

New academic session begins at JK Public School Panjtirthi



Vice-Chairperson of JK Public School Panjtirthi, Anju Jamwal welcoming and honouring the newly appointed staff on opening day of school.

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JAMMU: The new academic session at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi started with a bang. There were mix feeling of excitement joy and anxiousness among the stu-

dents and teachers. All the students were warmly welcomed with open arms.

Teachers sang melodious motivating songs which enthralled everybody. The guitar coach delivered a scintil-

lating guitar performance.

On behalf of the Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah, the Vice-Chairperson of the School, Anju Jamwal welcomed and honoured the newly appointed

staff.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah wished good luck to one and all and said, "We are committed to the well-being of all students, within the school and

beyond. Our focus shall be to meet the unique learning needs of every child, by providing an inclusive environment which is safe, supportive, comfortable, encouraging, motivating and respectful.

Our Individualized approach helps us to recognise children's learning styles and differing abilities which ultimately helps them to cope up with academic and emotional challenges."

Teachers escorted the students to their respective classrooms. Different competitions and activities were organised in the classrooms by the respective Class teachers.

Teachers of JKPS worked on plans to make learning more exciting and engaging and were looking forward to work on writing skills and identifying students who need extra care and attention.

Jugal Kishore launches Sansad Khel Spardha at Patrara

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RAJOURI: Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Jammu-Poonch constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma on Monday launched Sansad Khel Spardha by kick starting a kabaddi match here at Sansad Adarsh Gram Village Patrara.

Speaking after the launch of the event, the MP said that the Government was fully committed to give impetus to sports activities in J&K. "Necessary measures are being taken to provide potential youth with



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma interacting with players.

the best possible platforms where they can showcase their talent" he said.

Highlighting the objective

of the Sansad Khel Spardha, the MP said that the initiative aims to groom the young sports talent in

the UT by holding a multi-discipline sports competition.

Listing the efforts of the Government towards realizing the dream of a healthy India, he said, "It is the brainchild of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to make India healthy."

He also highlighted the role of sports in the development of an individual. "Sports help an individual much more than in the physical aspects alone as it also help to make the society progressive and harmonious," he added.

While appreciating the District Administration for taking effective measures to give impetus to sports activities, he advised the officers to keep working with the same zeal to channelise the energies of the youth towards a positive direction so that they can contribute more and more to the development of the nation.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Behnal; DYSSO, Sunil Samayal, Physical Education Teachers and other Public of Patrara were also present.

Wrestling team named for Cadet National

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Wrestling Association of Jammu and Kashmir (WAJK) on Monday named its 11-member team, including two officials, for the Under-17 (Cadet) Boys Free Style, Greco Roman Style National Wrestling Championship scheduled to be held at Ranchi in Jharkhand from April 15 to 17.

Soon after the finalisation of the team, the selected wrestlers underwent screening conducting by the officials of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at MA Stadium.

Among those present at the time of screening were Sports Officer, Ashok Singh, Manager Satish Gupta of JKSC, Dheeraj Sharma, Ravinder Kumar and Sahil



Selected Wrestling team posing with dignitaries.

Dagoria of the WAJK. Ravinder Singh and Sahil Dagoria have been named coach and manager of the team respectively.

The Team: Free Style: Rahul Kumar (45 kg), , Surya Uday Partap Singh (48

kg), Amit Singh (60 kg), Shubham Singh (65 kg), Binia Been (71 kg), Mohit Singh Bhau (80 kg). Greco Roman Style: Sumit Kumar (60 kg), Varun Sharma (71 kg) and Shreyans Singh Manhas (80 kg).

KV Chenani wins 9 medals in J&K Boxing c'ship



Medal winners of KV Chenani posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Representing district Udampur, young boxers from Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Chenani secured nine medals in the recently held J&K UT Boxing Championship at MA Stadium, here. The medal winners included both boys and girls from different age and weight groups.

These medal winners from the KV Chenani were trained by Rajnish, who also coach young boxers at Subash Stadium, Udampur on volunteer basis. Medal winners were also felicitated by the Principal of KV Chenani.

MEDAL WINNERS:

Girls: Sub Junior: Samriti Choudhary (Silver, 38-40 kg), Priya Katoch (Silver, 40-42 kg). **Junior:** Simran Bali (gold, 54-57 kg). **Youth:** Kiran Katoch (Bronze, 45-48 kg).

Boys: Junior: Pranab Choudhary (Bronze, 45-48 kg), Arun Singh (gold, 49-52 kg), Pushvinder Singh (gold, 54-57 kg), Deepak Singh (gold, 60-63 kg). **Youth:** Sahil Sharma (silver, 57-60 kg).

Students of DPS Jammu excel in SOF's IMO

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by excelling in International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) organized by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) online in the academic year 2021-22, the result of which was declared recently.

A total of 15 students from DPS Jammu registered and participated for this prestigious competition and won gold medal of Excellence, Medals of Distinction, Certificates of Distinction and Certificates of Participation.

Prarthana Gupta (VIII-G) won gold medal of excellence and Participation Certificate; Chirag Luthra (V-B) got Medal of Distinction and Certificate of Distinction; Jagrit Rajpal (VIII-G) bagged Medal of Distinction and Certificate of Distinction; and Ishvita Luthra (VIII-B) got Medal of Distinction



and Certificate of Distinction.

The students who received Certificates of Participation include Avyan Mathur (I-B), Ruhani Bains (II-A), Aqsa Nisar (IV-C), Apratim Vats (IV-I), Navya Vuthoo (V-C), Arya Bhalla (VII-H), Ameya Mathur (VII-A), Priyanshu Raj (VIII-C), Atharva Gupta (VIII-G), Arshiya Mahajan (IX-H) and Shanvi Vats (XI-D).

Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated all the winners and their parents for their glorious achievement. Headmistress, Meenu Gupta also applauded them.

President RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro Vice Chairperson, Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi extended their best wishes to the winners, participants and their parents.

Buddhists in Ladakh organise massive rally demanding enactment of anti-conversion law

■ TSEWANG RIGZIN

LEH: A massive rally followed by a mammoth public gathering on Leh polo ground was organised in Leh on Monday by the Ladakh Buddhist Association and the Ladakh Gonpa Association to demand the enactment of anti-conversion law in Ladakh, inclusion of Bhoti language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India, creation of a department of culture in the Union Territory of Ladakh, immediate recruitment in Ladakh and construction of a Gonpa in Kargil.

The rally held under the leadership of President LBA Thupstan Chhewang unanimously adopted a resolution and a copy of which was later handed over to the Lt. Governor of Ladakh through the Divisional Commissioner. Thupstan Chhewang expressed his dismay over the absence of the Lt. Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur in Leh on the day as LBA had planned to present the memorandum to him only.

Chhewang accused LG



Thupstan Chhewang addressing the public rally.

Ladakh of being not able to provide an efficient administration.

"LG Ladakh has done nothing in the last three years. Jobs have not been provided. 70 % of the funds allocated to Ladakh have been surrendered in the last two years. Ladakhis have no say in the administration," he accused.

The resolution adopted at the public gathering reads, "We, the Buddhists of Ladakh, are completely dismayed by the Union Government's apathy towards our serious and immediate concerns about our survival in the face of continuing conversions and assaults on our language,

culture and faith, and hereby resolve, (a) We shall not rest till we achieve our goal of life with dignity. (b) We shall fight for the enactment of an anti-conversion law to prevent conversion of our girls through allurements, misrepresentation, use of subtle coercive tactics and in the name of inter-religion marriages. (c) We shall ensure due recognition of the Bhoti language as a medium of instruction in keeping with the National Education Policy. (d) We shall prevail upon the Government to ensure faster recruitment to end the educated unemployment. (e) We shall aim for

the establishment of a department of culture exclusively devoted to preserving our rich and ancient culture and heritage and (f) We shall have a Gonpa in Kargil."

Expressing anguish over the Government's stony silence on each issue, the resolution reads, "Winds of hope and positivity sweeping the rest of the country are being stopped at our doorstep. The Government is overlooking our genuine claims while drum-beating achievements on two fronts: enactment of anti-conversion law in at least nine party-ruled states and encouraging teaching in mother-tongue throughout

the country."

Buddhists leaders claimed that one of the reasons for decades' long campaign for separation of Ladakh from the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State and elevation as the UT was to stop conversion of Buddhists girls. The issue of conversions is the single biggest irritant between the Buddhists and Muslims, and the law shall be one for all and against none.

LBA appealed that Bhoti should be made the official language of the UT, introduced as a medium of instruction from nursery to the Eighth Standard with separate departments of higher learning in existing/proposed universities of Ladakh, and a full-fledged department needs to be set up to preserve and promote Ladakh's unique culture.

The rally was addressed by LBA President Thupstan Chhewang, LBA Youth Wing President Rigzin Dorgay, President LGA Gelong Shatup Chamba, LBA Women wing General Secretary Kunzes Dolma and President LBA Leh Unit Sonam Dorjay.

Army Commander visits JAKLI centre in Srinagar, interacts with ex-servicemen



Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi motivating army personnel.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, who is on a three-day tour to the Valley, visited Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry (JAKLI) Regimental Centre here and interacted with the ex-servicemen of the region, a defence spokesman said on Monday.

He said over 100 ex-servicemen attended the event. The GOC-in-C, Northern Command, along with GOC Chinar Corps, Lt Gen D P Pandey, visited Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre, Srinagar and interacted with ex-servicemen of the

region on Sunday, Srinagar-based PRO Defence Col Emron Musavi said.

He said, Various facilities including medical and dental camps, bank extension counters, Defence Pension Disbursement Office, JAKLI Records, PAO (OR), ECIS and Zila Sainik Welfare Board stalls were established for instant mitigation and on the spot redressal of the issues being faced by ex-servicemen.

The PRO defence said representatives from civil authorities of Kashmir police and office of the divisional commissioner were also present to address

administrative aspects and grievances of the ex-servicemen.

Lt Gen Dwivedi appreciated ex-servicemen for their continued support and selfless service for the nation.

The Army Commander extended greetings for Ramadan and reassured the ex-servicemen of continued support, Col Musavi said.

He also commended Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre for various activities being conducted with the participation of people in fields of education, sports, culture and skilling, the PRO defence said.