

# JU showcases scientific knowledge and innovation through Book Exhibition

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JAMMU: Dhanvantri Library, University of Jammu today organized a Book Exhibition on Science for Skill, Innovation, and Incubation, in honour of National Science Day I, promoting scientific learning and research exploration. The event aimed to enhance knowledge, encourage innovation, and support skill development among students and researchers by providing access to a diverse collection of scientific literature.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Alka Sharma, Director of SIIEDC, University of Jammu, who emphasized the importance of cultivating a scientific mindset and promoting innovation. A major highlight was an interactive session with Dr. Jatinder Manhas,



Director SIIEDC, JU Prof. Alka Sharma and others during the programme.

Associate Professor in Computer Science and IT, and Dr. Sandeep Arya, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics. Staff and students of the DYD Programme actively participated in discussions on emerging scientific advancements and their real-world applications.

The event witnessed enthu-

siaistic participation from teaching and non-teaching staff, research scholars, and students of the DYD Programme, who explored an extensive collection of books spanning various scientific domains. The exhibition provided an engaging and enriching experience, sparking curiosity and deepening appreciation for science.

Prof. Alka Sharma praised the library's vast collection, highlighting its value, particularly for students of the DYD Programme. Additionally, a lecture on the role of Artificial Intelligence and the contributions of Nobel Prize laureates in science added depth to the thematic focus of the exhibition. Among others present on

the occasion included Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Prof. Monika Chaddha, Prof. Rahul Gupta, Prof. Satya Paul, Prof. Parmil Kumar, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana, and Dr. Manish Kumar along with library professionals and officers. Their presence emphasized the significance of such initiatives in advancing a culture of scientific inquiry and knowledge-sharing at the university.

The event was organized under the guidance of Dr. Vikram Singh Sahi (I/C Librarian) and coordinated by Mr. Rakesh Kumar (Deputy Librarian) as the event convener, the exhibition presented a carefully curated selection of books on science, skill development, and innovation.

# Kabaddi tournament organised by Range Police Headquarters Rajouri concludes

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RAJOURI: In an effort to strengthen the relationship between Police and public, Range Police Headquarters Rajouri organised a Kabaddi Tournament at District Police Lines Rajouri witnessing participation of teams from across the District.

The tournament began on Feb 19, 2025 and concluded today with the final match played between Jamola Kabaddi Club and Kotranka Kabaddi Club.

Jamola Kabaddi Club emerged victorious with a margin of 21 points.

After the culmination of the final match, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range Headquarters Rajouri Tejinder Singh, along with SSP Rajouri Gaurav Sikarwar commended the players for their dedication and perseverance. The DIG underscored the significance of sports in fostering



DIG RP Range Headquarters Rajouri Tejinder Singh and SSP Rajouri Gaurav Sikarwar along with winner.

discipline, teamwork and a healthy competitive spirit.

Dy.SP Hqrs Rajouri Satish Kumar; Dy.SP DAR Rajouri Akshay Khajuria and Dy.SP Staff Officer RPHQ Rajouri Pawan Sharma, besides other officials were also present.

The event concluded with the presentation of trophies/Medals and cash prize to the winner and runner up teams, besides words of appreciation to all participating teams and officials who contributed towards the success of the tournament.

# Dy CM felicitates Bronze Medalist Rajat Singh

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JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Saturday felicitated Rajat Singh Chib, Bronze medalist in Judo event at the 38th National Games held recently in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

While interacting with the sportsperson, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the government has undertaken a comprehensive mechanism for giving a fillip to the sports related activities and the requisite infrastructure as well. He said that sports activities are imperative for overall development of person with intellectual capabilities and calibre.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that several sports persons have brought laurels to Jammu and



Dy CM Surinder Choudhary felicitating Rajat Singh Chib.

Kashmir by winning at National and International level competitions. "It is a matter of pride for Jammu and Kashmir that our young sportspersons are creating a niche for themselves and we would ensure that they are provided with all requisite

assistance and help", he added.

Pertinently, Rajat Singh Chib, a resident of Hunjana Nowshera in Rajouri district, has won the Bronze medal in the event after a long gap of 35 years in the Men's category.

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SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards imparting skill set of the youth of the State, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), through Power Sector Skill Council (PSSC), started Skill development training for implementation of Smart Metering under RDSS of GOI as part of its CSR initiative on Saturday.

In an impressive function held at Srinagar, the program of imparting training for the course of 'Junior Technician-Smart Metering' commenced today at the allotted training centre for District Srinagar- Youth Empowerment Organization (YEO) in presence of Dr. VK. Singh, CEO PSSC, Jasbir Singh, ED-CSR(POWERGRID), A H



Officials during the training programme.

Khan, SR GM, POWERGRID (Kashmir) and Syed Shamim, Sr DGM(POWERGRID) who is also the concerned Nodal Officer for District Srinagar. Thirty candidates in two batches shall be imparted this skill development training.

POWERGRID is India's leading power transmission

company which plays a critical role in the nation's electricity infrastructure by ensuring the reliable and efficient transmission of power across vast distances through its EHVAC/HVDC transmission network. On the CSR front, POWERGRID emphasizes sustainable community development

and environmental stewardship.

As one of its CSR initiative, POWERGRID and PSSC have mutually entered into an agreement wherein POWERGRID will be funding PSSC for the purpose of implementation of 'Project for Skill Development Training to

6000 Candidates for Implementation of Smart Metering under RDSS of GoI in 34 locations across the country. The project will enable youth to become self-reliant, confident and economically independent through sustainable income and earning opportunities. POWERGRID will assess the Quarterly/Half Yearly/Annual Reports and Final Comprehensive Completion Report of the program will be submitted within three months of the completion of the project.

The Project will facilitate the overall RPL certification to the experienced workforce in the industry thereby enhancing their opportunities of getting wider employment options and higher income.

# 2-day programme on ‘Computer Skill Enhancement Programme’ begins at Judicial Academy

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JAMMU: Under the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), Tashi Rabstan, and guidance of Chairperson and members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, a two day programme on "Computer Skill enhancement Programme- Level I & II, Cyber laws & Appreciation & Handling of Digital Evidence and e-Courts (ECT\_13\_2024; ECT\_14\_2024; & ECT\_16\_2024)" for Civil Judges of Jammu province commenced on Saturday at J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur, Jammu.

On the first day, Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, conducted the first



Judicial officers during the programme in Jammu on Saturday.

technical session. He explained about the cyber threats and digital vulnerabilities becoming more prominent saying that it is essential for the judiciary to adopt secure and efficient technological practices. He discussed that the courts are soft targets for cyber attacks and must be secured from potential cyber attacks.

Justice Sreedharan also emphasised on various best practices important for

securing the court networks and gave demonstrations that not only enhanced the theoretical knowledge but also provided practical insights into the application of these technological advancements in daily judicial proceedings.

The second technical session of the day was conducted by Anoop Sharma, Registrar Computer(IT), High Court of J&K and Ladakh. He elaborated the

significant digital initiatives under the e-Courts project, including Case Information System (CIS), National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG), e-Courts Services Portal, Virtual Courts, NSTEP and Digitization of Case Records.

The third technical session was jointly conducted by Rajeev Gupta, Senior System Officer and Faheem Manzoor, System Officer, who focused on the JustIS App, Inter-operable

Criminal Justice System (ICJS), e-Sakshya, e-Summon, e-Courts Fee Payment and Practical Demonstrations of these e-Initiatives. The learned resource persons helped the judicial officers to familiarize themselves with these tools for their day-to-day court functioning.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Sonia Gupta, conducted the proceedings for the daylong training programme.

All the sessions remained very interactive during which the participants actively participated and shared their experiences, difficulties and also discussed various aspects of the subject topics. They also raised a number of queries which were answered satisfactorily by the resource persons.

# Fencing trials on March 8, 9

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JAMMU: The Fencing Association of India has announced the 26th Sub-Junior National Fencing Championship (Boys & Girls), scheduled to take place in Cuttack, Odisha, from March 27 to 30, 2025.

In this regard, the Jammu & Kashmir Fencing Association (JKFA) will be conducting selection trials on March 8 and 9, 2025, at the Indoor Fencing Hall, M.A. Stadium, Jammu. These trials will determine the J&K Fencing Team that will compete in the prestigious national event.

Eligible fencers born on or after January 1, 2011, are invited to participate in the trials. Participants must bring a copy of their Aadhaar card, Date of Birth certificate, and FAI registration number for verification. For further queries, interested players can contact 7889434414.

# Sports Minister felicitates Aryaaveer Singh for historic Yoga achievement

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JAMMU: Minister of Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, felicitated Aryaaveer Singh for securing Jammu & Kashmir's first-ever medal in Senior National Professional Yogasana.

Aryaaveer won a bronze medal in the 49th Senior National Yoga Sports Championship, held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The Minister commended Aryaaveer's dedication and hard work, acknowledging his historic achievement as a proud moment for the sports community of J&K. He encouraged him to continue striving for excellence in upcoming national and international events. Satish Sharma also emphasized the importance of Yoga in physical and mental well-being, highlighting how perseverance and consistent practice lead to great success. He urged young athletes to take inspiration from Aryaaveer's accomplishment and bring more laurels to Jammu & Kashmir through dedication and discipline in sports.



Sports Minister Satish Sharma, felicitating Aryaaveer Singh.

# LMD intensifies market inspections across J&K ahead of Holy Month of Ramadan

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JAMMU: Ahead of the holy month of Ramadan, the Legal Metrology Department J&K, under the supervision of Controller Legal Metrology Anuradha Gupta, has intensified market inspections across various districts to ensure compliance with the Legal Metrology Act and other regulations.

Enforcement teams conducted inspections in multiple locations including Jammu, Doda, Rajouri, Srinagar, Kulgam and Bandipora.

In Doda, a joint inspection was carried out in coordination with the district administration, covering around 40 traders. In Srinagar, LMD teams inspected Batmalloo and Tengpora areas, imposing and collecting penalties amounting to Rs 6,000 from offenders on the spot. In Rajouri, inspections were conducted at various shops, including meat and poultry outlets, in collaboration with the district administration.

One case was booked, and a composition sum of Rs 1,000 was imposed. In Jammu, six cases were compounded, and a total fine of Rs 8,000 was collected. Additionally, in Kulgam, a market inspection drive was conducted, leading to the registration of four cases against erring traders and a total composition sum of Rs 6,500 was realised. In Bandipora, three cases were booked, and a composition sum of Rs 1,500 was collected.

Controller Legal Metrology Anuradha Gupta reiterated the department's commitment to safeguarding consumer rights and ensuring fair trade practices, particularly during Ramadan. She emphasized that traders must strictly adhere to the Legal Metrology Act and related regulations while selling essential commodities. Market inspections will continue in the coming days to curb malpractices and protect consumer interests.

# DYSS condoles demise of Sheikh Hafeez Akhtar Commissioner/ Secretary YS&S bereaved

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JAMMU: In a meeting held under the chairmanship of the Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara, the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) held a meeting to condole the sad demise of Sheikh Hafeez Akhtar, father of Sarmad Hafeez, Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Youth Services and Sports Department. The officers and officials paid homage to

Sheikh Hafeez Akhtar by observing a two-minute silence. He breathed his last yesterday evening after a prolonged illness. Describing Sheikh Hafeez, the former Inspector General (DIG) of Kashmir and Ladakh as the most respected officer regarded for his honesty and dedication, Tara said that he was an asset to the society and the loss of his life is a great loss to the Union Territory and the nation as well. "Deeply saddened by this tragic

news, the members of the departmental family stand together in this moment of grief and extend heartfelt condolences to Sarmad Hafeez and his family," added Tara.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

We pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul and for strength and solace to the bereaved family," said the officers and officials of the department.

# GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises Carrom Competition

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JAMMU: The Department of Sports and Physical Education at Government College for Women (GCW) Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, successfully organized an exciting Carrom Competition under the patronage of the esteemed Principal, Dr. Meeru Abrol.

The event, held with great enthusiasm, witnessed active participation from students, fostering a spirit of sportsmanship and healthy competition.

Under the guidance of Prof. Goyal Giri (PTI), the competition saw intense matches, culminating in an exhilarating final showdown between Team



Chenab and Team Tawi.

After a keenly contested match, Team Chenab, comprising Meenakshi and Anjali, emerged as the champions. Their remarkable coordination and strategic gameplay secured their well-deserved

victory.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. Meeru Abrol applauded the efforts of the organizing team and encouraged students to actively engage in such extracurricular activities.

She emphasized the importance of indoor games like carrom in enhancing concentration and analytical skills among students. Prof. Goyal Giri (PTI) also expressed his appreciation for the enthusiasm displayed by participants and assured that more such sporting events will be organized in the future to promote a culture of holistic development at the institution.

The event concluded on a high note, with winners being felicitated amidst cheers from their peers. The college continues to uphold its commitment to fostering sports and physical education, ensuring students have a platform to showcase their talents and skills.

# Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that, the power supply to Bishnah, Nandpur, Suhagpur, Rangarh, Arnia, Miran Sahib, Bari Brahmana and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 02 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply Dadwara, Bhaddu, Surara, Phinter, Trahara and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 02 from 8 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Industry-I, Kanhal-2 and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 02 from 8 am to 2 pm.

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Purana Pind, Chatha, Jakh, Bari Brahmana Industrial area, Vijaypur, Bari Brahmana Town, Hakkal and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 02 from 8 am to 2 pm. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply Dadwara, Bhaddu, Surara, Phinter, Trahara and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 02 from 8 am to 11 am.

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