

# 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.

Jakiians 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 Jakiians that sensitized the viewers to honour and preserve their mother earth.

Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah 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

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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



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

galaxy of other officers of the Department.

Speaking on the occasion, Alok Kumar said that the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was

committed to promote sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory, besides raising infrastructure in all the districts.

He said that the events like

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

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, Gandhinagar.

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

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

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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 National Educational Policy-2020 extensively focuses on attaining the highest global standards in the quality of higher education.

The NEP reinforces the need to attract a greater number of international students and achieve the goal of



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 its role as "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.

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-

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.

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

## Tributes paid to Sher-e-Poonch Yashpal Sharma

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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



People paying tributes to Ex MLC Yashpal Sharma at Nowshera.

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. Jagdish Sawhney (President Sanatan Dharam Sabha) described Yashpal Sharma as one of the great political figure of

pir panjal and whole of Jammu and Kashmir who was liked and admired by the people of different walks of life and ideologies because of qualities of leadership coupled with humility and humour apart from care and concern for the poor and downtrodden. General Secretary Beopar Mandal Ravi Kant Gupta

and Social Activist Sukhdev Sharma demanded that Poonch Sports Stadium should be renamed as Yashpal Sharma Stadium. This will be a Government's tribute to Sher-e-Poonch. Others who paid their tributes including Sarpanch Suraj Parkash, Sh Baldev Raj Coudhary, Shaktipal Singh, Dr Ashok Sharma, Subhash Tuli, Mohd Azam, Sadhu Ram, Bhuvnesh Gupta, Pardeep Gupta, Rajeev Mehta, Bhajan Sharma, Gourav Gupta, Vikas Prashar, Dheeraj Kapoor, Adv Gourav Prashar, Rishiv Sharma, Anmol Sudan, Raghav Gupta, Sourav Choudhary, Monu Sharma, Aman Atti, Manik Sharma, Samik Gupta, Kavi Sharma, Vikas

Sharma, Kashish Kapoor, Arjun Khokhar, Ankit Sudan, Rishav Sharma, Karan Khokher, Shubam Sharma and many others were present.

Meanwhile, players of Sports Stadium Poonch organised a candle march in memory of Yashpal Sharma from Stadium to his residence. The candle march was attended by coaches Nirdosh Sharma, Matindar Singh, Pawan Sharma, Afridi, Neeraj Sharma, Mushtaq Ahmed, Sourab Sharma and staff of Sports Stadium Poonch. Family members of YP Sharma thanked the coaches and players. People demanded that the Sports Stadium Poonch should be renamed as Yashpal Sharma Stadium.

## District Poonch Tennis Ball Cricket C'ship begins

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POONCH: DDC member Mankote, Mendhar, Imran Zaffar Chowdhary on Wednesday inaugurated District Poonch Tennis Ball Cricket Championship being organised by the District Poonch Tennis Ball Cricket Association under the aegis of J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association at OP Hill Station Sagra Mendhar, here. The championship in which 12 teams are participating is being sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

Today's Results: Mast Kalandhar Club defeated Five Star Club by two wickets; Dream Eleven defeated Blue Star Club by



DDC member Mankote, interacting with players.

three wickets; FCC Sagra beat LOC Club Ghani by two wickets; Sakhai-

Maidan Club outlayed Chhajla Club by one wicket.

## Carrom trials on Feb 10

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association shall conduct open selection trials to pick up probable for the upcoming 49th Senior National Carrom Championship (Men and Women) to be held at Shree Halari Visa Oswal Samaj Hall, Dadar Mumbai from March 30 to April three.

The selection trials shall be held at Carrom Hall, Srinagar Sports Club, Sher-e-Kashmir Indoor Stadium, Srinagar on February 10 from 12:30 pm onwards.

All the desired players,

interested schools, institutions, clubs and district units of the Association are requested to register their players on email jkcarrom@gmail.com for the trials. For any information, players can contact secretary, Arif Sultan Khan (9906767529) or general secretary, Adil Shah (9070000093), a handout issued here today informed.

All the players are advised to carry the original ID proof (photo ID with address) and request to follow all the SOP's of Covid-19 as per Government advisory and guidelines.

## SMVDU celebrates World Wetlands Day



SMVDU faculty and students posing for a photograph.

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UDHAMPUR: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organised a programme at Mansar Lake, a world renowned Ramsar Site, to mark the celebration of World Wetland Day.

The programme started with a nature walk around the Mansar Lake which was participated by faculty members, research scholars and students drawn from School of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Department of Energy Management, and

School of Biotechnology, SMVDU.

On this occasion, a special lecture by Padma Shri Prof RK Sinha, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, was held. Popularly known as the Dolphin Man of India, Prof Sinha emphasized the importance of Mansar and Surinsar lakes in providing assured drinking water supply, ground water recharging besides providing refuge to flora and fauna.

He stressed the need for preserving wetlands in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir

for providing shelter to both the local and migratory birds and ensuring food chain health. He highlighted the cultural and social significance of the wetlands especially Mansar lake in Jammu region. He exhorted the younger generation to work for wetland protection also for aesthetic and Wellness aspects.

"Let us not command nature and instead start obeying nature," he commented.

Further, he emphasized the need for preserving the wetlands for sustainable development and avoiding ill effects of climate change and consumerism.

Later, the participants enjoyed ethnic Dogra Food in environment friendly Doona pattal.

Nagendra Singh Janwal, Registrar, Prof. Ashok Sharma, Dean Faculty of Sciences, Professor Sharda Potukuchi, Head, School of Biotechnology, HG Mishra, Dean, Student welfare and Bhawna, Asst Registrar also attended the event.

## DPS Udhampur ranked no 1 in Udhampur by Education World India School Rankings 2021-22

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UDHAMPUR: It is a matter of pride, that Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur has been ranked as no 1 school in Udhampur and ranked 10 in J&K UT and No.148 in India under Co Ed Education schools category by Education World India School Rankings 2021-22 by the grand jury of EW India School Ranking.

DC Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib appreciated the efforts of the school for creating conducive environment for the youth where not only academics but cognitive, spiritual excellence is well taken care during these



DC Udhampur, Indu Kanwal Chib felicitating DPS Udhampur faculty.

unprecedented times.

She congratulated and felicitated the productive and constructive efforts of DPS Udhampur in her office on Wednesday. She had all praise for the school manage-

ment, principal, staff, Students & parents of DPSU, for bringing laurels not only to the school but to District Udhampur as well.

She congratulated the team of DPSU for the historic

achievement and said "that this is your moment and you must cherish it"

The Pro Vice Chairman of the school Dr. J. C Gupta congratulated his team of faculty members and Principal Dr. Kunal Anand for their splendid performance during this pandemic time.

The dignitaries present on the occasion were Vivek Gupta (Managing Director of DPSU), Academics Director Sucheta Gupta and Principal Dr. Kunal Anand along with Bhamvi Sharma Sr. Head Mistress and Shivani Koul Jr Head Mistress of the school.