

JK Public School Kunjwani celebrates World Heritage Day



Principal JK Public School Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore and students addressing morning assembly on Thursday.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: It's not the honour that you take with you, but the Heritage you leave behind." 18th April is celebrated every year as World Heritage Day. On this occasion of global importance, the students of Grade 8 of JK Public School Kunjwani held a special assembly with great zeal and enthusiasm.

First, an enlightening speech was delivered by Samyra to enhance awareness about the conservation and protection of cultural heritage sites and monuments around the world. It was explained how World Heritage Day which is called The International Day for Monuments and Sites, was proposed by ICOMOS in 1982 and approved by UNESCO in

1983. As this day aims to promote awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage of humanity, their vulnerability and the efforts required for their protection and conservation, so, students expressed the significance of the day. 'Heritage is for Generations', so to sensitize our future generations about the vital role

they can play in preserving of our monuments, another student spoke on how our precious monuments are on the brink of destruction due to the callous attitude of people who fail to understand that destroying monuments is destroying history as these monuments are not just beautiful structures but they also hold secrets of our past, our

traditions and our values. The School Principal, Rajesh Rathore, in his message urged students to preserve monuments and made them aware about the condition of heritage sites in and around our vicinity. He discussed at length the dilapidated condition of Samba Fort. He appreciated the detailed proposal made by the students

to get the work completed under various heads within a stipulated time frame to bring back the lost glory and grandeur of the historical monument. He lauded the students for making their passionate endeavours and for celebrating the day with a noble cause. He also appreciated all the teachers for instilling such social awareness in students.

7th J&K UT & District Men, Women and Master Powerlifting Championship held



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials.

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JAMMU: 7th J&K UT & District Men, Women and Master Powerlifting Championship was organised by Powerlifting Association of J&K affiliated with Indian Powerlifting Federation (IPF) at Indoor Stadium Bhagwati Nagar, here.

ent categories including men, women and master participated. Medal and certificates were distributed among the winners by the Chief Guest, Ex. Mayor Rajinder Sharma and Guests of Honour Rajat Sharma, MD Unique Outsourcing and Mohinder Sharma. The championship was officiated by Sanchit

Kalotra, Surinder Dogra, Ajmer Singh, Sameer Kalotra, Karanjit Singh, Vipul Gupta, Vijay, Dr. Vikram Sathia, Shovit Verma, Himanshu, Varundeep Sharma, Bhawna, Rajat Solan and Rakesh. Vote of thanks was presented by President Amit Dutta and Rakesh Kumar (General Secretary Powerlifting Association of J&K).

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POONCH: Qazikund Spikers and Lambire Panthers won their respective matches making it easy going against their opponents in the day-two scheduled matches of the Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball League being organised under the aegis of Volleyball Association of J&K at Government Degree College grounds, here on Thursday. In the first outing of the day, Qazikund Spikers made it a straight sets win 25-15, 25-23, 25-08 whereas in other scheduled tie Lambire Panthers defeated Poonch Thunders in similar fashions 3:0 (25-18, 25-15 25-19). Young international spiker from J&K, Kartik Sharma remained star



A volleyball match in progress at Poonch.

attraction of the day. In total, eight teams are taking part in this first of its kind professional league in J&K. The technical panel comprised Intizar Husain, Shabir Ahmed, Shafiq Hussain Shah, Akhlaq Ahmed, Nareej Sharma,

Waseem Choudhary and DK Sharma. Meanwhile, the locals of district Poonch appreciated the efforts of Mohd Tariq, Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch for the unique initiative to promote the game of Volleyball.

Bathinda XI, Srinagar XI, YB Club Sujjanpur register wins

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bathinda XI, Srinagar XI and YB Hockey Club Sujjanpur registered wins in the ongoing Sarbat Da Bhalla Hockey Tournament, organized by Sikh Progressive Front at K.K Haku Stadium, here on Thursday.

In the first match, Bathinda XI defeated Power House Poonch by 8-0 goals. Rahul of Bathinda XI was awarded Player of the Match for showing excellent skills and temperament throughout the match. Ajay Gupta Manager K.K Haku Stadium was the Chief Guest of the first match.

Ajay Kumar, SP South City Jammu, graced the event as the Chief Guest, while Kartik Shrotriya, SDPO South, and Inspector Pankaj Sharma were honoured as the Guests of Honour. Prominent persons and volunteers of Sikh Progressive Front present were RS Soodan, Dalvinder Singh, Iqbal Singh, Jasvinder Singh, Harjeet Singh, Bayant Singh, Janak Singh, Satvir Singh Satti (Indian Airforce), Charanjit Singh Ex SDM and Yudshvir Singh Ex Corporator. The tournament is supported by technical delegation of Hockey India and assistance of Anjali Thakur, Jagjit Singh (Coaches of J&K Sports Council), Sonia and Baljit in Kour and Karanjit Singh, Jagjit Singh Youth Services and Sports.

ply was awarded to Kanhiya for his good ball control and power of scoring the goals. Vinod Kumar, Editor in Chief JK Media was the Chief guest and Chanan Singh Toor Head IK Bani Channel was Guest of Honour on the occasion.

The third match of the day between YB Hockey Club Sujjanpur and HFB NCR Sonipat Haryana was indeed a gripping encounter, with both teams putting up a tough fight to score. In the end, YB Hockey Club Sujjanpur managed to clinch victory with a solitary goal, showcasing their determination and skill on the field. Ashutosh, the goalkeeper of YB Hockey Club Sujjanpur, played a crucial role in securing the win and was awarded the title of Player of the Match for his outstanding performance.

has started playing badminton from the age of six years at MA Stadium, Jammu and now he has established his name in top players of the country in both under-15 and under-17 age categories. Shaurya is a trainee of Divum Gupta, Khelo India Mentor and former J&K champion at MA Stadium Jammu.

CWC felicitates J&K shuttler Shaurya

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Promote sports culture among wards of the staffers countrywide, the Central Water Commissioner (CWC) felicitated and encouraged promising badminton player from J&K, Shaurya Pratham.



The Chairman CWC, ex-Officio Secretary to Government of India presented the award to Shaurya during the 79th Foundation Day of CWC at New Delhi. Shaurya, son of Executive Engineering CWC, Rishi Kumar, has excelled in the most competitive game of Badminton at the National level. Shaurya has been All India Rank-13 in Boys Singles (Under-15) in 2023 and All India Rank-IV in Boys Doubles (Under-15) in 2022. He

Weightlifting body establishes Training facility in Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: After district Reasi, the Jammu and Kashmir Weightlifting Association has started an exclusive training centre in district Samba by making the equipment available on the campus of Smart Shishu Nikatan Higher Secondary School, here.



Dignitaries inaugurating training facility at Samba.

"An effort has been made by the Indian Weightlifting Association to take the game to the district level by sponsoring the equipment for J&K also. The aim is to cultivate a culture of fitness and athleticism among the youth

with focus on Olympic event of weightlifting," said General Secretary of the Association, Yudhvir Singh. The equipment included barbel sets (190kg), prototype for beginners, squat stands, jerk stands and benches (all products with mark of Neleo Company). The inauguration ceremony, overseen by Jangveer Singh, Principal of Smart Shishu Nikatan Higher Secondary School, Samba and secretary J&K Weightlifting Association, Samba district in the presence of Ashok Singh (retired

Divisional Sports Officer of J&K Sports Council), Harbhajan Singh (president J&K Weightlifting Association), Yudhvir Singh, Captain Kulbir Singh (president, Samba District Weightlifting Association) and Abhishek (Weightlifting coach). Meanwhile, the youth of Samba expressed gratitude to the Indian Weightlifting Federation, J&K Weightlifting Association and District Samba Weightlifting Association pledging to uphold the sports integrity and strive for excellence.

Shikha Magotra qualifies Ph.D

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Shikha Magotra, daughter of Ram Rattan Sharma and Chander Prabha wife of Abhimanyu Bali has been declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Science and Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) Katra.



The candidate has worked on the topic entitled "Development of Computation Model for Text Segmentation in Takri Script OCR" under the supervision of Dr. Bajinath Kaushik, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, Katra.

of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, Katra and co-supervision of Dr. Ajay Kaul, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU, Katra.

Jodhamal students win medals at SGFI Nationals in Skating

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Four students from Jodhamal School, Ranveer Singh Shaan, Yuvraj Singh, Advitya Sharma, and Tabish Haider Chib, participated in the 67th National Skating Competition, organized by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Satna (Madhya Pradesh) in which Ranveer Singh Shaan and Tabish Haider Chib achieved outstanding results.



In the Under-19 boys category, Ranveer Singh Shaan won one Gold Medal in Speed Inline 500 metre rink-race and two Silver Medals 1000 metre rink-race and 1-lap road race, while in the Under-11 boys category Tabish Haider Chib won one Bronze Medal in 1000 metre race. Their extraordinary talents and tireless efforts have once again brought honours to our School.

With great pride in the students' accomplishments, Trustee Nandan Kuthiala said, "Our students' success in the SGFI skating competition is a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and passion for sports." He applauded their commitment to excellence and congratulated them on their superb performance.

Their exceptional performances demonstrate the School's unwavering support and guidance in addition to their own personal dedication. They also highlight Jodhamal's dedication to developing athletes and encouraging a culture of excellence among its students.

School Director Arati Kuthiala, Principal Girish Kumar, Vice Principal Amita Arora also expressed their sincere appreciation for the students for displaying their abilities in the national competitions.

We are incredibly proud of the accomplishments of our athletes and their dedicated coaches Kamal and Ritish who train these students with a lot of ded-

Punjab Wrestler Chota Sadam lifts 96th Jhajjar Kotli Danggal title



Wrestlers competing in Danggal at Jhajjar Kotli.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Wrestler Chota Sadam of Hossiarpur in Punjab lifted 96th Jhajjar Kotli Danggal Title 2024 by defeating Wrestler Boni of Phagwara in Punjab in a very tough bout at Jhajjar Kotli in District Jammu.

Lakri) were the Guests of Honour.

Winner of 1st malli main bout Chota Sadam was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 55,000 while runner-up wrestler Boni was given cash prize of Rs. 45,000.

Danggal was organized by Jhajjar Kotli Kesarji Danggal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Durga Dass Thappa (President), Om Parkash Dubey (General Secretary) and Nazir Mohd. Members of Danggal Committee who helped for smooth conduct of historic, famous and Vishal danggal included Durga Dass Thappa (President), Om Parkash Dubey (General Secretary), Nazir Mohd, Virender Kumar Khajuria (Bablu), Ajay Kumar Seth, Tara Mani, Vijay Kumar Dubey (Ex.Panch), Satish Kumar Dubey, Rashid Mohd. (Naib Tehsildar), Sanjay Singh, Mustaq Mohd. (Sonu Badola), Pardeep Kumar Singh Wazir, Rajesh Baru, Tarsem Singh, Kala Baru, Dheeraj Singh, Romesh Kumar (EX. Panch) and Mustaq Mohd.

In the second main bout Muneer of J&K Police of Nagrota defeated Jai Bhawan of Rohatak in Harayana. Winner Muneer was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 12,000 while runner-up wrestler Jai Bhawan got Rs. 9,000. Third bout was won by Surjit of J&K Police Reasi who defeated Billu of Hossiarpur. Winner Surjit Singh was awarded with cash prize Rs. 10,000 while runner-up wrestler Billu got Rs. 7,000. Fourth bout was won by Mam Hussian of Domel who defeated Kapil Damma of Delhi.

In all, 34 bouts were played and an expenditure of Rs. 3 lakh has been incurred for conduct of this one day long Danggal. 68 wrestlers from Delhi, Harayana, Punjab, U.P and J&K U.T participated in the Danggal. Bouts were officiated by Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Raj Singh, Krishan Singh and Mustaq Ahmed. SIO Jhajjar Kotli Rakesh Singh was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Shiv Kumar Sharma, former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association presided over the function. Naib Tehsildar Rashid Mohd. and Naresh Kumar (Pappu