

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates National Girl Child Day

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JAMMU: Girl child day - A day to celebrate the strength, resilience, and potential of girls while promoting their rights and opportunities. National Girl Child Day is celebrated to give girls a better position in Indian society.
National Girl Child Day was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with much enthusiasm.
The day aims to focus on the importance of girls' education, their rights, and promoting gender equality. It urges the global community to move beyond reaffirming commitments and invest boldly in the action needed to make changes that could empower girls. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah commenced the celebration and expressed, "Multiple initiatives and campaigns have been implemented by the Indian government for the betterment of the girls. Plans such as Sukanya Samridhhi Yojana, Post Office Term Deposit Plans, Balika Samridhhi Yojana etc. are



Glimpses of National Girl Child Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

there to fulfill the dreams of higher education and a prosperous career of a girl child." Anju Sharma, the celebration Incharge highlighted that girls should be treated equally and should get all the opportunities in our society for the welfare of the Nation as a whole. Jakiains lauded slogans like "Don't kill Girl in Womb when she might bring Country to Gloom", "Don't let their lives End before it even Begins".

72nd All India Police Hockey: DGP reviews arrangements

J&K Police to meet SSB in group opener on Feb 2

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JAMMU: Hosts Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) shall be playing against SSB in the opening league tie of group-E on February two in the 72nd All India Police Hockey Championship being organised under the banner of All India Police Sports Control Board (AIPSCB) at K K Hakhu Stadium, here tomorrow.

The mega event is part of the All India Police Games organised across various disciplines across the country in group formation (cluster) and individual events involving belt forces of the country and those state and union territories every year.
In Hockey, the competition shall be held in both men and women sections. While the men's preliminary group round shall take place at K K Hakhu Stadium, the women matches shall be played on University of Jammu grounds, here.



Director General of Police J&K R.R. Swain chairing a meeting on Monday.

The 10-day mega event witness international stars playing for central para-military forces and the Border Security Force (BSF). The J&K Police has been a successful host in the past too.
Eight groups
Late in the evening, the technical penal declared the draws of lots involving eight groups in men section and four others in women category consisting three teams each.
MEN: Group-A: Punjab, Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh. Group-B: ITBP, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. Group-C: Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Group-D: CISE, Gujarat and Chandigarh. Group-E: Jammu Kashmir, Chhattisgarh and SSB. Group-F: Tamil Nadu, BSF and Haryana. Group-G: CRPF, Kerala and RPF. Group-H: West Bengal, Telangana, Puducherry and Jharkhand.
Women: Group-A: CRPF

national event being held at Jammu from tomorrow a huge success, Swain said.
The DGP directed the officers to ensure an engaging and memorable experience for all the participating athletes by putting best possible arrangements for the event.
The DGP emphasized for efficient and coordinated medical facilities for the participants as well as support staff during the event, in view of the physical demand of the sport.
The arrangements like accommodation, transportation, medicare, logistics, parking facilities, publicity, grounds etc for the event remained key areas of focus during the meeting. The arrangements regarding opening and closing ceremonies were also discussed and reviewed.
The ADGP Armed J&K, S.J.M Gillani who is also chairperson of the organizing committee briefed the DGP regarding the arrangements of the whole event including schedules of matches and connected programmes of the championship through a detailed powerpoint presentation.
Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul briefed about the assistance and support J&K Sports Council is extending for the event.
The meeting was also attended by ADGsP M.K Sinha, Sunil Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Anand Jain, IGP Armed Jammu M.N. Tiwari, DIsG Sara Rizvi, Javid Iqbal Matoo, SSsP Jammu, PCR Jammu, Security Jammu and Traffic Jammu, AISG (Welfare) and (Training & Policy), Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu, General Secretary Hockey J&K, Senior Vice president Hockey J&K, Jammu based JKAP/IR Commandants.

Girls of Humanity Public School shine at 67th National Games 2023-24



HPS faculty felicitating winner students.

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SAMBHA: Girls of Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari- Brahmana Samba, Manpreet Kour and Pallavi Devi from class 8th showcased exceptional skills and determination by participating in 67th National School games 2023-24 Basketball under-14 held at Barmer, Rajasthan recently which was organised by the School Games Federation of India. They played very well and received an appreciation award. The young girls showed their remarkable performance during this championship. The Principal, Gaurav Charak and Vice Principal, Anku Charak expressed their immense pride in the girl's hard work. They appreciated the girls for their outstanding performance. Rajan Kumar, school coach and Mahan Singh (Sports Incharge) assisted the students during the championship. They trained the girls whole heartedly to achieve the goal in the competition. Manpreet and Pallavi were also felicitated in a special assembly by Principal, Gaurav Charak and Vice Principal, Anku Charak in the presence of students and fraternity of the school.

Nipun Kumar qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Nipun Kumar, son of Ravinder Kumar Sharma and Sushma Sharma, resident of Village Gurah Jattan, Ghagwal, District Samba has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Civil Engineering from RIMT University, Punjab. He worked on the topic, "To Study the effect of Nano Silica And Silica Fume on Concrete", under the supervision of Dr. Anil Kumar Nanda, Professor in Civil Engineering And Dr B.S Bhatia, Pro Vice Chancellor, RIMT University. Dr. Santosh Bali, Head, Doctoral Research Department and other committee members congratulated the candidate and wished him a bright future.



PM Shri KV No 1 Gandhi Nagar organises live telecast of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024

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JAMMU: The live telecast of the 7th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024 guided by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was organised at 11:00 AM on Monday in the auditorium of the KVS regional office Jammu and resource room and computer labs of PM Sri Kendriya Vidyalaya No 1 Jammu.
Nagendra Goyal, Deputy Commissioner KVS regional office Jammu, Hari Singh, Assistant Commissioner KVS RO Jammu Amit Walter, Principal PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya No 1 Jammu, 70 teachers, 1356 students of classes 6th to 12th along with their parents watched this live telecast from Bharat

Mandapam Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
It's focus was to address the queries of students, to transform stress into success, to enable exam warriors to ace exams with a smile, to develop 21st century skills, time management, holistic development of the students, to enhance multilingualism, toy pedagogy, Artificial Intelligence in terms of New Education Policy 2020 etc.
All the stake holders noted down the important tips from the answers of PM Modi to the questions asked by the students across the globe.
It was a great learning experience for the students to tackle upcoming exams in a positive and fruitful way.

Ranji Trophy: J&K earns 3 points as Pundir gets man of match award

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VADODARA: Fantastic performances from the man of the match-Shubham Singh Pundir, promising natter Vivrant Sharma, Speedster Umar Nazir, gutsy Auqib Nabi and young Sahil Lotra helped Jammu and Kashmir to script a win over Baroda by virtue of the first innings lead and earn three vital points to consolidate their position at the points table to vie for the knockout stage in Elite Group-D of the ongoing Ranji Trophy at Kotambi Stadium, Vadodara on Monday.
Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 26/0, J&K after early hiccup managed to score 193/7 in 76.4 overs before the match was called off as it was heading for a draw.



J&K Ranji trophy team in jubilant mood after winning the match.

Sahil Lotra played a magnificent innings of unbeaten 63 runs off 131 balls, studded with 5 fours and one six, while skipper Shubham Khajuria contributed patient 40 runs off 149 balls with 3 fours and one six. Auqib Nabi also curbed his explosive instinct and scored 27 off 59 balls with 4 fours and one six, while wicketkeeper batter Fazil Rashid also contributed valuable 21 runs to the total.
Mahesh Pithiya was the pick of the bowlers for Baroda who took 5 wickets by conceding 82 runs in 26.4 overs, while A. Sheth bagged 2 wickets.
For his brilliant marathon

ues to remain unbeaten in the tournament so far. An excellent display of team work. The second innings was held together due to gritty batting of Shubham Khajuria, Sahil Lotra and Auqib Nabi. In the race for knockouts," tweeted Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA.
BRIEF SCORES:
J&K 1st Innings 457/10 Shubham Singh Pundir 172 Vivrant Sharma 139 A Sheth 5/88 Baroda 1st Innings 383 Shivalik Sharma 128 Mahesh Pithiya 50 Umar Nazir 5/91 Sahil Lotra 3/64 J&K 2nd Innings 193/7 Sahil Lotra 63* Shubham Khajuria 40 Auqib Nabi 27 Mahesh Pithiya 5/82 A Sheth 2/25.

IIM Jammu inaugurates Education Leadership Development Training Program for college principals

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, known for its commitment to academic excellence, has initiated a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled, "Education Leadership Development Training Program" for College Principals of Jammu and Kashmir.
The program, organized under the aegis of the Executive Education and Consultancy Division, commenced from January 29 and will go on till Feb 2, 2024.
The inaugural session started with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the enlightening journey that lies ahead.
Dr. Archana Sharma, Program Director, extended a warm welcome and elucidated on the program's objectives.
Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Chairperson of the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C) at IIM Jammu, pro-



Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu and college principals at a programme.

vided a concise overview of the institute's role in Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu.
Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, shed light on the transformative journey of the Education Leadership Development Training Program.
Aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), he emphasized that it transcends being merely a program; it signifies a profound commitment to educational excellence and innovation.
He reiterated that with Jammu serving as a city of temples and an education hub, hosting three Institutes of National Importance, it provides a fitting backdrop for this transformative initiative.
He encouraged the participants to articulate their expectations, ensuring fulfillment by the program's conclusion.
During his address, he delved into detailed insights into the IIM system, highlighted the realization of responsibilities, and stressed the importance of active participation during classroom sessions.
He expressed optimism that such initiatives will pave the way for a brighter future in education, aligning with national priorities.
Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics at IIM Jammu, highlighted the significance of the Educational Leadership Training Program for College Principals in fostering academic excellence in Jammu and Kashmir.
His address underscored the city's dual identity as the abode of temples and education, hosting institutes of national importance.
He emphasized the need for collaboration to set benchmarks locally, nationally, and globally. He urged everyone to work together for nation-building and global progress. The participants were given a tour of the Institute.
The program aims to equip Principals and Senior faculty of colleges with essential leadership skills, aligning their vision with contemporary educational trends and the evolving needs of students and the community. Key objectives include the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) in colleges, enhancing instructional leadership, fostering effective communication, promoting cultural competence, encouraging innovation and adaptability, and instilling data-informed decision-making skills.
The inaugural event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Vedika Saxena, Program Director. The entire program is being coordinated by office of EE & C, IIM Jammu.

the Teachers Bhawan Auditorium and SCERT Auditorium at Srinagar, was also visible with jam packed gathering of enthusiastic students, teachers and parents.
Interacting with media on the sidelines of the event, Jugal said that PPC is acting as catalyst in boosting the students for facing challenges of life. He said that it is kind of golden opportunity for the students that the Prime Minister is providing them motivation for becoming a responsible citizen. He added that Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024 stood as a testament for creating a harmonious atmosphere in the education sector.
Briefing the media, the Secretary informed that for seamless experience for viewers across all schools of UT and educational offices, special arrangements were made. In 3600 Schools having the ICT Lab facility, the programme was screened, where the students of the neighbourhood Schools also took part, he added.
He also informed that, across the UT, large Screens/LED Walls were arranged and programme was screened and watched by students at large. Two Students namely Rukhsana Bano of Reasi District and Kartaywya Bhagat of Jammu District were selected for live interaction at New Delhi, he said.
Dr. Singla further said that, "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024 is not just an event, it is a collective commitment for creating a transformative, stress-free educational experience for the students and today's interaction is a significant step in nurturing an environment where each student can unfold his/her unique potential.
The Secretary added that this movement was inspired by the PM's influential and popular book Exam warrior and strives to cultivate a stress-free atmosphere for young minds, bringing together students, parents, teachers and society.