

Green Warriors from JK Public School Kunjwani visit Flower Show at SKUAST Jammu

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JAMMU: The Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-Jammu) hosted a mesmerizing Flower Show at its Main Campus, Chatha, as part of the National Agriculture Summit.

An enthusiastic group of 40 students from JK Public School, Kunjwani, members of MS Swaminathan Club of Green Warriors along with their teachers in-charge Sheetal Bharti and Aditi visited the flower show. The event showcased an impressive array of floral displays, drawing admiration from visitors.

The Flower Show featured vibrant categories such as Cut Flowers, Bonsai, Cacti and Succulents, Pot Plants, Foliage Plants, Dry Flowers, Floral Rangoli, and Flower Arrangements. Each exhibit was a testament to the creativity and expertise of the participants, making the event a visual treat for all attendees.



JK Public School Kunjwani students with teachers visiting Kissan Mela at SKUAST-Jammu on Friday.

The students from JK Public School actively explored the displays, marveling at the diversity and artistry presented. They expressed deep appreciation for the effort and innovation that went into the exhibits. The visit provided the young learners with an opportunity to connect with nature

and understand the importance of floriculture in preserving biodiversity and enhancing environmental beauty. Speaking about the experience, the students shared, "It was an inspiring and educational visit. The floral displays were beautiful, and we learned so much about different plants and their significance."

The Principal, Rajesh Rathore, praised the initiative and said, "such visits are crucial in developing a sense of environmental awareness and appreciation for nature among students".

"The event was an enriching experience for students that aimed to inspire the younger generation to appreciate and engage with nature. The Flower Show left a profound impression on the students, who returned with cherished memories and newfound knowledge about the world of plants and flowers", he concluded.

DG Sports declares 68th National School Games in Wushu open

36th Kishtwar District Volleyball C'ship concludes with Drabshalla-A clinching trophy

Advices athletes, officials to set a benchmark



DG YSS J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara declaring open 68th National School Games in Wushu in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara declared the 68th National School Games in Wushu U-17 Boys and Girls open in an impressive, colourful and well attended function at Indoor Complex Bhagwati Nagar here on Friday.

The event is part of the month-long series of National School Games in the disciplines of Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football.

The programme began with the National Anthem which was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the DG YSS along with Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Ved Prakash; Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports Central, Jitendra Mishra; Accounts Officer Directorate of Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Sunil Kumar

Sharma; Chief Wushu Coach of India and Dronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo; District Youth Services and Sports Officers and Conveners of various committees namely Sukhdev Raj Sharma, Jaffar Hussain and Harvinder Kaur.

March Past by the athletes and the officials, besides Wushu demonstrations added colour to the programme.

The event was formally declared open by Rajinder Singh Tara, who was accompanied in the arena by Ved Prakash, Jitendra Mishra and Kuldeep Handoo.

21 State/UT teams are taking part in this sporting extravaganza including Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, CBSE WSO, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur,

Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Vidhya Bharathi and West Bengal.

Meanwhile, speaking on the occasion, Tara advised the participating players to preserve the sanctity and spirit of sports, give their best to vie for the top honours, thus set a benchmark.

He asked the officials to show resilience and perseverance in dealing with the people of different tastes and temperaments.

Ved Prakash while extending thanks to the Chief Guest and the participating contingents for gracing the occasion, also thanked the entire organising team for holding the historic series of events in a most befitting manner.

On the occasion, Kuldeep Handoo, the only Dronacharya Awardee from Jammu and Kashmir and iconic Wushu Player Surya Bhanu Pratap Singh were felicitated by the organisers for their outstanding contribution in the field of sports.

Later-on, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu chaired a meeting of Managers and Coaches for smooth and successful conduct of the event. Weigh-in and Draw of Lots were held today and the bouts will begin at the same venue tomorrow.

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KISHTWAR: The 36th Kishtwar District Volleyball Championship, organized by the Volleyball Association of Jammu & Kashmir (VAJK) in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council, concluded on Friday at the Govt Model Higher Secondary (Girls) School in Kishtwar.

The two-day event, which was sponsored by Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd (CVPP Ltd) and the Pakul Dul H.E Project, witnessed intense competition between local teams from various far-flung areas of Kishtwar.

In the final match, Drabshalla Volleyball Club A triumphed over Drabshalla Volleyball Club B with a 3-0 victory. The winning team dominated the match with set scores of 25-18, 26-24, and 25-19, securing their place as champions of the district.

The championship featured a total of eight teams from areas including Berra Bata, Drabshalla, Matta, Chatroo, and Paddar; with all teams showcasing their talent and competitive spirit.

The championship aimed not only to promote sportsmanship but also to



Chief guest presenting winner trophy to Drabshalla Volleyball Club A team.

encourage the youth of Kishtwar to engage in healthy activities and move away from social evils, including the growing problem of drug addiction in the region.

SSP Kishtwar, Javed Iqbal Mir, was the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony, while Sr. Manager of CVPPL, Raghunath Jhoor; Krishan Lal (Principal of the host school), also graced the occasion as Guest of

Honour.

In his address, SSP Mir urged the youth to collaborate with government bodies, sports associations, NGOs, and civil society organizations in the fight against drug addiction, which he described as a serious threat to the youth of Jammu & Kashmir.

He also praised the efforts of the Volleyball Association of J&K office bearers Kuldeep Magotra, CEO, VJK

Magotra General Secretary, Ramesh Sharma Treasurer and local organisers for the successful conduct of the championship.

During the ceremony, prizes including trophies, medals, and sports kits were awarded to the winning and runner-up teams.

Drabshalla Volleyball A received the championship trophy, while Drabshalla Volleyball B was awarded the runner-up trophy.

The winners also earned a chance to represent the district in the upcoming 36th JKUT Volleyball Championship, which will be held from December 13 to 15, 2024, in Jammu.

Earlier in the tournament, the semifinals saw Drabshalla A defeat Matta Volleyball Club 2-0 (25-18, 25-17), while Drabshalla B overcame Berra Bata Volleyball Club with a similar 2-0 win (25-16, 25-16). The matches were officiated by a panel of technical experts including Mohd Irfan, Ishan Ahmed, Shah Nawaz Mattoo, and Umar Zargar.

The event was a resounding success, bringing together the local community and fostering a spirit of unity and sportsmanship in the district.

MIET College claims Inter Collegiate Football (M) 2024-25 title

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JAMMU: The Inter-Collegiate Football (Men's) Tournament 2024-25, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, concluded with MIET College Jammu clinching the championship title.

The final match, held at the Football Ground of the University of Jammu, saw MIET College defeat the PG Department University of Jammu in a thrilling penalty shootout, securing a 5-4 victory.

The tournament provided a competitive platform for players from various affiliated colleges to showcase their skills and sportsmanship.

In the semifinals, the PG Department JU triumphed over GMC Kathua with a



MIET College Jammu team in jubilant mood after receiving winner trophy.

dominant 4-1 win, while MIET College advanced after defeating GDC Udhampur 3-0.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director of the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest at the event, which was attended by several dignitaries, including Vimal Kishore, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ravish Vaid, Vikas

Karlopia, Gagan Kumar, P.D Singh, Jai Bharat, Shamsheer Singh, Sukomal Ganguly, Ashok Singh Bali, Inderjeet Singh, Rishiv Sharma, Manjeet Kotwal, Richa Mandla, Vandna Sharma and other dignitaries, players, officials. The matches were officiated by a team of referees including Dheeraj Menia, Abhishek, Dil Bhadur, Kartik Sharma and Gagan Kumar.

Army awards Tariq for sports promotion

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POONCH: For promoting communal harmony through the medium of sports, the Indian Army today felicitated Mohd Tariq on 77th Poonch Link Up Day celebrations, here.

The special award was presented to Tariq by Lt General Naveen Sachdeva, GOC 16 Corps in recognition to his (Tariq) contributions in promoting communal harmony in the society by engaging the youth on the play fields.

Important to mention here that the Indian Army celebrates the Poonch Link Up Day in a big way every year. On this day, the Army recognise the contributions of individuals towards the society and then felicitate them in the public.

Tariq has been doing commendable job as a coach and mentor by in the border district of



Lt General Naveen Sachdeva, GOC 16 Corps presenting award to Mohd Tariq.

Poonch thus guiding the youth to excel in sports.

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