

Students of JK Public School Kunjwani participated in National Games



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students at school assembly on Saturday.

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JAMMU: In the 67th National Basketball School Games (U/14) Girls held at Barmer, Rajasthan from 8-13 Jan 2024, Sachleen Kour and Amaira Gupta of JK

Public School Kunjwani received the certificate of participation.

In the 67th School National U-17 Swimming competitions held at New Delhi from 03-10 Jan 2024, Jaiwardhan

Singh of Class X received certificate of participation.

In the National Baseball Games held at Bilaspur, Chattisgarh from 02-05 Jan 2024, Dhnananjay of Class IX of JK Public School received

certificate of participation.

In National Football U-19 Girls held at Ludhiana from 07-09 Jan 2024, Samridhi Sharma of Class IX received certificate of participation.

In National Football U-14 Boys held at Ranchi,

Jharkhand, Prabhat Singh of Class V received certificate of participation.

In Khelo India Women's Wushu League (North Zone), Dhruvika Gupta of Class VII won Silver Medal.

Director JK Educational Society, Shashi Chaudhary and School Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated the above participants and felicitated in the school assembly. They also lauded Manoj

Solanki, Basketball Coach, Ram Paul, Swimming Coach, Eliza Sotra, Football Coach, Pawan Kumar, Taekwondo Coach and Subash Chand (HOD) Sports for preparing the students for nationals.

Shiksha Niketan School, Vishwa Bharati College celebrate 75th Republic Day



Shiksha Niketan School students and faculty celebrating 75th Republic Day.

teaching staff members of the school. The cultural celebrations were presented by the teachers as well as the students. Rameshwar Mengi apprised the gathering about the drafting of the Indian Constitution, its unique features and the fact that all students and the younger generation need to know about the Constitution in order to understand how they have to lead their life in future.

Vishwa Bharati College of Education celebrated Republic Day with zeal and patriotism at the College. Members of the management, administration, teaching and non teaching staff from both institutions and Vishwa Bharati College of Education and Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School were present to celebrate the event.



Vishwa Bharati College of Education faculty celebrating Republic Day.

The programme commenced with the unfurling of the Tricolour by Dr. S.K Koul, Secretary Vishwa Bharati J&K Units accompanied by Yoginder Koul former IGP J&K Police, B.L. Saraf, former Session Judge, Prof. Bharti Bhat Principal Vishwa Bharati College of Education and Prof. Annapurna Koul,

Principal Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Jammu. The principal apprised the gathering briefly about the making of the constitution, its unique feature and the fact that all students and the younger generation need to know about the constitution in order to understand how they have to live life in future.

Shivani wins Gold in Tata Steel Climbing meet

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JAMMU: Shivani Charak, the prolific medal winner of J&K in sport climbing, opened her account with a Gold medal in Lead Climbing and Bouldering (combined) in the ongoing 4th Tata Steel Sport Climbing Championship being organised by Tata Steel Adventure Foundation at



vice president of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK), Ram Khajuria.

Preliminary rounds in Speed climbing were in progress and Shivani was expected to be among the medalists in Speed climbing also.

"In Lead climbing Shivani secured the first rank and she could win the second place only in Bouldering. However, as she was far ahead of other climbers in combined ranking of Lead climbing and bouldering she won the Gold medal and a cash prize of Rs. 20000," informed senior

Competition in speed relay in which the Relay team consists of two male and one female climber shall be conducted tomorrow. It may be mentioned here that Tata Steel Championship is India's biggest competition which carries a total prize money of Rs. 6.50 lakhs. The championship is also unique as competitions are held in Lead and Bouldering (combined) and also in Speed Relay (Team).

Ranji Trophy: Vivrant, Pundir slam classic tons; J&K scores 359/4 against Baroda

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VADODARA: Talented middle-order batters Vivrant Sharma and Shubham Singh Pundir slammed magnificent centuries as J&K scored 359 for the loss of 4 wickets against Baroda in Ranji Trophy Group-D match at Kotambi Stadium, Vadodara on Saturday.



Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, J&K lost opener Qanran Iqbal (04) early in the innings, however, another opener and skipper Shubham Khajuria and Vivrant Sharma consolidated the innings and took the score to 98 runs in 27.2 overs, before the dismissal of Khajuria at his individual score of 47 runs off 91 balls, studded with 4 fours and 3 sixes. Then came explosive Abdul Samad who con-

tributed brisk 22 off 28 balls with one four and 2 sixes before his departure.

However, Vivrant and Pundir were the real heroes of the day, cracking splendid centuries to guide Jammu and Kashmir reach a good score of 359/4 at stumps on day-1 today.

Both the batters were in awe-inspiring touch, showing sublimity, fluidity and brilliance to hit the ball with ele-

gance, grace and sophistication.

Vivrant scored 139 runs off 191 balls, studded with 11 fours and 7 sixes, while Pundir contributed unbeaten 111 off 166 balls with 9 fours and 3 sixes. Sahil Lotra was at the crease on 25 runs off 57 balls with 2 boundaries.

For Baroda, A Sheth, Mahesh Pithiya and NA Rathva claimed one wicket each.

Crossway Cricket Academy & D-Drama celebrates milestone anniversary

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JAMMU: Crossway Cricket Academy and D-Drama Academy celebrated its one-year anniversary, commemorating a year of dedication, excellence, and passion for the game of cricket and the field of performing arts.

Established with the vision to nurture young talent and promote the spirit of sportsmanship and creativity, both have emerged as a beacon of



cricketing excellence and harnessing talent. They celebrated the occasion with the students by

organising an event where prominent dignitaries like Retd. IG Johnny William (IPS), Esther William

Principal Alexander Memorial School were present to address and motivate the students for the coming year.

Sukomal Ganguly (Head Coach Crossway Cricket Academy) highlighted the achievements of the past year and also threw light on the future plans.

Rajbinder Singh Kler and Delight William Kler, Founders of Crossway Cricket Academy and D Drama, promised the students to continue to create opportunities in the field of cricket and performing arts respectively.

JU celebrates 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervour

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu today celebrated the 75th Republic Day with a spectacular display of patriotic fervour and enthusiasm.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umesh Rai unfurled the National Flag in the University Campus, amid the resonating National Anthem.

Extending Republic Day greetings to students, scholars, faculty and the staff, Prof. Rai lauded the police, armed and paramilitary forces for safeguarding the integrity and sovereignty of the nation, and paid homage to martyrs, who offered supreme sacrifice in line of their duty.

The Vice Chancellor complimented the NCC JK Girls Battalion, some of the cadets of which are credited of bagging Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat- Gold Medal in Debate Category and 11 Gold Medals in Army Training Camp Nagrota and various other National Camps.

Highlighting the strides made by the JU, the Vice Chancellor spelled out in detail the various initiatives undertaken in recent times. He referred to the two important programmes- Design Your Degree and College on Wheels, saying the Design Your Degree has got recognition at the National Level and shall soon be implemented in various Universities of the country. Prof. Rai said that a corpus fund of Rs. 50 Lakh has been allocated for the publication of Litzine Magazine by the Literary Club.

The Vice Chancellor expressed optimism about the university's odyssey to academic excellence, research, and community engagement. He said that the choice-based credit system and Common University Entrance Test (CUET) have been implemented successfully. He also stressed the need for opening doors of the educational institutions for students of the other states in Jammu and Kashmir and encourage students



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai with faculty members after unveiling T-55 Tank during R-Day celebration.

from the Union Territory to go to universities of the other states for knowledge sharing.

Prof Rai said that more than Rs 70 crore have been sanctioned by the Jammu and Kashmir Government for infrastructural development.

He said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is laying the foundation stone of Innovation Tower soon. A state-of-the-art main gate and renovation of guest house is also being undertaken, he added.

"Under the Trans-disciplinary Research Scheme, 12 research projects, involving Rs 70 lakhs, have been sanctioned for the faculty members of the university. The university is also striving to promote research activities and a proposal to increase the travel grants to the faculty and students besides increasing the number of fellowships for the students is on the anvil. These initiatives are aimed at encouraging the students for research and promoting academic activities,

he said.

Prof. Rai said that the University has received generous support and financial assistance of around Rs 4 crores from the Government of J&K UT for the promotion of entrepreneurship and startup culture. He referred to the organization of the startup fair "Igniter", saying the University has entered into four MoU's with J&K Bank, Department of Science and Technology, J&K Government, Directorate of Skill Development and J&K Startups Association.

"We have also invited those who are running startups at the National level and they have extended support by offering internships to desirous students who are interested in setting up of start-ups", he added.

Prof. Rai said the University of Jammu has become the first University of the UT to start a Community Radio Station "91.2 FM DHWANI".

Earlier, during the event, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, delivered a warm welcome address.

On the occasion, Prof. Rai also unveiled T-55 Tank, a War Trophy, presented by the Army to the University, which has proudly been placed with high reverence in the campus.

The T-55 Tank was inducted into the Indian Army in 1960 and served the country with its tremendous services for 40 years. It will kindle motivation and inspiration among the youth.

The Vice Chancellor complimented Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean Planning and Development, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Sports & Physical Education, Prof. Piyush Malviya, HoD, EVS, Dr. Ginny Dogra, I/c Director, DIQA besides all other stakeholders of the University for making

consistent efforts in their respective functional areas to achieve new milestones in the progress of the University.

Prominent amongst those who attended the Flag Hoisting Ceremony include Prof. Anju Bhasin (Dean Academic Affairs), Prof. Neelu Rohmetra (Dean Research Studies), Prof. Meena Sharma (Dean Planning), Prof. Rahul Gupta (Registrar), Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, (Director CDC), Prof. Naresh Padha, Prof. Monika Sethi (Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Sarika Manhas (Co-Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee), Prof. Pankaj Srivastava (Director DD & OE) Deans, Rectors, Directors, members of Campus Cultural Committee, representatives of the elected bodies of the University, officers, staff, scholars and students of the University.

Those who presented colourful cultural items included Kavya Jandyal, Shiva, Jhanvi Thakur, Mohd. Javed, Vishali Devi, Urvashi, Shreyadita Jamwal & Mohd. Asif

Prof. Monika Sethi presented the vote of thanks and Prof. Sarika Manhas read the citation about the T-55 Tank. The programme was conducted by Ifra Kak and Sumeet Sharma. The whole event was organized under the stewardship of Prof. Prakash Antahal and was monitored by Prof. Monika Sethi, Dr. Sarika Manhas, Dr. Pritam Singh (Associate Dean SW), Dr. Garima Gupta (Assistant Dean SW), Dr. Shalju Sharma and Dr. A. R. Manhas (Dy. Proctors), Mansi Mantoo (Officer Incharge, SW), Capt. S.R. Dubey (Chief Security Officer) Mr. Sumeet Sharma (Drama Instructor) & Ms. Ifra Kak (Cultural Officer).

The management was looked after by Kulbhushan Thakur, Balwant Singh, Arif Paul, Sachin Sharma & R.P. Singh.