

## YGDFI felicitates players for bringing laurels to J&K



J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi posing with winner students and others.

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JAMMU: Youth Games Development Federation of India (YGDFI) felicitated the players who brought laurels to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory while participating in the National level tournament at Mathura in Utter Pradesh.

It is pertinent to mention here that Youth Games Development Federation of India had sponsored the players from various parts of J&K like Rajouri, Samba, Poonch, Kathua, Ramban, Akhnoor, Jaurian and Srinagar and took them for participation in the aforesaid

tournament.

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and party Vice President Yudhvir Sethi who had earlier flagged off the children's tour was the Chief Guest of today's programme.

Sethi, while congratulating the players for their performance in the tournament, said that while the participating children made the people of J&K proud with their excellent performance, at the same time these children got an opportunity to visit monuments and places of historical and cultural significance there in UP.

He added that such tours

expose children to different cultures and areas of the country and go a long way in their overall personality development.

The players who were felicitated in today's programme included Mukesh Kumar 200 m U-19; Sardev Singh 400 m U-19; Harshit Chhibber 400 m Senior; Sunil Kumar 100 m Senior; Manik Sharma Football Senior; Rahul Salaria Badminton U-17; Mohit Salaria Badminton U-17; Anjali Sharma 400 m U-17 Gold; Amit Kumar 400 m U-19; Rohit Khajuria U-19 captain Gold; Arun Sharma volleyball U-17; Arun Singh Kabaddi U-19; Sourav Sharma 100 m Senior; Prinka Sharma 200 m U-17; Arun Kumar 5 km U-19; Shubham Sharma 5 km U-19; Tannu Gupta U-17 Badminton; Shubham Sharma volleyball U-19 Senior; Naina Sharma volleyball U-19; Joginder Sharma 200 m Athletics and Karan Dranch Volleyball U-19.

## Vaccination drive held in DPS Udhampur



Doctor administering COVID vaccine to a student.

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UDHAMPUR: Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur in association with Health Department Chenani conducted the vaccination drive under the action plan for age group 15 to 17 years at the school campus on Monday.

The vaccination drive was inaugurated by Pro Vice Chairman of the School, Dr. J.C Gupta, Managing Director of the School, Vivek Gupta, Director Academics, Sucheta Gupta along with medical warriors by lighting the traditional ceremony lamp and prayed

to God for well being of everyone.

Dr JC Gupta appealed to the masses to join hands together and actively participates in such drives to fight with this deadly virus as soon as possible.

Principal, Dr. Kunal Anand thanked all the parents for their participation and appreciated the students for considering health as productive investment.

The drive was organized under the guidance of Dr. Poonam Khajuria (Nodal Officer) and Ms. Gurjeet Kour, Vice Principal YTS.

## KC Public School celebrates annual function 2021 virtually

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JAMMU: For the second year in succession, KC Public School organized its annual function 2021 in virtual format and streamed it on YouTube for the benefit of parents and invited guests on Sunday at 7:00 PM. The premiere event was watched online by a large number of viewers.

The function began with a brief tour of the school and KC Sports Club. It was followed by lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra and Headmistress Sofia Rana.

Principal Mishra presented the annual school report with special emphasis on academic achievements and complimented the school teaching staff for their commitment and devotion to online teaching necessitated by Covid-19 pandemic ravaging the world for another year.

The first part of the cultural programme consisted

of an inspirational song presented by the children of Junior School and a well-choreographed dance sequence highlighting the essence of Mother Nature and her elements like, water, soil, sky and flowers. A report on Round Square activities presented by RS Prefects highlighted participation of KCPS students and staff in numerous online conferences, seminars, meetings and collaborative projects hosted by Round Square schools from all over the world in another pandemic ridden year.

The main item of the cultural programme was the enactment of Habib Tanvir's world-famous play 'Charandas' by the students of the senior school.

The cast of the play included 3 children from 'Raanak' - a social work undertaking recently launched by students of KCPS for the welfare of children residing in hutments near school campus.

Based on folklore of Chhattisgarh region of cen-

tral India, the play underscores the virtue of truthfulness and honesty.

The theatrical performance was followed by the felicitation of 2 school alumni Dr Sumedha Chaudhary and Ribhav Mittal who in their video messages expressed gratitude to their alma mater for shaping their careers and personalities.

School Chairman Raju Chowdhary presented a cash award to Tanmay Gupta for topping the All India NEET examination 2021 and also presented the Round Square King Constantine Medal to Mishika Mittal for her remarkable contribution to community service.

Raju Chowdhary focused on the significance of drastic steps humanity has been taking to cope with a global calamity and put in a word of appreciation for the entire school team of teachers, administrative staff, support staff, parents and students for their ability to face the challenges with grit and determination.

## Akhnoor Club, High Sparo win ties in Rajouri Volleyball



Incharge Volleyball Association Rajouri, Mohd Tariq interacting with players.

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RAJOURI: Akhnoor Volleyball Club and High Sparo Club won their respective matches to strengthen their position in the ongoing New Year Open Volleyball Cup being organised by Choudhary Volleyball Club in collaboration with Excise Department at Sports Stadium Rajouri, today.

In the first match Akhnoor Club defeated Thannamandi

Volleyball Club 2:0 (25:21, 25:19) while High Sparo Club trounced Stadium Volleyball Club in similar lines making it 25:18,25:16.

Incharge Volleyball Association Rajouri, Mohd Tariq was special guest, who interacted with the teams playing in today's matches. Tariq was introduced with the teams by members of the Association, Dr Ahsan ul Haq, Sajad Majeed and Khalid Hussain.

## JKFA's referees qualify fitness test for Cat-2 course

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JAMMU: Presently attending to the selection process of All India Football Federation (AIFF) for up gradation to Category-2, four referees of J&K Football Association (JKFA) have qualified the fitness test.

In total, seven names of Category-3 were recommended to the AIFF by the JKFA and only four could make it to the next round of theory, practical and viva Tests.

Four qualified referees for the next round of selection included Tanveer Ahmad (Srinagar), Tariq Ahmad (Hajin), Ghulam Mohamad (Sopore) and Abid Najar (Budgam), a handout issued by the JKFA informed.

Other three names, who could not pass the fitness test were Sarfaraz Nabi, (Rafiabad), Zahid Zubair



Referees of J&K Football Association after qualifying the fitness test.

Hajin, Shabir Ahmad (Sopore). Srafarz Nabi, Zahid Zubair and Shabir Ahmad could not qualify the Fitness Test.

Meanwhile, on their selection for the next round of tests, the JKFA congratulated all four category-3 referees. We wish them best of luck in their future endeav-

ors.

Earlier, prior to their departure to Gwalior, special classes were conducted for these Category-3 Referees by N.A Bhat. The JKFA has worked hard for the development of the Referees Department over the years and the results are obviously fruitful.

Prof. Charak appreciated

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JAMMU: In commemoration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Department of Mathematics, University of Jammu presented a Skit 'Aaj Ka Bharat' on Monday.

The Skit has been written and directed by M. Phil scholar of the Department, Avinash Lakhotra.

Prof. K.S Charak, HoD, Mathematics was the Chief Guest and prominent amongst those who witnessed the skit included Prof. Romesh Kumar Sharma, Dr. Shallu Sharma Jamwal, Dr. Rachna Sachdeva along with other faculty members, scholars and PG students of Mathematics following COVID-19 SoPs.

Prof. Charak appreciated

## Deptt of Maths JU presents skit to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Students presenting a skit 'Aaj Ka Bharat' at JU on Monday.

the efforts of the students who not only presented a wonderful skit but also expressed that they, the youth of the country, are well aware of their rich past and are dutiful and responsible citizens.

He cited many examples of the last 75 years in which

India and we Indians have exhibited tremendous capabilities to become world leaders.

It depicted the past and present of the country with a hope that the future would be brighter than ever and those who are living in India of present times would be the

torch bearers of its brilliant future.

Those who acted in the skit include Aakriti Sharma, Shalini Chib, Sourav Dalmotra,, Raman Kumar, Kajal Devi, Jasneet Kour, Arti Devi, Jyoti Sharma, Shiva Rakwal and Akash Bishwokarma.

## NIH WHRC Jammu organises two-day online training workshop

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JAMMU: The National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Western Himalayan Regional Centre (WHRC), Jammu organized a two day's online training workshop on "Tools and Techniques for Springshed Management" under a project study sponsored by National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS).

The training workshop was inaugurated online by Hamesh Manchanda, Chief Engineer (CE), Irrigation and Flood Control, Jammu Division.

In his inaugural speech Manchanda spoke about the importance of springs in ensuring the water security in the region while mentioning various government initiatives in similar direction viz., Jal Jeevan Mission.

Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Jammu in his address as the Guest of Honour emphasized on the need of Springshed management and rejuvenations in Himalayan regions.

Dr. DS Bisht, Course Coordinator apprised that the training workshop was designed with a view to inculcate knowledge on Springshed Management to the

stakeholders of Tawi River catchment in Jammu Division.

In the two days' workshop the participants were exposed to various concepts of spring genesis and types, data collection and analysis, electronic data collection using mobile application, hydro-meteorological instrumentation, water conservation measures, spring vulnerability analysis, geological investigation of springs etc.

The workshop was attended by the officials from the office of Chief Conservator of Forests, Department of Soil and Water Conservation, Irrigation and Flood Control department, Ravi-Tawi Irrigation complex. Academicians, PhD Scholars and Masters Students from different universities namely, University of Jammu, Central University of Jammu, SKUAST-Jammu, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri, Punjabi University Patiala, Gurukul Kangri University Haridwar, Uttarakhand Open University, andKumaun University Uttarakhandalso participated in the workshop in online mode.

Dr. PG Jose, Dr. SS Rawat, Dr. DS Bisht, Dr. Pradeep Kumar and Dr. Naveen Hakhoo delivered lectures on various com-

ponents dealing with springs in ten different sessions.

In the workshop, Dr. SS Rawat demonstrated the webGIS based spring inventory ISHVAR (Information System of Himalayan Springs for Vulnerability Assessment and Rejuvenation) created for Tawi and Ravi river catchment to the participants. Dr. TS Ashok Kumar (IFS), Director, Soil and Water Conservation Department and Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests joined the valedictory sessions. He emphasized on the need of creating the inventory of springs to enable the policymakers and water managers for making informed decision for planning and management of these natural resources. He also appreciated the efforts of organizers for conducting the workshop.

Dr. Manmohan Goel, Head & Coordinator, NIH WHRC Jammu, assured the participants for extending the necessary support in springshed development program while impressing upon the need of coordinated efforts to ensure the overarching objectives of Ministry of Jal Shakti in ensuring the water security through source sustainability.