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D.O.B:- 23-03-2017  
**JKPS Panjtirthi**

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**NOTICE**  
I, Jai Singh S/o Late sh. Bachitter Singh R/o H. No. 75/1 Ext. Bachitter Envlave Channi Himmat Jammu applying for renewal of building namely Sunny Square situated at Gangyal Jammu. Anybody having any objection can convey the same to Jammu Municipal corporation within seven days of this publication.

**NOTICE**  
I, Naresh Singh S/o Late Sh. Mohan Singh R/o H. No: 169, Tange Wali Gali Panjtirthi, Jammu want to transfer the Electricity Connection bearing Consumer ID: 0101030007069 in my favour which is in the name of my father Late Sh. Mohan Singh. Now I am applying for transfer of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is to inform all through this Notice that M/s Kermi Fitness, situated at khasra No. 577 Min, village Dhar Drochana, Tehsil Bhalwal, Jammu, a formally registered unit with District Industries Centre, Jammu (EM-II No. 07/004/11/13225 dated 05.08.2016) is applying for change in constitution from Proprietorship to Private Limited concern resulting to change in name & style of the unit from M/s Kermi Fitness to M/s Kermi Fitness Private Limited in the Office of the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Exhibition Ground, Jammu.  
Any person (individual or collective), Bank, Govt Body, Semi Govt. body having any type of objection can report to the office of General Manager of District Industries Centre, Jammu within 7 days from the publication of this Notice.  
M/s Kermi Fitness, Village Dhar Drochana, Tehsil Bhalwal, Jammu

**11th J&K UT Rope Skipping Championship held**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Rope Skipping Association of Jammu and Kashmir organised 11th J&K UT Rope Skipping Championship 2022-23 under the slogan of 'My Youth, My Pride' at Baby Caters Hall, Rehari, Jammu. Around 180 skippers from various districts were participated in the championship. The closing ceremony was chaired by Vikas Gupta - Sr. Vice President Judo Association Jammu & Kashmir as well as Joint Secretary J&K Olympic Association, Sandeepan Dutta - Vice President Ju-



Organisers along with medal winners.

Jitsu Association of Jammu & Kashmir as Guest of Honours. Anil Dutta & Manish Chatwal also attended the event as special invitees. The whole championship was technically supervised by Danish Sharma Technical Director, Rope Skipping Association of J&K along with officials Rudrakshit Gupta, Nitish Singh, Jaspreet Kaur, Rishika Sharma, Palak Sharma, Harshita Singh, Daksh Chib & Aapurti Saini. Best Skippers Awards for the session 2023-24 were awarded to Krish Mehra, Ridhika Mehra, Akshara Sharma, Aarna Bhat, Radhika Sharma and Kartik Saini.

**CUJ celebrates Social Work Day 2024**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Social Work at Central University of Jammu (CUJ) celebrated World Social Work Day 2024, commemorating the global efforts in promoting social justice and societal well-being. This year's theme, 'Buen Vivir: Shared Future for Transformative Change', resonated deeply with the mission of the department to foster positive change within communities. The day-long event showcased a myriad of talents and creativity through various competitions including painting, Rangoli, on-spot photography, talent show, dance, poetry singing, and debate. Spearheaded by Jaspreet Singh and coordinated by Khalida BI, Research Scholars from the Department of Social Work, CUJ, the event captivated participants and spectators



Faculty members along with students during the event.

alike. Sunita, Head of the Department of Social Work at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. College for Women and Alumni from the Department of Social Work, CUJ graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour. A pivotal highlight of the event was the panel discussion on the theme "Role of Professional Social Worker: Shared Future for Transformative Change," chaired by Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head of the Department of Social Work, CUJ. The panellists, Dr. Ranvir Singh, Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed, Fateh Lal Bheel, and Sunita Bhagat, delved into diverse aspects of social work, ranging from the genesis of the Buen Vivir, social inclusivity and professional social worker's essential

rights and dignity of all individuals, especially marginalized communities. Fateh Lal articulated the essential qualities that social workers need to excel in their professional lives, emphasizing empathy, resilience, and a commitment to social justice. Sunita Bhagat underscored the pivotal role of social workers in the upliftment of society, highlighting their contributions to addressing pressing social issues and promoting sustainable development. The culmination of the event witnessed the recognition of outstanding participants with gifts and certificates, acknowledging their talent and dedication. Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed concluded the event with heartfelt words of gratitude, expressing appreciation to all attendees for their enthusiastic participation and unwavering support.

**World Water Day celebrated at MIER College**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A group of 25 students from MIER College visited the Government Middle School in the adopted village, Purkhoo, Domana, on the occasion of World Water Day. This visit was instrumental in introducing the government school's students to the idea of "Citizen Action for Water Conservation and Preservation." The event aimed to raise awareness among the school students about the importance of water conservation and encourage them to take action towards its preservation. Two students from MIER College conducted an informative session, educating the students about various methods and practices for water conservation. Additionally, the management of MIER College



Water purifier being distributed during the event.

donated a water purifier to the government school with the purpose of ensuring access to clean and safe drinking water for the students and staff, and to encourage better health and hygiene practices. Suman Gupta, In-charge Environment Unit, organized the programme and thanked the Sarpanch, the principal and the students of Govt. School for their cooperation and support. Dr. Adit Gupta, Principal, MIER College, appreciated the efforts of the unit and said that such activities play a crucial role in educating the community about the importance of water conservation and preservation and to instill a sense of responsibility in the younger generation towards a sustainable future.

**First level EVM randomization successfully held**



Returning Officer, Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting at Samba.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Samba district has achieved a significant milestone in its electoral preparations with the successful completion of the first level of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) randomization for the upcoming Parliamentary Elections 2024 under the supervision of Returning Officer, Abhishek Sharma. The event, held in the presence of senior officials and representatives from various political parties, focused on allocating 493 Ballot Units, 493 Control Units and 511 Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units for all three

assembly segments viz; 69-Rangarh, 70-Samba, and 71-Vijaypur. He emphasized on the primary objective of the randomization process to ensure transparent, free and fair elections, devoid of any human intervention by utilizing dedicated software specifically designed for this purpose, the randomization was conducted meticulously. Before the commencement of the randomization, the Returning Officer briefed political representatives about the process, reassuring them of the comprehensive arrangements in place to guarantee fair

polls. The subsequent phases of randomization will determine the specific allocation of EVMs to polling stations in the upcoming stages of preparation. The list of all EVMs post-randomization has been handed over to representatives of all political parties present, ensuring transparency and accountability in the electoral process. ADC Samba, Suresh C Chander; Nodal Officer EVM, Nodal officer Training Management, Nodal Officer SVEEP, DIO NIC, DIO and other officials were present on the occasion.

**SMVD Gurukul holds 32nd Governing Council Meeting**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATRA: The 32nd meeting of the Governing Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Charan Paduka was held on Friday at its academic premises at Charan Paduka, Katra. The meeting presided by Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshwaranand Giriji Maharaj, Member of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Chairman of the Governing Council for the Gurukul, was attended by Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board; Alok Kumar Maurya, Additional CEO; Padma Shri Prof. Vishvamurti Shastri, Pawan Kumar, Controller of Examination, CSU; Satish Kumar Sharma, Joint CEO, SMVDSB and Administrator of Gurukul; Mahesh Sharma, FA/Chief Accounts Officer; Gopal Dass Sharma, Head Pujari, Bhawan; Dr Dhananjay Mishra, Principal; and Dr. Devendra Rijal, Vice Principal of the Gurukul. The Chairman and other Members of the Governing Council while expressing satisfaction regarding over-the-year growth of the institution and its functioning emphasized the need for making continuing endeavors to develop it as a centre of excellence. The Chairman desired that a 15 years roadmap be devised for future growth of Gurukul both physically and academically for comprehensive learning experiences and academic excellence. He exhorted that up-gradation of Gurukul to post graduation level be also explored aiming to further empower students with advanced knowledge and skills to excel in their chosen fields. He said that the up-gradation will not only enhance the academic reputation of SMVD Gurukul but positively contribute to the educational landscape in the region. The Chairman while reviewing outstanding achievements of the students of SMVD Gurukul in academics and co-curricular activities underscored that the students must prepare for annual activities diligently in advance, aligning with the curriculum not only to attain optimal outcomes but also for their holistic development. The meeting also noted participation of faculty and students at different Platforms, including in-house events & those at State, Zonal as well as at National Level. The Governing Council, while



Management of SMVD Gurukul during the meeting.

approving the annual budget of Gurukul for financial year 2024-25 also concurred with the projected need for expansion of residential and academic blocks of SMVD Gurukul. This decision would address the future residential and academic requirements of the students after enhancement of their intake capacity from 20 to 30 students from the session 2023-24. After extensive deliberations the Governing Council also resolved to take further strides of expansion in alignment with NAAC accreditation. On the occasion, the Chairman, SMVD Gurukul also inaugurated 08 Smart Classrooms and a Computer Lab. While acknowledging the significant contribution made by the J&K Bank under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative for establishing Smart Classrooms and Computer Lab at SMVD Gurukul, he applauded the Bank's commitment to investing in future generation underscoring that such initiative undoubtedly leaves a positive

impact on the community as a whole. After the conclusion of the meeting, the Members, Governing Council also inspected the proposed site for expansion at SMVD Gurukul. Earlier, Mahamandleshwar while addressing the students and faculty highlighted the importance of imparting sanskars in one's life, asked the students to work hard to preserve their rich culture and achieve distinction in various fields in years to come. He said that the achievement of students not only showcases their dedication and hard work but also testament to the dedication of teachers and collective success of their institution. He expressed gratitude towards the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, J&K-UT who is also Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for his patronage towards such institutions which has kept alive the Vedic and Sanatan traditions in the modern era. The Members were presented with the Rudraksha plant on the occasion.

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**ABVP CUJ unit pays tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Central University of Jammu (CUJ) unit today organises a floral tribute program in DDE Building on the occasion of Trimurti Balidaan Diwas. On this occasion ABVP paid tribute to the brave sons of Mother India Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev and remembered their sacrifice. Manoj, unit president of ABVP CUJ Jammu unit, said that it is the duty of every person to remember the martyrdom of the heroes who sacri-

ation should remember that the free country in which they are living today, we have got this freedom because of the efforts and martyrdom of these heroes. ABVP unit Vice President Ujjwal Kumawat, while remembering the heroic lives of the martyrs in his speech, said that the wave of revolution was flowing in the blood of these heroes since childhood. Recalling Bhagat Singh's 112-day fast, he shared his patriotic passion among everyone. He said that Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev not only set an ideal among the revolutionaries with their sacrifice but also

**Rangoli Competition as part of SVEEP campaign organised**



DEO Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav and others during the event.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Under the overall supervision of District Election Officer Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, dedicated efforts are underway to diligently execute the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Campaign in the district. This campaign aims to raise awareness about voting rights and ethical voting practices across the Kishtwar district in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election 2024 for the parliamentary Constituency Udhampur scheduled for April 19th. As part of the SVEEP initiatives, the SVEEP Cell of the District Election Office Kishtwar orchestrated a vibrant Rangoli Competition event in spirit with the 'Holi Ka Tyohar, Chunavi Bahar' on Friday. This event played a pivotal role in engaging the community and fostering awareness

showcased their creativity and talent in promoting ethical voting practices. District Election Officer Kishtwar, commended the students for their enthusiastic participation and lauded their creativity and talent displayed during the competition. "Rangoli serves a purpose beyond mere decoration, it embodies imagination and innovative ideas," remarked the District Election Officer. Emphasizing the broader goal of education, he highlighted the importance of Voting in democratic setup. The DEO also encouraged students participation in activities aimed at raising awareness of voting rights. Team A of GDC Kishtwar clinched the first position and was awarded Rs. 10000, Team 'B' of GDC Kishtwar secured second position receiving Rs. 5000 while local artists Ninu Kumari and Priyanka claimed Rs. 3000 by securing third spot. The successful execution of the Rangoli Competition underscores the effectiveness of community engagement initiatives in promoting voter awareness and ethical electoral practices. Such endeavours serve as a testament to the commitment of all stakeholders towards fostering a vibrant and participatory democracy within Kishtwar district.

**GDC Udhampur gave impeccable performance in Goonj-2024**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Students of GDC Udhampur participated in a two days Multi-Genre Mega Youth Festival "Goonj" a vibrant and spirited showcase of talent, creativity and cultural diversity organised by University of Jammu w.e.f 19-20 March, 2024. Its aim was to provide a common platform for the colleges and universities to exhibit and share their innovative R&D and best practices so that synergetic growth of institution is facilitated. It provided a common platform for students to unveil their creative potential and sports acumen and was open to all teaching departments, off-site campuses of the university of Jammu and various other universities of Jammu Division. A strong contingent of 32 students of GDC Udhampur participated in multiple Cultural & Literary events like Group Song Indian, Light Vocal Singing, Western Singing Solo, Elocution, Photography, Skit etc and Kabaddi (men) in Sports. In the Event the kabaddi team (men) of the college brought laurels by winning the bronze medal.



importance of such events in nurturing creativity, talent and cultural exchange among the youth. He also expressed his admiration for the Cultural committee and Sports Committee for putting in rigorous efforts with the students who have been rehearsing for a long time. He further added that the college always encourages students to participate in such events as it brings forward the hidden talent of students and provides a great platform to young budding artists who come from varied catchments of the district. During the felicitation function the faculty members present were, Prof. B.L.Thakur, Prof. Suresh Dogra, and Prof. Kaku Ram.



ABVP activists paying tributes to freedom fighters.

fied their lives for the safety of Mother India. He said that we get inspiration from these brave freedom fighters and we all should work for the nation. ABVP Unit Secretary Abhishek Chaudhary said that a person does not die until he is remembered. He said that today's young gener-

inspired the youth for the movement and the immortal sacrifice of these martyrs will remain an inspiration for the country. On this occasion Meenakshi, Sneh, Rashu, Nandani, Simran, Shagun, Vikas, Mahendra and other karyakartas also remain present.