

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Tourism Day virtually



Students of JK Public School Panjtirthi during World Tourism Day celebrations.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrated World Tourism Day virtually to highlight the role and contribution of the tourism industry in country's growth.

Jakians showcased a virtual tour portraying the significance of cultural heritage of states such as Assam, Gujarat, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory.

The diversity of our country was the prime attraction for the viewers during the virtual tour. Students participated

effervescently and spoke vigorously about the best places of India and their significance regarding culture, climate, clothing, cuisine, amusement parks and museums.

They dressed up in exuberant attires representing different states, they were splendidly connected with the viewers to visit the popular destinations of India.

The importance of main-

taining the monuments, keeping the surroundings clean was well illustrated through an edifying skit by Jakians that sensitized the viewers to honour and preserve their mother earth.

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbh said, "This celebration has helped the students and viewers to learn about the social, cultural, and financial significance of tourism.

Tourism plays an important role in preserving and promoting culture and heritage all around the world including those safeguarding endangered species, lost traditions, or flavours."

Principal Secretary inaugurates District-Level Rifle Shooting competition

► Event to augment shooters' caliber



Principal Secretary YSS, Alok Kumar inaugurating the District Level Shooting competition.

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JAMMU: Adhering to COVID protocol, Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, Alok Kumar on Wednesday inaugurated the District Level Shooting competition in a function at DYSS's Shooting Range, Gandhi Nagar, here.

The competition in which around 30 young shooters drawn from district Jammu are taking part, is being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K.

Alok Kumar, the chief guest on the occasion, was accompanied by Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali and a

this serve as a launching pad for young sportspersons to showcase their skill and talent, adding that this event will surely augment shooters' shoot.

Director Sports served instructions to the organisers with regard to holding of the event in a befitting manner.

The event is being held under the overall supervision of Vishal Bharti, official of the Department, who also runs this coaching centre.

Earlier, some young shooters shared their experience.

On the occasion, Alok Kumar along with Gazanfar Ali distributed kits among the local raw cricketers who use to play at

Dussehra ground, adjacent to District Youth Services and Sports Office Jammu.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Jitender Mishra, Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports, Jammu; Col Gurbachan Singh; Mool Raj, Assistant Director Jammu; Sukhdev Raj, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu and Chanderkanta, Zonal Physical Education Officer, Gandhimagar.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Shyamandan Singh Mankotia, Section Officer Accounts, DYSS.

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JAMMU: Prof. Manoj K Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu interacted with the international students admitted to the university under the ICCR fellowship scheme. Under this scheme, two students from Cambodia and Nigeria have been admitted who have now physically joined the campus for offline classwork.

The interaction meeting was attended by Prof. S. K. Pandita, Nodal Officer International Admissions, Prof. Sameer Gupta, Director Business School, Dr. Vijay Saigal and Dr. Bashir Ahmad Lone members of the Technical Committee for international admissions.

Prof. Dhar while welcoming the foreign students asked them to be the ambassadors of University in their countries.

Prof. Dhar emphasised that the University of Jammu is an A+ University and ranks among the top 100 universities in the country.

Besides, CWUR has recently listed the University of Jammu at 1682 rank among the top 2000 global universities. Besides, the University of Jammu has been invited to join the e-

JU VC interacts with Int'l students under ICCR fellowship scheme



VC JU, Prof. Manoj K Dhar during interaction with international students admitted to the university.

"internationalisation at home" which means integrating the dimensions of the international learning environment within our higher education institutions.

This policy appreciates the critical need to promote India as a "global study destination providing premium education at affordable costs thereby helping to restore the image of 'Vishwa Guru'".

Prof. Dhar also highlighted that the University of Jammu is an A+ University and ranks among the top 100 universities in the country.

The international students while interacting thanked the Vice-Chancellor and the university administration for their comfortable stay and friendly atmosphere on the campus.

VBAB Network Project as a Partner University.

The e-Vidya Bharti and Arogya Bharti (e-VBAB) Network Project of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India is technological up-gradation of Pan-Africa e-Network Project of Govt. of India and is offering Tele-education and Tele-medicine services to partner African countries.

Earlier, Prof. Pandita detailed the steps taken for making the stay of the international students comfortable.

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Record 11 J&K cricketers in IPL auction

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JAMMU: A record 11 J&K cricketers have been selected for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 mega players auction scheduled to be held on February 12 and February 13 at Bengaluru. In total, 590 players will feature in this mega auction, announced Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

A big number of 1214 cricketers from all over the World had registered for the auction and out of them, only 590 have found themselves on the auction list on the basis of interest shown by franchisee teams.

Amongst 590 players who have been short-listed for the auction, 228 are capped players having represented at the International level while other 355 are uncapped players and seven belong to Associate Nations.

"From J&K, 11 top cricketers have found their names on the auction list. That means franchisees have shown interest in them and they have a chance to get sold and go on to play in IPL," informed member administration of the JKCA, Brig Anil Gupta.

Left-arm young pacer from Anantnag Mujtaba Yousuf has been placed at serial 161, followed by Rasikh Salam (242), Parvez Rasool (354), Qamran Iqbal (367), Fazil Rashid (391), Henan Malik (436), Abid Mushtaq (445), Nasir Lone (446), Auqib Nabi (492) and young Vivrant

Sharma (545).

Mujtaba has been a net bowler with Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bangalore while Rasikh Salam before getting banned for age fudging was part of Mumbai Indians winning side. However, he has regularly been training in Mumbai Indians academy and they may go for him this time as well.

Only capped cricketer from J&K, Parvez Rasool after getting unsold in the previous two to three auctions has once again put his name for auction on the base price of Rs 50 lakhs. Auqib Nabi, Abid Mushtaq, Nasir Lone and Auqib Nabi have all been called for trials by various franchisees recently.

Qamran Iqbal, Fazil Rashid, Vivrant Sharma and Henan Malik are talented players and one hopes that they go on to make it.

The JKCA further informed that in total there are 11 cricketers from J&K in the IPL auction. "The IPL Committee erroneously has mentioned Hyderabad Cricket Association against the name of Yudhvir Singh Charak who actually a JKCA player. Yudhvir is a budding pace bowler and was the net bowler with the Mumbai Indians in IPL 2021," further said Brig Gupta.

Already two J&K cricketers Abdul Salad and Umran Malik were retained by Sunrisers Hyderabad for Rs four crore each in the squad.

Tributes paid to Sher-e-Poonch Yashpal Sharma



People paying tributes to Ex MLC Yashpal Sharma at Nowshera.

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NOWSHERA: Tributes were paid to Ex MLC Yashpal Sharma in a condolence meeting held at Nowshera on Wednesday. Adv. Rajinder Parshad Sharma, Senior Congress Leader described Yashpal Sharma as the Real Leader of masses known for his simplicity, honesty, humbleness who in his whole life worked for the welfare of people. His death is a great loss to Jammu and Kashmir and whole society. He termed him as a fearless voice & towering personality of the border belt of Rajouri Poonch.

Subhash Kapoor (President Beopar Mandal and Ex Chairman MC Nowshera) termed Yash Pal

Sharma as a leader of poor and downtrodden who was respected by the people of all faiths, shades and ideologies. He served the people of Poonch irrespective of caste, creed and colour.

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