

# JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Women's Day



Glimpses of Women's Day celebrations at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi celebrated Women's Day in a constructive way by acknowledging and appreciating the contribution and achievements of Women of India.

The Proud and confident women of JKPS Panjtirthi celebrated the womanhood with grace and elegance.

They emphasized that a woman can change the impossible to possible.

Sindu Kohli, the teacher incharge of the celebration remarked, "Today women have taken on the world with confidence. Today's woman is independent, takes decisions boldly, stands up for her rights, enjoys a respectable status in the society, and

handles professional life flawlessly." The children were dressed up as renowned women of India and reminded the audience of their incredible record they have made amidst overcoming all the hurdles. Jakians recited a beautiful poem

on 'Accelerating Gender Parity'. Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah expressed, "A woman is a symbol of love and God's finest and beautiful creature." She further remarked, "Educate a woman, empower the nation."

# All J&K Plus-2 Officers Association convenes meet to highlight issues

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JAMMU: A meeting of members of Executive Council members of All J&K Plus-2 Officers Association was held in Jammu on Monday under leadership of Rajeev Kumar Sharma, wherein the members discussed various issues.

The participants hailed Principal Secretary School Education Department for filling up of all vacant posts of CEOs and equivalents across J&K and hoped to that all look-after Principals would also be placed on more than 160 vacant positions of Principals at an ear-

liest. Dr P P Raina stressed on the teaching community to work hard with honesty and discipline involving new scientific methods and using smart classes to make the teaching Learning process interesting. Others issues discussed on the occasion included regularisation of

Incharge Lecturers, Headmasters, ZEOs, MACP, Implementation of ATD 2023 for Teachers, Masters, Lecturers and Principals, regularisation, filling up of all Vacant positions in all subjects in entire JKUT, vocational status to all Lecturers and Principals

as they avail no vacations, strengthening of the Complex / Cluster system, shifting of Lecturers of those subjects with zero enrollment of students to other IHSS with good enrollment, adjustments of all Surplus Lecturers before ATD 2023, schedule to be

rolled out in last week of March. Those who were present during the meeting included Dr Rajneesh Sharma, Kapil Banotra, Dr Karan Singh, Amit Kumar Sharma, Prem Paul Verma, Nittu Bhasin, Subash Sharma and Rahul Dev Raina.

# Powerlifting Championship to start from April 1



Powerlifting Association of J&K members during a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Under the banner of Indian Powerlifting Federation (IPF) a meeting had been organised on Tuesday by Powerlifting Association of J&K to discuss about the upcoming events of Powerlifting. "In today's world majority are indulging in drug addiction and we want the youth to

participate more and more sports, make their future bright and make the J&K UT and the country proud," said General Secretary Rakesh Kumar and Working President, Kuldeep Singh. They said that upcoming District and State Championships are going to be start from April 1, 2023. Weigh in will be done on

31st March at 10:00 AM at K16 Gym near Hot Billion Rehari Chungi, BC Road, here, they added. Other officials present in the meeting include Vijay Choudhary, Preet Dutta, Vijay Kumar, Harshit Sharma, Rohit, Rakesh, Rajat Kumar, Karamjeet Singh, Ajmer Singh, Atul Gupta, Vishal Sharma and Kaushal Parihar.

# Mega Youth Carnival commences at Ramkund Thuroo

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reasi, Babila Rakwal on Tuesday inaugurated Mega Youth Carnival from meadows of Pirpanjal Ranges (7900 m above sea level) of Himalayas at Ramkund of District Reasi. District administration along with Army, Police amidst large number of enthusiasts youths and general public of the areas witness mesmerising event at Rama Kunda, Thuroo of district Reasi.

The festival aimed to provide a platform to youth of district Reasi to showcase their talents and skills, and to encourage them to participate in cultural and sports activities.

Mega event encompasses wide range of activities, sporting events like Kabbadi,



DC Reasi, Babila Rakwal after inaugurating Mega Youth Carnival at Ramkund.

Tug of war, Volleyball, Horse Riding and diverse cultural activities.

Deputy Commissioner, while highlighting the importance of such events specifically in the remotest and beautiful landscape of Himalayas, said such carnival will help in long way in inculcating the sports spirit and the overall development of youth of the district.

DC emphasized on need to create more such opportunities for youth to showcase their talents and skills and to support their respective growth and development through more such events in near future and advised all the youth to make these activities as part of their day to day life. The DC also acknowledged the efforts of the

SDM (Mahore) Army and Police which successfully planned and organised the event at such a picturesque and farthest part of the district. DC thanked all the organisers, participants, specially youth of the area for making the event a grand success. This Mega Youth Carnival was a great example of the J&K UT Govt and District

Administration's commitment to the overall development of area and talented youth of the entire district, she said adding that such events provide a platform for diverse and talented youth to come together, share progressive ideas, and showcase their talents, which will shape their personal and professional life as well. Pertinent to mention here, such events aims to inculcate a culture of sports among budding talents by providing them the required opportunities to sharpen their skills and talents and career progression as well. The success of this event is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the all stakeholders and District Administration will continue to support such initiatives in the future.

# Aaradhya wins St Xavier School Climbing event

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As expected Aaradhya Manhas who has recently represented J&K UT in the 3rd Tata Steel Sport Climbing Competition at Jamshedpur, won Junior Boys title in the St. Xavier Convent Senior Secondary School Sport Climbing competition, here on Tuesdays. However, he was given a tough competition by Aarv Atri and Aadharav Rajput. In fact, all the three topped the 40ft high wall and the result had to be determined on the basis of time taken to top the wall. Whereas Aaradhya who took only 31 seconds to top the wall emerged victorious Aarv Atri (48 seconds) and Aadhrav Rajput (1min.12



Winner Climbers posing for a photograph with MAJK members and others.

seconds) bagged the second and third positions respectively. Similarly, results in the Sub Junior Boys category were also determined on the basis of time taken to reach the top hold in which Naksh Barna, Laksh Parihar and Hitesh Sharma secured the

first three positions respectively. Other results Junior Girls: Seeya Sharma, 1st; Shagun Bhagat, 2nd and Sabra Aslam, 3rd. Sub Junior Girls: Anaya, 1st; Jasneet Kour, 2nd and Abeeha Malik, 3rd.

Mini Boys: Himanshu Manhas, 1st; Pranav Keshar, 2nd and Harshpreet Singh, 3rd. Mini Girls: Drishiti Dutta, 1st; Deepika Sajgotra, 2nd and Chetna Devi, 3rd. The day-long competition about 200 students of in the age group of eight to 15

years competed. The event held at Tenzing Norgay Artificial climbing wall in Sprawling Buds ICSE School campus, Bantalab, Jammu.

The purpose of such competitions for various schools is to promote Sport Climbing (an Olympic discipline) at the grass root level and to prepare a strong team for the Asian Kids Competition. Those climbers who excel during these competitions may also be deputed for further specialized coaching at International standard climbing walls at Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi, the apex body for adventure sports in the country.

# Tennikoit body constitutes Rajouri unit



Rajouri Tennikoit unit members posing with police officials and others.

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JAMMU: J&K Tennikoit Association on Tuesday constituted its district unit for Rajouri appointing Sonia Verma as president at Nowshera town, here. Sumeet Sudan has been made secretary while Sanjeev

Khajuria and Susheel Kumar have been made treasurer and joint secretary respectively. Earlier, two prominent players from Jammu, Manmeet Kour and Komal Kumari presented demonstrations.

Shaheed Bhagat Singh Tennikoit Club, Noushera was also constituted. Meanwhile, special kits including uniform and others sports material was also distributed among the players by Shaheed EAZam Bhagat Singh Foundation.

# Khanaiter meets Gobhi Club in Volleyball final



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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POONCH: Khanaiter Volleyball Club shall take on Gobhi Club in the final of the Nangi Tekri Dogra Battalion Volleyball Tournament at Army ground, Jhulas, here. Earlier, in the semifinals, decided today, Gobhi

Club defeated Behra Volleyball Club 3-0 (25:19, 25:21, 25:18) while Khanaiter Club trounced Philor Club 3-0 (25:21, 25:22, 25:17). Sarpanch Lower Jhulas, Paras Ram Sharma was the Chief Guest in today's semifinals, who appreci-

ated the efforts of organisers, especially the Indian Army towards the betterment of youth in the border areas. Those prominent present were Javid Ahmed, Mohd Maroof, Ramiz Tariq, Ayaz Ahmad Madni and Mohd Aziz.

# Seeded Men's & Women's teams sail into quarters

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JAMMU: Sreeja Akula of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) dropped a game against Pranati P. Nair of Kerala before the reigning singles national champion picked up steam to take their team into the quarterfinals in the 84th UTT Inter-State National Table Tennis Championships at the Gymnasium Hall of University of Jammu, here today.

Even before Sreeja, who played the second tie for RBI, consolidated their position, Ayhika Mukherjee put the top-seeded institutional squad in the lead with a comfortable 11-3, 11-5, 11-4 win over Seraha Jacob of Kerala. The experienced Ayhika needed no second invitation to shut out the Kerala woman in less than 15 minutes. But Sreeja got caught on the wrong foot, struggling

to adjust to Pranati's game plan and lost on extended points. However, the star paddler reverted to her attacking mode and reaped the benefits. Pranati, unable to cope with the pressure, wilted under pressure, and RBI went 2-0 up with a 10-12, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7 win. Diya Chitale wasted no time disposing of Renuka Ashwani, winning the third tie 11-6, 11-6, 11-3.

The other teams that passed the muster to enter the quarterfinals included Haryana, Delhi, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and PSPB. Delhi, though defeated Karnataka 3-1, the former's women had to put up a brave front in the face of consistent resistance from Kushi Viswanath and Deshna Vanshika. Kushi accounted for Delhi's top

player Garima Goyal 3-2. Garima began well and led 2-1 before going down to Kushi. However, Mariya Rony failed to capitalise and went down in straight games to Vanshika Bhargava as the latter pulled level. After that, Tamanna Saini got stretched by Deshna, yet the Delhi paddler held her nerves to put her team 2-1 up. Vanshika, in her second singles, downed Kushi without a fuss, winning the tie 11-4, 11-5, 11-6.

Similarly, Maharashtra women dropped a tie when Trisha Gogoi of Assam defeated Shruti Amrute 5-11, 10-12, 11-3, 15-13, 11-4 in tight rubber, but Swastika Ghosh, who provided the lead for Maharashtra when she beat Kritika Upadhyaya 3-1, Taneesha Kotecha, who accounted for Jitakhee Muzumdar 3-1, and

Swastika finished it for their state. Swastika did drop a game against Trisha but pulled it off with a 12-10, 11-5, 10-12, 17-15 triumph. But for these, all others had easy passage beating their opponents 3-0. All the eight-seeded teams in the men's section made it to the quarterfinals, registering easy wins over their rivals. Sharath Kamal, who made his appearance in the second stage, made his intentions clear with an 11-13, 11-2, 11-4, 11-4 win over Akash Gupta of Uttarakhand to consolidate the lead after Harmeet Desai put PSPB 1-0 up with his 7-11, 11-5, 11-4, 11-7 triumph against Gautam Dhruvansh. Manav Thakkar completed the job when he downed Nitin Singh 11-4, 11-3, 11-5.

In the other pre-quarterfinals, West Bengal beat

Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh thrashed Gujarat, Delhi defeated Punjab, Haryana accounted for TTFFI 1, Telangana beat Manipur; later, Maharashtra downed Madhya Pradesh, before Railways beat Assam to sail into the quarters. Results (Team Events): Women: Pre-quarterfinals: RBI bt Kerala 3-0; Haryana bt Chandigarh 3-0; Delhi bt Karnataka 3-1; Maharashtra bt Assam 3-1; West Bengal bt Gujarat 3-0; Tamil Nadu bt Telangana 3-0; Madhya Pradesh bt TTFFI 1 3-1; PSPB bt Andhra Pradesh 3-0. Men: Pre-quarterfinals: PSPB bt Uttarakhand 3-0; West Bengal bt Karnataka 3-1; Uttar Pradesh bt Gujarat 3-0; Delhi bt Punjab 3-0; Haryana bt TTFFI 3-0; Telangana bt Manipur 3-0; Maharashtra bt Madhya Pradesh 3-0; RSPB bt Assam 3-0.