

# LG Sinha, Anurag Thakur launch 3rd Khelo India National Winter Games Anthem, Mascot & Jersey



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Sports Minister, Anurag Thakur during launch of 3rd Khelo India National Winter Games Anthem, Mascot and Jersey.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and I&B, Anurag Thakur launched 3rd Khelo India National Winter Games Anthem, Mascot and Jersey at Raj Bhavan on Saturday. The launching ceremony marked the beginning of the biggest sporting extravaganza at Gulmarg starting from 10th February. More than 1500 sportspersons from 29 States/ UTs/ Boards will

participate in 11 different winter sports disciplines. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister Anurag Thakur congratulated the Lt Governor-led UT Government for promoting sports in J&K. The participation of more than 1500 sportspersons in the Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg will encourage the youth towards winter sports and also boost the tourism in Jammu Kashmir. The sportspersons joining the games from

across the country will be the brand ambassador of the new Jammu Kashmir, he added. "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have revived the sports culture. The increased sports activities and the greater participation of youth in sports is having transformative impact on the society," said the Union Minister. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, in his address, conveyed his best wishes to

all the players, officials associated with the grand event. J&K is all geared up to host the players, sports lovers and officials participating in the National Winter Games. Gulmarg, the world-renowned winter tourism destination has been developed as a sports city to host the largest ever contingent of 1500 players from across the country, said the Lt Governor. With the successful conduct of earlier winter games, Gulmarg has achieved its

much deserved place on the global map of Winter Games. This year's mascot the Snow Leopard depicts the vibrant heritage of the Himalayas. It also reiterates the administration's commitment towards their conservation, added the Lt Governor. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with the support of the Union Sports Ministry, world class sports infrastructure and facilities are being developed in J&K for the sportspersons, observed the Lt Governor.

## APS Miran Sahib celebrates Annual Sports Day



Students presenting cultural programme during Annual Sports Day celebrations at APS Miran Sahib.

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JAMMU: Honouring and appreciating the achievers with accolades, the Annual Prize Distribution cum Sports Day for session 2022-23 was held with great zeal and enthusiasm at Army Public School (APS) Miran Sahib on Saturday in the school ground. The programme included a series of performances ranging from Ganesh Vandna, Yogic exercises, dumbbell exercises, aerobics, Bhangra and many more. A galaxy of dignitaries graced the occasion. Col. Priyank Priyadarshi, CO 12JAK Rif was the Chief Guest. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest, Principal and Coordinators.

The Annual School Report read by the Principal, Ritu Sharma, brought to the fore, the achievements of the students and the Principal's vision for the progress of the school. The highlight of the programme was carrying of the athletic flame followed by the march past of all the four houses. The Best House trophy for the session was won by Zorawar House in the Senior Wing and Somnath House, in Primary Wing. The meritorious teachers of the school were also felicitated by the School Management in the occasion. The Chief Guest, in his address lauded the efforts of the school students and staff for the enthralling function.

## Republic Day Cricket Cup 2023 begins at GDC Kathua



Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Incharge Principal GDC Kathua posing with participating teams and faculty members.

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JAMMU: A Tennis Ball Republic Day Cricket Cup 2023 kick started at Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua on Saturday. This District Level Cricket Tournament was presented by the Sportz India, a sports promotion organization in a joint collaboration with Department of Physical Education, GDC Kathua. The tournament was inaugurated by Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Incharge Principal GDC Kathua in the presence of senior faculty members Prof. Raj Kiran Sharma, Convenor Sports, Prof.

Jasvinder Singh, HOD Physics, Prof. Rakesh Singh HOD Chemistry, Coordinator IGNOU GDC Kathua, Dr. Shamsher Singh, HOD Urdu, Dr. Kamaldeep Singh HOD Punjabi, Romi Sharma, President, Sportz India and Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director GDC Kathua. In the opening match, GDC Senior Boys outplayed GDC Junior Boys by 20 runs. While batting, GDC Seniors scored 100 runs in 10 overs for the loss of nine wickets. In the second inning, while chasing the target of 100 runs. In reply, GDC

Juniors scored only 80 runs for the loss of ten wickets. Manni was declared as Man of the Match for scoring 33 runs and also for taking three wickets. Romi Sharma said that overall 32 teams from different areas of District Kathua will be participating in the tournament. He thanked the Physical Director GDC Kathua for providing collaboration to organize this Republic Day Cup 2023. Prof. Anirudh Sharma appreciated the efforts of Dr. J S Soodan, Physical Director for giving impetus to the Sports Culture in the college.

## Sandhya, Sarla in North Zone team; Pajnu to accompany as Video Analyst

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JAMMU: Fabulous show with the ball in the recently held Senior Women's One Day Trophy has helped J&K's skipper and promising right-arm off-spinner, Sandhya Sayal and talented left-arm seam bowler Sarla Devi to earn a place in the North Zone squad for the Senior Women's Inter Zonal One Day Tournament to be played at Hyderabad from February 12 to 21, 2023. Batting all-rounder Anju Tomar has been kept as a standby.



Sandhya Sayal, Sarla Devi, and Susheel Pajnu. Sarla took 14 wickets with her seam and swing in the tournament against the formidable sides like Railways, Saurashtra, Kerala, Odisha and Jharkhand, besides Sikkim and Mizoram, while Sandhya also took 14 wickets by spinning web around the rival batters with her

## APS Samba celebrates Annual Sports Day

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JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Samba celebrated Annual Sports Day in the school premises, here. The opening ceremony was graced by Brig DKR Gautam, Cdr 168 Inf Bde and Chairman APS Samba as the Chief Guest and Ashu Gautam, First lady of the brigade as Guest of Honour. Principal, Sanjeev Pradhan in his school report highlighted the importance of games and sports in students' life. The meet began with a synchronized march past by all the four houses. Students participated in various races and sports activities. Winners of various competitions were awarded with medals and certificates by the Chief Guest. More than 800 students took part in different events.



Medal winner students posing for a photograph with Chief Guest and faculty members.

## GDC Kunjwani organises cancer awareness programme



GDC Kunjwani students and faculty members posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Red Ribbon Club of GDC Kunjwani Jammu organised cancer awareness programme on the occasion of World Cancer Day on Saturday in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayan Super Speciality Hospital, Katra. Dr. Abhinav Choudhary, surgeon oncology SMVD

Super Speciality, was the chief guest. He delivered a detailed lecture on cancer disease and also spoke about various causes, symptoms and remedies to prevent and curable treatments availability for cancer. RJ Chaitanya and RJ Rohit from 98.3 FM also interacted with the students regarding health

style activities to follow in their daily lives to avoid cancer. The welcome address was given by Prof. Shamshad Bibi, Convener, RRC, GDC Kunjwani and vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Bushra Nizami, Co-convener, RRC and programme was coordinated by Dr. Manjeet Singh.

## APS Damana accords farewell to class XII students

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JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Damana organized farewell ceremony for Class XII on Saturday. The programme began with the traditional lighting of lamp by Pushpinder Kaur, Principal APS Damana,

senior teachers and the student council members of class XII. The extravaganza of cultural items exhibited by the students of Class XI included dance performances and symphony of songs besides presenting titles to the outgoing students. The

titles of Mr. Versatile and Ms. Versatile were given to Rajvansh Chib and Deepanjali Rajput respectively. The Principal of the school presented mementos to the class XII students and blessed the students for their upcoming Board Exams.

## Vishwa Bharatiyans bring laurels in sports

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JAMMU: Students of Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School brought laurels for school by winning 18 medals in 10th J&K UT Rope Skipping Championship organised by Rope Skipping Association J&K (RSAJK) at Indoor Sports Complex Bhagwati Nagar, here February 2 and 3, 2023. In all, 30 students both boys and girls from school participated in this competition and achieved seven gold, three silver and eight bronze medals. The players were trained by sports teacher of school Joginder Singh.



Medal winner students posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

The school principal, Annapurna Koul congratulated the students and admired the sports teacher for his diligent

efforts to prepare the students for such marvelous performances. Medal winners include Kartik

Saini, Krish Mehra, Sushant Sharma, Prince Mehra, Jagriti Rakwal won gold medals and Manjeet won two gold medals.

Karthik Singh Bajju, Navdeep Singh and Kartik Saini won silver medals, Antriksh Singh, Avinandan Sharma, Aarha Bhat, Kalpana Sharma, Kartik Saini, Krish Mehra and Prince Mehra won bronze medals. Other participants include Nikhil Sharma, Sushant Sharma, Kunal Surya, Viraj Lakhotra, Arihant Saini, Lovish Kumar, Aman Malwal, Kratesh Khajuria, Samar Partap Singh, Pranav Sharma, Shantng Nagotra, Vaibhav Bandralk, Harshit Kharoo, Mehak Mehra, Himani Rajput, Tejswi Sharma, Garvita and Lehar.

## Heritage School bids farewell to class XII students

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JAMMU: Heritage School on Saturday accorded farewell to the outgoing batch of Class XII. Students of Class XI created a memorable event for the seniors. The events of the day started with a warm word of welcome delivered by the Vice Head Girl, Anika Gupta and the Vice Head Boy, Sidh Mahajan. They reminisced about the days spent with their seniors and wished them good luck for their future endeavours. To show their love, gratitude



Title holder students posing with faculty members.

and respect for the outgoing batch, the students of class XI put forth a mix of scintillating dance performances, melodious songs and pulsating music that rocked the venue. The highlight of the day was the ramp walk and question

answer round in which the shortlisted contestants competed to win various coveted titles. Samridhi Lamba was crowned Miss Heritage and Divyadeep Singh was crowned Mr Heritage. Hashir Mohd was adjudged Mr

## J&K beats Manipur in Volleyball



J&K team posing with officials after winning the match.

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JAMMU: The home team of volleyball outplayed Pondicherry and Manipur and lost to Gujarat in the leagues matches of the ongoing 71st Senior National Volleyball Championship held at Guwahati. As per report reaching here, in its opening match, J&K men team outplayed Pondicherry by 3-2 (25-23, 25-22, 11-25, 20-25, 15-09). In second match, J&K lost to Gujarat by 2-3 (15-25, 25-21, 26-28, 25-21, 09-15). Bouncing back after the defeat, J&K team played well and won the third league match outplaying Manipur by 3-0 (25-13, 25-16, 25-23). Spikers Shahid Majeed, Amir, Pankaj Sharma, Shabir Shaid and Romi dis-

played their magnificent skills and dominated the proceedings to achieve victories in two games. Placed in group-E, J&K shall now meet opponents from Odisha and Tripura in the next outings. The J&K team left under the banner of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir is playing under the guidance of UT volleyball coaches. In a message sent to team, Patron-in-Chief Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja and President Sidharth Daluja congratulated the men team and officials for their brilliant display in the national championship and exhorted them to continue their efforts in achieving further success in the championship.