

Armed Forces Flag Day observed with gusto & fervour at JKPS Kunjwani



Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore and students addressing morning assembly on Indian Armed Forces Flag Day.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it but it flies with the last breath of each soldier who dies protecting it". With this soul-stirring opening statement Dhruvika of Grade VIIA along with her classmates conducted the morning Assembly to celebrate Indian Armed Forces Flag Day at JK Public School Kunjwani, Jammu.

Fanning the ambers further, another student Suchi presented the thought of the day. She stated, "War is not just the shower of bullets and bombs from both sides; it is also the shower of blood and bones on both sides".
Throwing more light on the topic Anma said, "This day must be celebrated with high spirits and tremendous gratitude in our hearts. This day is celebrated to esteem the mar-

tyrs and the men in uniform who valiantly fought and continued to fight on our borders to shield our country's honour. December 7 is glorified as Armed Forces Flag Day".
"This day is devoted to the soldiers who defended our nation. Soldiers are the custodian of the nation. They scarified various things in their lives to execute their duties. The aim of this day is also to gather funds from people for

the enhancement of the Armed Forces staff", added Mehransh.
Another student Omera provided guidance to the students in planning a career in the Indian Armed Forces based on their individual preferences and interests, like, Indian Army, Indian Air force & Indian Navy. The various entry schemes for recruitment, namely, after +2 level entry through

National Defence Academy (NDA) Kadakvasla & after graduation, entry through Combined Defence Services (CDS) were explained in detail.
She highlighted the "importance of NDA Khadakvasla as one of the most renowned Defence Training Institutes across the globe. After a successful completion of 3 year training at NDA Khadakvasla, cadets move to

their next destination at one of the following three academies, namely, Indian Military Academy Dehradun, Uttarakhand; Indian Air Force Academy, Dindigul Hyderabad, Telangana; & Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kannur district, Kerala".
Mohd. Ilyas presented a poignant poem in Urdu on the occasion, which read like: "Apne watan se hamne

hardam yaari ki
Haq ke liye jung-e-wafaa jaari ki.
Koi bataa de kab humne gaddari ki,
Dushman par humlon ki jab mitti se mohabbat,
Toh ye zurm sadaa mere hisaab mein rahega!
Ghaayal hote hain, marte hain, par rukte nahin;
Aye mere watan! Tere laal

kabhi bikte nahi".
Principal JK Public School, Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore expressed his gratitude towards the Indian Armed forces for making supreme sacrifices and leaving no stone unturned in safeguarding the honour of our Motherland. He appreciated the bravehearts from our valiant Armed forces for being so loving, caring & dedicated towards the nation.

Jodhamal students win State Level Wild Wisdom Global Challenge

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Two students of Jodhamal Public School Jammu: Raunak Gandhi and Parmeet Singh, both from Class 9 won the State Level Round of the prestigious Wild Wisdom Global Challenge organized by WWF India.
The first phase of the quiz was the classroom challenge in which 65 Jodhamal students took part and 30 students got selected for the school round.
In the second phase, out of 30 students, top two students got selected to compete with the students of other schools.
Jodhamal students represented the school in State



JPS faculty members felicitating winner students.

Level Competition and became the State Toppers by winning the Quiz.
These two students are the first-ever students to represent Jammu and Kashmir in the National Semi-finals of this prestigious Quiz.
The students were men-

tored by Elizabeth who coordinated the whole event at the School level.
They were felicitated in the morning assembly and were awarded Certificates, Books, Badges, Lapel Pins, Bags and Trophies by WWF India.

Deccan FC move to second spot on table after goalless draw with Real Kashmir

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Sreenidi Deccan FC preserved their second place in the table after a goalless draw with Real Kashmir FC in their I-League match here at the TRC Stadium on Thursday.
Deccan now have 17 points from nine matches, while the Kashmir side slid to fourth with 14 points from eight matches.
A good result was mandatory for Deccan after their 1-2 defeat in their last match against table-toppers Mohammedan Sporting.
Accordingly, Deccan made four changes to the starting

line-up and one of those -- midfielder Ibrahim Sissoko -- had the first chance of the match in the fifth minute.
But his volley off a lofted ball from Lalbiakliana did not trouble the Kashmir goalkeeper.
The next to try his luck from distance was winger Rilwan Hassan who cut in from the left and unleashed his effort but the outcome was similar.
At the other end, Kashmir almost broke the deadlock with a thunderous shot from outside the box but Deccan goalkeeper Albino

Gomes dived to his left to tip it over the bar.
The second half was an even tighter as chances were few and far between.
Substitute David Castaneda of Deccan had two of those as his first effort was smothered from close range by the goalkeeper while later a header was off target in the closing stages of the match.
Kashmir almost let the match slip in stoppage time as Jagdeep Singh's cross from the right thudded on to the crossbar.
Deccan will now face Delhi FC on December 11.

Boxing trials on Dec 12

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Boxing Association shall hold selection trials to raise UT team for participation in the 7th Elite Women National Boxing Championship to be held at Noida in Uttar Pradesh from December 21 to 27. The selection trials shall take place on December 12 at Boxing Ring, MA Stadium, here under the guidance of selection penal of the Association, a handout issued here today informed. The interested eligible boxers are advised to report the venue on December 12 at 8 am to Boxing coach of J&K Sports Council, Anil Wadhwa (9419212497/7006031537).

Pencak Silat trials on Dec 10

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Open selection trials for 1st beach games festival (Pencak Silat) in both boys and girls sections shall take place on December 10 at Gindun Sports Centre Rajbagh, Srinagar. As per a handout issued by the Pencak Silat Association of J&K, the trials shall be conducted for those players between 16 and 20 years of age to raise team for 1st Mti sports beach festival scheduled to be held at Din , DNHD&D from 5-January 10. For further details, players can contact Nassir Ahmad Digoo, president (9797194893, 9622422766).

Sport Climbing meet postponed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Organised by the Tawi Trekkers J&K in collaboration with Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, the Open J&K Sport Climbing competition at Tenzing Norgay Sport Climbing Wall scheduled for December nine has been postponed. The event shall be held on some other suitable date at the same venue, informed the organisers. For further details, climbers may contact the general secretary of the Club, Shawetika Khajuria (7006099855) or the organising secretary Sonam Sidharth (6006250685).

MHAC Nagbani bags overall trophy in Cluster meet

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The hosts MHAC School Nagbani bagged the overall championship trophy in the three-day Cluster level DAV National Sports meet held in three age groups of under-14, under-17 and under-19 here.
To claim the title trophy, MHAC Nagbani secured seven gold, three silver and bronze medal. Overall second place went to MHS DAV Centre Akhnoor with



Winner team receiving trophy from the chief guest.

nine medals including two gold and six silver, while MHS DAV R S Pura finished third with gold and silver medal each.

In all, 30 different games,

involving participants from three DAV educational institutions of MHAC Nagbani, MHS DAV Cent Public School Akhnoor and MHS DAV Public School RS Pura held under the overall supervision of Principal MHAC Nagbani, Brij Mohan.
In the closing function, S.S. Kotwal, SSP was chief guest, who along with other special guests, Alok Betab, ARO J&K Zone and Pankaj Kaushik, Principal MHS DAV Public School, RS Pura presented the title trophies.

Poonch hockey player excels in Punjab

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Jagmeet Singh, a player of Sham Lal Hockey Club Poonch excelled while representing Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Sports University Patiala in Punjab in North Zone Inter-Varsity Hockey Tournament.
He emerged as top scorer of Pool C scoring 12 goals in four matches and helped his to qualify for the All India Inter-Varsity Hockey Championship. Jagmeet scored two goals against Uttarakhand University and three against University of Kashmir. Other three goals he scored for HPU Shimla University and four against Nainital University thus brought laurels to his home district of Poonch and Club, Sham Lal Hockey Club.



SKUAST-J organises guest lecture on Agro-tourism

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: School of Biotechnology, SKUAST-Jammu, under the guidance of Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, on Thursday organised a guest lecture for the UG and PG students on "Entrepreneurship via Agro-tourism".
The program was funded by National Agriculture Higher Education Project, ICAR, New Delhi (NAHEP-IDP).
The lecture was delivered by Vivekanand Rai, Director, Tourism, Jammu, Department of Tourism, J&K. In his lecture, Rai gave a comprehensive account of Jammu Agro-tourism and various government initia-



Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai delivering lecture at SKUAST-J.

tives being taken by the tourism department to promote agro-tourism. He advised the students to harvest benefits from the recently accorded GI tags to the various districts of Jammu division. He encouraged the students to establish start-ups based on agro-tourism and publicize the same with the

help of social media. After the lecture, there was a healthy interaction in which Rai answered the queries of students related to agro-tourism and offered them a tour to the rural potential areas of Jammu division for having interaction meetings with the agro-tourism entrepreneurs.
Earlier, Prof. R.K. Salgotra,

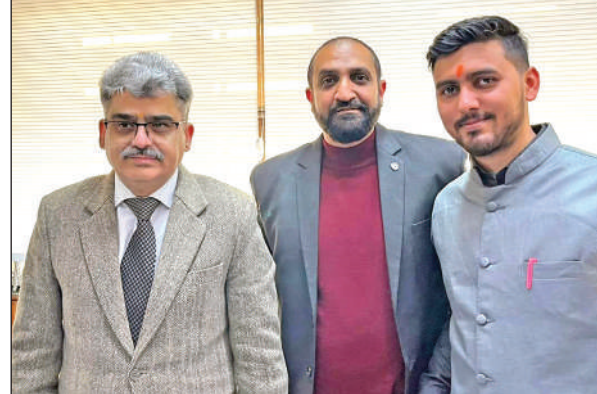
Coordinator, School of Biotechnology gave an overview of SKUAST-Jammu and welcomed the esteemed speaker and participants. The lecture ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. G.K. Rai, Organizing Secretary and the proceedings were handled by Dr. Susheel Sharma, Assistant Professor; SBT.

BARC Outreach Programme enlightens GCET Jammu students on Nuclear Science and Career opportunities

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET) Jammu on Thursday organised an enlightening outreach program by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) on "Atoms in the Service of Nation" under the patronage of Dr. Sameru Sharma, Principal in the college campus. The event aimed to acquaint students with career opportunities in the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and to provide them insight into various aspects of nuclear science.
Resource person Santosh H Takale, a Senior Officer/Head from BARC (TTCD), focused on career opportunities and the recruitment process, including the Orientation Courses for Engineering Graduates (OCES) and qualification required for various categories, within BARC. The students were further informed about the two nuclear tests conducted by India, undetected by foreign satellites. The program concluded with an open forum for questions, wherein students clarified doubts and sought advice.
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provided the information on the 1974 Pokhran nuclear tests and its impact on nuclear technology in fields like plant biotechnology, achieving 42 crop variations through radiation. The future vision of the DAE, incorporating fusion reactions and advancements in materials, were discussed, encouraging students to identify their interests and pursue careers aligned with their passions.
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In the evening, "Star gazing and Sky observation session" was organized for students at Maha Maya Temple, Jammu providing students with a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of the night sky.
Prof. Sameru Sharma, Principal GCET Jammu emphasized that the BARC Outreach Program will play a pivotal role in providing students valuable insights to explore the world of nuclear science, fostering an understanding of career opportunities.
She further opined that the interaction facilitated a dynamic exchange of ideas and knowledge, enabling students to gain a more comprehensive and practical understanding in the concerned subject.
She further acknowledged the efforts of the organizing team of the college comprising of Prof. Bhawna Sharma, Dr. Ajay Abrol, Er. Sanjeev Gupta, Er. Satdev, Cherry Sharma, Er. Rajat Sharma, Er. Amit Pandoh and student coordinating team including Reeya Rehan, Krishma Raina and Satvik in making the program a grand success.



Rising Athletes of J&K delegation calling on CS Atal Dulloo.

Premier League" starting from December 10. Dulloo appreciated the

work of Rising Athletes and also assured full support.