

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Basant Panchmi



Glimpses of Basant Panchmi celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: Basant Panchmi marks the beginning of the spring season. The festival of spring was traditionally celebrated with full vivacity, devotion and joy at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi.

Basant Panchami is also celebrated as the birthday of Goddess Saraswati, who symbolises knowledge, wisdom,

purity and truth.

On this occasion, Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah wished, "May the Today's revered occasion bring the wealth of knowledge to you all. May you all be blessed by Goddess Saraswati always."

She added, "Celebrating Basant Panchami with jankians will help them to under-

stand the significance of changes that occur in different seasons. This will further help them to accept and welcome the changes in their life, with enthusiasm and confidence."

The Saraswati Vandana marked the commencement of the celebration.

The participants were dressed up in yellow attire to

seek Maa Saraswati's blessings and sang Saraswati Vandana melodiously.

Suman Bala, the celebration incharge talked about the significance and the beliefs behind the aforesaid celebration.

The jankians unfurled the ebullience of the day by presenting a skit highlighting that the festival of Basant

Panchami is associated with yellow colour, a colour of spirituality.

Jankians revealed that the yellow colour holds a special meaning for this celebration, as it signifies bright yellow sunshine, brilliance of nature and the vibrancy of life.

Jankians further explained, "During this season, the fields in the countryside,

especially the rural areas of Punjab, are brightened with yellow colour of mustard crop, which adds to the spirit of the festival."

A Basant Queen contest for the staff members was held. The staff members decked up in yellow attires flaunted their moves during a ramp walk.

The Principal was amazed

and beaming with pride to see the maximum participation of the teachers in the contest.

It was a very tough competition and the Principal faced hard time to select the Basant queen. So, she changed her mind and said that the contest would be on "Beauty and Brain".

Keeping this in mind, she put up five questions to the

best five contestants and awarded them accordingly.

The Principal crowned Neha Gupta as the Basant Queen and Payal Gupta as the 1st runner up.

Sneha Mattoo won the title of second runner up. Sonika Sharma got the third runner up position and Meenu was declared as the fifth runner up.

KPPL Edition-4: Players show promise as Kupwara KR, BNCC, Tridents Club script wins

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JAMMU: Players displayed extraordinary batting and bowling skills and showed serenity, composure and promise as Kupwara Knight Riders, Bole Nath Cricket Club (BNCC) and Tridents Cricket Club registered resounding victories over their rivals in the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL) Edition-4 at KC Sports Club here.

In the first match, Kupwara Knight Riders defeated KRSNA XI by 48 runs in an easy contest.

Batting first, Kupwara Knight Riders scored a good total of 169 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process.

Sanidhya Kaul was the top scorer with 48 runs off 41 balls studded with 3 fours and 2 sixes, while Vineet



Dignitaries presenting Man of the Match award to a player.

Raina contributed 34 runs off 15 balls with 5 boundaries. Ankur Bagati also contributed valuable 31 runs to the total.

In reply, KRSNA XI bundled out for 121 runs in 19.3 overs thus lost the match by 48 runs.

Charukesh Zutshi top scored with power-packed 41 runs off 29 balls, studded with 6 fours and one six.

For Kupwara Knight Riders, Ankur Bagati was the pick of the bowlers, who took 4 wickets by conceding 12 runs in his 4 overs, while Rajinder Jr and Sanidhya Kaul claimed 2 wickets each.

In another match played today, BNCC thrashed KCC Warriors by 100 runs.

Batting first, BNCC scored 218/3 in 20 overs. Anmol Bhan slammed a century,

scoring 113 runs off 64 balls, studded with 16 fours and one six, while Sagar Pandita contributed 44 runs off 26 balls studded with 9 boundaries and Sandeep Dhar scored 39 runs off 30 balls with 4 boundaries.

In reply, KCC Warriors managed to score 118 runs, thus lost the match by 100 runs. None of the KCC Warriors batters showed grit and application.

Ashwani Koul took 2 wickets for BNCC, while Bipin Pandita and Sagar Pandita claimed one wicket each.

In yet another match of the day, Tridents Cricket Club got the better of KRSNA XI in a close contest by 15 runs.

Batting first, Tridents Club scored 153 runs in 20 overs. Sushant Ganjoo played a brilliant innings of 61 runs off 39 balls, studded with 6

fours and 3 sixes.

Anil Raina took 2 wickets for KRSNA XI.

In reply, KRSNA XI scored 138 runs, thus lost the match by 15 runs. Charukesh Zutshi top scored with 47 runs off 42 balls, studded with 8 boundaries.

For Tridents Club, Amit Wali was the pick of the bowlers, who took 5 wickets by conceding 29 runs in his 4 overs.

For their splendid show, Ankur Bagati, Anmol Bhan and Amit Wali were adjudged as the players' of the matches.

They were presented the man of the match awards by President LSEHO Anil Bhat, General Secretary LSEHO Vinay Koul, Arvind Koul, Sunil Fotedar and Deepak Raina.

GGM, GCW Gandhi Nagar win Netball titles



Netball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: The GGM Science College bagged men's title while women's final won by Government College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar in the inter-college competition of Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) held at GGM Science College grounds, here.

In men's final, Science College trounced Government MAM College 11-10 points. Raghav Sharma played excellent game for the winners GGM. Earlier, in the preliminary round, Science College beat Government SPMR College of Commerce 19-18.

To claim the women's final, GCW Gandhi Nagar defeated Government MAM College 11-09. Preliminary round: GGM Science College bt SPMR College of Commerce 7-4;

Government MAM College bt Science College 7-6. Dr. Ranvijay Singh, Dean Students Welfare, CLUJ was the chief guest in the finals. Earlier, Prof. Rajesh K. Gupta, Principal GGM Science College declared open the event. The event held under the overall supervision of Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director Sports, CLUJ. Also present were Ramandeep Kralia, PTI GCOW Jammu; Ravi Kumar, PTI SPMR College of Commerce, Kadal Premi, PTI GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu and Neenu Sawhney, PTI Government MAM College.

The technical penal in the event comprised Amit Sharma, Nishant Bali, Aditya Sharma, Akshit Arora, Abhishek Bhagat, Maverick Bhatra, Vishal Charak, Arjun Soni and Dhruv Gupta.

BBAJK to conduct weighing on Feb 18

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JAMMU: Body Builders Association of Jammu and Kashmir (BBAJK) to conduct weighing of body builders for upcoming 23rd Mr. J&K and Fitness Championship in Men, Women and Masters categories at International Gym Rehari here on February 18 from 12 Noon to 3 PM.

The interested players requested to bring Aadhaar Card and two photographs with them.

The Championship is scheduled to be held at A V Resort at Sainik Colony on February 24. The weighing is conducted under the supervision of Rajesh Dutta (BBAJK).

For further information, the Body Builders can contact organizers on 7006202407.

Poonch Volleyball meet from Feb 16

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POONCH: Poonch District Volleyball Association shall hold two-day 35th edition of the District Volleyball Championship (Junior boys and girls) from February 16 at Sports Stadium, here.

Interested teams who intend to participate in the tournament are requested to submit their entries on or before February 15, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

The Teams advised to report at venue on February 16 at 10 am. Players born on or after 01-01-2005 are only eligible to participate in this official event.

For more event related queries, teams may feel free to contact organising secretary, DK Raina (9469701007).

Men's U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy J&K lose as batters fail, bowlers concede much runs on rank turner

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VALSAD: Jammu and Kashmir batters continued their poor show and the bowlers were pretty ordinary in restricting the rival batters to accumulate runs on a rank turned as J&K lost to Gujarat by a big margin of 190 runs in the Men's U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy match at Sardar Patel Stadium, Valsad, Gujarat on Tuesday.

On a track which was simply a spinning paradise, J&K spinners despite taking wickets were pretty ordinary in stopping the flow of runs.

In both the innings, J&K spinning duo conceded double the runs the spinning trio of Gujarat gave away, while the batters once again displayed poor skill and technique to make J&K to suffer.

Earlier, resuming from 93/3 while chasing a target of 340 runs, Jammu and Kashmir bundled out for 149 runs in 54.3 overs, thus lost the match by a big margin.

Skipper Shivansh Sharma (35) and Kanhaiya Wadhawan (29) were the main contributors.

SM Prajapati captured 6 wickets by conceding 54 runs in his 20.2 overs for Gujarat, while YD Zala bagged 2 wickets and Shen Patel claimed one.

Earlier, on day-1, Gujarat after batting first, bundled out for paltry 104 runs as Vishal Kumar, Janib Javaid and Basit Bashir bagged 4, 3 and 2 wickets respectively, while in reply J&K collapsed at 100, thus conceding a slender lead of 4 runs to Gujarat as YD Zala captured 6 wickets and Jay Malusare bagged 2.

Gujarat in the second essay rode on Rishi Patel's 123 off 177 balls studded with 10 fours and 3 sixes, to score a good total of 335 runs. YD Zala also scored 51 runs.

For J&K, Vishal Kumar captured 5 wickets by conceding 103 runs in 36 overs, while Janib Javaid bagged 5 wickets by giving away 103 runs in 25.3 overs.

J&K will take on Uttar Pradesh in their last group match on February 18, 2024 at Green Park Stadium, Kanpur.

KC Public School organises poster making contest

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JAMMU: Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH), New Delhi, has launched a poster making contest for school children from classes 7 to 9 on the theme 'My Monument Search' in which children are expected to make a poster on a "lesser-known built Heritage Monument" of their region and also to write a short note on the monuments they have depicted in their posters.

KCPS organized this contest in the school today in collaboration with the local regional chapter of the INTACH.



KCPS faculty with INTACH officials at a programme.

S.M Sawhney (KAS, Retd) is the Convenor and Dr. CM Seth is the Co-Convenor of Jammu Chapter. Six schools of Jammu region, namely, GD Goenka School, Heritage School, Army Public School

which would be submitted to the regional office in Jammu to be transmitted further to INTACH headquarters in Delhi to be adjudged at the national level. The winners of the Contest at the regional and national levels would be awarded with prizes. All participants would also receive a participation certificate.

KCPS Principal AK Mishra and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey thanked the Convenors of Jammu Chapter of the INTACH for giving the school the opportunity to conduct this prestigious contest and also thanked the heads of all participating schools.

Most of them created quite attractive looking posters

Volleyball trials at Ramban on Feb 17

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JAMMU: District Volleyball Association Ramban shall hold selection trials to pick up team for the upcoming 35th J&K UT Junior Volleyball Championship at Udhampur.

The trials shall be held at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Ramban on February 17 from 11 am onwards, a handout issued here today said.

Those eligible players born on or after 01-01-2005 have been advised to report the venue at the given date and time. The organisers can be reached on Mobile No. +91 95968 45676.

Softball team named for Junior National

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JAMMU: J&K Softball Association on Tuesday named the UT team for the 41st Edition of Junior National Softball Championship scheduled to be held at Patna in Bihar from February 21 to 25.

Subsequently, the team was screened by the officials of J&K Sports Council led by Sports Officer, Baljinder Pal Singh in the presence of Association General Secretary, Wasee Raja Khan at MA Stadium, here.



Prior to the final selection, the Association conducted a 15 days residential coaching camp at GGM Science College ground, here under the guidance of coaching staff including Mohamad Iqbal Beigh, Sagar Chib

and Amit Sharma.

Mohamad Iqbal Beigh shall accompany the team as coach while Arif Hussain has been named manager.

The Team: Bhat Talat Khurshid, Athar Hussain, Salik Ashraf, Aman Ali, Faisal Hussain, Zain Ul Ashraf, Amaan Ajaz, Zehran Habib, Irshad Hussain, Sandeep Singh, Nitin Sharma, Padam Dev Singh, Mahul Singh, Shivam Singh, Vansh Charak and Zahid Fayaz Khan. Stand by: Mohd Amaan Rather and Asrar Majeed.

Khelo India Winter Games fervour takes over J&K

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SRINAGAR: Even as the scheduled date of one of the most exciting sports events is approaching, the J&K Sports Council is organizing road shows in and around all the prominent places in J&K to make the public aware to the sorts of extravaganza that is going to be held in the world-famous ski resort Gulmarg.

In the past week, the J&K Sports Council organized several road shows attracting crowds from all walks of life. The first show was organized at the iconic Ghanta Ghar in Lal Chowk Srinagar to make the masses aware of the

arrival of the upcoming 4th edition of Khelo India Winter Games-2024. The effort was widely applauded by all and sundry.

During the road show the cut-out and dummy of the mascot, the snow leopard was displayed attracting many people including a good number of kids taking selfies with the effigy.

Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez also led a road show in Civil Secretariat Jammu. He was flanked by the Chief Sports officer Muhammad Haneef besides other officials from the Sports Council and YSS department and a large



number of trainees from Sports Council.

While speaking on the occasion Sarmad Hafeez highlighted the importance attributed to the event and

how it can be a harbinger of international Winter Games events in the union territory of J&K, especially in picturesque Gulmarg. He also shed light on the past editions of

the Khelo India Winter Games and how the administration is committed to promoting excellence in sports.

Sarmad Hafeez also stressed the exhaustive promotional campaign of the Winter Games to generate enthusiasm among sports lovers and tourists.

Similar shows were organized around Dal Lake and many other places in the Jammu and Kashmir divisions. Many tourists and locals were also seen interacting with the trainees, coaches, managers, and other officials of the J&K Sports Council during these shows.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull while briefing about the advent of the Khelo India Winter games said that it is a great opportunity for the sporting prowess of J&K to excel in the field and it is going to be a great collaboration between the J&K Sports Council, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI and Sports Authority of India to promote the winter sports culture in country and make J&K the hub of all major sports activities being played across the globe. She also remarked that the day is not far away when J&K

will figure in adventure sports destinations of the country as Sports Council is also working in that direction as well.

The J&K Sports Council is leaving no stone unturned in promoting the upcoming Khelo India Winter Games through road shows across all prominent places in J&K. With the potential for J&K to become a hub of winter sports culture and excel in the field through collaborations with various organizations, it's going to be an exciting time for sports enthusiasts, Nuzhat Gull added.