

Inter-College Sports Tournament of Cluster University of Jammu begins

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JAMMU: Inter-College Sports Tournament of Cluster University of Jammu was inaugurated on Wednesday at GGM Science College ground by the Chief Guest, Prof. Bachan Lal, Vice-Chancellor of the Cluster University of Jammu.

The welcome address was presented by Dr. Ravender Tiekoo, Nodal Principal, GGM Science College where he welcomed Vice-Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu and other dignitaries from the Cluster University, Prof. Jatinder Khajuria (Registrar), Prof. Bhupinder Singh (DAA), Principals of various Constituent Colleges of Cluster University of Jammu, Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Sports Coordinator CLUJ and Physical Director GGM Science College Jammu faculty members of Sports Committee from various Degree Colleges of Jammu, and participants of the Sports events.



Chief Guest, Prof. Bachan Lal, VC CLUJ inaugurating Inter-College Sports Tournament.

Prof. Tiekoo emphasised on the role and importance of Sports in shaping up of the overall personality of an individual.

He, further, reiterated that Sports help the students to maintain good health, develop leadership skills, to overcome failure, to handle success and to become better individuals. He wished good luck t all the participants.

The first match football match of the tournament was played between GGM Science College and MAM College in which after tough fight, MAM college won the match by 03-01.

Before the start of match

an exhibition match of Tug of War was played between GGM Science College and SPMR College of Commerce in which GGM Science College won the match.

The Sports activity of the Cluster University of Jammu resumed after a gap of 1 ½ year due to Pandemic, and students enthusiastically participated in the sports activities.

Prof. Bachan Lal, in his inaugural address expressed his concern over the present situations due to COVID-19 pandemic and asked the students to follow COVID-19 protocol by taking all the preventive measures during

the tournament.

He apprised the audience that this Inter- College tournament is being organised after a gap of two years due to prevailing COVID -19 pandemic.

He lauded Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Physical Director GGM Science College and also the organiser of this Sports event for this sincere efforts in organising this event despite several challenges due to COVID -19 situation.

Prof. Bachan Lal emphasized that Sports are an integral part of curriculum and helps in inculcating various skills in the students and declared the event open.

Amongst the other Heads of the Departments of the various departments of the college and Sports Committee members attended the function. The inaugural function was anchored by Prof. Preeti Dogra. The match was officiated by Aman Banathia, Aman Sudan, Dil Bahadur and Dheeraj.

HC quashes FIR against advocate for alleged misappropriation of property of Rajiv Gandhi Trust

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JAMMU: Justice Javed Iqbal Wani of J&K High Court quashed FIR registered by the Crime Branch against an Advocate for alleged misappropriation of property of Rajiv Gandhi Trust.

According to Crime Branch, a criminal case has been registered against Ashok Vijay Gupta, (Executor of Rajiv Gandhi Trust), Prem Parkash Sharma (expired), the then Naib-Tehsildar Nayabat, Chak Avtara Bishnah; Shiv Kumar, the then Patwari of Patwar Halqa, Chak Avtara, Tehsil Bishnah (now Naib-Tehsildar, Majalta), Anwar Sadotra, the then Patwari Chak Avtara (now Girdawar, in the office of Divisional Commissioner Jammu) and other unknown public servants and some private persons under section 120-B read with 420, 406 of RPC, read with 5(2) of P.C. Act Samvat 2006 for their involvement in hatching a criminal conspiracy and misappropriating property of Rajiv Gandhi Trust.

Justice Javed Iqbal wani after hearing Sr Adv Sunil Sethi observed that the leveling of allegation of conspiracy against petitioner without mentioning as to how, where, and which of the conspirators hatched conspiracy and for what purpose, or circumstances warranting inference of existence of conspiracy, in law is not enough to bring persons to face the trial in a criminal case. A complaint should make out a prima facie case of conspiracy against the accused persons. One cannot have the construction of a fine superstructure without a foundation. Thus, offence under Section 120(b) RPC as well is not made out against petitioner in FIR in question. Insofar as commission of offence under Section 5(2) of the PC Act is concerned, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani observed that same is not attracted in case of petitioner, in that, same refers and relates to a public servant and that petitioner is not a public servant, as such, the alleged offences need not to

be dealt with or discussed herein while considering case of the petitioner. Raising repetition, it is reiterated that the FIR in question has been registered by the respondents in total disregard to the principles and propositions laid down by the Apex Court in Lalita Kumari case after more than two and a half years against the petitioner ignoring and overlooking the closure report of enquiry initiated in the year 2018 by the official respondents upon the complaint of the respondent No. 4 filed on the same set of facts on which the impugned FIR has been registered. The said inaction on the part of respondents cannot be countenanced by law and the FIR in question cannot thus said to be legally tenable. With these observations, High Court allowed the petition and ordered that FIR No. 06/2021 dated 8th of February, 2021 registered with Police Station Crime Branch, Jammu is quashed insofar as it relates to petitioner.

Cooch Behar Trophy Karnataka in sight of outright victory despite Manzir, Moomin's resilience

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JAMMU: Skipper Mohammad Manzir and middle-order batsman Moomin Muzaffar showed application, patience, grit and resilience to save Jammu and Kashmir from another batting collapse in the second innings and take their side to somewhat respectable score of 142/3 in 76 overs at stumps on day-3 on Wednesday, after Karnataka gained a huge lead of 403 runs over J&K in the ongoing Under-19 Cooch Behar Trophy match at Kandukuri Cricket Academy ground, Vizag. Earlier, as per the report reaching here, resuming from an overnight total of 444/3, Karnataka sailed on a marathon innings of 252 runs by Vishal Onat and declared their innings at 517/4 well before the lunch break today. Onat remained unbeaten on 252 runs off 425 balls. He was instrumental in guiding his side to a huge total of 517 runs in 136.2 overs and enable them to declare their innings. Earlier yesterday, Jasper Ej had scored 148, while Yashovardhan Parantap had contributed 50 runs. For J&K, Sarvashish Singh, Ranjot Singh, skipper Mohammad Manzir and Nityam Abrol took one wicket each by conceding 110, 114, 10 and 112 runs in 32, 39.2, 3 and 28 overs respectively, while Basit Bashir bowled 15 overs for 83 runs, Dhruv Singh Parmar conceded 73 runs in his 17 overs and Moomin Muzaffar gave away 10 runs in his 2 overs. J&K in their second essay, rode on sedate, patient but valuable knocks of unbeaten 64 off 152 balls by Manzir and 44 off 182 balls by Moomin, managed to end the day at 142/3, still trailing by 261 runs. Gursimran (15), Akshit (9) and Moomin (44) were the batsmen to be dismissed, while Nityam Abrol (3) was at the crease along with his skipper at stumps. For Karnataka, Aditya Nair and Yashovardhan took one wicket each.

IRP- 11th Bn's Inter - Coy Volleyball Tournament concludes



DIG South Kashmir Abdul Jabbar posing with teams and other police officers.

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ANANTNAG: An inter - Coy Volleyball tournament which was organised by IRP 11th Battalion Anantnag culminated on Wednesday with great fanfare at DPL Grounds in Anantnag.

DIG South Kashmir Abdul Jabbar, was the chief guest on the function who distributed trophies / Medals among players of winning team and the Runners up.

Speaking on the occasion, he emphasised on the need for continuing such type of sports activities in future as well .

A total 08 teams participated in the tournament and a lot of enthusiasm and positive spirit was witnessed among players and spectators during this tournament. Commandant IRP 11th Battalion Anantnag SSP Sandeep Mehta JKPS deliberated on the occasion ,

stressed the players and jawans to keep up with the Physical endurance by sports and other Physical exercises. He encouraged the players and Coy Commanders of the Battalion by appreciating their sportsman spirit and interest that this chilling winter did not affect their morale. He said that many more such events will be organised in future as well . Huge number of Spectators including civilians witnessed the event. The final match was played between C and F coy, which was won by C-Coy with a score of 2-0.

Ct. Faheem Ahmed was adjudged "Man of the Series" and was given a Special Trophy. Besides medals and appreciation letters were also distributed among the winning team.

Segregation of solid wastes at source still a dream in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Authorities have failed to initiate segregation of solid wastes at source in Srinagar thereby affecting scientific disposal of garbage at Achan dumping site. According to available data, Srinagar City produces 400 metric tons of waste every day. The real problem is not waste but poor management of waste as field staff of department has also failed to convey to people the importance of separation of solid waste material.

Separation of waste at source is one of the important components of Solid Waste Management Rules (SWMR). Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is still collecting mixed waste from areas. There are also complaints that SMC vehicles arrive late in several areas for collection of garbage. Under SWMR, each house has to keep two separate dustbins, one for bio-degradable and another for non-biodegradable wastes. Non-implementation of these rules has multiplied problems of garbage dumping, processing and disposal. "The mixture of every kind of wastage is one of

the biggest problems. If the garbage is separated at source, it will reduce half of problems," said an expert, adding that throwing waste in dust-bin is a good thing but it is not end of waste management process, rather it is the stage which is begins. It was the duty of the municipality staff to provide two types of dust-bins to each household to dispose different type of garbage in separate bin besides guiding public properly in this regard.

The expert further said that most people think that waste segregation starts once garbage reaches huge dust-bin vans or dumping grounds, but in reality it starts at right at houses of people. "Waste from a house can be broadly divided into two categories - dry waste and wet waste and both need to be disposed and recycled differently. Wet waste includes cooked & uncooked food, waste from fruits and flowers, fallen leaves, dust from sweeping and other similar things, while paper, plastic, rubber, metals, leather, cloth rags, wire, glass and other things fall under category of dry waste. Wet waste is organic while dry is

not. Under SWMR, segregation is the first step towards proper disposal of both categories of waste. As such it is recommended to have two separate dust-bins in the house to keep wet waste from mixing up with its dry counterpart," he added. Improper segregation may cause mixing in landfills, which is hazardous for human health, as it can cause toxic release in ground and eventual contamination of ground water. Methane gas is likely to be released in such circumstances, which is one of the most harmful gases.

However SMC Commissioner Athar Aamir made commitment many times that SMC is taking various measures to implement SWMR in letter & spirit and recently SMC has started door to door garbage collection campaign in Srinagar but basic problem is still there. It is the duty of field staff teams to make people aware about need and importance of segregation of waste at the source. There is also a need to enhance vehicles for transportation of garbage besides initiating other necessary measures to make Srinagar garbage-free.

Weekly Block Diwas: Public Grievance redressal camp held at Baggan- Billawar

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KATHUA: District Administration Kathua on Wednesday convened Block Diwas meeting here at Baggan Billawar as part of the weekly Public Outreach Programme. District Development Council Chairperson Kathua Mahan Singh, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Yadav, DDC members, District and Sectoral officers besides a large number of people attended the programme.

DDC chairperson lauded central government for declaring Dyalachack-Billawar-Basohli and Kathua- Basohli-Bani-Bhadervah-Doda roads as National Highways which will pave the way for development in these areas and give boost to Tourism activity in the unexplored areas of Kathua district.

Highlighting the major development accomplishments of the district, the DDC said projects like opening of GMC and Engineering College at Kathua, Keerian Gandyal Bridge has changed the development profile of the district. He said many projects including Six Lanning of National Highway, Shahpur Kandi project, International level Stadium at Hiranagar and Highway Village

are coming up in Kathua which will result in creation of massive infrastructure along with job opportunities for scores of locals in coming times. He stressed on the PRI representatives and Officers of concerned departments to work in tandem to achieve desired development targets in a set timelines.

DC gave patient hearing to the demands of people and passed on spot instructions to the concerned departments for time bound resolution of all the issues. Responding to the demands highlighted by many individuals and PRI members, the DC stressed upon the officers to prioritise the grievances. On the demand of clearing of pending pension cases under Social Welfare, DC called upon PRIs to ensure submission of all the eligible cases in Tehsil units of Social welfare for timely disposal of deserving applicants. While responding to the demand of drinking water supply put forth by different individuals, the DC said a layout to provide tap water to every home under Jal Jeevan Mission has been planned with the active participation of PRIs and the work of which will commence soon.

JKACS organises various activities to commemorate World AIDS Day

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JAMMU: As part of the World AIDS Day 2021, Project Director, J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS) and other officials called on Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday and pinned the Red Ribbon on the Advisor.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar said that on World AIDS Day we all need to show solidarity with people living with HIV/AIDS by taking pledge to 'End Inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemics' which is the theme of this year's World AIDS Day.

He added that special focus should be made on reaching people left behind

in accessing essential HIV services which is core objective of Red Ribbon campaign.

Advisor Bhatnagar also appreciated the JKACS for their Red Ribbon campaign which marks the Universal symbol of awareness and support for people living with HIV. The Advisor also held a detailed interaction with Project Director, JKACS on overall scenario of AIDS across J&K.

In the meanwhile, to commemorate the World AIDS Day today, JKACS organised several functions and events across J&K in which several activities were held for awareness of general public.

At Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk here, the function

was inaugurated by Project Director JKACS, Dr. Samir Mattoo, in which different activities were held.

As part of the function, on spot acrylic as well as water colour painting competitions were held in which students from the Institute of Music and Fine Arts, Jammu participated. Also, Red Ribbon Club members from different Nursing and para-medical institutions participated in the on spot rangoli making competition.

Apart from these activities, Posters made by students from different institutes were also displayed at the Kala Kendra for exhibition besides a small documentary on the overall

working of JKACS was also showcased for the information of the visitors.

On the occasion, a big size Red Ribbon Logo insignia, IEC stalls, walk-in testing for covid and HIV and red ribbon logo made of candles were some of other activities held to commemorate this day.

In addition to this, functions were also organized at districts' level by the concerned Chief Medical Officers both in J&K and Ladakh UTs to commemorate the day.

Certificates and Prize money were also given to the winners of different competitions and mementoes were also presented to felicitate different stake holders who have a signifi-

cant role in containing the spread of HIV in the UT of J&K.

Pertinently, this year the theme of the day is "End inequalities, End AIDS, End Pandemics" with special focus on reaching people left behind in accessing essential HIV services.

Meanwhile, the officials of JKACS also participated in the launch of third phase of New India @75 (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) virtually from JKACS Jammu office.

Union Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya in presence of MOS, Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar launched the third phase of New India @75.

GDC R S Pura organised seminar on Cyber Awareness

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R S PURA: Department of Computer Applications, GDC RS Pura under the aegis of 'Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (14C) Scheme' and 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and guidance of the Principal, Prof. Sunil Uppal organized a seminar on "Social Media Mental Health & Digital Footprints". The lecture stated with a welcome address by Asst. Prof. Neha Jain, Head, Department of Computer Applications of the college.

Prof. Sunil Uppal briefed the audience about the importance of the theme of the lecture and its relevance in today's digital era. He also introduced and welcomed the guest speaker Er. Vikas Razdan who is a Cyber Security Analyst, a Cyber Warrior, a certified computer forensic investigator, a certified cyber crime intervention officer and also an associate member of the national cyber safety and security standards. The students also keenly listened and interacted with the speaker and got their queries resolved. The vote of thanks was presented by Asst. Prof. Neha Jain.



Students appearing in offline exams at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: Class X, Term-1 examinations started on Wednesday with

Social Studies. Though the examination of minor papers had started earlier, the major papers started from

November 30, 2021 for Class X and from December 1, 2021 of Class XII. JK Public School being one of the

Centre was fully geared up to shoulder their responsibility. All COVID precautions were fol-

lowed and the students, teachers and parents sensitized about the same. The Campus was abuzz with activ-

ity and it was a welcome change from the long hiatus caused because of Pandemic.

