

Swimming Pool opened at JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: Swimming is a good physical activity as it keeps one's heart-rate fit, builds endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness besides taking off stress.

JK Public School, Kunjwani witnessed a grand opening of 'Aquatic Meet' on Thursday in swimming pool area of the school.

The event was graced by the presence of Chairman JK Educational Society Raj Dahuja as the Chief Guest.

The other dignitaries present on the occasion included Director JK Educational Society Shashi Choudhary, Principal Rajesh Rathore, Vice Principal Roopinder Kour; School Coordinator Inderjeet Kour, Coordinator of Toddlers' World Shivangini Pandotra and parents as special guests.

The event began with welcome song by the school choir, the dignitaries stepped forward for Pooja of the pool which was followed by the School Song.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore welcomed the Chief Guest, dignitaries and parents with his address.



Glimpses of opening ceremony of Swimming Pool at JK Public School Kunjwani.

He thanked the magnanimous management for providing excellent infrastructure to students for their overall development.

He also lauded the unstinted support of parents, who respond very positively whenever they are

invited to the school.

He congratulated all students for their participation in the event, without caring for victory or failure, as it is the participation that matters. He encouraged students to rise-up, start fresh and see bright opportunity

each day, as every goal can be achieved with dedication and hard work.

Thereafter, the Chief Guest, Raj Dahuja, formally declared the Aquatic Meet open.

The swimming pool wore a festive and colourful look

during the Aquatic Meet. The young swimmers of various age group of J K Public School showcased their talent in the swimming event 'Boys Free Style' and 'Girls Free style'.

The event witnessed a display of beautiful sports-

manship as swimmers dove into the inviting water, making their way through the length of the pool.

There were moments of breath-taking sporting ability as some swimmers easily outstripped others in the lanes next to them. The clappers

and splashes echoed throughout the pool area with enthusiastic swimmers diving in and coming out of the pool.

The junior and senior wing demonstrated their virtuosity through 'Aquatic Dance', which enthralled the audience.

Parents also praised the under-roof swimming pool of the school, which is the only one in the entire State.

The event culminated with formal vote of thanks by Vice Principal Roopinder Kour, followed by recitation of the National Anthem.

Former Champion India bags silver in 6th World Cup Rollball C'ship

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JAMMU: The Kenyan men team defeated India 7-4 in the final to win the 6th World Cup Rollball Championship at the Sri Shiv Chatrapati Stadium in Mhalunge, Balewadi Pune in Maharashtra.

In the previous World Cup, India won the title by defeating same side of Kenya. In this match, however, Kenya avenged the defeat by winning over India.

At the interval, the Kenyan team had taken a two-goal lead at 4-2. Griffins scored three, Bonface two and Moses and Brian added a goal each for Kenya. From India, Sachin Saini (two), Aditya Sutar and Akash Ganeshwade were the scorers.

In the prize distribution function, Chandrakantada Patil, Guardian Minister of Higher and Technical Education was Chief Guest,



Indian team after receiving silver medal and runner-up trophy posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

who presented the title trophy to the men's champion and other position holders. On this occasion, former Mayor of Pune Muralidhar Mohol, BJP City President

Jagdish Mulik, State BJP General Secretary Dheeraj Ghate, Entrepreneur Puneet Balan, Indian Rollball Association's Chairman Suryakant

Kakade, Asian Rollball Association's President S. S. Roy, Indian Rollball Association's President Manohar Kant, Vice President Manoj Yadav,

Secretary Chetan Bhandwalkar, Maharashtra Rollball Association President Sandeep Khardekar, Father of Rollball Raju Dabhade and

other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, Senegal beat Latvia 8-5 in the third place match. In the semi-finals,

India defeated Senegal 10-07. At the interval, India had taken a two-goal lead of 5-3. For India, Akash Ganeshwade scored three goals while Mihir Sane and Sachin Saini contribute two each. Srikanth Sahu, Aditya Sutar and Harshal Ghuge scored one goal each. Mouhamet scored six goals for Senegal. In the second semi-final, Kenya beat Latvia 14-1.

Earlier, Indian women team finished third. Important to mention here that two J&K women, Khushi Gupta and Ruhi Rajput were part of bronze winning Indian team. As also the coach of silver winning Indian men team, Madhu Sharma also belongs to Jammu.

GDC Kunjwani organises awareness programme on SVEEP



GDC Kunjwani faculty and students during a programme.

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JAMMU: Literary Committee of GDC Kunjwani in collaboration with District Election Office Jammu, JK (UT) on Thursday organized an Awareness Programme on SVEEP (Voter Education and Electoral Participation) under the ages of Special Summary Revision 2023.

The aim of the programme was to aware the youngster who are eligible for voting about the process of online registration and other election related documentation

and process. The programme was carried out under the guidance of Dr Arti Pandoh Gupta, Principal of the College and Dr Neeru Sharma, Convener Literary Committee, Dr. Ashaq Hussain and Dr. Manoj Heer and Narinder Sharma.

Darshan Lal Sharma has briefed the students about the Special Summary Revision 2023 and demonstrated the process of online registration for voter card. It was followed by a pledge.

AJKCA elects Baldev as new President



AJKCA office bearers posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) elected senior member and businessman, Baldev Raj as new president in an election meeting which held at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Stadium, Srinagar.

The elections of the AJKCA took place under the supervision of Musbat Ismail, Deputy

Legal Remembrance of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), reports reaching here informed. The members of the Association made outgoing president and former J&K Champion, Atul Kumar Gupta as Working President. Mohd. Farooq Dhar was elected as Senior Vice President and Arshid Ahmad Kohli as General Secretary.

Kuljeet Singh Janwal and Shabnum Kounsar have been made vice presidents while Parminder Kumar and Ishad Ahmad Mir made Organising Secretaries. Similarly, Khalid Anin appointed Senior Joint Secretary and Rakesh Sachotra as Joint Secretary. The post of financial advisor went to A.R. Wani while Arvind has been made coordinator and Ankush Kumar as Press Secretary. Parvez Sajjad elected to the post of Treasurer of the Association.

Qazaq Kures trials on April 30

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JAMMU: Qazaq Kures Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold selection trials for the upcoming Senior National Championship to be held at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara in Punjab from May 5 to 8, 2023.

The selection trials shall take place at Khel Gaon Nagrota, here on April 30 from 9:00 AM onwards, a handout issued by the Association here on Thursday informed.

Those interested eligible players have been advised to contact general secretary, Romesh Chander Sharma (7006339121) and Atul Sharma (7889595609).

Progress on establishment of clusters in Jammu Div reviewed

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JAMMU: Vice Chairperson, J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat, on Thursday reviewed progress on establishment of clusters in Jammu division under Scheme of Funds for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI).

The meeting was attended by Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, Farrukh Qazi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Schemes), Muzaffar Abdul Nasir Allaqaband, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Jammu Division, Tilak Raj and other senior officers of KVIB besides representatives from SKUAST Jammu (Technical Agency), J&K ITCO and Implementing Agencies of Masterjee Beekeeping Cluster Samba and Banihal Beekeeping Cluster Ramban.

It was informed in the meeting that three Beekeeping Clusters including Masterjee Beekeeping Cluster district Samba, Kailashkund



Vice Chairperson, JK KVIB, Dr. Hina Shafi Bhat chairing a meeting.

Sudhmahadev Beekeeping cluster district Doda and Banihal Beekeeping Cluster district Ramban are being established in the division with a project cost of Rs. 4.08 crore. Vice Chairperson enjoined upon all stakeholders to put in coordinated efforts in getting these clusters functional at an earliest. She reiterated that by making the clusters operational, more than 600 beekeepers associated with these clusters will be benefitted. Further, she asked the Implementing Agencies and Technical Agency to ensure organization of all the leftover programmes

(Training Programmes, Awareness Programmes) under Hard and Soft intervention during the month of May 2023 so that the clusters can be made functional. Secretary/CEO, J&K KVIB, highlighted that the objective of the cluster is to organize the traditional industries and artisans into clusters so as to make them competitive, provide support for their long term sustainability and enhance marketability of such clusters by providing support for new products, design intervention, improved packaging and also improvement of marketing infrastructure.

LG inaugurates 224 flats for PM Package employees at Odina Bandipora



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurating newly constructed residential transit accommodations at Bandipora.

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BANDIPORA: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the newly constructed 224 residential transit accommodations for PM Package employees, on Thursday at Odina Bandipora. On the occasion, the Lt Governor said that the sincere efforts are being made to fulfil the commitment of Government of India and to provide residential accommodations to all employees by next year. Replying to a question on the revival and promotion of Jammu Kashmir as preferred Film-shooting destination, the Lt Governor said the golden era of 80s is making a comeback to the valley. Last year, more than 300 movies were filmed in J&K. More film-makers are coming to Jammu Kashmir will strengthen the economy, provide employment and livelihood opportunities to locals and bring prosperity, he added.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and other senior officials, besides PRI members and large number of people were present.

PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar holds pledge-taking ceremony on 'Say Yes to life, No to Drugs'

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JAMMU: Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan Committee (NMBAC) and NSS Unit -1 of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev (PSPS) Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, on Thursday organised a Pledge taking Ceremony wherein 83 students/volunteers and faculty took the pledge on the theme 'Say Yes to life, No to Drugs'. The programme started with the welcome address by Prof Rashmi Kumari, Convenor NMBAC. The College Principal, Prof Menu Mahajan, in her address, emphasised that drug abuse not only affects a person's physical and mental health but also has a negative impact on their relationships, education, career, and overall well-being.

She stressed upon organizing such events in the college on regular intervals as these can play a significant role in creating a drug-free society and promoting a healthy and productive lifestyle. She also applauded the initiatives taken by the organising team of NMBAC and NSS Unit -1 for creating the awareness on drug abuse amongst the students.

Prof. Mala Bhasin, NSS Program Coordinator Cluster University Jammu, also stressed upon the need to educate people, especially young individuals, about the dangers of drug abuse and encourage them to make positive and healthy choices.

Prof Sugandha Mahajan, NSS Programme officer Unit 1 read out the pledge. Prof Mamta Gupta, Prof Anupama Sharma, Dr Suraj Mohani, Prof Paramjeet Singh, Prof Swarn Singh and Prof Kusum were also present.



Student and faculty members taking pledge.

IIM Jammu inks MoU with IE University Spain to reinforce global footprint

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the internationally renowned IE University, Spain. The MoU was signed by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Maria-Eugenia Marin, Vice-Provost, Global Academic Partnerships and Alliances, IE University, Madrid, Spain.

Prof. B.S. Sahay happily announced the collaboration of IIM Jammu with IE University, Spain to reinforce the global footprint and advance excellence in teaching and research at IIM Jammu. This will be marked as a positive step toward absorbing the best practices in research and teaching from the best B-Schools in the world. According to him, these collaborations are a vital part of IIM Jammu's international endeavors, and these will be helpful in fostering the advancement in teaching, research, and cultural understanding as well as the international reputation of both the institutes through student, and faculty exchange, executive education, and research programs. India is a fast-growing economy; this collaboration is acting as a great opportunity for both the Institutes and countries.

Sharing her views, Maria-Eugenia Marin, Vice-Provost, Global Academic Partnerships and Alliances, IE University, Spain reiterated that the collaboration between IE University, Spain, and IIM Jammu is firmly grounded on a common vision of the role of higher education institutions in developing global leaders equipped with an entrepreneurial mindset, a holistic perspective of the world, and an understanding of the importance of a life-long learning journey.

The collaboration aims to foster advancement in teaching, and cultural understanding, as well as the International Reputations of both Institutions through the exchange of postgraduate students, faculty members, and academic information and materials; the organization of joint corporate training programs, joint research programs, joint conferences; Executive Education Programs, and other academic exchanges that both Institutes agree to.

The MoU Signing was coordinated by Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Chairperson, International Relations, and Dr. Somu Gorai, Co-Chairperson, International Relations, IIM Jammu.