

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar organises Youth Parliament

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JAMMU: The Department of Political Science at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women (PSPS GCW), Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, organized a Youth Parliament on the theme "Has the Constitution Lived Up to the Expectations of Citizens of India?"



A student speaking during the programme.

The session was held at the Smart Classroom (M.G. Block) and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, and faculty members.

The highlight of the Youth Parliament was the discussion on "The Constitution (Review and Citizens' Expectations) Amendment Bill, 2025," which was introduced and debated by the participants.

The session provided a

platform for young minds to critically analyze the Indian Constitution's performance over the years and assess whether it has met the evolving needs of citizens in a rapidly changing socio-political landscape.

In his address, Dr. S.P. Saraswat, Principal of College, emphasised the significance of constitutional

debates and encouraged students to engage with the principles of democracy, governance, and citizen rights. He noted that such discussions enhance awareness of constitutional provisions and the role of youth in shaping the future of Indian democracy.

During the parliamentary debate, student participants played the roles of

parliamentarians, constitutional experts, and citizen representatives, presenting diverse perspectives on key constitutional provisions, their implementation, and the need for amendments to address contemporary challenges.

The Bill under discussion proposed a comprehensive review of the Constitution to ensure it aligns with

present-day socio-economic and political realities.

The event was moderated by Khushi Bhardwaj, Sem-6th student of Department of Political Science, who commended the students for their well-researched arguments and constructive debates. Prof. Raj Kumar, Convenor of Session, congratulated the Department of Political Science for organizing a thought-provoking session and encouraged students to continue engaging in democratic processes and policy discussions.

Mahi Gupta of Sem -2, Sonika Sen of Sem -4, Samridhi Dubey of Sem -2, Neha Rana of Sem -3 and Aakrida Mahajan of Sem -2/Aanchita Badhan of Sem -4 were declared as top -5 speakers of Youth Parliament.

Shiksha Niketan High School hosts Pre-Primary Graduation Ceremony



Faculty members along with students during the event.

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan School Gandhi Nagar celebrated special Pre-Primary Graduation Ceremony on Thursday.

The auspicious lamp lighting in front of Maa Saraswati set a spiritual and positive tone for the ceremony, followed by the little graduates looking adorable in their special attire. The inclusion of dance performances by Ankur, Kalika, and Koshika classes and a slideshow presentation by the Kalika class made the event even more memorable. Principal, Rameshwar Mengi empha-

sized on the importance of recognizing the efforts of students, teachers, and parents in shaping young minds. Director, Rishiek Mengi encouragement further added to the motivation of these little graduates. A special highlight of the event was the crowning of Master Graduation Mehraj Uddin and Ms. Graduation Ashnoor Kour; making their achievements even more special with sashes and gift hampers. It was also heartening to see the recognition given to teachers, especially Rama Abrol and Shantannu Rajput, for their contributions.

Arjun Saraswat smashes record with blazing 100 in 29 balls

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NOIDA: Young cricket prodigy Arjun Saraswat delivered a stunning display of skill and speed, scoring an unbelievable 100 runs in just 29 balls during a match for Genesis Public School. His explosive innings, featuring 11 sixes and 9 fours, has set a new record and left the cricketing world in awe.

The match, played between Genesis Public School and ICCF Academy, witnessed Arjun's fearless and aggressive batting against experienced bowlers. His effortless stroke play and precise timing stunned the audience and experts alike, as he relentlessly sent the ball soaring over the boundary with unmatched consistency.

This record-breaking achievement, accomplished in an incredibly short span of time, has earned Arjun recognition as one of the most promising young talents in cricket. His power-packed hitting, combined with precision and game awareness, showcases a maturity beyond his years. Cricket enthusiasts and coaches have hailed Arjun's innings as an extraordinary feat that will be remembered for years to come.



Army establishes outdoor open-air gym for people of Nagrota

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JAMMU: White Knight Gunners of Indian Army in coordination with civil administration established Outdoor Open-Air Gym for people of Nagrota village, Jammu under Operation Sadhbhavana. Outdoor gym is an excellent platform to improve physical fitness of people of all age groups.

It will assist the people to do physical exercise close to their home. Outdoor gym in open air allows for workout similar



to fitness centres in the lap of nature. These types of gyms are hit amongst all age groups. Children plan playful

activities around them and elderly get some much-needed strength training. Keeping in view the importance of maintaining high standards of mental & physical health and request for establishing an Open-Air Gym was brought out by the people of Nagrota via Sarpanch and other civil functionaries to White Knight Gunners. On scrutiny and understanding the importance of the requirement brought out, White Knight Gunners got the Open-Air Gym equipment installed in the area provided by the village sarpanch and officials. The project was accomplished under

Operation Sadhbhavana.

The Outdoor open-air gym was inaugurated and handed over to the people of village Nagrota, district Jammu.

Sarpanch and other civil functionaries were present during the event. At the same time, people appreciated this event.

They said that along with the security of the country, the Indian Army is also working for public welfare. People expressed gratitude to the White Knight Gunners of the Indian Army.

Debate on 'Governance and Constitutional role in strengthening of Democracy' held at GDC Sidhra

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JAMMU: Electoral Literacy Club in collaboration with NSS unit of GDC Sidhra organized Debate Competition on the theme "Governance and Constitutional role in strengthening of Democracy", as a series of event to celebrate 75th years of adoption of Constitution of India.

The programme was started by Prof. Meesha Bhagat who acquainted students about the theme of the debate and encouraged them to participate in the competi-



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

tion enthusiastically. Debate was based on governance issues and constitutional framework of the

Country. Students of various Semesters enthusiastically took part in the competition

and expressed their views in favour as well as against the theme. The Competition was adjudged by Dr. Harpreet

Kour, Head of Department, Political Science and Dr. Mussarat Chowdhary, Head of Department, Economics and declared that Tawyeeb Khan of B.A IV Sem got first position, second position was bagged by Priya of B.A VI Sem and third position has given to Ambika Sharma of B.A VI Sem.

The event was organized by Dr. Meesha Bhagat Convenor Electoral Literacy Club and Dr. Purvaiya Hans NSS Programme officer with their teams under the able guidance of Dr. GS Rakwal, Principal GDC Sidhra.

Yuvika Singh represents India's youth at SOUL Leadership Conclave 2025

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JAMMU: Yuvika Singh, a student of Army Public School Miran Sahib, participated at the SOUL (School of Ultimate Leadership) Leadership Conclave 2025, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from February 21-22, 2025.

She earned this opportunity after winning the National Youth Festival theme "Empowering Youth" at the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue.

The Conclave was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi which featured global leaders, including Prime Minister of Bhutan H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay.

Former RBI Governor and Principal Secretary to PM, Shaktikanta Das, Dr. Kiran Bedi, former Chief Justice of India Dr. DY Chandrachud, Business leaders Ajay Piramal and Sunil Bharti Mittal, India Today Journalist Rahul Kanwal, Indian Chess Grandmaster D. Gukesh, and Padma Shri Awardee Deepa Malik were distinguished leaders who attended this conclave.

Yuvika actively participated in leadership sessions and had an interactive discussion with Indian Chess Grandmaster D. Gukesh and India Today Journalist Rahul Kanwal.

At the event's conclusion, she was awarded a certificate of recognition by SOUL Director Saurabh Johri.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the event's significance, stating, "The School of Ultimate Leadership (SOUL) will shape leaders who excel nationally and globally."



J&K Carrom meet begins

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JAMMU: The 4th J&K UT level Carrom Championship inaugurated today at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex, Srinagar. The event was declared open by Adil Rashid Shah, president of the Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association in the presence of Maqsood Khan, Manager of SKISC, Srinagar. The two-day event is being organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council, under "My Youth My Pride" initiative and hosted by the District Srinagar Carrom Association.

Among those present in the opening function included Arif Sultan and Dawar Rashid.

The championship has witnessed enthusiastic participation, with around 120 young boys and girls from various districts of Jammu



and Kashmir competing in different categories.

Meanwhile, as per the organisers, the winners and runners-up of this championship shall represent J&K at the 52nd Senior National Carrom Championship to be held from March 17 to March 21 at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.

The Results:
Cadet Boys: Hasan Adil (Srinagar) bt Saqib Parvaiz (Kulgam); Orhan Bilal (Pulwama) bt Ilhan Irshad (Kulgam); Aman Farooq (Shopian) bt Firas Irshad (Kulgam).
Cadet Girls: Leshia

Hareem (Pulwama) by Khairun Nisa (Baramulla); Mahira Shafi (Baramulla) bt Fatima Khalid (Kulgam); Aisha Binti Ishaq (Kulgam) bt Maliha Maqsood (Srinagar).

Sub-Junior Boys: Ahmad Eazaan (Baramulla) bt Aatif Aijaz (Kupwara); Mir Rihan Farooq (Kupwara) bt Aman Farooq (Shopian).

Sub-Junior Girls: Dua Jan (Srinagar) bt Aisha Aijaz (Kishtwar); Syeda Adil (Srinagar) bt Mir Aqsa (Kupwara); Ishra Javid (Budgam) bt Mahi Mohiddin (Anantnag).
Junior Boys: Hasan Adil

(Srinagar) bt Adnan Gulzar (Srinagar); Momin Mehraj (Srinagar) bt Faiz Sofi (Srinagar); Mohammad Aiyen Shalla (Srinagar) bt Ahsan ul Haq (Srinagar); Zaid Bin Ajaz defeated Umar Jan (Budgam).
Junior Girls: Syeda Adil (Srinagar) bt Rutba (Kupwara); Maheen Rahiyana (Srinagar) walkover Simran Kour (Jammu); Fatima Jan (Srinagar) walkover Muskan (Jammu).

Senior Men: Furqan Nazir (Srinagar) bt Aakash (Srinagar); Shahid (Srinagar) bt Adil Mohammad (Srinagar); Saleem Ahmad (Srinagar) bt Adnan Ahmad (Pulwama).

Senior Women: Minha Arjumand (Srinagar) bt Saniya Tabusum (Baramulla); Mehandi Mehraj (Srinagar) bt Safiya Sajad (Baramulla); Asra (Srinagar) bt Shazia (Srinagar).

Asia Cup likely to be staged in September

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Asia Cup, which will serve as a preparatory event for the 2026 T20 World Cup, is likely to be held in September this year at a neutral venue though the hosting rights are with India.

The last Asia Cup was held in the ODI format ahead of the 2023 50-over World Cup in India.

"The tournament will be held in September. India has the hosting rights but it will be played in UAE or Sri Lanka," said a source in the Asian Cricket Council.

The highlight of the event will be the India-Pakistan contest and if they reach the final, both teams could play each other as many as three times.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, UAE, Oman and Hong Kong will be the eight participating teams.

Though BCCI has the hosting rights, it could go for a neutral venue with Pakistan unlikely to travel to India given what transpired in the ongoing Champions Trophy.

India are playing all their Champions Trophy games in Dubai thought the hosts are Pakistan, where Rohit Sharma's team has not travelled due to security concerns.

The next T20 World Cup is in India and Sri Lanka with the arch-rivals expected to play the marquee game in the island nation.

India are the most successful team in the continental event, capturing as many as eight titles across the two white-ball formats.

IMS Jammu hosts Orientation Program for BBA & BCA 2nd Semester students



A dignitary being honoured during the programme.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Institute of Management Sciences (IMS), Jammu, organized an Orientation Programme for its BBA and BCA 2nd semester students, setting the tone for the upcoming academic session.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Director, IMS, who greeted the students and faculty while outlining the key expectations and opportunities in the semester ahead.

The first session featured a Guest Lecture on Financial Markets by Vishesh Choudhary, Founder of Yapar Street and an esteemed alumnus of IMS.

He emphasized the significance of financial awareness among students and the practical application of financial knowledge from an early age.

Adding an interactive

element to the event, students participated in an engaging "Good Idea and Bad Idea" activity, where they refined and improved suboptimal business concepts, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The orientation also included a Design Thinking session led by Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, encouraging students to adopt a creative and structured approach to problem-solving in business and technology.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Divya Jamwal, appreciating the speakers, faculty, and students for their enthusiastic participation.

The Orientation Programme successfully provided students with valuable insights, alumni interaction, and experiential learning, ensuring a motivating start to the new semester at IMS Jammu.

Pak's Champions Trophy campaign ends on winless note after tie vs Bangladesh called off due to rain

AGENCY
RAWALPINDI: Pakistan's campaign in the Champions Trophy ended on a winless note after their match against Bangladesh was called off without a ball being bowled due to incessant rain here on Thursday.

The match was effectively a dead-rubber, with both teams already out of contention after failing to secure a win in their two previous matches. Pakistan, hosting an ICC tournament for the first time in 29 years, had hoped for a strong finish but ended their disastrous campaign without a victory.

Persistent downpour left the ground soaked, with covers in place and puddles forming around the field. With weather not improving, match officials called off the game nearly two hours after the scheduled start time. The gloomy weather prevented even the toss from taking place.

As a result, the two teams shared one point each, though both Pakistan and Bangladesh finished the tournament winless.

This is the second match in Rawalpindi to be called off without a ball being bowled, following the washout between South Africa and Australia earlier this week.

The rain-induced abandonment left the home fans frustrated, as they hoped for play at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

After establishment of Khel Gaon in Jammu, DYSS all set to develop Mini Khel Gaon in Kashmir: Tara

STATET TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: After the establishment of a multi-purpose sports facility—Khel Gaon in Jammu, which caters to the needs of thousands of athletes, the Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K, is all set to develop a Mini Khel Gaon at Charari Shareef in Budgam.

This was stated by Director General of Youth Services and Sports J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara during his visit to the venue on Thursday.

The DG YSS, along with senior officers of the Department of YSS&S, visited Charari Shareef in Budgam to explore the development of a Mini Khel Gaon. With over



100 Kanal of land already available with the Department and a hostel

that can accommodate over 60 players post-renovation, this initiative shall give a

major fillip to sports activities in the area.

The DG Sports directed the concerned officers to prepare a detailed proposal to move forward.

Tara said that the Government was committed to enhancing sports infrastructure in every nook and corner of the Union Territory, adding that the Department will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling the commitment of the Government.

He added that raising of standard sports infrastructure in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir has resulted in winning a big haul of medals at the national scene.