

JKPS Panjtirthi celebrates Shivratri with devotion & sanctity



Tiny tots of JKPS Panjtirthi attired as Bhagwan Shiv and Maa Parvati during Shivratri celebrations.

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JAMMU: Shivratri, a celebration of sacrifice, dispassion and renunciation, which teaches us to abandon all other thoughts in contemplation of God and realise the

ultimate purpose of human life, was celebrated virtually with full devotion and sanctity at JK Public School, Panjtirthi. A number of students dressed-up as Bhagwan Shiv and his devotees also

presented a small-skrit based on his life and teachings of Bhagwan Shiv. The students and teachers were filled with spiritual fervour on the occasion.

Powers and role of Bhagwan

Shiv, in natural cycle were highlighted through a dance performance, which mesmerized everyone. Exchanging wishes on the pious occasion, JAKHANS and teachers said that glorious, divine and mer-

ciful attitude of Bhagwan Shiva reminds us of our abilities and we should strive to lift ourselves to heights.

Extending Shivratri greetings to teachers, students and their parents, Principal

JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah said, "May Bhagwan Shiv reminds you all your strengths and inspires you to work harder in life for achieving set goals. Happy Mahashivratri to all."

2-day Handball championship concludes at Subash Stadium

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UDHAMPUR: The two day District Handball open championship for men & women organized by Management of District Handball Association Udhampur concluded at Subash Stadium Udhampur, on Tuesday .

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Mohammad Syed Khan was the chief Guest and president J&K Handball Association, Narinder Mahajan was the guest of honour at the closing function.

The final match was played between Udhampur Handball club and Mini Stadium Handball club. Udhampur Handball club defeated Mini Stadium Handball club by (21-12).

Later, the chief guest distributed prizes among the participants.

Among others present were Ashwani Kumar Raina (Executive member HFI), Sandeep Verma(PROHFI), Ravi Singh(Vice president JKHA), Sanjeev Jamwal(Executive member JKHA), Vikram Slathia acting President, Raj guru (President Volleyball Association), Shiekh Tanveer Ahmed, Suresh Khajuria, Sunil Slathia, Jugal Kishore(Incharge Subhash Stadium), Sanjay Sharma, Arun Gupta, Naveen Sharma, Balbir Singh besides sports persons were present and witnessed the final match.



A dignitary felicitating the winner team.

DYSS starts skiing at Yousmarg Exploring Yousmarg as skiing destination will create job avenues, promote tourism: Gazanfar

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YOUSMARG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K presented its newly completed skiing venue in Central Kashmir's Yousmarg as an example of its commitment to make Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) a hub of winter sports.

It is pertinent to mention here that Yousmarg is a small hamlet, a beautiful tourist spot in central Kashmir's district Budgam, around 48 kilometres away from Srinagar.

Director Youth Services & Sports J&K, Gazanfar Ali, while expressing happiness over the launch of the new skiing destination in Yousmarg by the Department of Youth Services and Sports said that Yousmarg is one of the best visiting spots in the Valley during summers and to make it an all season destination for tourists, this initiative was taken by the Department under the supervision and guidance of Principal Secretary of the Department Mr Alok Kumar, adding that the snow-covered slopes here are perfect for skiing and, hence with the launch of this new skiing venue, a number of skiing enthusiasts can visit here.

"The Department is promoting skiing courses and the authorities here have begun several skiing courses for varied age groups. Skiing will keep the tourist place a buzz during winters as well and will create avenues of job for the youth of surrounding areas," Director YS&S, Gazanfar Ali said, adding that in the maiden training course at the destination, 25 skiers were selected from different South Kashmir districts.

"Any ski resort requires adequate infrastructure and space, and Yousmarg has plenty of both skiing as well as adventure tourism. The climate here is also perfect for carrying out winter activities and games. These activities will definitely help in boosting and

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Director YSS, Gazanfar Ali interacting with players.

promoting tourism in the region," said Bashir Ahmed, Joint Director of the Department. Later Noor ul Haq DYSSO Pulwama in his vote of thanks presented his gratitude to Director YSS for his gracious presence in the

event and encouraging his subordinate officers to take up such initiatives.

Meanwhile, proceedings of the colourful ceremony were conducted by Incharge, Media and Publicity Wing of the Department, Azhar Hajini.

Ankita led team brings home Asian International Mooting Cup 2021-22

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JAMMU: The renowned national & international debater-mooter, Ankita Sharma of J&K, daughter of Adv. Adarsh Sharma again brought laurels to the Country by leading her moot team in securing the Asian International 'WIN' in the prestigious top-tier 7th Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon Asian Mooting Competition 2021-22.

Currently pursuing her Bachelor's in Law & Business Administration from National Law University, Shimla, her team comprising of herself, along with Ishaan Singh Jain, son of Rohit Kumar Jain, resident Haryana & Siddhidatri Jha, daughter of Dr. Anupama Jha, resident Bihar, emerged as the 'Winning Team of Asia' in the Asian Round, post securing win & qualification in the India Round. The team also bagged the 'Best Memorial Award' of the mega competition & participated in the Asian Jural Conclave. Previously known as the prestigious 'South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Law Mooting Competition, this year partici-



pation was extended all over Asia & was participated by the best teams from varied Asian countries who won & qualified their respective national rounds.

The moot proposition of the Asian round centered on the theme of International Commercial Investment & Human Rights Laws arising dispute before the International Court of Justice. With 'Nepal Law Campus Tribhuvan University' emerging as the Runner-up team, the team HPNLU, Shimla led by Ankita represented India before an esteemed bench of 5 sitting Judges namely Justice Arjuna Obeyesekere (Judge Supreme Court of Sri Lanka), Justice Pankaj Bhandari (Judge High Court of Rajasthan), Justice Ravi Nath

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JAMMU: Kashmir Rising Stars, Kashmir Super Stars & Jammu Dare Devils register win and entered in the second round of UT Level U-19 T-20 Cricket Tournament organized by J&K Police.

In the first match, Kashmir Super Stars defeated Jammu Warriors by 6 wickets.

Batting first, Jammu Warriors scored 107 runs for all wickets in the 19.4 overs with Rahul 22 runs & Vishal 25 runs were the main scorers. From bowling side BirjesMehraj took 3 wickets, Faizan took 2 wickets. In reply Kashmir Super Stars chased the target in 15 overs by loosing 4 wickets thus won

JKP's UT Level U-19 T-20 Cricket Tournament

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Captain of a winner team receiving cash prize.

the match by 6 wickets. Sirsheel Abbas made 54 runs while BirjesMehraj scored 31 runs. Man of the match was declared BirjesMehraj for his all-round performance.

In the 2nd match, Jammu Dare Devils defeated Jammu Warriors by 17 runs. Batting first Jammu Dare Devilsscored 137 runs for 6 wickets with Kamalpreet

Singh 27 runs, Aditya Sharma & Vinayak 25 runs each while Rohan Gill 22 runs. From the bowling side Vishal & Ilyas took 2 wickets each, while Towheed took 1 wicket. In reply Jammu Warriors managed to scored 120 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs with Rydham 65 runs, Rahul Kumar score 19 runs. Bowling side Anubav took 2 wickets, Dhruv & Inuran took 1 wicket each. Rydham Sharma declared man of the match.

In the 3rd match, Kashmir Rising Stars defeated Kashmir Super Stars by 6 wickets. Batting first Kashmir Rising Stars scored 108 runs in 17 overs with

BirjesMehraj 23 runs, Inayat Tariq 20 runs & Riaz 14 runs. Bowling side Mudassar took 3 wickets, Athar took 2 wickets, Zubair Amaan & Sahil took 1 wicket each. In reply Kashmir Rising Stars chased the target in 17 overs by 4 wickets & won the match by 6 wickets with Sajid 35 runs, Zubaidh 28 runs. Bowling side Faizan took 2 wickets, Athar took 2 wickets. Mudasar Manzoor declared man of the match.

The officials of the matches were Deepak Gupta, Munish Sharma and R.P Singh. Former Ranji Players Ashwani Gupta & Kamaljeet Singh were the Special Guest in presentation ceremony.

DPS Udhampur celebrates Annual Day function

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UDHAMPUR: DPS Udhampur on Tuesday celebrated Virtual Annual Day on the theme Tapasya : Essence of Experience with great enthusiasm , pomp & show. The Annual Day was designed on the backdrop of learning from the pandemic and the way DPSU successfully shifted from traditional classroom towards the virtual classroom during lockdown. The grand occasion became even grander with the presence of eminent dignitaries such .

DC Udhampur, Indu Kanwal Chib was the Chief Guest for the day, Dr. Vinod Kumar SSP Udhampur, Pro Vice Chairman of the School Dr. J.C. Gupta, Rahul Singh, Chairman DPS Udhampur along with Eminent guests across the country & abroad. Pramod Mahajan, Director Principal , Sharjah Indian School, UAE, Anjali Chhabra, Deputy Secretary COE Chandigarh, Dr. Pramod Srivastava, Principal Model Academy& President JSSC, Trilok Singh Bist, Principal DPSG Vasundhara, Dr. Chand Trehan, Psychologist and Counselor, Dr. Priyadarshi Nayak, Director Principal Doon Group of Schools Hathras and founder CED, Vivek Gupta, MD, DPSU, Sucheta Gupta, Director Academics DPSU, Dr. Kunal Anand, Principal DPSU.



Faculty members of DPS Udhampur during annual day celebrations.

The wonderful event commenced with an introductory speech. The students took the spectators on an exciting journey with full of emotions, fun, action, loads of entertainment with the help of well woven story showcasing the journey of every mortal being from Pandemic till New Normal Where everything is coming on track with rapidly imposed policies of proactive government. Vote of thanks was presented by HM Senior School, Bhanvi Sharma.

DC Udhampur, Indu Kanwal Chib appreciated the idea of holding Virtual day and applauded all the artists who really worked hard back Stage and added splendor. She praised MC Team and congratulated Management and Virtuous

Principal of the school for such a marvelous Show.

Dr. Kunal Anand Principal of the school presented the annual school report for the session 2021-22, the report highlighted the various achievements of the school in academic & non academics areas. Sucheta Gupta Director Academics in her address said that Delhi Public School Udhampur is Ranked No 1 school in Udhampur & No.10 in UT of J&K by Education World India School Rankings 2021-22.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Bhanvi Sharma Head Mistress. Shivani Koul Jr HM & Rakhi Gupta Chief CCA coordinator, Sangeeta Nargotra, Lakvinder kour and Vishal Mehra contributed to the success of the Annual day.

Science College Jammu participates in plastic waste awareness campaign of JMC

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JAMMU: NSS GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan Tuesday on Mahashivratri participated in an awareness drive Plastic Waste Awareness at Aap Shambhu temple Roop Nagar Jammu as a part of Clean India under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav.

The polythene bags are non-biodegradable. Even the animals consuming these polythene bags die to the damage caused in their internal body sys-



NSS volunteers of GGM Science College participating in campaign.

tem.NSS volunteers Anchal Singh, Nancy, Sargam, Mandeep, Sanchit, Avinash, Rishi, Rubam, Abhimanyu, Jatun, Divya, Tushar, Pardeep, Neeru participated in this drive. The

AapShambhu Temple at Sathrian (Roop Nagar), is a rare temple in Jammu where Lord Shiva is believed to be present in a natural Shiva Linga form.Huge rush of devotees thronged the temple

to offer prayers on this occasion. Along with the members of JMC and Disha volunteers, NSS volunteers too made awareness regarding the ban of single use polythenes. They visited various stalls, rehrivalas and street vendors around the temple vicinity and collected huge number of polythenes. It's duty of every citizen to keep our surroundings clean. The volunteers cleaned the temple premises and segregated the waste biodegradable from non biodegradable. They also distributed cloth bags Say No to polythene bags by JMC to the devotees and vendors.

Dosmochey Monastic festivals conclude in Leh, Likir

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LEH: The two-day Leh and Likir Dosmochey festivals concluded on Tuesday with the burning of 'Skorma', symbolically to drive away evil spirits. Leh Dosmochey, the famous annual monastic festival, is celebrated for two days for peace and prosperity in the coming year in Ladakh and also across the world. On the concluding day, mask dances were performed by the monks of Matho monastery, 'Skorgyag' by monks from Diskit monastery and 'Dos Chemo' preparation by monks from Dokthok monastery.

Last year such monastic festivals were restricted to



Symbolic rituals of driving away evil spirits going on in Leh.

symbolic rituals alone on account of Covid-19 pandemic. This year spectators and devotees had the opportunity to have glimpses of mask dances, an essential part of Tantric tradition of

Mahayana Buddhism monks of different monasteries.

The festival, also known as Mela-Dosmochey, is celebrated on the 28th and 29th day of the 12th month of the Tibetan cal-

endar every year. Every year arrangement for Leh Dosmoche is made by the people of Leh, under the aegis of Leh Phumdo, from Gangles to Skara.

The two-day Mela-Dosmoche used to be famous for its market with hundreds of stalls at a stretch of almost one-kilometre from Moti-Market to the other end of Leh bazaar, with sales on discounted prices and games like tambola and lotteries. However, due to covid restrictions, the market this time was not allowed.

Celebration of Leh and Likir Dosmoche also marks bidding goodbye to the winter season and beginning of a new and warm season.