Bhagat inaugurates VLSI Himalayan Chapter of Northern India at IIT-J

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JAMMU: In a landmark achievement in the field of Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) of microchips and manufacturing, Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology, Saurabh Bhagat, on Sunday Himalayan inaugurated Chapter of Northern India in HT, Jammu.

Saurabh Bhagat informed that this new chapter of VLSI Himalayan Chapter would provide an opportunity for IIT, Jammu, to be the fulcrum in research on VLSI, being used extensively in all computing and control devices like mobiles, cameras, automobiles, drones etc. The Northern Chapter shall cater to all R&D Universities, Institutions, IITs, NITs and

IISc of states like J&K, Leh,

HP and others to engage in

the research and joint pro-

Commissioner Secretary

apprised that Jammu & Kashmir has emerged as top performer among all the UTs and the North-Eastern States in the ranking of States on Support to Start-Up Ecosystems. He revealed that states and Union Territories have been classified into five categories including best performers, top performers, leaders, aspiring leaders and emerging start-up ecosystems. Jammu and Kashmir, which has been clubbed with UTs and the North-Eastern states including those having less than one crore population, has emerged as top performer while Meghalaya as

best performer, he added. Pertinently, the Jammu and Kashmir government released a thorough start-up



Comm Secy, Science & Technology, Saurabh Bhagat amd others releasing a broucher.

policy in 2018 with the goal of supporting and nurturing establishment of at least 500 new start-ups in J&K over the course of the following ten years. In the past few years, 84 start-ups have been established in J&K.

The rankings are based on the initiatives taken up to develop start-up ecosystem for promoting budding entrepreneurs. The exercise is aimed at supporting states

Mizoram and Ladakh. They and Union Territories (UTs) in developing their start-up were evaluated across seven ecosystem and learning from reform areas consisting of 26 each other's best practices. action points, ranging from States and UTs in the aspirinstitutional support, fostering leaders' category including innovation, access to ed Chhattisgarh, Delhi, market, incubation and Madhya Pradesh,

funding support. Rajasthan, Chandigarh. Saurabh Bhagat divulged Puducherry and Nagaland. that Jammu and Kashmir According to the ranking, administration is working to the emerging start-up encourage start-ups and fosecosystems category includter innovation thereby created Andhra Pradesh, Bihar. ing job opportunities in

economic graph of the Union Territory. "Endeavoring to accomplish this stupendous task, J&K government is focusing on sectors such as food processing, agriculture, renewable energy, handicrafts and handloom by vigorously promoting start-ups in these vital sectors", he Terming start-ups as game

abundance besides raising

changer towards economic growth. Commissioner Secretary said the government is determined to provide incubation and seed funding support to brilliant ideas and solutions. "Our aim is to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and start-ups in J&K and the synergies between industrial and academic establishments which will encourage and empower young innovators and boost

private investment in startups", he maintained. this

 ${\bf Memorandum}$

Understanding (MOU) was also signed between the J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council, a scientific organization under the aegis of Science & Technology Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir and Institute of Technology (HT), Jammu, Both the organizations will identify the cutting edge technology for development of incubation and innovation ecosystem in various institutes of J&K bridging the research and academic gap in technical institutes of J&K, setting up of capacity development centre on ESDM and VLSI

interest and largely which are relevant to the well being of people of J&K.

On the occasion, Professor Dr. Manoj Gaur, Director, IIT, Professor Laxmidhar Behara, Director, IIT, Mandi, Chitra Hariharan, Strategy Head, Intel, Dr. Satya Gupta, President, VLSI Society of India, Rajeev Khashu, Director (Government Affairs), Texas Instrument, Bangalore. Nishit Gupta, Director, Meity, GoI, senior faculty members of IIT, Jammu, delegates from other Universities, students of various schools were present.

During the interactive session, Sanjay Kharoo, Joint Director, S&T Department highlighted the mandate of the department with regard to the promotion of Science, Technology & Innovation.

Monghall hamlet in Kashmir comes alive with sports activities held by J&K Sports Council

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SRINAGAR: The J&K Sports Council in its reach out to the far-off areas conducted sports activities in the Monghall area of South Kashmir where people from different walks of life thronged the play field all day, on Sunday.

Many senior citizens including men and women assembled in the play field and participated in many traditional sports activities The participants accompanied by their family members which included a good number of kids who enjoyed the activities to the

The event kicked-off with a cricket match between local teams, followed by volleyball match of the players from the area. The center of attraction however remained the "Tug of War" for all age categories from young kids to veterans.

Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul interacting with children.

Athletic race for all the participants was also organized at the venue under different age categories.

The Director General Budget, Mohammad Yaqoob Itoo presided over the function as the guest of honour and appreciated both the organizing body J&K Sports Council for reaching out to the far-flung areas of J&K and equally applauded all the participants who had turned in large numbers for

Itoo said that the presence of senior citizens is commendable as they have sent a loud message that sports should not be associated with young people only and they are equal stakeholders. Appreciating the role of

J&K Sports Council for putting serious efforts and connecting citizens to the sports even in remote areas is appreciable, he added.

Addressing the partici-

pants at the venue, Nuzhat Gull Secretary of the J&K Sports Council said that sports is a sole mean to maintain healthy and welldisciplined lifestyle, adding that it is equally and excellent stress buster that keeps us away from the health hazard activities and has played a major role in combating the evil effects of

drug abuse. She also said that Sports Council in its pursuit to encourage healthy life style shall follow with more such events in future in other areas of South Kashmir and elsewhere in J&K.

Sports is for everyone and we should all benefit from it, J&K government aims to provide equal opportunities to all and excel in sports regardless of age or gender restrictions, Gull added.

The senior citizens sports vertical has been added to

the sports reach out programme on the directions of Chief Secretary of J&K, who is very keen to see veterans engaging in the sports and propagating the benefits of sports among young who are falling prey to substance abuse, Nuzhat Gull said while concluding.

Playing kits and refreshments were distributed among the participants. The Secretary Sports Council and Director General Budget also dedicated one motorized ground roller for the Monghall play filed in addition to the announcement of necessary civil works in the ground to make it fit for round the year sports activities.

The event was organized by J&K Sports Council as part of the government's special initiative under "Har Din Khel, Har Ek Ke Liye Khel" vertical.

Soham wins Open Rapid Chess title

at IIT, Jammu besides work-

ing on Robotics Technology,

Artificial Intelligence (AI)



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Star J&K player, Soham Kamotra won with ease the 1st Amar Ujala Rapid Championship which was organised by Jammu District Chess Association at Hotel Nek, here today.

In total, 36 players participated in this day-long event, sponsored by Amar Ujala Group of Newspapers. A good number of young players played very well surprising their seniors and experienced participants, a handout issued here today men-

ASN School holds Orientation-cum-Interaction Programme

Sumit Grover got second position while Pangotra remaned third.

Ashwina Raina got best female trophy while SP Sharma declared best veteran participant. Panache Gupta presented with the best Under-15 award while Gurfateh Singh declared best in Under-11 group.

Editor in chief of Amar Ujala J&K, Randeep Vashisht distributed cash prizes worth Rs.10,000 among the winners. He also expressed his desire to organ-

ise more such events in future also.

Also present on the occasion were president All J&K Chess Association, Atul Kumar Gupta, vice president, Baldev Raj, Vikas Nanda, Ravi Kumar Sharma and Arvindu Sharma Arvindu Sharma conducted all the matches with Swiss software as per latest FIDE

Meanwhile, All J&K Chess Association thanked Amar Uiala management for providing a platform to the Chess players.

Fire Service Week

Awareness about fire hazards imparted on day-2, Volleyball matches held on day-3



Participating Volleyball teams posing for a photograph at Jammu on Sunday.

JAMMU: The awareness about fire hazards and preventive measures were the main activities held on day-2, while conduct of Volleyball matches were the main highlights of day-3 of the ongoing Fire Service Week, being organised by the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Service across the UT of J&K, under the guidance of its Director, Alok Kumar,

A fleet of Firefighting vehicles of Fire Emergency Services marched throughout the cities vesterday and a team of officers headed by Kiran Ji Raina, Incharge FES Station City made elabthrough PA systems during the march to make general masses aware about Fire hazards and preventive measures.

Moreover, 16th Inter-Command Volleyball matches were held under the supervision of Command Officer Kathua and Jammu today, wherein the teams from Jammu Range took part.

In the final volleyball match, Rajouri outplayed Jammu by 2-1.

Earlier, in other matches played today, Samba/Kathua drubbed Udhampur, Rajouri/Poonch prevailed the better of Kathua

Similarly, the matches were held in Kashmir division also and the winner of the final match of Kashmir division will lock horns with the winner of finals of Jammu division at MA Stadium in Jammu tomorrow.

Apart from cricket finals, a free health checkup camp shall also be held at Fire Station Roop Nagar Jammu.

These programmes are being held in connection with Fire Service Week (14th to 20th April-2023) under the overall command and control Alok Kumar(IPS), Director Fire & Emergency

Strong belief system and proper guidance keys to success: Ritesh

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: ASN Higher Secondary School, Channi Himmat, Jammu held Orientation-cum-

Classes 1st to 10th. P.B Kapoor, Managing Director and Principal of the School was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Ritesh Kapoor, Administrator of the school

Interaction Programme for

the parents of classes from

session with the parents. He said that the goal of the orientation programme was to ensure the parents are at ease about the new pattern and examination scheme.

conducted the interactive

"We need to have a strong belief system and proper required in reaching our goal. Success can only be possible after failures and fail itself means first attempt in learning so never be disappointed with failures rather learn from mistakes and failures to



A girl student lighting ceremonial lamp

He also presented a presentation highlighting the entire school curriculum, schedules, examination school calendar and various activities and programmes the school conducted on time.

The programme started with lighting of traditional lamp followed by a welcome address presented by the Overall House Incharge of School Vandana $_{
m the}$ Trehan.

Afterwards a welcome song was also presented by the orientation highlighting the significance and pressure a child witness may witness during their schooling and examina-

Sukhvinder Kour laid emphasis on the role of parents and teachers in reducing stress and how to use the potential of a child to generate maximum output. During the program it was quoted that "Never compare your child" with anyone else as it may create the feeling of alienation and output will not be pos-

attires and Presented Punjabi

Jakiians learnt the signifi-

cance of the festival through a

short story and captivating

Children witnessed a skit

presented by jakians to high-

light the hard-work that

takes place in growing food

and further learnt to appre-

ciate it by not wasting any

Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah

expressed, "Baisakhi is a time

to celebrate the vibrant

colours of nature and the

beauty of life. May the fra-

grance of flowers and the

sound of Bhangra fill your life

with happiness and joy . Let's spread love, happiness and

The Principal conducted a

of JKPS

food.

Principal

Gidda and Bhangra.

Spotlight was thrown on the importance of teamwork between teachers and parents to help children achieve the desired goals for a better academic year.

Pankaj Jasrotia, English Teacher laid stress on skill based education and highlighted that latest and modern techniques for sure are helping hands for competing in the world and open market but our traditional methods of education will always be a boon to success.

She said we need to have proper time management for our day utilization and at the same time parents also need to understand the ground reality of becoming an equal responsible factor in a child's

growth and development. The parents were able to acquaint themselves with the environment their child was in. The Parents and teachers got a chance to interact as well.

The programme was superbly compared Teacher of the School

The programme closed with a vote of thanks presented by Bhupinder Kour followed by the National

8th Mr & 3rd Miss J&K Championship 2023 held



Winner of 8th Mr. J&K Championship receiving trophy.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: 8th Mr. and 3rd Miss J&K Championship 2023 was organised by J&K State Amateur Body Building Association (JKSABBA) at Police Auditorium, Gulshan Ground, here on Sunday.

The championship was organised under the aegis of chief patron Sahil Aggarwal who is also National Executive vice president of IBBFF and Chairman Ajay Pargal.

Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma and Dy Mayor Baldev Singh Ballawaria were present during the

Speaking on the occasion, Kavinder Gupta stressed upon youth of Jammu to take up sports in general and especially body building in particular as it helps in keep-

ing them healthy and away from the menace of drugs and violence. They also appreciated the role of JKSSABA for the successful organizing the event and also promised their full support in their future endeavours.

The winners of 7th JKSABBA in various categories will participate in national level events such as Mr India.

Rhubham Sharma emerged as overall champion while Isha Singh win title of Miss Fitness, and in Junior Mr J&K Ankit Sharma stood 1st, Mr. Classique was won by Rhubham Sharma and Men's Physique Title went to Harish Sharma.

Sponsor Partners for the event were Baniya Super Market, Shivya Ayurveda, JKP, J&K Tourism, White Gold, Alphafuel and Fashion Secret.

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Baisakhi with fervour cladded in traditional Punjabi



Glimpses of Baisakhi celebrations at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Baisakhi-It is not just a harvest festival, it is a celebration of life, love, and

Keeping up the festive spir-

it alive, JK Public School (JKPS) Panitirthi celebrated the harvest festival of Baisakhi with great zeal and

Jakiians organised a com-

munity fair displaying the delicious Punjabi cuisine including traditional Lassi, Chhole Bhature handicraft stall, eatable stall and bangles

The audience got drenched into the festive mood as the fair brought the little jakiians closer to the dazzling beauty of the Indian culture.

Jakiians sang cultural song

as bright as sun, as cool as water and as sweet as honey.' To commemorate the celebration of Spring festival, The children

worded ,"Baisakhi comes up

came forward

quiz based on the celebration and jakiians confidently responded to the questionnaire and got applauded by one and all.

positivity all around."