

Ashu Gupta felicitates medal winners

Vatsal of J&K bags Sabre gold; Haryana fencers dominate day-3

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JAMMU: Holding nerves when it mattered the most and displaying extraordinary fencing skills, Vatsal Gandhotra of Jammu and Kashmir clinched silver medal in Sabre U-19 boys individual event, while Lakshya of Haryana bagged gold and Anmol Sharma of Punjab and Harshit Kohli of Jammu and Kashmir claimed bronze medals in this event as the fencers from Haryana dominated the day-3 of the ongoing 67th National School Games Fencing U-19 boys and girls, being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, under the aegis of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu, here.



Ashu Gupta, Director Economics and Statistics and others after presenting medals to the winners at Gymnasium Hall University of Jammu.

the chief guest in today's valedictory function, which was presided over by the Director Youth Services and Sports, Sh Subash Chander Chibber in the presence of a galaxy of departmental officers.

Both these dignitaries along with other guests presented medals to the winners and encouraged them with their motivational speeches.

The other dignitaries, who accompanied the chief guest were Mohd Arshad Numani, Functional Manager Industries and Commerce; Nasir, Private Secretary; Suram Chand Sharma, Joint Director YSS Jammu; Jitender Mishra, Deputy Director YSS (Central); Ravi Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director (Planning); Sunil Kumar, Accounts Officer

Directorate; Reyaz Ahmed, Section Officer (Planning) and Shivnandan Singh Mankotia.

Ashu Gupta was highly impressed with the organisational setup of these games and felt ecstatic when she learnt that it was the last event of the four Nationals hosted by Jammu and Kashmir this season.

Chibber assured the visiting contingents of great

show with regard to provision of facilities during this sporting extravaganza.

Meanwhile, in Epee Individual girls, Anupriya of Haryana bagged gold, Mahi Aradvad of Maharashtra clinched silver, while the bronze medals went to Pratishtha of Punjab and Raksha Raja Parman of Madhya Pradesh.

In Foil Individual girls, Jasmine Kaur of Punjab played brilliantly and clinched gold, while Kannupriya of Haryana bagged silver and the bronze medal in this category went to Ekam Tour of Chandigarh and NV Jenisha of Tamil Nadu.

The bouts wherein 324 fencers are vying for the top honours are being held under the supervision of Technical Director, Rashid Ahmed and Technical Manager, Ujjwal Gupta.

GDC Marh organises inter semester symposium on Corporal Punishment

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JAMMU: IQAC of Government Degree College Marh on Wednesday organized an Inter semester symposium competition on Corporal Punishment and its ill effects under the theme "My constitution My Pride".

The symposium was organized under the guidance of Principal of the college, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul exemplifying the institution's steadfast dedication in ensuring the comprehensive well-being of its students.

The Principal emphasized that corporal punishment increases the students behavioral problems over the period of time and has no positive outcomes. He emphasized that there should be a sacred positive relationship between student and teacher; the student should maintain discipline within and beyond the institution and faculty should have the capability



GDC Marh faculty and students during a programme.

and desire of understanding the psychology of students to resolve the issues confronted by students.

Prof Imitez Shahid (HOD Zoology) conducted the proceedings of the programme.

In all 20 students participated in the intra college symposium competition. Students articulated compelling arguments, illuminating the adverse effects of corporal punishment while acknowledging the necessity for firmness in certain situations.

Vivek Sharma of Vth sem bagged 1st position, Sanjana Bhagat of Vth sem got the IIrd position and the IIIrd position was shared by Eshan Saini of IIIrd sem and Abhishek Bhagat of IIIrd sem while consolation prizes were given to Manish Kumar and Harshul Gupta of IIIrd sem. Sushain Kumar of IIIrd sem and Abhay Singh Jamwal of Ist sem helped in event management.

Yonex Sunrise All J&K Senior Ranking/Selection Badminton Tournament to start on Nov 25

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JAMMU: To select J&K UT Seniors Badminton team, Badminton Association of J&K is organizing Yonex Sunrise All J&K Senior Ranking/Selection Badminton Tournament-2023 at Indoor Sports Complex, Badminton Hall, MA Stadium, here from November 25 to 27, 2023.

The Hony Secretaries of all the affiliated District Badminton Units are requested to send the entries.

"The tournament shall be played under BAI Rules and the draws will be held on November 24, 2023 at

MA Stadium, Jammu at 3:00 PM," Balbir Singh Jamwal, General Secretary of the Association, said in a handout issued on Wednesday.

"The Last date of receiving the entries is November 23, 2023 till 8:00 PM," it added.

"The J&K UT Seniors Badminton Team will be selected mainly on the basis of performance of players in this tournament to represent the J&K UT in the Yonex Sunrise 85th Seniors National Badminton Championships-2023 being held at Guwahati (Assam) from December 18 to 24, 2023," it further stated.

Mime, Mimicry & Skit competitions featured on 7th day of DYT-2023 at JU

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JAMMU: In 'Display Your Talent-2023' organized by the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu, competitions of Mime, Mimicry and Skit were conducted at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium. Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students Welfare), Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Sarika Manhas, members of Campus Cultural Committee and office bearers of University of Jammu were present during the events.

In Mime, the Certificate of Merit was awarded to



the team of GCW, Udhampur. In Mimicry, Certificate of Merit was awarded to Kanchan Jamwal from GCW, Udhampur.

Rakesh Sharma was the Teacher Incharge and Digvijay Singh and

Chakresh Kumar were the adjudicators of the event.

In Skit, the first position was secured by GDC, Akhnour, The Business School, JU secured the second position and the team of GCW, Udhampur stood third.

In the Individual category, Smriti Sharma from GDC, Ramnagar and Mohit Sharma from GDC Akhnour were declared Best Actors. Certificates of Merit in Individual Category were awarded to Ishvin Gupta from The Business School, JU and Amandeep from Udhampur Campus, JU.

Vijay Atri, Sanjeev Gupta and Chakresh Kumar were the Judges and Dr. Harleen Kour was the Teacher Incharge of the event.

The events of DSW are conceived, planned and organised by the team consisting of Prof. Prakash Antahal (Dean Students

Welfare), Prof. Monika Chadha (Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee), Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Garima Gupta (Assistant Dean, SW), Dr. Shalhu Sharma & Dr. A.R. Manhas (Deputy Proctors), members of Campus Cultural Committee, Mansi Mantoo (Media Officer), Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) and Ifra Kak (Cultural Officer). The events were witnessed by the members of Campus Cultural Committee, teachers, students, scholars of the University of Jammu and prominent members of the civil society.

The events were managed by Mohneesh, Urvashi, Idrees Fahali, Kanya Sharma, Angraz Singh, Suriya Banoo, Rishiika Sharma, Bipasha Raina, Neghit Mir (Cultural Representatives), Balwant Slathia, Sachin Sharma, R.P. Singh. The sound was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur, and Arif Paul. On 23rd November, the events of Photography and Installation would be conducted from 10 am onwards at Brig. Rajinder Singh Auditorium.

DLL organises workshop on career planning after 10+2 at GGHSS Bishnah



DLL JU faculty posing with students and faculty of GGHSS Bishnah.

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JAMMU: Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau, the Career Counseling Cell of Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL), University of Jammu organized one day workshop on "Careers after 12th in Sciences" at Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Bishnah on Wednesday.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu.

The special resource per-

sons were Dr. Sarabjeet Kour, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Jammu and Neetu Dhar, Chief Co-ordinator and Master Trainer, JKDCUL. Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU coordinated the workshop.

Parveen Raina, Principal of the school, welcomed the guests. Dr. Sarabjeet Kour, in her presentation, apprised the students about career options for medical as well as non medical stream.

She also explained in detail about CUET, its eligibility and important

dates. Dr. Neetu Dhar in her presentation, explained, in detail, to the students the importance of self confidence.

She also gave insight of the factors that boost the confidence in choosing the right path.

Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, EIAB, DLL, JU highlighted the importance of goal setting for the students at this stage as their board examinations are approaching.

The teachers of the school namely Swaran Rajput, Prerna Sambyal and Komal Sharma along with 39 students attended the programme.

Audit Diwas: Students' interaction cum debate organized in SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: As a part of ongoing week long Programme of Audit Diwas (19-24 Nov. 2023), a student interaction cum debate programme was organised by the Office of the Principal Accountant General at the auditorium hall of SKUAST Jammu on Wednesday.

The event started with the lighting of lamp by the esteemed dignitaries which included the Vice Chancellor of SKUAST J, Principal Accountant General (Audit), Sr Dy Accountant General (A&E), Dean student welfare SKUAST J, Controller Examinations SKUAST J and Dy. Accountant General (Audit).

The event was attended by an enthralled audience of Officers of the Principal Accountants General, Officers and academicians from SKUAST J, Students from 04 Jammu City colleges (MAM College, SPMR College, GGM Science College, GCW

Parade) and 2 Universities (Jammu University and SKUAST J). The event started with a presentation by Ms Inabat Khaliq, Deputy Accountant General. She discussed the role and constitutional mandate of CAG. She also discussed the career opportunities for students to join the prestigious supreme audit institution of India. The presentation was followed by a brain storming session of debates on various contemporary topics by the participating colleges and universities. Prizes and participation certificates were presented to top two winning teams, besides to the best speaker. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Sr. Dy Accountant General, Ravinder Singh. Thereafter light refreshments were distributed among all the participants and audience.

The Programme was coordinated by Renu Kaul, Sr. Audit Officer and Nodal officer for the event.

KC Public School hosts inaugural Inter School Debate 2023



KCPS faculty presenting trophy to students.

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JAMMU: KC Public School organised 'Transgress 2023' - a groundbreaking, first of its kind Inter School debate based on the Asian Parliamentary debate format.

Dr. Arvind Karwani, Joint Secretary, (Home), UT of J&K, graced the opening ceremony as Chief Guest, while Rakesh Kumar, Additional Secretary, Finance Department, UT of J&K, honoured the closing ceremony with his presence.

The intense finals witnessed a clash between Army Public School Damana and host KC Public School.

After a compelling exchange of ideas, Army Public School emerged victorious with KC Public School securing the runner-up position.

Individual excellence emerged with Sudaksh of GD Goenka School earning the Best Debater's position and Pradnya of KC International School securing the second position. A panel of adjudicators consisting of Kunwar Tej Pratap Singh, Sahabdeep Singh and Manan Bakshi.

The awards presentation ceremony saw the winners receiving trophies and certificates for their outstanding achievement in the event.

'Transgress2023' was orchestrated by 'KC Verbal Ninjas' -- the Debating Club of KC Public School, under the guidance of Saish Gunjilkar, PGT (English). Anadi Saini, President of the Club, Aseema Gupta, Event Manager, Aadhwika Gupta, Event Coordinator, Lavanya, Technical Head, and Shashank Panda and Apurvam Gupta as Observers played pivotal roles in ensuring the success of the event. The event fostered a sense of camaraderie among participating delegates and reflected the spirit of healthy competition and intellectual exchange. Chairman Raju Choudhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Choudhury, MD Arti Choudhary, Principal A K Mishra and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey congratulated the members of the School Debating Club for making 'Transgress 2023' a grand success and also conveyed their gratitude to all the schools of Jammu for taking part in the event.

Amazon India signs MoU with IWAI to pave way for Inland Water Transport

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JAMMU: In a landmark development, Amazon India and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to embark on a transformative journey in the transportation of customer packages through inland waterways.

With this development, Amazon India becomes the first e-commerce company in the country to use Inland Water Transport, reaffirming its long-term commitment to strengthening its transportation infrastructure in India.

The collaboration with IWAI is in line with the Prime Minister's vision for the greater use of inland waterways as an affordable and sustainable mode of transportation.

Under this MoU, Amazon India and IWAI will work together to enable the containerized cargo movement and build a network for the usage of inland waterways for cargo shipment.

Amazon India will start exploring inland waterways as a part of its supply chain, and a pilot run on Patna to Kolkata waterways will be initiated soon with the support of IWAI and its carriers. This is a reinforcement of Amazon India's commitment to continue building capacity to meet the increasing customer demand and collaborate with government authorities to explore mutually

beneficial projects for the e-commerce industry. Sarbananda Sonowal, Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Government of India said, "This MoU with Amazon India marks a significant step towards harnessing the potential of India's Inland Water Transport. Our focus is on increasing cargo movement through river systems, which is a more sustainable and economical mode of transport. I congratulate Amazon India in their endeavour to collaborate with IWAI to create a waterways transportation solution. This initiative is a reflection of the importance of sustainable logistics solutions in India's rapidly expanding e-commerce sector."

"Over the last few years, we have taken many positive steps to build our fulfillment, transportation, and logistics infrastructure in the country. This MoU between Amazon India and the Inland Waterways Authority of India is poised to develop a transformative offering that will open up new possibilities for all e-commerce companies to leverage the country's extensive inland waterways. We remain committed to our global mission to transform the future of logistics and seek to harness the potential of the country's rivers, canals, and other water bodies to enhance logistics and transportation efficiency for the Indian e-commerce industry at large," said Abhinav Singh, Vice President, Operations, Amazon India.

Directorate Tourism Jammu's Advisory committee notifies new adventure sites, activities

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Tourism Jammu on Wednesday conducted a meeting of the Advisory committee for notifying the new adventure areas and adventure activities.

Vivekanand Rai, Director of Tourism Jammu, while chairing the meeting, emphasized the region's vast potential as a hub for adventure tourism, offering an exciting array of activities aimed at captivating tourists, especially the youth.

He further added that, the Tourism Department has been proactively working to enrich adventure tourism offerings. Extensive consultations with experts have resulted in a comprehensive feasibility report, with a focus on expanding adventure activities with minimal investment. These endeavors are geared towards creating employment opportunities and engaging the youth in the thriving tourism sector.

Sunaina Sharma Mehta (JKAS), Joint Director Tourism, while discussing the agenda of the meeting shared that the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu in collaboration

with the Indian Kayaking & Canoeing Association (IKCA) and Jammu Adventure Sports Association (JASA) has conducted water surveys across all districts of Jammu Division. These surveys have yielded valuable recommendations and pinpointing specific locations for activities like paragliding at Aitham, Dhanwa and Billo ki Paudi, Mokhri and water based activities in Locations like Jammu (Kattal - Battal) offer potential for activities such as shikara rides, flatwater rafting, kayaking and more. Surinsar and Mansar Lake (Samba) opportunities for flat water kayaking, family rafting, paddle boat rides and stand-up paddle board rentals. Doda (Prem Nagar - Doda) offers commercial whitewater rafting tours, whitewater kayaking, canoe slalom development and stand-up paddle board tours.

In the serene surroundings of Pathwal, you can indulge in peaceful pedal boating and the delightful experience of water zorbing. Heading to Doda (Prem Nagar - Doda) for an adrenaline rush with thrilling commercial whitewater rafting, kayaking

and canoe development. The picturesque Ramban region, particularly the Bhagiar dam backwaters, offers exciting opportunities such as canoe sprint, flatwater kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, jet boat tours. Meanwhile, Shiv Mandir - Karara/Kundal provides heart-pounding adventures with commercial white water rafting, kayaking and extreme kayak events. For a more tranquil experience, Sanasar Lake beckons with serene shikara rides, water zorbing and pedal boating. In Reasi (Chenab), adventurous spirits can engage in rafting, canoeing and more. Baradari and Serli Pond (Katra) offers a peaceful spot for pedal boating and water rafting while Udhampur (Dalsar Lake) allows for serene pedal boating and water zorbing. In Poonch (From Buffiaz town to Poonch) there is potential for rafting, kayaking and paddle boating adventures, while the Rajouri region (Tawi from Rajouri to Hidayatpura) boasts potential for rafting, kayaking and paddle boating in the running water.

Additionally, the introduction of pedal boating at Gatha lake

Bhaderwah has received a positive response. The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu also plans to conduct a Paragliding Professional Training Course in Arunachal Pradesh and 38 new trekking routes have been identified to enhance adventure tourism offerings in the region.

The meeting was attended by the Des Raj Bhagat, CEO Bani Basohli Development Authority, Ved Parkash, CEO Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority, Rajesh Lakhani, CEO Billawar Duggan (Lakhanpur-Sarthal) Development Authority, Jitender Mishra, Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports, Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism Jammu, other members of the Advisory Committee and officers/officials from the department.

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu is fully committed to expand adventure tourism offerings to cater to the diverse interests of visitors. The department will soon invite expressions of interest from trekking experts to further enrich the adventure tourism experience.