PAL KIA said, "KIA is a young brand and we believe that the customer is always first".



Army officers at flag-in ceremony of Sabre Brigade's Cycling Expedition.

to include the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi and motivated the graduates of IIT to join Indian Army as Commissioned officers and contribute to the organization with the latest technological developments.

The Team also expressed its gratitude to the frontline workers of Wild Life Conservation Team of Great Himalayan National park,

Kullu for their unparalleled efforts to save Wild Life in the country. At Regional Mountaineering Centre, McLeodganj, the team carried out adventure activities with the Basic Mountaineering Course students and motivated them to join Indian Army. In addition, the team also expressed condolences to the bereaved family of Braveheart

Mayor witnesses drill competition at Sainik School Nagrota



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma presenting trophy to NCC cadets.

Speaking about the competition, Mayor himself being an alumnus of this institution, recounted his school days as a cadet with euphoria and expressed confidence that such competitions are the unique hallmark of Sainik School Nagrota.

Trikuta House won the Drill Competition in Senior Category while Chenab House stood first in Junior Category.