

First day assembly marks commencement of promising academic year at JK Public School Kunjwani



Glimpses of first day assembly at JK Public School Kunjwani on Thursday.

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JAMMU: The ambience of JK Public School echoed with enthusiasm & anticipation, as students and faculty members gathered for the inaugural assembly of the academic session 2024-25.

As the sun rose on a new academic year, students were greeted with warmth and excitement, setting the tone for an inspiring journey ahead. Shashi Chaudhary, the esteemed

Director of JK Public School, extended a heartfelt welcome to all students, ushering them into the realm of knowledge and discovery. Rajesh Rathore, Principal JKPS Kunjwani, with his words of encouragement, ignited a spark of enthusiasm in every young mind present over there and motivated them to embark on this academic journey with determination and passion. The special first day assembly

included some do's and don'ts which were explained by Shaveta Khajuria and Munish Gupta, faculty members of JKPS, followed by pledge by Arti Tickoo which was based on how to be resilient and a true student. Also, the unique class nomenclature was introduced by Harneet Kour, namely, Falcon, Galaxy, Kaveri, Maple and Pearl. Indeed, the first day assembly, a cherished tradition at JK Public

School, symbolized the beginning of new session filled with growth, learning, and endless possibilities. The atmosphere was charged with the spirit of learning and camaraderie, as students eagerly embraced the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. From the youngest learners to the seniors, each member of the JK Public School community pledged to strive for excellence and make the most of every learning opportunity.

As the first day assembly drew to a close, the corridors buzzed with excitement, signaling the beginning of a transformative academic year at JK Public School. With a shared commitment to academic excellence and personal growth, students and faculty alike embarked on this journey with optimism and determination, ready to write a new chapter of success and achievement.

Rishabh, Ashutosh crack J&K Civil Services (Judicial) exam

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JAMMU: Bringing laurels for Nagrota assembly constituency and particularly Jandrah village, two youngsters Rishabh K Sharma and Ashutosh Vashishth from the area have cracked the prestigious Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Judicial) examination, results of which were declared on Wednesday. The duo has created history in the area by making an entry into the judicial system of Jammu and Kashmir. Hailing from middle-class backgrounds, their relentless dedication and burning of the midnight oil has been the cornerstone of their success. Previously serving as Prosecuting Officers (POs), they harboured larger aspirations, setting their eyes on the judicial realm and achieved the feat in style. Ashutosh Vashishth's father Kishori Lal Sharma is a former Sarpanch and holds good rapport in the society. Despite having a modest background, Sharma remains committed to social activities and consistently extends a helping hand to needy and underprivileged. Rishabh K Sharma's journey has been



marked by resilience in the face of many ups and downs in his life. Despite encountering numerous challenges, he remained steadfast in his pursuit of excellence, overcoming obstacles to achieve his goal. Father of Rishabh Kumar Sharma, Vinod Kumar Sharma was an educationist and a philanthropist. He ran an educational institution in Jindrah to promote education in the rural area. His mother Madhu Sharma is a house wife. The remarkable achievement of duo has been widely celebrated in the area with people extending their warm wishes to their family members.

T20 Knockout Cricket tournament Friends Club Akhnoor defeats Diamond Club Simbal Camp, lifts trophy

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JAMMU: Friends Cricket Club Akhnoor defeated Diamond Cricket Club Simbal Camp by six wickets in the final and lifted the trophy of T20 Cricket Tournament organised by Range Police Hqrs Jammu under Civic Action Programme 2023-24 under the guidance & directions of DIG JSK Range, Dr. Sunil Gupta-IPS and overall supervision of SO to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch SSP at Jammu University ground, here on Thursday. Bhanu Gupta was declared as Man of the Match for scoring 48 runs and grabbing one



Winner team posing for a photograph with police officers.

wicket in the final. SO to DIG Jammu Rajinder Singh Katoch, SSP welcomed the Chief Guest DIG JSK Range Dr. Sunil Gupta and Special Guest Director Sports & Physical Education Jammu University, Dr. Daud Iqbal

VC JU releases GYANANJALI-a Pioneering Multidisciplinary Research Journal

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JAMMU: The Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu (JU) Prof Umesh Rai on Thursday released the maiden issue of the University of Jammu Journal GYANANJALI, a multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal aimed at fostering academic excellence. GYANANJALI is the first journal in the country giving languages scholars one platform for sharing their research and creativity, along with opening up new avenues for interdisciplinary

efforts have culminated in the creation of a vital platform for academic exchange and enrichment. The launch of GYANANJALI showcases the University of Jammu's commitment to academic excellence and innovation, aligning closely with the objectives outlined in the National Education Policy 2020. Those present during the release of GYANANJALI include Prof. Sucheta Pathania, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. Anupama Vohra, and members of the Editorial Board,



VC JU Prof Umesh Rai and other releasing maiden issue of University of Jammu Journal GYANANJALI.

research in the Faculty of Arts. Prof. Umesh Rai commended the dedication and hard work of Prof. Anupama Vohra, Convener, and the members of the Editorial Board. Their collaborative

including Prof. Shoaib Inayat Malik, Prof. Sushma Devi, Prof. Muhammad Riyaz, Prof. Anju Sharma, Prof. Rajni Bala, Dr. Satyapriya Arya, Dr. Harjinder Singh, Dr. Pritam Singh, and Dr. Padam Dev Singh.

IIM Jammu's first batch of MBA HA & HM achieves 100 pc placements

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu, released its final placement reports for the first batch of the Master's Programme in Hospital Administration and Healthcare Management (MBA - HA&HM)(2022-24) in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu and. The placement scenario at IIM Jammu has been remarkable, with over 56 companies participating in the final placements. The institute has established itself as one of the fastest-growing IIMs, creating a strong presence in the industry. A total of 44 students from the first batch of MBA (2022-24) appeared for the final placements. IIM Jammu witnessed new opportunities emerging as students secured roles in diverse domains including Healthcare Sector; Product Management, Marketing, Consulting, Finance, General Management, Operations, and Supply Chain related to Healthcare and Health Administration. The highest domestic CTC stood at INR 32 LPA, with the top 10 percentile at 21.7 LPA, and the average top quartile CTC at INR 18.76 LPA. The average and median CTC stood at INR 14.01 LPA and 13 LPA, respectively. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, mentioned,

"The 100% placement record for the first Batch of MBA HA & HM underscores the dedication and caliber of our students, along with the rigorous training they receive at IIM Jammu. I extend my sincere appreciation to Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Gupta, Director, AIIMS Jammu and Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director of IIT Jammu, for their invaluable guidance and support, which played a pivotal role in achieving this landmark placement success. This program stands as a unique and pioneering initiative, where three Institutes of national importance - IIM, AIIMS, and IIT - have collaborated synergistically. We at IIM Jammu take pride in their accomplishments and remain steadfast in our commitment to providing them with the finest opportunities for growth and success." Prof. Jabir Ali, Chairperson of Placements at IIM Jammu, emphasized, "The exceptional placements serve as a testament to the outstanding quality of education and talent pool at IIM Jammu. This program stands as a shining example of the objectives set forth in the National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020, wherein three Institutes of National Importance - IIM, IIT, and AIIMS - have joined forces to create a unique and, the first of its kind program in the entire country. We take great pride in witnessing our students excel in

diverse roles across various sectors." Dr. Baljeet Singh, Co-Chairperson of Placements at IIM Jammu, emphasized, "The successful placements for the first Batch not only highlights the trust and confidence that the industry places in our institution but also reaffirm our commitment to maintaining excellence in nurturing future leaders. We remain dedicated to this pursuit and will continue to strive for excellence in all our endeavors." Dr. Harsha Jariwala, Chairperson of MBA HA & HM, stated, "IIM Jammu has solidified its position as a favored hiring destination for top recruiters, owing to the exceptional business acumen and skills exhibited by our students. Our commitment lies in nurturing talent and cultivating industry-ready professionals, especially in the vital domain of Hospital Administration and Healthcare Management." The placement activity was coordinated by Prof. Jabir Ali, Chairperson, Placements, Dr. Baljeet Singh, Co-Chairperson, Placements, and Dr. Atanu Dutta, Placement Officer, along with the Placement Committee and Placement Office at IIM Jammu, ensuring a seamless process for all students from the MBA Hospital Administration and Healthcare Management.

International conference on 'Physics for Sustainable Development (ICPSD-2024)' begins in CUJ

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JAMMU: Two Days International conference on the title "Physics for Sustainable Development (ICPSD-2024)" was inaugurated in Central University of Jammu (CUJ). The conference was organised by the Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest on the occasion while Dr. D. Kanjilal, Former Director IUAC and Prof. H. C. Swart from University of Free State South Africa was the guest of honour. Prof. Arun Bharti from Jammu University was the special guest in this inaugural function. Prof. Sanjeev Jain in his inaugural address emphasised on research and innovation in universities for better growth and develop-



VC CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain receiving memento.

ment of the country. He said that such conferences are always a source of inspiration for the students and faculty. He appreciated the efforts of the Department of Physics in organizing this conference with a large number of delegates coming from different parts of the world. Dr. D. Kanjilal in his keynote address highlighted the contribution of Physics

for the sustainable development of society. He said that it is hoped that the galaxy of intellectuals, experts and faculty members from different institutions would definitely contribute in making this event a memorable one by contributing their research in the said field. Prof. Arun Bharti from University of Jammu while appreciating the efforts of

the Department of Physics in organizing this conference made it clear that research and innovation is the only sustainable source of fast development of the country. Earlier Prof. Vinay Kumar HOD Physics in his welcome address highlighted the achievements of the department. Prof. Suram Singh Convener of the conference spoke about the theme of the conference. Total 150 delegates from all over the world are participating in the conference. Other than oral presentations, poster presentations shall also be there in the conference. A vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Ashish Kumar, organising secretary of the conference. The proceedings of the inaugural function were conducted by Umera Nawaz.

7 JKCA cricketers make it to Zones, NCA this season; few more expected

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JAMMU: Seven talented players of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) including four women and three men, have made it to the North Zone teams and National Cricket Academy (NCA) Camps and a few more are expected to make it to the North Zone squads in the senior men's group. The women cricketers who have made it to the North Zone teams and NCA Camps included Chitra Singh Jamwal, Sarla Devi, Rudrakshi Chib and Ananya Dogra, while the men cricketers who sealed berth in NCA Camps included Hatim Reyaz, Kamaksh Sharma and Mohammad Zaid. Apart from these cricketers, a few cricketers from



senior men's groups are expected to make it to Deodhar or Duldeep Trophy squads. For their consistent performances at the domestic circuit, promising batting all-rounder Chitra Singh Jamwal and ambidextrous bowling all-rounder Salra Devi were picked in the North Zone squad for the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) maiden Senior Women's Inter-Zonal Multi-Day Trophy, which is

going on at Pune. Chitra has produced stellar performances in Senior Women's One-Day and T20 Trophies, besides U-23 One-Day Tournament. She has scored 327 runs in Senior Women's One-Day Trophy, 298 runs in Women's U-23 One-Day Trophy and 148 runs in Senior Women's T20 Trophy, besides taking 8, 9 and 5 wickets in these tournaments respectively. She also took 2 wickets for North Zone in the Inter-Zonal One-

Day Tournament. Sarla took 12 wickets in Senior Women's One-Day Trophy and 7 wickets in Senior Women's T20 Trophy, besides taking 2 wickets for North Zone in Inter-Zonal One-Day Trophy. Sarla has the distinction of representing the North Zone teams already six times and this is the 7th time she will be representing the North Zone squad. Talented batting all-rounder, Rudrakshi Chib has got

the Indian Junior Selectors' nod for undergoing National Cricket Academy (NCA) Camp, scheduled to be held at Ranchi in Jharkhand from April 19, 2024. Rudrakshi has scored 184 runs in the Women's U-19 One-Day Trophy this season including two magnificent half-centuries against formidable Punjab (54) and Hyderabad (54) and has taken 6 wickets with 2 each against Chandigarh and Saurashtra as her best.

For her splendid display of bowling skills in the Women's U-15 One-Day Trophy this season, right-arm medium pacer, Ananya Dogra of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), has been selected by the All India Junior Selection Committee for the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI's) prestigious High Performance Camp to be held at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh. Ananya, has taken 10 wickets

in the five Women's U-15 One-Day Trophy league matches, with 4/20 in 6 overs against formidable Karnataka as her best. Hatim Reyaz, a stylish south-paw and Kamaksh Sharma, wicketkeeper batter of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) have been selected by the Junior National Selection Committee to attend the National Cricket Academy U-19 Elite Camp from April 25, 2024 to May 22, 2024 at Nadiad, Gujarat and Salem, Tamil Nadu respectively, being organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Hatim Reyaz has scored 422 runs with 1 century and 2 half centuries, while Kamaksh Sharma apart from showing excellence behind the wickets—sharp reflexes, anticipation and

a pair of safe hands in business, has scored 279 runs with 3 half centuries. For CC scoring 477 runs in U-16 Boys Vijay Merchant Trophy, talented middle-order batter, Mohammad Zaid of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has been named for National Cricket Academy's (NCA's) prestigious Camp to be held at NCA Bengaluru, under the auspices of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) from April 19 to May 15, 2024. Talented Zaid has scored 477 runs in the ten innings of the five matches in the league phase of the U-16 Boys Vijay Merchant Trophy with four big half-centuries, scoring unbeaten 98 against formidable Karnataka, 92 and 77 against Rajasthan and 86 against strong Delhi.