

With hard work, convert your dreams into reality: JKPS Principal



Principal JK Public School Jammu, Rajesh Rathore addressing students in school assembly.

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JAMMU: Principal JK Public School Jammu, Rajesh Rathore motivated the students to adopt the principles of hard work to conquer all the hurdles, while heading towards their dream destination.

"Hard work and dedication are the success mantras for life. Hard work helps us to achieve our goals. This gives us the impetus to scale the ladder of success. Positivity and motivation are the

byproducts of hard work. Hard work takes us closer to our dreams. We must learn to push ourselves beyond our elastic limits because only then we may escalate on the path of success," he said. With hard work and perse-

verance, he added, people could make impossible possible. He quoted the example of Sq. Ldr. Toolika Rani (Retd.), who accomplished the most arduous feat of scaling Mt Everest, that too, Solo sum-

mit. For achieving this extremely challenging task, he said, she underwent a rigorous physical training schedule of 20 km jogging and 5 hour gymming stretched over 5 long years.

Thus she succeeded in conquering the might Mt Everest all alone. Hats off to human determination!

Can we ever forget the Mountain Man? Using only a hammer and chisel, Dashrath Manjhi, a landless farmer, carved a path through a mountain in the Gehlour Hills, Bihar so that his village could have easier access to medical facilities, which his wife couldn't & died, he said adding that people laughed and made fun of Manjhi but he just continued with his untiring endeavours for 22 years. Hats off to human perseverance!

U-10 Chess: Bengal's Maitreyi, Madhvendra of MP clear leaders

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JAMMU: Maitreyi Mondal of West Bengal became clear leader in girls section after scoring five out of five points while Madhvendra Pratap Sharma of Madhya Pradesh remained on the top in open section in the ongoing 34th MPL National U-10 Chess Championship at Kangra Fort banquet, Barnai, here on Thursday.

Hanya Shah of Gujarat, Charvi A of Karnataka and Pardeshi Chaturthi of Maharashtra were closely following the leader in girls section with 4.5 points each while Mayukh Majumder of West Bengal, Yug Tarun Khiani of Karnataka, Mithilesh Ranjith Kumar of Tamil Nadu among two more players are closely following the leader in open section at 4.5 points each at the end of round five.



A Chess match in progress at Jammu.

About 500 persons including 247, players, coaches, managers, Arbiters, Live game operators and other various officials from 26 states are participating in this event. The Crown trust is organizing this event under the banner of AJKCA with the support of J&K Sports Council.

Meanwhile, All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) today felicitated Soham Kamotra of

J&K for winning the National Under-19 Chess title. President of the Association, Atul Kumar Gupta did the honours. Earlier, Soham inaugurated today's round by making 1st move amidst great round of applause from players from 26 states.

The fourth round was Jointly inaugurated by Dr. A.S. Bhatia, HOD Bio Sciences GMC Jammu and Manoj Kohli, senior player.

CS inspects SK Stadium, Sonwar

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, on Thursday visited SK Stadium Sonwar to inspect the ground and other requisite facilities.

Chief Secretary was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz, Commissioner, SMC, Athar Aamir Khan and other officers.

During the inspection, Chief Secretary directed the officers to develop a comprehensive plan for development of the stadium in all respects. He said that sports development is top priority of the government and all necessary measures for up gradation of sports infrastructure need to be followed in letter and spirit.

He expressed dismay over dilapidated surroundings of the stadium and asked the officers to properly maintain the environs of this vital sports facility with focus on development of facade of the stadium.

Taking a detailed round of the stadium, Chief Secretary stressed upon the concerned officers to expedite pace of works on beautification of the stadium in all respects. He said that sports development is top priority of the government and all necessary measures for up gradation of sports infrastructure need to be followed in letter and spirit.

um so that it is completed within the stipulated time frame.

He also directed the concerned officers to increase sports activities in the stadium saying that it should be brimming with sports activities throughout the year.

Later, Chief Secretary visited Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor stadium and took stock of progress on sports infrastructure development works.

Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to ensure that all quality parameters are taken care of during execution of all works there.

MPL National U-18 Open Chess Champion Soham felicitated

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President on Thursday felicitated Soham Kamotra for bringing laurels to Jammu and Kashmir by becoming a first Chess player of the Union Territory by winning first place in MPL National Under-18 Open Chess Championship, held at Tamil Nadu.

On the occasion, Chander Gupta, Parveen Kermi, Eat Mandal President, Arun Sethi, Sudhir Anand and Ankit Dogra accompanied the senior BJP leader.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi said sports are as essential for life as academics. He congratulated



BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi and DGP Dilbag Singh felicitating Chess Champion Soham Kamotra during separate functions.

Soham Kamotra for winning this prestigious championship and bringing laurels to the Union Territory.

He also congratulated his parents and wished them a bright future for their son, who has left an indelible

mark in the sport at the national level.

Meanwhile, Soham Kamotra called on the Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh at PHQ here this afternoon. The DGP congratulated

Soham Kamotra for his outstanding achievement and hoped that he would continue to bring laurels to UT and the Nation in future as well.

The DGP sanctioned a cash reward of Rs 10,000 with a commendation certi-

ficate in favour of chess champion and assured him all possible support to excel in the field.

Shri DGP Crime J&K, A.K. Choudhary, Manu Gupta and Anil Mahajan were present on the occasion.

SKUAST-J students win awards at All India & State-Level Competitions

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JAMMU: Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J), Prof. J. P. Sharma on Thursday interacted with the students of the university who brought laurels in different All India and State level competitions.

Shreetama Roy (BSc Agri 2nd Year Student) participated and delivered presentation on "Millet Revolution of India" during Krishimanthan: A Case Study Competition organized by



VC SKUAST-J, Prof. J. P. Sharma posing with winner students of university and other faculty members.

Prakriti IIT Kharagpur and got second position at National level with a cash prize of Rs 6000 and

Certificate of Excellence. Mrudul Sharma and Sakshi Sharma (BSc. Agri 1st year students) participated in 20th Veeranna Aivalli Memorial Debate Competition on the topic 'In the Opinion of the House, It is Culture of Sports & Not Just Government Policy That

Can Improve Indian Medal Tally at Olympics 2024" organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration (J&K Regional Branch) & J&K Police in collaboration with University of Jammu, Jammu. Both the students got appreciation from the organizers for their excellent presentation.

Vanshika Behnal (BSc Agri 3rd year student) participated in All India Essay Writing Competition organized by Aligarh Muslim University on the topic 'Sir Syed as a Protagonist of Interfaith Dialogue'. Vanshika got State Topper Position at national level and awarded with a cash prize and certificate of excellence.

Prof. J. P. Sharma appreci-

ated the efforts of students for bringing laurels to the SKUAST Jammu.

He further said that our students keep making us proud of their achievements. We always look forward to supporting our students and their journey to innovation and creation for a better future.

Prof. Rakesh Nanda, Director Education and Prof S K Gupta, Registrar SKUAST Jammu were also present during the facilitation programme.

Prof. J. P. Sharma congratulated Dr. Rajesh Katoh (Dean Student Welfare) and Dr. Akhil Gupta, Associate Professor for guidance which has helped the students in achieving these recognitions.

DYSS Reasi conducts YSS Cup Competition-cum-selection trials in Cricket



Players posing for a photograph with chief guest and other officials.

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REASI: Department of Youth Services & Sports Reasi organized YSS Cup 2021-22 Competition-cum-selection trials in the discipline of cricket under the chairmanship of District Sports Officer Swarn Singh. Players from different wards of Municipal Committee and different Panchayats of Block Reasi participated in the event which was inaugurated by Asha Devi, Incharge ZPEO Reasi. She lauded the effort of Youth Services & Sports

Department for organising grass root level talent identification tournaments in every ward of municipality and Panchayats. She also ensured that these type of tournaments will be continued. The matches-cum-trials were officiated by the panel of experts namely Arun Dev, Mohd Raiz, Virender Singh, Anoop Jyoti, Ankush Sharma and Vinod Singh.

Others present were Rani Devi, Shamim Akther, Kirna Devi, Dinesh Singh, Sehar Akther and Madhu Rani.

Participation in JKCA's domestic tourney mandatory for selection: Brig Gupta

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JAMMU: The participation of players of all age groups (men and women) in various cricket tournaments to be held by Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) after talent hunt process this season, is must for selection of the players to represent Jammu and Kashmir in prestigious BCCI's tournaments for 2022-23 season.

This was stated by Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA while reviewing arrangements for JKCA's Talent Hunt programme to be followed by tournaments in different age groups for both men and women.

"As already circulated Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association will be holding first of its kind 'Talent Hunt Programme' from May 6, 2022, which will be followed by a series of tournaments in various age groups for men and women, to begin with Under-19 girls tournament from May 15, 2022. There was a custom, system or you may call it a practice that some prominent players used to attend the nets straightway for final selection. And that custom needs to be stopped once and for all. This time no player will be selected without participating in JKCA's domestic tourney. Participation of players in domestic tournament is mandatory for selection," informed Brig Gupta.

He said that for bringing transparency in selection and making the system healthier, you need to take such steps, adding that J&K Senior Women's team created history this season by qualifying for the knockouts in One-Dayers and winning five out of six matches in T20s only after providing congenial atmosphere to perform and quality facilities to excel.

"JKCA is committed to promote cricket culture and improve standard of this gentleman's game," added Brig Gupta.

SMVDU's student secures AIR 68 in GATE-2022

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KATRA: Vedant Goswami, a 3rd year CSE Graduate student, at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has secured the AIR 68 Rank in Computer Science Stream in the recently announced results of GATE-2022 "It was a very overwhelming moment for me and my family", rejoiced Vedant.

Goswami is looking forward to enhancing his skills and joining IIT Bombay." Prof. R.K. Sinha, the Vice-Chancellor, congratulated the student and wished him a bright future ahead.

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Inter-school zonal level tournament of Bishnah gets underway



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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BISHNAH: The Inter-school zonal level Tournament for Boys and Girls U-14 and U-17 years in the discipline of chess, carom, Badminton and wrestling (boys only) was

organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Zone Bishnah at Anant Vidya Kender, here on Thursday.

The programme was organised under the guidance of District Youth

Services and Sports Officer Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma and overall supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer Bishnah, Surbjeet Kour.

The chief Guest present during the competition was

Madhu Sharma, Principal Anant Vidya Kender Kanhal. The matches were officiated by all the PEM, PET, ReK and NYCs of zone Bishnah.

Zonal Physical Education officer Bishnah appreciated

the efforts of the field staff members for their efforts and encouraged participants to participate in various school games.

In all, 170 participants participated in different games in the tournament.

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JAMMU: In the valedictory address, Prof Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister and the Speaker, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, who was Chief Guest on the occasion extended his views regarding the contributions of Maharaja Ranbir Singh and how the Dogra History needs to be revisited.

He also extended his congratulations to Prof. Suman Jamwal and Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal for the successful conduction of the seminar.

The valedictory address was presented by Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, former Vice-Chancellor, H.P. Central University, Himachal Pradesh. The concluding remarks were presented by Rajendra Pawar, Director, NIIT again emphasized the need for the young scholars to come forward and reconstruct the history of the

region. Dr. Versha Gupta extended a formal vote of thanks. Earlier, the session was opened by Prof. Suman Jamwal who welcomed all the dignitaries and extended thanks to them for sparing their valuable time for the seminar. Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal gave an overview of the presentations that were made during the seminar. Earlier, the first session commences under the Chairperson K.N Pandita at the Brig. Rajendra Singh Auditorium and was enriched by speakers Maj. Gen. Govardhan Singh Jamwal, Brig. (Dr.) Vijay Sagar Dhimani, Dr. Jitender Kumar, Twinkle Sivach and Dr. Anu Kotwal. The session was an interesting insight into the past of the erstwhile state of J&K. Maj. Gen. Govardhan Singh explained how the Dogra generals were responsible for both extending the frontiers of the state and protecting it by highlighting the events from the cam-



Dignitaries at a seminar held at University of Jammu.

paigns of Gen. Zorawar Singh, Gen. Baj Singh and the role of Brig. Rajendra Singh during the 1947 crisis.

Brig. Dhimani then dwelled on the reign of Maharaja Ranbir Singh and how he was trained under the able guidance of his father Maharaja Gulab Singh. This training shaped his rule and he emerged as an enlightened ruler. The session was then

enriched by the paper of Dr. Jitender Kumar who presented his views regarding the establishment of learning centres in the reign of Maharaja Ranbir Singh. Ms. Twinkle Sivach then dispensed information regarding the legal order during the Maharaja's reign and how it shaped the administration. The session was concluded by Dr. Annu Bala Kotwal who presented a

holistic view of the Maharaja's reign and his struggle against the Residency. The Thirds academic session was chaired by Harbans Singh. The session was started by Dr. Lalit Gupta who presented a study of the Dogra Architecture. Dr. Mahesh Kaul then explained the frontier policy of the Dogra Maharajas and their contribution to securing the frontier of the erstwhile state. Abhimanyu Kumar reflected on the nature of the Himalayan state and explained the idea of a centralized bureaucracy during Maharaja's time. The session was then enriched by the papers presented by the scholars of the History Department Rakhi Sharma, Deepika Bali, Bhawana Sharma and Shubham Singh Sanbhal who spoke on the varying aspects of the Maharaja's reign. It is pertinent to mention here that three parallel sessions were run in the Brig. Rajendra Singh Auditorium, Political

Science Seminar Hall and History Seminar hall respectively. In the Session was chaired by Dr. Rakesh Batabyal, Prof. Yashpal gave a presentation about the making of religious centres in Jammu region. Further, Dr. Hina Abrol also gave an insight into the religious edifices and centres of learning during the Maharaja's reign. Dr. Batabyal then went on to introduce the scholars who presented their views on the various facets of the Maharaja's period. The parallel session held at Political Science Seminar hall was chaired by Dr. Lalit Gupta. The session was special as it particularly included the papers from the young regional scholars who drew the attention of the audience towards the economic, social, cultural and political contributions of Maharaja Ranbir Singh. The last and third parallel session held at the Department of History Seminar Hall was chaired by Twinkle Sivach.