

JK Public School Kunjwani celebrates Ramnavmi with festive fervour



Glimpses of Ramnavmi celebration at JK Public School Kunjwani on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: JK Public School Kunjwani celebrated the festival of Ram Navami which is considered to be one of the most auspicious Hindu festi-

vals in India. It is celebrated on the last day of Chaitra Navaratri. A special assembly was conducted to mark the birth anniversary of Maryada Purushottam Lord

Shri Ram. The celebrations began with an informative talk that highlighted the descent of Vishnu avatar of Lord Rama on earth, who is considered

to be one of the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu. Lord Rama is believed to be an ideal human being and a symbol of truth, righteousness, and virtue. He is also

known for his bravery, courage, and devotion to his duty. Then a melodious hymn was sung in the praise of Goddess Durga by the stu-

dents which reverberated the atmosphere of the school with positivity. Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore also shared his views on the exemplary

life journey of lord Rama and motivated students to follow the path of humility, truthfulness and sincerity. The purpose of celebrating the festival was to familiarize

the students with our rich culture, heritage and traditions. The students participated enthusiastically and the assembly was enjoyed by all.

Cementing his place in IPL, Samad shows signs of making it to Team India

*Bags Best Striker award, plays a vital role in SRH wins

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JAMMU: A murderous onslaught he certainly is, a scalp hunter he surely is, hungry for runs and success is obviously is, but mean, he simply is not.

He is Abdul Samad, son of a Physical Education Master, Mohammad Farooq, who himself was a good club cricketer and a national Volleyball player of great repute.

One of the greatest hitters of the ball J&K has ever produced, Samad, after cementing his place in the Indian Premier League (IPL), is showing the signs of making it to Team India with his maturity, good temperament and explosive batting.

Samad who hits the ball with fluidity, power, grace, elegance and brilliance scored a thunderous rather murderous 10-ball 37 runs with 4 fours and 3 sixes with a strike rate of 370 against RCB on the other day to bag the Best Striker Award, thus keeping



the flag of the Union Territory high at the national scene.

As a member of Playing XI in all the six matches played by SRH so far in the season,

Samad, coming in at lower middle-order, played his role as an explosive batter, hitting 11-ball 15 against KKR, 14-ball 29 against Gujarat Titans, 12-ball 25 against Punjab Kings and 10-ball 37 versus Royal Challengers Bangalore.

"He is simply a class act when on song and butchers the bowlers with his power, punch and utmost timing. However, I reckon, he should get ample opportunity to bat in the top order to serve his cause and the cause of the team as well. SRH Management needs to give it a thought," said one of the JKCA coaches on the condition of anonymity.

Samad has the distinction of hitting 63 sixes in 23 First Class matches, far ahead of the explosive India batter Surya Kumar Yadav's 56 sixes in 82 Ranji Trophy matches.

Moreover, middle-order batter Samad has slammed

four First Class centuries, with power-packed 71-ball ton against formidable Madhya Pradesh in the recent Ranji Trophy match at International Holkar Stadium, Indore, besides hitting a century each against Assam at Jammu in 67 balls, against Jharkhand at Ranchi in 63 balls and against Pondicherry in 68 balls.

He has always been an impact player and his explosive instinct, at any point of time can change the complexion of the game.

At the domestic circuit, Samad has played 23 First Class matches and scored 1217 runs at an average of around 40, besides scoring runs at an average of 24 and 30 in 23 List A (One-Dayers) and 73 T20 matches respectively, with a healthy strike rate in all three formats. Ready to serve the nation if given a chance.

Reasi gets Weightlifting equipment



President J&K Weightlifting Association J&K, Harbajan Singh and General Secretary, Yudhvir Singh declaring open the training centre.

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REASI: Jammu and Kashmir Weightlifting Association on Tuesday opened the training facility within the Indoor Complex of J&K Sports Council at Sports Stadium, here.

The complete training facility was handed over to the manager of the Indoor Complex by the J&K Association in the presence

of District Reasi Association president, Gurnmaz Singh.

Earlier, President J&K Weightlifting Association J&K, Harbajan Singh and General Secretary, Yudhvir Singh declared open the training centre with the sole aim to promote the game in district Reasi.

Besides Manager Sports Stadium, Reasi, Dalbir

Mehta, coaching and ground staff was also present.

Important to mention here that to promote the game of weightlifting in left out pockets of the country, the Weightlifting Association of India provides equipment through State/UT Associations to such places so as to boost the prospects of the game.

Humanity Public School celebrates Ramnavmi



Humanity Public School students reciting a Bhajan during Ramnavmi celebration.

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SAMBA: The students of the Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana, celebrated the festival of 'Ramnavmi' with festive fervour.

The nine-day Chaitra Navratri festival concluded with a Special Assembly in the premises in the presence of School Principal Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal Anku Charak and Incharges of distinguished wings -Akashdeep

Raina (Senior Incharge), Prasad Singh (Incharge Hr. Sec. Wing), Namrta Sharma (High Wing Incharge), Vandana Sharma (Incharge Primary Wing), Er. Varinder Kumar (IT Incharge), Shivani Sharma (Coordinator of Pre-Primary Wing), Meenu Khajuria (Activity Incharge) and Mahan Singh (Sports Incharge).

The event started with Aarti and students chanted

hymns in praise of Goddess Durga to mark the occasion. An informative talk presented by Kritika Verma (10th) and Shubam Singhania (11th), whereby the significance of the festival that marks the descent of Vishnu Avatar of Lord Ram on earth was highlighted.

It was followed by poetry recitation by Bharvi (3rd) of the primary wing.

Melodious Bhajans were sung by school choir with reli-

gious fervour. A spectacular spiritual dance performance by girls of the senior wing mesmerized everyone.

The program culminated with traditional Kanya Pujan in the premises, wherein little girls get to play Nav Durga Avatars. Their feet were washed, and they were worshipped with Akshat, flowers, and Roli. Girls receive halwa, gifts, and Dakshina as a part of Hindu sacred rituals.

Vice Principal, Anku Charak wished everyone a prosperous Ramnavmi. She also applauded the efforts of students and teachers for presentation of beautiful performances.

Principal, Gaurav Charak advised everyone to follow the path of truth and honesty. He shared many incidents with students depicting various phases of Lord Rama's life and the importance of fasting during Chaitra Navratri.

Amit chairs meeting on MietY Project, Community Innovation in Ladakh

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LEH: Administrative Secretary of the Information Technology Department, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma on Tuesday chaired a crucial meeting addressing various significant initiatives aimed at fostering technological advancement and community development within the region, in the VC Conference Hall, Leh. The meeting focused on the progressive steps made in the MietY Project of UoL (University of Ladakh) and the Atal Community Innovation Centre, under the aegis of NITI Aayog. Amit emphasized the crucial role these initiatives play in boosting Ladakh towards a technologically empowered and innovation-driven future in the presence of the Vice Chancellor and other stakeholders. Highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts, Amit stressed the need for synergy among academia, administrative bodies, and industry stakeholders to harness the full potential of these projects. Furthermore, it was explored in the Meeting to jointly organize a Disaster Management Workshop tailored to the students of UoL, aiming to equip the youth with essential skills and knowledge to effectively respond to emergencies and mitigate risks. Amit reiterated ensuring the safety and resilience of the local community through such proactive measures. The discussions also covered the vital topic of Hydro-Carbon, exchanging insights on sustainable energy practices and the exploration of renewable energy sources to meet Ladakh's growing energy demands while preserving its pristine environment. Amit Sharma expressed confidence about the trans-



Admin Secy IT, Amit Sharma chairing meeting on MietY Project and Community Innovation in Ladakh.

formative impact of these initiatives and called upon all stakeholders to intensify their efforts in realizing Ladakh's vision of inclusive growth, technological excellence, and sustainable development. The Meeting was attended by Prof. S. K. Mehta, Vice Chancellor, University of Ladakh, Phunchok Paldan Director of NIC Ladakh, Mohit Sharma, Under Secretary, RDD, UT Ladakh, AO, IT Department, Dr Subrat Sharma, Dean Research, UoL, Dr Joldan, Dean Academics, UoL, Showkat Ali, Scientist-B, NIC Ladakh, Dr Mohd Rafee, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce and Management, UT Ladakh, Dr Stanzin Mentok, Assistant Professor, Jignnet Stobdan, Assistant Professor, Konchok, IT Expert, UoL, IT Consultant of IT Department, UT Ladakh and concerned IT Managers.

Sarbat Da Bhalla Hockey Tournament SGPC Amritsar, Bathinda XI, YB Club Sujjanpur, Power House Poonch register wins



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: SGPC, Bathinda XI, YB Hockey Club Sujjanpur and Poonch teams registered wins in the ongoing Sarbat Da Bhalla Hockey Tournament, organized by Sikh Progressive Front at K.K Haku Stadium, here on Tuesday.

In first match, SGPC Amritsar beat Roundglass Hockey Club Chandigarh by 2-1. Karandeep Singh (Goalkeeper of SGPC) was declared Man of the Match.

In second match, Bathinda XI drubbed Vijay

Club Baramulla by 11-1. Aman Thakur of Bathinda XI was adjudged Man of the Match.

In another match, YB Hockey Club Sujjanpur defeated GNN Hockey Club Jammu by 5-0. Sachin Dung was declared as Man of the Match.

Inder Sing Sudan, Ex Corporator was the Chief Guest and Paramjit Singh was the Guest of Honour in the first match, while Er Gurmeet Singh (retd) MD PDD, and former national Player was the Chief Guest and Sumit Gupta MD

Aradhya Aryan Construction was the Guest of Honour of the second match of the day.

Today's last match played between Power House Poonch and Sangar Sales Hockey Club Anantnag in which Power House Poonch won with margin of 14-0. Sawraj Singh of Poonch Club was adjudged as Man of the Match.

Dr Taran Singh, former General Secretary Hockey J&K was the Chief Guest and Indpal Singh former National Hockey player was the Guest of Honour of the

last match.

Others present were Joga Singh former national player, Angad Singh, P.P Singh, M.S Reen, Satinder Pal Singh Banto, Gurdeep Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Bayant Singh former hockey player. Special team of Doctors was deputed by CMO Jammu.

Tomorrow's Fixtures: Kashmir Wanderers V/S Bandu Rakh Club at 9:00 AM; Srinagar XI V/S Khalsa Club Gole Gujral at 3:45 PM; and Power House Poonch V/S J&K Police at 5:45 PM.

Nine days 'Shiv Sahej Yog Sadhna' to commence from May 1

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JAMMU: A nine days mega religious event, 'Shiv Sahej Yog Sadhna' by Sh. Sh. 1008 Rajguru Acharya Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswatiji Maharaj from Sunderbani will commence at R.V. Resorts near Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Railway Line Gagian, Main Road R. S. Pura.

The programme is scheduled for 01 to 09 May, 2024. Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswatiji Maharaj, a divine saint with celestial powers, a social reformer, a Sanskrit intellectual par excellence, a beacon of enlightenment for the masses suffer-

ing from miseries and pain of life has been working for the upliftment of humanity since last three decades irrespective of caste, colour and creed. Besides an Ashram at Sunderbani, Swamiji has also established various educational as well as medical institutes in this Union Territory.

Krishan Lal, Chairman of the management committee told that Swamiji Maharaj will daily bless the devotees by reciting Shiv Puran from 5 pm onwards. The event will witness participation of 1000-1500 devotees on a daily basis from Jammu and Kashmir as well as from across different corners of the country. A grand Shobha

Yatra will also be undertaken on first day of the nine days event. The Yatra will start from Bana Singh Stadium R. S. Pura and after covering main market will finally culminate at R. V. Resort. Besides devotees, this Yatra will be attended by scholars, saints, students, women, Officers/Officials of the administration and VIPs including political personalities. The management committee has made elaborate arrangements for transport, meals and stay of the devotees from outside.

The masses are thus invited to come in large numbers to listen to Swamiji and to get the blessings of Bhagwan Shiva.