

Samyak, Amrita win in U-20 Blitz Open Chess

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JAMMU: Samyak Jain and Amrita won men and women titles respectively in the 2nd Under-20 Open Blitz Chess (quick chess 5-5 min game) Tournament which held under the aegis of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) at Vivek Chess Academy (VCA) on the Republic Day. In men's category, Samyak secured 6.5 points out of the seven rounds event while Surinder Gupta earned six to finished second and third place went to Ishaan Chowdhary (5.5 pts). Similarly, the women's title bagged by Amrita (5 pts), followed by Avni (4 pts) and Nitika Nishad (4 pts) to be declared second and third respectively. In the prize distribution function, PA to Additional Advocate General, J&K High Court Jammu, Vasu Nischaal was the chief guest, who presented medals, certificates and cash prizes worth Rs 2000 to the winners of different categories.



Samyak Jain and Amrita after winning the Under-20 Blitz Chess titles in Jammu.

"The Blitz Chess, quick 5-5 minute game is the fast version of the Chess. Such events help youngsters also those matured players learn quick decision making, especially in crucial stages," informed chief coach at VCA, Vivek Bharti. The Details Results: Round-1: Samyak (1) beat Keshav (0); Rajyawardhan (1) beat Manushree (0); Surinder (1) beat Nitika (0); Ishaan (1) beat Pearl (0); Amrita (1) beat Prince (0); Anjali (1) beat Raesha (0);

Round-3: Samyak (3) beat Ishaan (2); Amrita (3) beat Rajyawardhan (2); Surinder (3) beat Vikas (2); Lakshya (3) beat Avni (2); Anjali (2) beat Manushree (1); Ankush (2) beat Nitika (1); Prince (2) beat Divyansh (1); Tejeswani (2) beat Gaurav (1); Keshav (2) beat Ruby (1); Gulshan (1) beat Pearl (0); Gunjan (1) beat Rithysh (0); Raesha (1) bye point. Round-4: Samyak (4) beat Amrita (3); Surinder (4) beat Lakshya (3); Rajyawardhan (3) beat Keshav (2); Ishaan (3) beat Prince (2); Anjali (3) beat Tejeswani (2); Vikas (3) beat Ankush (2); Avni (2) beat Gunjan (1); Divyansh (2) beat Nitika (1); Manushree (2) beat Gaurav (1); Raesha (2) beat Gulshan (1); Pearl (1) beat Ruby (1); Rithysh (1) bye point. Round-5: Surinder (4.5) beat Samyak (4.5); Rajyawardhan (4) beat Anjali (3); Ishaan (4) beat Lakshya (3); Amrita (4) beat Vikas (3); Ankush (3) beat Manushree (2); Avni (3) beat Prince (2); Divyansh (3) beat Raesha (2); Tejeswani (3) beat Keshav (2); Gaurav (2) beat Ruby (1); Nitika (2) beat Gulshan (1); Rithysh (2) beat Pearl (1). Round-6: Samyak (5.5) beat Rajyawardhan (4); Ishaan (4.5) drew Surinder (4.5); Amrita (5) beat Anjali (3); Ankush (4) beat Tejeswani (3); Avni (4) beat Vikas (3); Lakshya (4) beat Divyansh (3); Nitika (3) beat Gaurav (2); Prince (3) beat Gunjan (2); Keshav (3) beat Rithysh (2); Raesha (3) beat manushree (2); Gulshan (2) beat Ruby (1); Pearl (2) bye point. Round-7: Samyak (6.5) beat Laksh (4); Surinder (6) beat Amrita (5); Ishaan (5.5) beat Rajyawardhan (4); Ankush (5) beat Avni (4); Prince (4) beat Anjali (3); Vikas (4) beat Divyansh (3); Keshav (4) beat Raesha (3); Nitika (4) beat Tejeswani (3); Gaurav (3) beat Pearl (2); Gunjan (3) beat Manushree (2); Rithysh (3) beat Ruby (1); Gulshan (3) bye point.

Ladakh women finish second in Ice Hockey

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JAMMU: Host Ladakh excelled in Ice Hockey in the just held Khelo India Winter Games at he newly developed modern winter games infrastructure at the Union Territory. While the Ladakh women bagged silver, the men team remained third to contain with Bronze medal in this National event. However, players from Kargil played an important role in UT victory. Their performance reflects the rising standard of winter sports in the region and the dedication of athletes from remote and high-altitude areas. Rigzin Yangdol of Kulkshow became the first-ever woman Ice Hockey player from Kargil to captain the Ladakh Women's Ice Hockey Team. Her leadership on the ice stands as a landmark achievement and a source of inspiration for young girls across the region. Women Players from Kargil: Rigzin Yangdol;



Kulkshow (Captain); Rinchen Dozang (Kulkshow); Mehroon Nissa (Shargole); Samina Khatoon (Trespon); Hasina Banoo (Wakha); Aqeela Banoo (Karit); Leela Banoo (Pashkum). Men Players from Kargil: Mohammad Ali Baba (Pashkum); Sajjad Hussain (Pashkum); Irfan Ali (Pashkum); Nawaz Ali (Pashkum); Wasim Billal (Drass); Muhaib Mir (Drass). Congratulating the players, general secretary, District Kargil Olympic Association, Syed Mehraj Uddin Shah, extended his heartfelt appreciation to all players from Kargil in particular and team Ladakh in general. He expressed confidence that these athletes will continue to excel in future national and international competitions. He also congratulated the UT Ladakh Administration, led by Lieutenant Governor, Kavinder Gupta, Chief Secretary, Ashish Kundra, Administrative Secretary (Sports), Moses Kunzang, Joint Secretary, Tahir Hussain Zubdavi, and the entire Khelo India Committee for their consistent support in promoting winter sports.

JNV celebrates Republic Day with patriotic fervour

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AKHNOOR: Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Nardi Bala, Akhnoor reverberated with the spirit of patriotism and national pride as the 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great zeal, dignity, and wholehearted enthusiasm. The celebrations commenced with the unfurling of the National Tricolour by the venerated Principal of the Vidyalaya, Sangeeta Shonik, whose presence and inspiring leadership added solemn grace to the occasion. The campus echoed with the strains of the National Anthem, invoking a deep sense of unity and reverence among students, staff, and guests.



The programme showcased a vibrant array of cultural performances presented by students, reflecting India's rich heritage, constitutional values, and the ideals of unity in diversity. Each presentation stood as a testament to the creativity, discipline, and patriotic spirit nurtured within the Navodaya system. The event was eloquently anchored by Basharat and Anil, who held the audience spellbound with their confident articulation, refined diction, and seamless coordination. Their anchoring added both elegance and momentum to the programme, earning wide appreciation.

The success of the celebration was greatly strengthened by the dedicated contributions of Monu and Khursheed, whose consistent support and involvement played a vital role in the smooth conduct of the event. Special commendation goes to the CCA In-charge, Mrs. Pragya Sharma, who meticulously planned, coordinated, and executed the entire programme with remarkable efficiency and commitment. Significant assistance was also rendered by Vandina Rani, Aijaz, and Yashika, whose efforts played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth and disciplined conduct of the programme.

CEO Jammu celebrates Republic Day

The celebration was organised under the guidance of the School Incharge, Anjana Khajuria. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Balbir Lal, DDC Member, Marh, who addressed the students and highlighted the importance of the Indian Constitution, national unity, discipline, and values along with academic excellence. The celebration was followed by the flag hoisting ceremony, the National Anthem was sung collectively by all present. The celebration highlighted the values of unity, discipline and respect for the Constitution of India. Middle School Rattanpur, Zone Marh, celebrated the 77th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The programme began with the unfurling of the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.



Humanity Public School celebrates 77th Republic Day

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JAMMU / SAMBA: Humanity Public School, Bari Brahmana, Bassi Kalan celebrated the 77th Republic Day of India with great enthusiasm and patriotic zeal in the school campus. The programme reflected the spirit of unity and respect for the democratic values of the nation. The celebrations began with a well-coordinated marchpast, wherein students displayed remarkable discipline, confidence, and national pride. This was followed by the hoisting of the National Flag by the Principal, Gaurav Charak, in the presence of the Incharges of the different wings of the school. The ceremony was marked by the solemn singing of the National Anthem, which filled the entire campus with a sense of reverence and patriotic emotion. The cultural programme



commenced with poetry recitations presented by students from various classes. Mehpreet Kour and Rakshit from Class 4th, Druvansh from Nursery, and Ishpreet and Rishit from LKG mesmerised the audience with their heartfelt poems highlighting the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the glory of the nation. This was followed by thought-provoking speeches delivered by Nakita from UKG and Parachi from Class 9th who eloquently spoke about the importance of Republic Day, the Indian Constitution, and the duties of responsible citizens in shaping a progressive nation. A special address by Shikha, TGT Science added depth to the programme as she emphasised values such as unity in diversity and respect for the Constitution. The programme was further enriched by a melodious musical performance by the students of Class 6th, which added charm and patriotic fervour to the celebrations.

cal act by the Scout and Guide students under the guidance of Shivani Bandral portrayed the drafting of the Indian Constitution and beautifully highlighted the spirit and significance of its celebration, leaving a deep impression on the audience. The celebration concluded with an inspiring address by the Principal, Gaurav Charak, who appreciated the sincere efforts of the students and teachers. He urged the students to imbibe the ideals of the Constitution in their daily lives and contribute positively towards the nation's growth and development.

DPS Jammu students secure top zonal ranks in Logiqids Olympiad

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JAMMU: Continuing its proud legacy of academic excellence, the students of Delhi Public School, Jammu have once again showcased their intellectual prowess by delivering an outstanding performance in the Stage I of the LogIQids Mental Aptitude Olympiad 2025-26, conducted in collaboration with Techfest, IIT Bombay, in November 2025. The Olympiad, organised by LogIQids-an IIT-IIM alumni initiative, is a prestigious national platform designed to assess and nurture students' logical reasoning, analytical thinking, and mental aptitude. Demonstrating exceptional competence, 41 students from Classes I to XII secured Top 10 Zonal Ranks, earning medals and certificates of appreciation for their remarkable achievements. These meritorious students have now qualified to represent the school in Stage II of the Olympiad, scheduled for March 2026. Adding further distinction to this achievement, the prestigious "Leadership Excellence in Future-Ready Education" Trophy was conferred upon the Principal, Ms. Ruchi Chabra, in recognition of her visionary leadership. Additionally, the "Excellence in 21st Century Pedagogy" Trophies were awarded to Navmeet Kaur and Dr. Paramjeet Singh for their exemplary contribution to innovative and learner-centric teaching practices. The esteemed management of DPS Jammu, under the visionary guidance of President-RCT, M. K. Ajatshatru Singh Ji; PVC, Dr. Kuwarani Ritu Singh Ji; and Director, S. S. Sodhi, along with the Principal and the entire school fraternity, extended heartfelt congratulations to the achievers, their proud parents, and the dedicated faculty. The management applauded their collective efforts, unwavering support, and commitment to nurturing academic excellence and future-ready competencies among students.



DIPR celebrates Republic Day; pays homage to martyrs

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JAMMU: Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) on Monday celebrated 77th Republic Day at Media Complex, Rail Head. Director Information and Public Relations, Nitish Rajora, unfurled the tricolour and paid high tributes to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for



the cause of nation. On the occasion, the Director along with the officers and officials of the department paid floral tributes to Anil Kumar Abrol (Field Publicity Officer), Harbans Singh (Projector Operator) and Anchal Singh (Projector Operator) who attained martyrdom, while performing their duties on this day in 1995. Joint Director Information, Jammu, (Hqrs), Deputy Director PR/AV, Deputy Director (PR), Jammu, Accounts Officer, Information Officers, Administrative Officer and other officials of the department were also present on the occasion.

MSCBMC launches singing classes for all

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JAMMU: The Master Sansar Chand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust (MSCBMC) has launched singing classes open to people of all age groups, with the programme officially beginning from Republic Day. The initiative aims to promote music, culture, and creative expression by offering structured vocal training along with practical exposure to live instruments. To mark the launch of the classes, a patriotic song titled "Hamara Vatan" has been introduced. The song has been sung by Pooja Lalhotra, Mahi Sharma, Kamini Sharma, and Vasuki Kerni. The music and lyrics have been composed by Parvinder Singh, who has also contributed to the harmonium. Instrumental support has been provided by Rohit Kalotra on flute and Ashish Gill on dholak. Speaking on the occasion, Anuradha Rishi, President of MSCBMC and daughter of Master Sansar Chand Baru, said that music is a universal medium that connects people beyond age and background. She stated that commencing the singing classes from Republic Day symbolises the Trust's commitment to combining cultural learning with the spirit of patriotism. She added that initiatives like "Hamara Vatan" are aimed at encouraging participation from all sections of society while carrying forward her father's legacy of promoting art, culture, and social harmony. She further informed that anyone interested in joining the singing classes or seeking more details may contact Anuradha Rishi at 98689 06278. The Trust plans to introduce more cultural and educational programmes in the future to strengthen community engagement through art and music.

Grand Republic Day celebrations at Govt HSS Sallan

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KATHUA: A grand and vibrant function was organised today in the premises of Government Higher Secondary School, Sallan, District Kathua, to celebrate the 77th Republic Day of India with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm. The National Tricolour was unfurled by Gopal Dass, Principal, HSS Sallan, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The celebrations commenced with an impressive March Past and Mass PT display, in which 10 troupes of boys and girls from eight schools participated. The ceremonial parade salute was taken by the worthy Principal. The proceedings of the function were efficiently conducted by Shri SubashChander, Lecturer Physics, and NeelamKumari, Lecturer IP. In his welcome address, Principal Shri Gopal Dass highlighted the historical significance of Republic Day and the importance of constitutional values, unity, discipline, and patriotism among students. On the occasion, trophies and certificates were



presented to meritorious students, as well as to those who represented the school at UT and National level sports events. Trophies were also awarded to the participating schools for their commendable performances. The participating schools included: HSS Sallan, Angel's HSS Dayalchak, CMP Convent HSS Dayalchak, MS Dhalli, MS Sallan, GPS Dhalli, VidyaNiketani Convent School BannuChak, and Public Convent High School Sallan. The function was graced by several prominent personalities and thousands of spectators, including Shri Vijay Khajuria (Ex-Principal of the school), Shri Kabal Singh (Ex-Sarpanch, Sallan), Shri SubhashChander (Ex-Sarpanch, Dhalli), Shri RawanKhajuria (Retd. DSP) ShKaram Chand (Educationist), ShAkshay Kumar Khahuria (Accounts Officer), ShNaseeb Chand SMDC member of school and other distinguished guests. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks presented by KaramjeetLal, Senior Lecturer.