

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 feelings of excitement joy and anxiety 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 Banbhan, the Vice-Chairperson of the School, 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 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



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma interacting with players.

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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

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 helps 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 Behmal; DYSSO, Sunil Samayal, Physical Education Teachers and other Public of Patrara were also present.

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 Udhampur, 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, Udhampur 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).

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



Thupstan Chhewang addressing the public rally.

■ TSEWANG RICZIN
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

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 Rizwan Dorjai, President LGA Gelong Shatup Chamba, LBA Women wing General Secretary Kunzies Dolma and President LBA Leh Unit Sonam Dorjai.

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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 Chinari Corps, Lt Gen D P Pandey, visited Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry Regimental Centre, Srinagar and interacted with the ex-servicemen of the region, a defence spokesman said on Monday.

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

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), ECHS 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 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.

Wrestling team named for Cadet National

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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 conducted 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

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 Bhat (80 kg), Greco Roman Style: Sumit Kumar (60 kg), Varun Sharma (71 kg) and Shreyans Singh Manhas (80 kg).

National Gold Medalist Ritik Sharma calls on DC Kathua



DC Kathua Rahul Yadav honouring National Gold Medalist in Athletics, Ritik Sharma.

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JAMMU: The District Administration Jammu is organising sports events under Sansad Khel Spardha in the District from April 13 to 28, 2022 in the discipline of Kabaddi, Volleyball & Tug of War.

Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma would inaugurate the Spardha on April 13, 10 AM at Khel Gaon Nagrota.

The District and Sectoral Officers have been asked to attend the inaugural function along with subordinate staff of their Department working in Tehsil Nagrota and Dalsal as per the schedule.

KATHUA: National Gold Medalist in Athletics Ritik Sharma on Monday called on Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Yadav here at the DC office complex. Ritik Sharma won a gold medal in the Under-18 Age category at the 56th Cross Country Championship held at Kohima in Nagaland. Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Yadav appreciated Ritik Sharma for bringing laurels to the district by achieving the feat at a young age. He said his achievement will inspire other youngsters to come forward and participate in athletics to showcase their talent. The DC Kathua further assured full support of the administration to the athlete in all his endeavours aimed at realising his potential and to add prestige to the glory of Jammu and Kashmir SSP Kathua R.S Kotwal, ACR Kathua R.Sandeeb Seointra, Coach Ravi Kumar Jassal, members of Athletic club Kathua were also present on the occasion.

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



Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi motivating army personnel.

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Srinagar:

Administrative aspects and grievances of the ex-service men.

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

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