

Chitra Jamwal scores massive 769 runs this season

‘Consistency makes her contender for ‘Team India’ cut

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JAMMU: Talented top-order batter and medium pace bowler, Chitra Singh Jamwal of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has scored massive 769 runs in 20 matches she played so far in the season including U-23 T20 and Senior Women's T20 and Senior Women's One-Day Trophies, besides taking 20 wickets with her military medium stoff.

All set to represent North Zone in the forthcoming



Senior Women's Zonal One-Day Trophy, Chitra's consistency in all formats of the game has made her as the

top contender for 'Team India' cut.

After emerging top run-getter for J&K with 148 runs and 9 wickets in the Senior Women's T20 Tournament this season, Chitra emerged as the top run scorer in the country in the league phase of the prestigious Women's U-23 T20 Trophy with 294 runs apart from 8 wickets and again remained top scorer for J&K and fifth in the country in the league phase of the recently concluded Senior

Women's One-Day Trophy with 327 runs in six innings' besides 3 wickets.

With a healthy average of around 100 runs and an impressive strike rate, promising Chitra has scored three half-centuries with unbeaten 68* as her top score, apart from unconquered 48*, 45 and 22* runs in the other three innings' of U-23 Women's T20 Trophy, besides smashing two centuries and two half-centuries in Senior Women's One-Day Trophy and four times 30 plus scores in Senior Women's T20 Trophy.

Chitra smashed 83 fours and 3 sixes in these tournaments, portraying picture of the impact she puts on the game.

"I accredit my success to the facilities being provided by the JKCA, besides sheer-dint of hardwork by my

Coaches and my parents," maintained Chitra.

"Chitra has performed exceptionally well throughout the season and has made all of proud," said Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA. Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA has termed Chitra as a special talent, who possessed all that is required to blossom at the highest level.

Member, Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) JKCA, Roopali Slathia, Senior Women's Selection Committee JKCA including Surabhi Dadheechi (Chairperson), Ankita Jalla, Masrat Ahad and JKCA Coaches for women-Chetan B Dhingra, Huwaid Hamid and Meenu Singh Slathia have lavished praise on Chitra for her landmark achievement.

Jodhamal students attend workshop on Drone Technology at IIT Jammu



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JAMMU: Exclusive sessions on UAVs and Drones were organized for the students of Jodhamal Public School by IIT Jammu.

Spanning over two days, these Sessions included theory and hands-on practical experiences in which the Jodhamal students learnt to assemble and manoeuvre Drones.

45 students from Grades 6th to 11th participated in these invigorating sessions resourced under the technical mentorship of buddy graduate and post graduate engineers

of IIT Jammu.

In the month of February, Jodhamal School is going to have one of the first Drone Challenge Competition to be held in a School in India.

The teams of Jodhamal School who are participating in the challenge are Udaan, Matrix, Ajax, Aeroflight, Aeolus, Horizon and Pawanputra.

During the technical session, the mentors briefed the Jodhamal students about the scope and scale of this technology in recent applications including surveillance, farm-

ing, space missions, wars etc. During Practical workshops, students were also briefed about various flying objects, like Gliders, Aeroplanes, controls panels etc. Apart from this, various other soft skills were also taught during the sessions, followed by a handy round of quiz.

Towards the end of the programme, students were able to understand basic concepts involved in the making of UAVs and Drones. Neetu Johri coordinated the whole programme from the School's side.

SGFI National Games

J&K Cricket team advances to Pre-Quarter Final with second consecutive win



J&K cricket team posing for a photograph with officials after winning the match.

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JAMMU: Team Jammu and Kashmir showcased their prowess in a thrilling Under-17 Cricket Match, securing their second consecutive victory against the DAV Team at the Railway Ground Sounpur, Patna. The match, part of the 67th National Games organized by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), witnessed the participation of 43 teams from across the nation. In a competitive encounter, J&K battled first, setting a commendable total of 149.

The DAV Team, batting second, fought valiantly but fell short by a narrow margin of 5 runs in the final over, securing J&K's entry into the pre-quarterfinals.

Expressing joy and pride, Team Coach Zahoor Rather and Mukesh Sharma congratulated the

players for their exceptional performance. They lauded the team's strategic play and expressed optimism for their success in upcoming matches.

Team Manager Sabzar Ahmed, reflecting on the remarkable achievement, said "We are here with a determination to clinch the title, and the players have showcased incredible skill and dedication. Congratulations to each player for their outstanding performance, and we look forward to continued success in the upcoming matches."

The J&K cricket team's journey in the SGFI National Games has been marked by exemplary teamwork and individual brilliance, reflecting the talent and commitment of the players. As they advance to the pre-quarterfinals, the team carries the hopes and support of their state, aiming to make their mark in this prestigious tournament.

CGM NABARD delivers talk on ‘Farm Economy’ at CUJ

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JAMMU: The Economics Society at the Department of Economics, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) organized a talk on "Farm Economy". The talk was delivered by Bhallamudi Sridhar, Chief General Manager (CGM), NABARD Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar CUJ chaired the inaugural session.

Bhallamudi Sridhar shed light on the current challenges and opportunities in the agricultural sector in India and emphasized the pivotal role it plays in the nation's economic landscape.

Drawing from his extensive experience, Sridhar provided valuable perspectives



CGM, NABARD J&K and Ladakh Bhallamudi Sridhar posing with students and faculty of CUJ.

on sustainable farming practices, technological advancements, and policy implications crucial for the growth and prosperity of the farm economy.

Following the address, Sridhar inaugurated the names of the official bearers of the Economic Society.

The newly appointed

office bearers of the Economic society are Janhavi Chohan as President, Shruti Sharma as Vice President, Riya Sharma as Treasurer and Smile Sharma as Administrative Head.

These individuals have been chosen for their commitment to academic excellence and their passion for

promoting economic awareness and research within the university community.

Prof. Aswini Kumar Nanda, Head, Department of Economics welcomed the gathering. He also expressed appreciation to vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain for his visionary initiative in founding

the Economic Society and his unwavering support in fostering academic excellence within the university.

Prof. Yashwant Singh encouraged the department to hold more events of this nature for the students' overall development.

Dr. Vishal, coordinator of the society proposed a formal vote of thanks.

Protsaahan: Translation Club organises symposium on ‘Poetry and its translation’

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JAMMU: The Translation Club of Utsaah, Club Consortium of Jammu University on Friday organized a symposium on poetry and its translation during the ten-day multi-arts festival, Protsaahan.

The event was graced by Sapna Kotwal, Secretary of the Pahari Advisory Board, as the Chief Guest, whereas acclaimed Pahari poet Swami Antar Nirav Singh and renowned Dogri poet Promila Manhas were the resource persons.

While welcoming the participants and chief guest on the occasion, Chairperson UTSAAH, clubs consortium, Prof Satnam Kour said that under the supervision of Vice



JU Faculty honouring Chief Guest, Sapna Kotwal, Secretary of the Pahari Advisory Board.

Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai, this initiative has been taken in which 12 different clubs are carrying various activities during this 10-day arts festival.

"It is heartening to witness the enthusiasm and dedica-

tion of the students and faculty involved in promoting linguistic diversity and cultural understanding," said Prof Satnam Kour, adding that the credit for the success of these club goes to all the coordinators.

Sapna Kotwal said that translation, as a bridge between cultures, plays a crucial role in developing mutual respect and appreciation.

"The discussions today reflected a deep engagement with the complexities of linguistic expression and the transformative power that lies within the art of translation," she said and appreciated initiatives by the University of Jammu for the welfare of students and civil society.

Earlier, students from different departments recited poems and their translation in different languages.

Dr Garima Gupta, Coordinator translation club presented formal vote of

thanks. The function was conducted by Anilina Shapoo and Anjali Khajuria.

Among others present on the occasion included Prof Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof Suman Jamwal, Coordinator Film Club, Prof Monika Chadda, Chairperson Cultural Campus Committee, Dr Suvidha Khanna, Coordinator Heritage Club, Dr Shashi Prabha, Coordinator Social Justice Club, Dr Pritam Singh, Coordinator Photography Club, Dr Sandeep Dubey and Dr Padamdev Singh, faculty of Dogri Department, Dr Farhat Urdu Department, Dr Bandana Thakur, Department of Hindi.

Tug of War matches organised by GDC Ramgarh

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SAMBA: Department of Physical Education and Sports, in collaboration with NSS unit Prabha, of Government Degree College Ramgarh on Friday organised Tug of War matches here on the Campus. The activity was conducted under the aegis of Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (NMBAB).

Both Male and Female students of the college participated in the event. In the Male category, 18 students participated while in

the Female category 16 students participated in the event. The students enthusiastically showcased their skills.

The matches were organised by Anil Kumar PTI, Department of Physical Education & Sports of the College, under the supervision of Prof. Brham Dutt, NSS PO & Convener of Sports Committee.

Speaking on the occasion, the College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra congratulated the winning and runner-up

teams for their display of discipline and sportsmanship. She also applauded the efforts of the organizers of the events.

The matches were witnessed and prize distribution ceremony was attended by Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Dr. Snobar, Prof. Brham Dutt, Prof. Sandeep Kumari, Dr. Shivali Choudhary, Priya Sharma, Akanksha Kangotra, Sonali Dutta, Arpana Devi, Dr. Intiyaz Ahmed, Ram Murti and Sunil Kumar.

Essay Writing Competition on National Youth Day held at MIER College



Students appearing in essay writing competition at MIER College of Education.

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JAMMU: The NSS unit of MIER College of Education organised a compelling essay writing competition on January 12, 2024, commemorating National Youth Day.

The event focused on the topic 'Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's Philosophy in Present Times.'

Esteemed dignitaries, including Prof Adit Gupta, Director and Principal, Prof. Nishita Rana, Head of School of Education, and Dr. Monika Bajaj, Head of School of Social Sciences and Humanities, along with faculty members, graced the occasion.

Hitakshi Bakshi, a student of B.Ed. Semester 1, welcomed guests and participants, shedding light on the significance of National Youth Day.

Participants were given the platform to articulate their perspectives on Swami Vivekananda's enduring philosophy. The essays fostered the continued relevance of Vivekananda's teachings in modern society, emphasizing self-realization, tolerance, and social service.

The judging panel, comprising Dr. Reeta Dwivedi, Dr. Bindu Dua, and Suman Devi, Assistant Professors of MIER College of Education, evaluated entries based on content, organization, vocabulary, language, and relevance to the theme.

The competition not only deepened understanding but also sparked meaningful discussions on applying Vivekananda's teachings in daily life.

Winners were

announced, with Hitakshi Bakshi, B.Ed. Semester 1 and Sukriti Sharma B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science Semester 3 securing the first position. Almita Katoch secured the second rank, and Avinab Badyal clinched the third position. Dr. Adit Gupta commended the NSS unit for organizing a thought-provoking competition, enriching students with Vivekananda's principles.

Aashiya of B.Ed. Semester 1 presented a formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the successful organization of the competition by Dr. Komal Sharma, Programme Officer, NSS, and Sonika Kumari, Member, NSS. The event concluded with inspiring insights and a renewed commitment to Swami Vivekananda's ideals.

Digital student attendance, School Management System shall be in place from new academic session: Singla



Secretary School Education, Piyush Singla reviewing progress on establishment of Vidya Samiksha Kendra in J&K.

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JAMMU: Secretary School Education, Piyush Singla, on Friday reviewed progress on establishment of Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The initiative, which aligns with the National Education Policy 2020, is aimed at to ensure real-time monitoring of various projects and activities under the Samagra Shiksha program besides leveraging data and technology to bring a big leap in learning outcomes", maintained the Secretary while assessing progress on creation of this vital utility in the region.

Piyush Singla said that setting up of VSK is an innovative project driven by the

Prime Minister, being replicated across the country. VSK will cover data of all schools, students and teachers, for meaningful analysis through big data analysis, artificial intelligence and machine learning, he added. He observed that, monitoring dashboard along with integration of data analysis-based Call Management Utility and reporting system of VSK shall be helpful in creating a conducive ecosystem in the Education Department.

He said that, with establishment of VSK, analyzing the areas for decision-making and implementation shall become easy. VSK shall increase accountability

among all the field-level staff/administrators, HoDs in monitoring the real-time status of various project components under the ambit of School Education, he maintained.

Secretary also asked the implementing partner, to ensure deduplication of data at all the fronts. He reiterated that, tracking of student enrolment, progress in their learning levels, mainstreaming of out of school children, textbook delivery, support required by teachers and schools, etc should be integrated with the VSK. He also said that, the aim is to have this state-of-the-art facility operational by February 2024, marking a significant

milestone in our efforts to modernize and streamline the education system in Jammu and Kashmir."

Piyush Singla also announced a targeted timeline for establishment of the Command-and-Control Centre (VSK) in Jammu and Kashmir as February, 2024, which shall be made completely operational by 1st of March, 2024. He informed that, from new academic session attendance of students shall be recorded digitally and School Management system shall be in place for digital admission process besides efforts shall be made to bring all the Schools on one Dashboard. He said that, the Command and Control Centre is expected to

enhance efficiency, communication, and data management, contributing to an improved educational experience for students and educators alike.

Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj, apprised the Secretary that VSK is a data repository, powered by Swift Chat AI (Artificial Intelligence), which would enable technology and data-driven systemic change in all schools of Jammu and Kashmir. He informed that, VSK shall be established temporarily in the JK BOSE building situated at Rehari Colony and shall be iconic project for the UT of J&K. He said that facility of VSK shall completely transform the education system across the UT. He further apprised that AI chat bots for students, teacher and parents have been created and shall be made live in the coming days for regular exercises, thus enhancing the learning outcome of students.

The meeting was attended by Special Secretary, Anu Behl, Joint Director Planning, Parshotam Kumar, DD Planning, Bilal Rashid among others stakeholders from the enpaneled firm.