

# Atal Dulloo honours KP ‘achievers in exile’ at Lalitaditya’s Cultural Event

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JAMMU: In recognition to their contribution in various fields, the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, Atal Dulloo has honoured the Kashmiri Pandit ‘achievers in exile’ at an impressive, colourful and well attended felicitation function during a Cultural Event, depicting ethos, culture and tradition of KPs at Abhinav Theatre here.

The event, witnessing the mesmerising performances by the artists of Vomedh casting a spell on the audience was organised by Lalitaditya Sports, Education and Health Organisation in association with Vomedh.

Dulloo was the chief guest on the occasion, while former Director General of Police (DGP) and former Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Kuldeep Khoda and Senior Additional Advocate General, Monika Kohli were the Guests of Honour and the special guests included Prof Rattan Lal Hangloo, SSP VK Bhat, Ajey Bharti (former MLC),



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo honouring KP achiever.

Dr Agnishekhar, Kiran Wattal, Dr Vinay Thussoo, Basanti Koul, Hira Lal Bhat and Arvind Koul, besides a galaxy of sponsors.

The Chief Secretary said that involving Kashmiri Pandit youth in preserving culture, tradition and rituals, was the need of the hour, adding that the programmes like this served as a launching pad in preserving sanctity and spirit with regard to preserving culture and ethos.

While lavishing praise on Lalitaditya Organisation for

holding the programme in a most befitting manner, the Chief Secretary said the heads of such Organisations served as beacon-lights to guide and goad the community youth in the grim atmosphere of exile.

Earlier, Anil Bhat, President of Lalitaditya Sports, Education and Health Organisation presented a welcome address and highlighted the activities and achievements of the Organisation.

He said the Organisation

was leaving no stone unturned in providing platform to sportspersons and artists of the KP community to showcase their sporting and acting skills at the higher levels.

While throwing light on the objective of organising the event, Anil said that the motive of the programme was to honour the achievers of the community in exile in recognition of their contribution in various fields and also felicitate the icon of KP community, Atal Dulloo on his elevation as the Chief Secretary.

On the occasion, the artists of ‘Vomedh’ presented mesmerising cultural performances and plays to cast spell on the audience.

The achievers of the community in exile who were honoured by the Chief Guest for their outstanding contribution in various fields included Rajesh Dhar and Ashish Kachroo for being the brainchild of Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL); Rohit Bhat for his contribu-

tion in the field of art, culture and theatre; Deepak Raina for being the architect of Legends League Cricket in Jammu; Kirti Dhar for her valuable contribution as the first women sports journalist in J&K; Ashutosh Pandit for his unwavering commitment to serve needy; Ajay Pandita for his impactful contribution to serve the youth of the community; Vinod Pandita for his relentless fight for the restoration of demolished temples and shrines; Dr Meenakshi Kilam for her outstanding contribution in the educational field and Dr Samita Bhat for her immense work in the field of health and well being, besides a galaxy of sponsors including Hotel Ch2 and Real FC Kashmir, Alcobrew, Prem Motors, Jai Raj Studio, VR Events, AK Sports, Viraj & Dutta Company, PMC International, Avero Furniture, Ishan Filling Station, Microcomp Solutions, Asha Dhar Foundation, Sharika &

Swastiya Medicos and NN Dhar Foundation.

The heroes of KPPL organising team who were also felicitated on the occasion included Ritik Jotshi, Shivam Koul, Chetan Shah, Sahil Sharma, Ritesh, Rajat Kanth, Rahul Reshi and Rahul Koul.

For serving the community cause and providing a platform to the KP youth Deepak Bhan, Dr Neeru Kharru, Ramesh Razdan, Tito Ganjoo, Vijay Kr Kaul and Kuldeep Raina were also felicitated by the Organisation on the occasion.

The Event was organised by Lalitaditya Team including Anil Bhat (President), Ashish Kachroo (Vice President), Vinay Koul (General Secretary), Anil Bhushan (Treasurer), Deepak Raina (Media Advisor), Executive Members-SSP P.N. Tickoo and Ankur Bagati, besides Rohit Bhat and Rajesh Dhar.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by renowned anchor Bindya Raina Tickoo.

## GDC Kunjwani organises workshop on ‘Soft and Writing Skills’

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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani, organized comprehensive two-days workshop on "Soft and Writing Skills" led by Department of English.

The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Reena Salaria, Dr Farooq Ahmed Department of Linguistics, Cluster University Jammu and Dr. Rashi Taggar from SMVDU, Kakraval.

Dr Reena Salaria and Dr. Farooq Ahmed offered valuable tips for students to improve their soft skills. They engaged participants in a series of activities designed to improve their skills especially their pronunciation of words and body language.

Dr Rashi Taggar introduced the concept of SPARK, guiding attendees on creating memorable and impactful connections in diverse communication scenarios, fostering understanding and

resonance with their audience.

The workshop delved into the fundamentals of email etiquette, emphasizing clarity, professionalism, and effective communication, all of which are essential skills for the modern workforce.

Students actively participated in meaningful and imaginative conversations through communication games facilitated by the application of engaging activities.

This workshop also provided a platform for students to address the queries, enabling them to boost their confidence in communication skills and make a lasting impact in various scenarios.

Expressing gratitude, Dr. Neeru Sharma thanked the college Principal Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo for his encouragement in hosting such workshops.

The workshop was coordinated by Prof. Pooja and Dr. Neeru Sharma.

## Badshah Club Poonch wins in Chaar Sahibzaade T20



Participating teams posing for a photograph with Chief Guest and officials.

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POONCH: Badshah Club Poonch beat Eleven Star Mandi by 10 runs in the ongoing Chaar Sahibzaade T20 Cricket Tournament, organized by Sikh Youth of Poonch The on the theme "Khelo India" at Sports Stadium

Poonch, here on Monday.

Earlier batting first, Badshah Club scored 120 runs for thye loss of seven wickets. Vicky was the top scorer with 34 runs off 26 deliveries. Bilal claimed three wickets for 24 runs while Sunny backed him up with

one for 18 runs for Eleven Star Mandi. Bilal impactful performance earned him the well-deserved title of Man of the Match.

Mohd Qasim, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Poonch was Chief Guest in today's match.

## Tawi Trekkers take Sprawling Buds students to Mohoregarh

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JAMMU: Part of the ongoing one-day short treks series programme, of Tawi Trekkers J&K, third group of about 144 students of Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, here taken to Mansar- Mohoregarh area.

Sonam Sidharth, a senior member of Tawi Trekkers led the group of budding trekkers along with Abhimanyu Sherpa, Vikas Singh, Prerna Chakrab and Ananjan Raghav Khajuria.

Seven teachers of the school led by Neha Sharma also escorted the budding trekkers who were on their maiden adventure to explore and enjoy nature.

With this the total participation in this programme has



Participants posing for a group photo during the 1-day trek in Mansar- Mohoregarh area.

so far gone over 350 with an overwhelming participation of about 200 girls. Earlier, the club successfully organised a short trek from Kattal Batal to Aithem via Bhed Devta for 102 students including 51 girls of Oriental Academy Senior Secondary School, Jammu.

A 12 kilometers heritage trek from Sagoon to Purmandal for 101 students of PSPS Government College for Women Gandhi Nagar, Jammu was also organised by the club and sponsored by the Directorate of Tourism Jammu.

Earlier, after a sumptuous

breakfast at Mansar the budding young trekkers who were on their maiden trek enjoyed the main attraction, a soft trek of about four kilometers in the Mansar- Mohoregarh area and were thrilled to have a panoramic view of the serene lake and the mother nature at its best

back at Mansar.

They visited the local zoo, maintained by the Department of Wild Life Protection, where they saw many beautiful birds and wild animals and learnt about their habitat and their behavior.

"The aim of such short treks, in which about 2000 boys and girls are expected to participate, is to 'Catch Them Young' and imbibe in the young minds a spirit of adventure, love for nature and above all a supreme sense of self confidence so as to mould them into bold and responsible future leaders/builders of the country," said president of Tawi Trekkers, J&K, Ram Khajuria.

## KCPS students selected for Netball National Championship

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JAMMU: Eight students of KC Public School have been selected to represent their state in the upcoming Netball National Championship to be held at the Gandhi Maidan, Godda, Jharkhand from December 19 to 27, 2023.



Selected students posing with faculty members.

The eight KCeans namely Hitesh Badgal, Jatin Taryal, Advay Singh, Mannat Gupta, Mannat Mahajan, Stuti Gupta, Anika Mishra and Sanvi Kapoor have been chosen based on their outstanding skills in the sport of netball.

These students clinched gold medals at the UT level Netball Championship.

The school's comprehensive sports program, under the guidance of Moon Stephen, HOD sports and Shrishta, the Netball coach along with the entire sports faculty of the school, has nurtured an environment that fosters holistic development and a passion for sports among its students.

Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra expressed his pride in the KCeans.

He commended the hard work and dedication of the selected students who have been chosen to participate in this prestigious event.

Principal Mishra believes

that their selection is a testament to the school's commitment to providing a well-rounded education that encompasses both academic and athletic achievements. He is confident that the students' participation in this event will further enhance KC Public School's reputation as a leading institution that values not only academic excellence but also sportsmanship and holistic development.

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## Sports activities at GHSS Mendhar



Students competing in Tug of War event at Jammu on Monday.

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POONCH: Under 'My Youth My Pride' initiative of the Government, sports activities took place at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Mendhar, here

The activity, which was coordinated and supported by the officers of the J&K

Sports Council (JKSC), took place in the disciplines of Tug of War, Kabaddi, Volleyball and Kho-Kho in both boys and girls sections.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mendhar, Mohd Jhangir Khan was chief guest, who along with guests of honour Principal of hosts GHSS Mendhar

and Deputy Chief Education Officer witnessed the competition and encouraged the participants. Among those present were Nardosh Kumar, Mushtaq Ahmed, Navjot Singh Rohit Sharma, Ameet Singh, Richa Bali, Ram Parkash and Kiran Kumar.

## Fit India events by SAI at GHSS Shastri Nagar

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JAMMU: Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Monday organised sports events under its 'Fit India' programme initiated by the Union Ministry of Sports at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Shastri Nagar, here.

The target students were involved in three sports disciplines of Volleyball, Yoga and Athletic. Anu Bhardwaj, Principal of the host school was chief guest, who presented medals to the winners.

The event took place under the guidance of Bhanu Pratap Singh, Assistant Director SAI STC Jammu. The competition officiated by the technical penal including Prateek Kumar and Sonu Haldwani.

## J&K Branch of NIRC of ICAI organises Super Sixes Cricket Tournament Season IV



Winner team in jubilant mood after receiving trophy at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The J&K Branch of the Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) hosted the Super Sixes Cricket Tournament Season IV in Greenfield, Gandhi Nagar, here.

The tournament witnessed a remarkable participation of CA professionals and students, with a total of eight teams competing for the championship.

After an intense series of matches, the thrilling final match was held between Team Purple and Team grey, where Team Grey

emerged victorious, led by the CA Jatin Wahi.

CA Shubam Gupta was honored with the title of the best batsman of the tournament. Likewise, CA Munish Sharma was recognized as the best bowler of the tournament. The Chairman of J&K Branch, CA Vikas Purdhani, along with Vice Chairman CA Vineet Kohli, Secretary CA Sourav Pargal, and Immediate Past Chairman CA Nakul Saraf, presented the trophy to the winning Team Grey.

Expressing their appreciation, the J&K Branch officials thanked the umpires, CA Parveen Dogra and CA Sourav

Mehta, for their impeccable decisions and maintaining fairness throughout the matches.

Additionally, the J&K Branch officials extended their gratitude to Ritupal Singh and CA Jai Singh Jamwal, the commentators for their engaging and informative commentary.

Chairman, CA Vikas Purdhani expressed gratitude for the continued support of these past chairpersons and senior CAs, and they remain committed to organizing events that uphold the highest standards of professionalism, collaboration, and camaraderie within the chartered accountancy community.

## Jammu boy brings laurels, wins 2 Gold in Roller Skating First Gold for J&K in Sub Junior Mix Category

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JAMMU: Proud Moment for Jammu and Kashmir as Jammu Boy Kyran Gupta, a proud student of Maharaja Hari Singh Agricultural Collegiate School Nagbani studying in Class 7th who has won 2 Gold Medals alongwith other team members in recently held 61st National Roller Sports Championship held at Chandigarh. He has achieved this distinction of winning Gold Medals both in Sub-Junior Boys Category and Sub-Junior Mix Category in which both the teams remained undefeated throughout the tournament. It is for the first time in the history that Jammu & Kashmir has won 2 Gold Medals, one in the newly introduced Sub-Junior mix category and the other Gold Medal in Sub-Junior Boys category. Pertinent to mention here that this boy Kyran Gupta alongwith other team members has also awarded a Medal for Excellence for winning Bronze Medal for India at the 40th Macau Open Championship held at Macau recently. It was first time that Roller Skating Federation of India took Sub-Junior team in their squad to participate at an International level. Apart from above Kyran Gupta also has been national champion in roller hockey in Cadet Category (under 11) in the year 2021 at 59th National Roller Skating Championships held at Mohali. He has also secured 2nd place in Sub-Junior All India Inter-District Championship in the month of April 2023. Speaking on the occasion Kyran said he is highly motivated and focused for all upcoming events in near future and he will do his best for his country and J&K UT. The proud parents thanked the Union Government especially Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving exceptional attention towards sports in India. They also extended gratitude to Department of Youth Services and Sports and J&K Sports Council for training the young ones under my youth pride initiative. The school authorities of Maharaja Hari Singh Agricultural Collegiate School Nagbani has also congratulated Kyran Gupta for bringing laurels to the school and wished him more success in his future endeavors.



## Journalism students voice their views on Viksit Bharat @2047 at JU



Journalism students of JU posing for a photograph with faculty members.

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JAMMU: In a stimulating session at the Department of Journalism & Media Studies, University of Jammu, a discussion was organised to deliberate on ideas for the Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047 initiative. The event featured Anmol Nath Bali, Correspondent, from the National Bureau of Aaj Tak and India Today group and Neeraj from Aaj Tak Jammu.

Anmol, a seasoned journalist currently working with the India Today group, initiated the discussion by shedding light on the Viksit Bharat @2047 initiative, a Government of India endeavour, aimed at transforming the nation into a developed powerhouse by 2047. He engaged the media students in a thought-provoking dialogue, encouraging them to share their visions and ideas for contributing to India's development. Head of the Department Dr. Garima Gupta welcomed the guests and said that industry personnel can foster the budding journalists with their expertise and this academia and industry collaboration can play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the media industry as well as positioning the country strongly across the globe.

Key themes explored during the discussion included women empowerment, rich culture and traditions of Jammu and Kashmir, the pivotal

role of transportation, gender equality, and challenges related to unemployment. Students and faculty members actively participated, offering diverse perspectives on each topic. Addressing women empowerment @ Viksit Bharat 2047, students emphasized the need to challenge stereotypes portraying women as weak and powerless. They advocated for creating safe working environments, especially during night shifts, and ensuring easily accessible transportation to empower women for handling their daily lives better. The discussion also delved into the need of preserving culture and heritage of India @ 2047. Preservation of J&K's unique cultures and traditions, often overshadowed by historical events was discussed by the students. Students expressed concerns about the lack of governmental initiatives to safeguard the local identities citing the example of Punjab's successful efforts in preserving their traditions for future generations. Economic growth emerged as a focal point of the discussion, with students looking forward to startups and initiatives to foster youth entrepreneurship as crucial contributions for Viksit Bharat. The discussion concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ravia Gupta who said that the event provided a platform for insightful discussions and forward-thinking ideas towards India's developmental goals.