

# KC College of Education, HPS, Shiksha Niketan School celebrate Lohri

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JAMMU: Many educational institutions here on Friday celebrated the festival of Lohri.



KC College of Education faculty and students celebrating Lohri festival.

The cultural club of **KC College of Education** in collaboration with the NSS unit of the college organized a cultural event on the eve of Lohri festival.

It is believed that this festival commemorates the passing of winter solstice. Dr. Puja Sharma, Convenor cultural club and Priya Gupta, NSS Program Officer arranged a special assembly in the college premises which was attended by all the faculty, staff and students with much zeal and enthusiasm.

The event started with a speech on religious, cultural and historical significance of Lohri festival by Taranjeet Kour, senior most faculty.

Thereafter, students presented colourful cultural items. Everyone celebrated the festival with songs and dance especially Lohri songs.

The bonfire, a key feature of Lohri, was kept alight throughout the celebration, lighting up the spirit of joy, happiness and togetherness. Principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the students and encouraged teachers to play a vital role in keeping the tradition and culture alive by celebrating such kind of festivals.

**Humanity Public School (HPS)** celebrated Lohri with zeal and gusto. Due to absence of students because of winter vacation, the celebration was conducted by school faculty and staff members. Kamaljeet Kour and Jasmeet Kour accentuated the value of cultural heritage attached to the Lohri through their speech and poetry respectively. Punjabi Boliyaan, Bhangra and folk Lohri songs performed by teachers wearing traditional attire. The hallmark of the festival, lighting of the Bonfire proved to be reconciliation that submerged into all present there. It was a gala time as the teachers danced around the holy bonfire. To grace the occasion Senior Incharge Akashdeep Raina, Keshav Raj Sharma (Incharge, Hr. Sec. Wing), Namarta Sharma (Incharge, Senior Wing), Vandana Sharma (Incharge, Primary Wing), Aparna Billovria (Incharge Pre-Primary Wing), Er. Varinder Kumar (IT Incharge), Meenu Khajuria (Activity



Humanity Public School faculty celebrating Lohri festival.

Incharge) and Mahaan (Sports Incharge) were present. Principal, Gaurav Charak and Vice principal, Anku Charak congratulated staff and they advised everyone to live a life of truth and virtue as it would prove to be an upper hand in enduring a respectable life ahead.



Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School faculty celebrating Lohri festival.

**Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar-Jammu** celebrated Lohri with exuberance and fanfare. School has arranged the bonfire in the ground and celebrated this festival with the presence of Principal along with Wings heads, Incharges, teachers, non teaching staff and all other helping staff of the school. Principal, Rameshwar Mengi distributed the gifts to the helping staff. He also appreciated the cultural item presented by the teachers of different wings. He gave his best wishes to all the staff members and their family member.

## Srinagar boy bags silver at 6th National Taekwondo Championship

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SRINAGAR: International Taekwondo athlete Faizan Ali has bagged a silver medal in 70-kg weight category at 6th National Taekwondo Championship held in Odisha.

Faizan who hails from Lal Bazar area of Srinagar has secured the medal, showcasing his prowess in the sport. Being a versatile athlete, Faizan has excelled in various disciplines such as taekwondo, penak silat, wushu, karate, hapkido, hogam, trekking and more.

Faizan started playing Taekwondo from 2010 when he was studying in a Srinagar school where from he used to go for practice to the Indoor Stadium.

"I started playing from a very young age. I used to go to Indoor Stadium for training. There were lot of teachers who trained me. Gradually I played a district match in 2010. It was my first match at Indoor Stadium wherein I won gold.

With the passage of time I started playing State matches as well which gave a boost to my passion towards the sports," Faizan said.

He said being a Kashmiri it was an honour for him to represent India at international level. "Till now I have represented J&K almost 11 times and I'm thankful to Almighty for providing me an opportunity. I have won 6 gold, 5 silver medals so far and I hope more feathers will be added in my crown in times to come," he said.

Faizan attributed his success to his coach, Parvez Hussain whose guidance and mentorship have played a key role in shaping his athletic career.

He believes that everyone need to set a goal prior to beginning a journey and maintain good health for braving life's odds. "Goal without a plan is just a dream, and for achieving dreams, good health is must," he said.

## NSS Unit 1 of GCW Gandhi Nagar engages in National Youth Day celebrations



NSS volunteers posing with faculty members during a programme.

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JAMMU: In commemoration of National Youth Day 2024, NSS Unit 1 of Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, participated in a series of events.

The day commenced with NSS volunteers gathering to watch the live telecast of the Prime Minister's address from Nasik, where insightful perspectives and encouraging words were shared to motivate and guide the youth towards excellence.

Following the telecast, the

## Sr Women's One-Day Trophy Rubia's 66 the only bright spot in J&K's defeat against Haryana

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TRIVANTHRIPURAM: Brilliant knock of 66 runs by the make-shift opening batter, Rubia Syed was the only bright spot in J&K's 87-run defeat against Haryana in the ongoing Senior Women's One-Day Trophy at St Xavier's College Ground, Trivanthipuram, here.

After a series of failures in the tournament so far, Rubia played a brilliant knock today in J&K's losing battle to give her much needed confidence for the future games.

Chasing a fighting total of 217 runs on a batting friendly track, J&K batters, except Rubia faltered due to lack of application and commitment and the whole team bundled out for a paltry 130 runs, thus J&K lost the match by a big margin of 87 runs. Rubia Syed scored splendid 66 runs off 77 balls, studded with 7 fours and 4 sixes, while skipper Sandhya Sayal, Shivanti Gupta and Chitra Singh Jamwal contributed 13, 12 and 11 runs to the total respectively. Priyanka Sharma was the pick of the bowlers for Haryana who took 3 wickets, while



Triveni Vasistha bagged 2 wickets. Suman Gulia, Bhawna Ohlan, Sonia Mendhiya, Sheetal Rana and Pooja Phogat claimed one wicket each.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Haryana scored a good total of 217 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 8 wickets in the process. Skipper Sheetal Rana top scored with 47 runs off 67 balls with 5 boundaries, while Tanisha Ohlan and Bhawna Ohlan contributed 36 and 34 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, Sandhya Sayal, Chitra Singh Jamwal, Anju Tomar, Rubia Syed and Sarla Devi claimed one wicket each. J&K will take on Maharashtra in their last league match on January 16 at Sports Hub International Stadium, Trivanthipuram in Kerala.

## DM XI Udhampur defeats CRPF XI in T-20 Cricket Match



Winner DM XI Udhampur after receiving trophy from DM Udhampur, Saloni Rai.

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UDHAMPUR: In T-20 cricket match organized by Orzu Sports, Cultural, and Educational Trust, sponsored by Landmark Crafts Pvt Ltd, DM XI Udhampur secured a commanding 80-run victory over CRPF XI.

Opting to bowl first after winning the toss, CRPF XI faced a daunting target of 217 runs in 20 overs set by DM XI under the captaincy of Rafiq Ahmad Jaral ACR

Udhampur. Vikram Jamwal stole the show with an outstanding performance, scoring 109 runs in 44 balls, earning him the Man of the Match title. Supported by 22 from Sachin and 27 from Rajinder Digra, DIO Udhampur who constructed inning in the middle order and set a stage for bid target DM XI showcased a formidable batting display.

In pursuit of the target, CRPF XI was bowled out at

135, with Ashwani Kotwal taking four wickets for DM XI, and other bowlers contributing to the team's success.

The jersey of DM XI was sponsored and crafted by Akhil Mahajan, the owner of Muscle & Strength Outlet Udhampur.

District Magistrate Udhampur, Saloni Rai, ADDC Ghan Sham Singh, ADC Joginder Singh Jasrotia, and CPO Mudassir Yaqoob Zargar congratulated the team, encouraging them to participate in more tournaments for the holistic well-being of youth and promote a healthy lifestyle while discouraging drug use.

District Magistrate Udhampur, Saloni Rai consistently advocates for sports activities in the district, emphasizing the importance of keeping officers and officials actively engaged in physical pursuits alongside their professional responsibilities.

## DYSS holds Roller Skating selection

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JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) on Friday organised selection trials to pick up Roller Skating probable for the upcoming National School Games at MA Stadium, here.

The selection took place in all age groups of boys and girls under the guidance of officers of the DYSS.

Earlier, the selection penal conducted the competition among the participants from different districts of the Union Territory, a handout issued here today informed.



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AKHNOOR: Under the aegis of Divyang Cricket Control Board of India, the selection trial was organised by Jammu & Kashmir Divyang Welfare Association at Country Cricket Stadium, Gharota, Akhnoor, Jammu on Friday.

Divyang cricketers from the entire Jammu and Kashmir region, Shopian, Pulwama, Srinagar, Anantnag, Kupwara, Baramulla, Udhampur, Doda,



Kishtwar, Poonch, Rajouri, Jammu came to give their trial for getting the selection in Jammu and Kashmir Divyang

Cricket Team.

Under the chairmanship of Sham Singh Langeh, Ghazal Khan CEO of Divyang Cricket

Control Board of India, Sayed Shah Aziz, captain of Indian Divyang Cricket Team and Vikrant Sharma Director

Country Cricket Stadium, Gharota selected Ajeet Raj as captain, Aqib Malik as Vice Captain, Rahul Sharma as Wicket Keeper, Sunil Sharma, Mohammad Ramzan, Irshad Hamid, Yawar Bashir, Javid Ahmad Malik, Zahid Abbas, Pritam Singh, Mudassir Gul, Shah Nawaz Ahmed, Tarseem Lal, Asif Ali, Nikhil Sharma as players and Khurshed Ahmad as Manager for Chhattisgarh Tournament.

## KIIT Placement 2023: Student bags Rs. 63 lakh job offer, significant increase in average salary

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BHUBANESWAR: KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, achieved a cent percent placement yet again with 6200 job offers from 750 plus companies for about 5000 eligible students from the School of Technology, School of Management (KSOM), School of Rural Management (KSRM), School of Biotechnology (KSBT), and School of Law (KLS).

It also witnessed a significant jump in the average pay package in the campus placement drive for the 2023 graduating batch.

This year, the average CTC crossed Rs. 8.2 lakh, while the highest touched Rs. 63 lakh, placing KIIT in the league of top National Institutes in terms of pay offered to the students in the campus placement.

KIIT, founded by eminent educationist and social activist Prof. Achyuta Samanta, took shape as an



institution of higher learning in 1997.

Since then, it has been recording near-total placement in all academic programs, irrespective of macro-economic and job market scenarios. After it was declared a Deemed to be University by the Govt. of India in 2004, KIIT has redefined professional education in the country and set benchmarks in teaching pedagogies and research outputs.

The Education Ministry's NIRF India Rankings 2022 have placed it as the 16th

best university in the country. It ranks in the cohort of 601-800 globally in the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024.

The University is also accredited with the highest A++ Grade by NAAC. The academic programs of the School of Technology are accredited by the IET, UK, and ABET, USA.

In the KIIT School of Technology, over 5200 job offers were made by 450 plus companies, with more than 1800 students receiving mul-

HIGHLIGHTS
▶ 750+ companies visited for campus placement
▶ 6200 job offers generated
▶ 1800 students get multiple job offers
▶ Highest CTC Rs. 63 LPA, Average CTC Rs. 8.2 LPA
▶ 1500+ paid internship offers by 60 companies

tiples offers. About 2000 were Dream Offers with an average CTC of Rs. 8.20 LPA. The maximum number of offers were made by Capgemini followed by Bosch Global Software Technologies with 302 and 242 offers respectively.

There was a significant increase in the pay package offered to the students in the School of Technology this year. The highest CTC of Rs. 63 LPA was offered by Yugabyte, whereas companies like Amazon, Atlassian, LightBeam, etc., offered CTC of more than Rs. 30 LPA. More than 155 companies offered CTC of Rs. 5 LPA plus, wherein 47 companies like Cisco, Philips,

ION Group, Razorpay Software (P) Ltd, Kickdrum, Silicon Labs, Schlumberger, ZS Associates, Dell Technologies, BCN, ITRON, Commvault, VmWare, etc., offered CTC ranging from Rs. 15 LPA to Rs. 25 LPA.

For core branches of the School of Technology, more than 50 companies like TVS Motors Company, JSW Energy, Volvo Group India, Samsung Heavy Industries India, Royal Enfield, ArelorMittal, Nippon Steel India, Tata Chemicals, Dalmia Cement, Ashiana Housing, Afeons Infrastructure, Tata Power, Schneider Electric, Fiat India Automobiles, etc., visited with CTC ranging from

Rs. 5 LPA to Rs. 10 LPA. More than 1500 paid internship offers were made by about 60 companies, with the highest 1269 internship offers being made by Highradius.

In the School of Management, around 140 companies visited for placements of MBA and BBA students. The highest CTC of Rs. 22.75 LPA was offered by Rehat, whereas companies like Khinji Ramdas, Alien Group, Tata Communications, Hevo Data, Trinamix offered more than Rs. 15 LPA. The average CTC was Rs. 9.50 LPA. In total, around 360 plus offers were generated, recording 98.05% placement for the School.

The KIIT School of Biotechnology (KSBT) recorded an 89% placement with 40-plus companies visiting the campus. The highest CTC of Rs. 7.00 LPA was offered by Nestle, while the average was Rs. 5 LPA.

Companies like Elucidata, GSK Pharma, Enzene Biosciences, Intas Pharmaceuticals, and Himalaya Wellness Company offered CTC of more than Rs. 5 LPA.

In total, 65 law firms and companies visited KIIT Law School, which posted an 81% placement with an average pay package of Rs. 5 LPA. The highest CTC of Rs. 21.00 LPA was offered by DFDL (international), while Rs. 13 LPA was offered by Bharucha & Partners (Domestic). Companies like Wadia Ghandy & Co, Ernst & Young LLP, LORM Immigration Services LLP, HDFC Ergo GIC, Royal Sundaram General Insurance offered CTC ranging from Rs. 6.00 LPA to Rs. 10.00 LPA.

In KIIT School of Management (KSRM), 60 companies have visited for the batch size of 133. The highest package offered was Rs. 9.50 LPA by Avanti

Finance, wherein companies like Nestle-India, Bigbasket, Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL), BISK Farm, TechnoServe India, Mahindra Finance offered CTC ranging from Rs. 6.00 LPA to Rs. 10.00 LPA. The School recorded 96% placement and an average CTC of Rs. 5.50 LPA.

The best-ever placement performance this year has added to the joy among parents and students of the institute. KIIT has academic tie-ups with 350+ international universities, providing an excellent opportunity for students to pursue higher education abroad. KIIT facilitates the academic placement of about 500 students every year in reputed national and international institutions for higher studies. Students have received confirmed offers from top European and American universities for higher education courses, including Ph.D.