

JK Public School Panjtirthi observes Worlds AIDS Day

"We can end stigma of HIV through love and support"



Glimpses of observation of World AIDS Day at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: World AIDS Day provides an opportunity for people all over the world to come together in the battle against HIV to support those who are living with it.

JK Public School Panjtirthi observed AIDS Day in the school campus. The programme commenced

with an introduction by Shesh Khajuria who enlightened the students with various facts, myths and figures about the dreadful syndrome.

She explained that this disease attacks and destroys the immune system of the body.

Jakiians made the show more meaningful, informative and inter-

esting through a parody where they spoke on causes and prevention of AIDS.

Jakiians lauded the theme of World AIDS Day 2023 "Let Communities Lead", and highlighted that it is a wakeup call for all of us to focus on the practical solutions to alleviate inequality and put an end to life

threatening disease 'AIDS'.

Every student put red ribbons which is the universal symbol of awareness and support for people living with HIV and took a pledge that to induce the spirit among youth to help, love support and care for the people living with HIV/AIDS.

Jakiians sang a melodious song

which gave the message to the audience that life is precious and we should take every possible precaution to live life to the fullest.

In the end, the Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbahi revealed, "Today's celebration serves as a reminder to the public and the government that HIV is still a serious

problem that requires urgent attention and more awareness among the people."

To make the celebration more meaningful and to add to the knowledge of jakiians, the Principal asked various questions from students regarding the celebration and the winners were rewarded.

PG Deptt JU lifts women kho-kho title



Chief Guest, Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Incharge Director Sports CLUJ presenting trophy to winner team.

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JAMMU: PG Department, JU outplayed GCW Udhampur by 7 (17-10) points and lifted the Inter-Collegiate Kho-Kho (Women) Trophy in the ongoing Inter Collegiate Kho-Kho (Women) Tournament 2023-24 organized by the Directorate of Sports & Physical Education, University of Jammu at University Kho-Kho Ground, here on Friday.

Earlier, in Semi-final matches, GCW Udhampur defeated

GDC Ramnagar by 10 (20-10) points and PG Department JU defeated GDC Kathua by five (15-10) points.

Dr. Vinod Bakshi (Incharge Director Sports Cluster University Jammu) was the Chief Guest of the final match who awarded trophies & medals to the winner and runner-up teams in the presence of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Vimal Kishore, Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Dr. Vikesh Kumar, Dr. Mukesh Kumar, P.D. Singh, Ravish Vaid, Vikas Karlopiya, Raj

Kumar Bakshi, Jai Bharat, Harinderpal Singh, Inderjeet Singh, Dr. Mahak, Rishiv Sharma, Richa Mandla and Mann Singh Pawar.

The Inter Collegiate Kho-Kho (Women) Tournament 2023-24 was organized under the supervision of Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports JU.

The matches were officiated by Dheeraj Sharma, Anil Kumar, Pabinder Singh, Pooja Sharma and Gagan Kumar.

BCADD to conduct coaching camp from today

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DODA: Bhaderkashi Chess Association District Doda (BCADD) to conduct coaching camp followed by chess tournament for Dugga, Jalga and Chinchora Panchayat players.

As per the official handout issued by Krishan Singh, Secretary BCADD, the interested players of Dugga, Jalga and Chinchora Panchayats are requested to contact on Mob Nos 7087234439 or 7006471020.

The coaching will be started on December 9 between 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and on December 10 between 9:00AM to 12:30 PM and tournament from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM while on December 11, coaching will be held between 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM and tournament between 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

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JAMMU: Deputy Labour Commissioner and Assistant Labour Commissioner congratulated and appreciated Seema Kharyal for winning gold medal in long jump in Master Athletic J&K UT

Championship held on December 6 to 7, 2023 at MA Stadium Jammu. Seema Kharyal brought laurels to the department once again and made everyone feel proud. They also wished her best of luck for future.

KC Public School hosts mega quiz contest 2023



Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Sushil Kumar Gupta presenting trophy to winner students.

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JAMMU: 12 schools from Jammu and neighbouring towns took part in the 9th edition of the Inter School Mega Quiz Contest hosted by KC Public School on Friday.

The inaugural event was launched in 2012 and was resumed this year after a break of 3 years due to corona pandemic.

The schools taking part in the quiz were the host school KCPS, APS Miran Sahib, APS Damana, APS Nagrota, APS Samba, Model Academy, KC

International School, International DPS, MHAC Nagbani, Shaurya International School, Jammu Sanskriti School and DPS Jammu.

The contest was held in the multipurpose hall of KC Sports Club in which about 200 students of host school and participating schools formed the responsive audience who cheered their school teams with aplomb and enthusiasm.

Based roughly on Cricket format, the quiz began with an Innings round in which all the

12 teams answered 4 questions each as parts of four pools containing three teams each.

At the end of this round, one team from each pool got eliminated on the basis of the lowest score. The remaining 8 teams then moved on to the quarter final stage with only 2 teams in each pool. After answering 4 questions each at this stage, 4 teams made it to the semi finals on the basis of higher score.

The race for the final stage turned intense with the degree of difficulty in the questions going several notches higher.

Eventually, APS Damana and host school KCPS made it to the finals.

In a highly charged atmosphere, the finalists vied with each other in getting the right answer and, in the long run, Keshav Sharma and Varun Sharma of APS Damana emerged quizzing champions of the 9th edition of Quiz-Zone 2023.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Prof. (Dr.) Sushil Kumar Gupta, Registrar & Dean, Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry, SKUAST-Jammu the Guest of Honour was Dr. Vivek Arya from the same University. They gave away the championship trophy and participation certificates to all the teams. In his address to the audience, Prof Gupta appreciated the participating teams for their marvellous level of knowledge and congratulated the victorious team from APS Damana.

Rollball Association of J&K to hold selection trials on Dec 11, 12

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JAMMU: Rollball Association of Jammu & Kashmir is holding selection trials on December 11 and 12, 2023 at Skating Rink, MA Stadium Jammu for selecting both men and women teams which will participate in 20th Senior Rollball National being held at Belgaum (Karnataka) from January 4 to 7, 2024. The selection of the team will be held under the supervision of J&K Sports Council. Those who are interested to take part in the trials should report to Ashraf Dijo Phone No. 9419179740 for Kashmir Division and Madhu Sharma 9419148556 for Jammu Division or contact at jkrollballassociation@gmail.com.

Vijay Merchant Trophy J&K's Zaid dazzles in a drawn match against Karnataka

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VIJAYAWADA: Talented batting all-rounder Mohammad Zaid missed a ton by a whisker in the second essay, after top scoring with 37 runs in the first innings followed by 3-wicket haul in a drawn match against Karnataka at CP Ground Mulapadu, Vijayawada on Friday. J&K was bundled out for 148 runs in the first innings. J&K top scored with 37 runs, while Arun Kumar and Rahil Younis contributed 28 and 27 runs respectively.

Vaibhav C. and Talha Sharief captured 3 wickets each for Karnataka. In reply, Karnataka declared their first innings at 263/8 with Anikesh Reddy, Anyvay Dravid and Talha Sharief contributing 93, 78 and 39 runs to the total respectively. For J&K, Mohammad Zaid took 3 wickets, while Saksham Charak, Jeevesh Gupta and Arun Kumar claimed one wicket each. Sailing on Zaid's brilliant 98 runs in the second essay, J&K scored 261 runs in 83.5 overs. He scored 98 off 122 balls, studded with 14 fours and 4 sixes, while Mohammad Shifan and Arjun Sharma contributed 68 and 40 runs respectively.



Milan Dhami took 3 wickets for Karnataka, while Vaibhav, Dhyaan and Tejas shared one wicket each. Chasing a target of 147 runs in 22 overs in the last session, Karnataka managed to score 141 runs and fell short of just 6 runs from the victory target, losing 8 wickets, thus the match ended in a draw. Talha Sharief, Anyvay Dravid and Anikesh Reddy contributed 40, 30 and 25 runs to the total respectively. For J&K, Jeevesh Gupta took 3 wickets while Manivya claimed one wicket.

Humanity Public School celebrates 43rd Annual Day

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JAMMU: Humanity Public School Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana celebrated its 43rd Annual Day Function cum Prize Distribution Function based on the theme "Cultural Diversity" on Friday at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

All the dignitaries were welcomed by Gaurav Charak, Principal and Anku Charak, Vice-Principal of the School along with Akashdeep Raina (Senior Incharge), Keshav Raj Sharma (Incharge Hr. Sec. Wing), Prasad Singh (Co-Ordinator Hr. Sec. Wing), Namrta Sharma (Incharge Senior Wing), Vandana Sharma (Incharge Primary Wing), Aparna Billowria (Incharge Pre-Primary Wing), Er Varinder Kumar (Incharge IT Deptt.), Meenu Khajuria (Activity Incharge) and Mahan Singh (Sports Incharges).

Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director Rural Livelihood Mission, J&K was the Chief Guest. Dr. Sudhir Singh, Joint Secretary, J&K State Board of School Education was the Guest of Honour for the function. Special Guests on the occasion were Th.

KC College of Education conducts plantation drive



Environmental Club members of KC College of Education planting saplings.

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JAMMU: The Environmental Club of K.C. College of Education conducted Plantation Drive in the college premises as a part of annual event on December 8, 2023 considering the manifold benefits of trees including that they release oxygen, absorb harmful gases, protect us from UV rays, provide us with food, prevent soil erosion, maintain ecological balance and most espe-

cially in lessen the effects of global warming.

The students of semester III participated in the drive where in, first of all the students demarcated the area with the help of college gardeners and other helpers, they dug the ground for plantation. Then the students and the faculty planted the fruit trees there.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college, Dr.

Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the initiative taken by Dr. Puja Sharma, Convenor of the club, who convened the whole programme and further said that tree plantation is not just something that should be done, instead, it is a necessity, the urgent need of the hour. To this end, the club members, faculty and students participated in the plantation drive with zeal and enthusiasm.

State Tax Deptt employees bring laurels

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JAMMU: In the recently concluded JK UT Masters Athletics Championship, two employees of State Taxes Department namely Anit Kumar and Ashok Singh participated and won three medals for the department.

Ashok Singh (Senior Assistant) won bronze in 400 meters whereas Anit Kumar (Tavildar, Stamps) won silver and bronze medals in Javelin and discus throw respectively.

It is pertinent to mention here that Anit had participated in many nationals and long distance races. The officers of the department congratulated both the employees for their performance.



Medal winner Anit Kumar and Ashok Singh of State Taxes Department.



Humanity Public School faculty and other dignitaries posing with students at annual day function.

Gulchain Singh Charak (President Dogra Sadar Sabha & Former Minister), Kamal Gupta (Chairman, J&K Pvt. Schools Association), Ajay Gupta (Principal, NITL, Udhampur & President, J&K Private Schools Association), Rameshwar Mengi (Chairman, R.M. Charitable & Educational Trust), Satpal Mansotra (Gen. Secretary, J&K Pvt. Schools Association), Deepak Handa (Senior Vice President, J&K Pvt. Schools Association), Sanjeev Luthra (Senior Treasurer, J&K Pvt. Schools Association) and Sanjeev Mahajan (Administrator, GZSAC, University of Jammu).

The function started with lighting of traditional lamp by the Chief Guest & other dignitaries in the presence of Chairperson Meera Charak, Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice-Principal, Anku Charak. This was followed by Devi Stuti presented by class 6th girls. The dance devoted to incarnation of Devi & her nine different Avtaars were a mesmerizing performance displayed by the girls. The Head boy, Akash Thakur and the Head girl, Sonu Bharti of class 12th welcomed the chief guest & other dignitaries through their welcome address.

Gaurav Charak, the Principal presented the Annual Report highlighting the school's progress & gave

a brief description about the students, their achievements & future plans etc.

The programme presented by the tiny tots of Pre-Primary Wing and Primary Wing on Clap-Clap, RollyPolly, Phone Addition and Dance on Grandparents left the audience spell bound.

Classical dance performed by Gayatri Singh Charak of class 11th and her team was magnificent.

Later the meritorious students who performed well in their Annual Board Examination were awarded mementos and cash prizes.

The students who excelled in various co-curricular activities and sports both inter-school, state & at nationals were also presented with mementos.

At last, Piyush Naranian, Sports Captain presented the vote of thanks.

The stage was managed by Namrta Sharma (Incharge Senior Wing), Aradhana Bhagat and Ritu Jamwal (Senior Wing Teachers).

The student Stage Anchors who assisted the teachers were Gayatri Singh Charak of class 11th, Vivek Sharma of class 11th, Krishvi, Angel and Prachi of class 7th.