

Dharmarth Trust celebrates Ram Navmi with religious fervour across J&K

Havan, Sunderkand Path, Vishesh Aarti held at Raghunathji Temple

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JAMMU: The J&K Dharmarth Trust on Friday celebrated the auspicious festival of Ram Navmi with immense religious fervour and devotion at all Ram temples under its management across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The main celebration was held at the historic Shree Raghunathji Temple in Jammu, where a sacred Havan was performed amidst chanting of Vedic mantras. The religious ceremony witnessed the participation of Ranvijay Singh, Trustee, Dr. Ritu Singh along with Dr. P.S. Pathania, President, and Ashok Kumar Sharma, Secretary of the Trust. The Puraan Aahutis were offered with full devotion, followed by a Vishesh Aarti in the sanctum sanctorum of the revered



CS Atal Dulloo along with trust members during the event.

temple.

A massive gathering of devotees thronged the temple premises from early morning, forming long queues to participate in the special Pooja and other spiritual rituals to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Ram.

Adding to the spiritual

grandeur, Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary of J&K, accompanied by his wife, also paid obeisance at Shree Raghunathji Temple on this pious occasion.

Extending his greetings on Ram Navmi, Ranvijay Singh expressed hope that this sacred festival would usher in peace, prosperity, and har-

mony across Jammu and Kashmir. He said, "Festivals like Ram Navmi are an integral part of our glorious cultural heritage. They not only strengthen the bonds of communal harmony but also reinforce our commitment to the values of peace and brotherhood."

Vikramaditya Singh,

Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, in his message, also extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navmi. He emphasized that the life and teachings of Lord Ram continue to inspire generations towards righteousness, compassion, and truth. "Ram Navmi reminds us of the timeless values of Dharma and service to humanity. May this sacred festival bring harmony, strength, and spiritual awakening to all," he said.

Later in the evening, a soulful Sunderkand Path was organized in the temple complex, drawing a large number of devotees. The event concluded with the distribution of Parsad among the attendees, spreading the message of divine blessings and unity.

Asmita Khelo India Women's Pencak Silat League kicks off



Commissioner Secy YSS J&K, Sarmad Hafeez, briefing media.

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SRINAGAR: The Asmita Khelo India Women's Pencak Silat League, a pioneering initiative to promote women's sports in India, was formally inaugurated on Sunday at Sher Kashmir Indoor stadium Srinagar.

The ceremony was graced by guests Commissioner Secretary of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Sarmad Hafeez, Chief Guest, and Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Guest of Honour.

The league, part of the Khelo India program, aims to empower women athletes and foster a culture of sports excellence in the country. The Pencak Silat tournament brings together talented women athletes from across India, providing a platform for them to showcase their skills and compete at a national level.

The event was held under the banner of Sports Authority of India organised by Indian Pencak Silat Federation & Pencak

Silat Association of J&K and under aegis of J&K Sports Council

Sarmad Hafeez emphasized the importance of promoting women's sports and empowering women athletes in India.

Nuzhat Gul highlighted the significance of sports in promoting women's empowerment and overall development.

The ceremony included a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a showcase of Pencak Silat techniques by participating athletes.

The Asmita Khelo India Women's Pencak Silat League is part of the Khelo India program, which aims to promote sports excellence and empower women athletes in India. The league features 17 disciplines, including Pencak Silat, and has seen participation from over 63,000 women athletes in more than 520 competitions.

NSS volunteers of GGM Science College lead 'Save Tawi Campaign' on Ashtami, Ram Navami



Volunteers collecting plastic waste from people at Tawi.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Marking the auspicious occasion of Ashtami and Ram Navami, the NSS Units of Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, undertook a significant environmental initiative titled the "Save Tawi Campaign". Held over two days at the sacred Bikram Chowk Ghat along the Tawi River, the campaign saw the active participation of around 50 NSS volunteers, who engaged in cleanliness drives and awareness

activities focused on conserving the river and its surrounding ecosystem.

The campaign was aimed to highlight the hazards of pollution, especially plastic waste, and its adverse impact on rivers, biodiversity, and public health. Volunteers worked tirelessly to clean the riverbank and engaged with the public, spreading key messages on, Hazards of Plastic Usage, Water Pollution and Its Link to Public Health, Loss of Biodiversity. Due to Pollution besides, importance of Preserving the

Aesthetic and Cultural Value of Natural Resources.

The volunteers were engaged and guided by NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma, who demonstrated commitment and leadership, making the campaign both effective and inspiring. Their proactive involvement encouraged the students and exemplified the values of social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

Adding strength to the cause, Prof. Amit Pal Kour, NSS Coordinator of

Cluster University of Jammu, visited the site to engage with the volunteers. She appreciated their enthusiasm and underscored the essential role of youth participation in ecological conservation. Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, too applauded the initiative, and added that this campaign is a timely and commendable effort that showcases our duty toward environmental protection. It reflects the spirit of community service and sets a benchmark for others to emulate.

Dr. Gupta further added that, the "Save Tawi Campaign" not only instilled environmental awareness among students but also inspired the local community to join the movement for sustainable living. Through such impactful initiatives, GGM Science College continues to champion the values of community engagement, environmental care, and nation-building.

Jodhamal's Harmanjot receives National Youth Award

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JAMMU: Harmanjot Singh, an outstanding student of Jodhamal Public School has been conferred the prestigious National Youth Award by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in the glittering award ceremony held at Parliament House, New Delhi during the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025.

The award was bestowed by Cabinet Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya along with the Minister of State Raksha Khadse.

Harmanjot is the only awardee from Jammu and Kashmir amongst the total 24 awardees selected across India. The award comprises a medal, a certificate and a cash prize of Rs 1,00,000 to individuals.

The award is given to honor the outstanding contributions of young individuals who are making a difference in their communities and beyond. The award acknowledges the hard



Harmanjot Singh receiving award at New Delhi.

work, dedication and passion of these young leaders who are shaping India's future in various fields such as social service, innovation, education and sports.

Harmanjot Singh is awarded the National Youth Award in recognition of his outstanding work in the field of innovation and social services to the community.

He has demonstrated remarkable determination and consistent efforts in using technology for social causes, national development and community serv-

ice. It is pertinent to mention that this is his second national civilian honor.

He is also a recipient of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2021 (National Child Award). Harmanjot got the golden opportunity to visit the Parliament of India.

Jodhamal School is proud of his stupendous achievement and wishes him greater glories in times to come. Students, such as Harmanjot, not only bring laurels to their families and schools, but also to the state and the country at large.

Junior J&K Wrestling meet on April 10

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JAMMU: Wrestling Association of J&K shall hold Junior Men Freestyle, Greco Roman and Women J&K UT Wrestling Championship at Gymnasium Hall of University of Jammu on April 10.

As per a handout issued by the Association, the event is being held in collaboration with Directorate of Sports, JU under the auspices of Wrestling Federation of India, J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association (JKOA).

The winner of each weight category shall represent J&K in the upcoming Junior National Championship at Kota in Rajasthan from April 20 to April 22.

Those wrestlers born in the year 2005, 2006 and 2007 are eligible to take part in this event and others born in 2008 may participate with medical and parental certificate, the handout added.

For any clarification, the aspirants can may feel free to contact Jai Bharat (889979043), Dheeraj Sharma (9419685822), Ravinder Sharma (9149826972) and Sunil Dagonia (9797998096).

CM attends I-League match at TRC Ground

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SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Sunday attended an I-League football match between Real Kashmir Football Club (RKFC) and Churchill Brothers Goa at the TRC Ground in Srinagar.

He was accompanied by his Advisor, Nasir Aslam Wani, Commissioner Secretary Youth Services & Sports, Secretary J&K Sports Council and other senior officials.

The match was witnessed by a spirited large local crowd.

The thrilling encounter ended in a 1-1 draw. As a gesture of support, Omar Abdullah wore the Real Kashmir FC jersey, symbolizing his solidarity with the team and its growing fan base.

The Chief Minister lauded Real Kashmir FC for creat-



ing opportunities for Kashmiri youth to participate in top-tier national football leagues. He also inter-

acted with the players and officials of both teams, commending their performance and sportsmanship.

Sangarsh Movement, Rotary Club Grand observe self purification fast as part of Rajouri Day Celebrations

DIG, DC, SSP Rajouri hail the unique Initiative

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RAJOURI: As part of 'Rajouri Day' week long celebrations, the members of prominent civil society organisations viz. Sangarsh Movement and Rotary Club Grand observed a one day self purification fast at Shaheedi Chowk (Gujjar Mandi) near ALG Rajouri with the message of restoration of peace, tolerance and brotherhood in the society. The event was aimed at paying heartfelt tributes to the Martyrs of 1947-48 Pakistani Kabaili Attack.

Members observing fast opined that the fast is our homage to those brave soldiers and civilians who lost their lives for safe-



Police officer offering juice to members observing fast.

guarding the sovereignty and communal brotherhood of the Peer Panchal region and finally succeeded in making this part as the part of the Indian Nation.

Stressing the relevance and value of fasts in Indian tradition and way of life, they said that in

most all the world religions e.g. Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism etc, fasting has been given great importance for purifying the self but today's fast is for prevailing peace, prosperity and brotherhood among all the communities.

Earlier paying floral tributes to the Martyrs at Shaheedi Stambh near ALG Rajouri recalled the barbaric killings and atrocities by the Pakistan sponsored tribal forces. They also threw light on the religious and communal brotherhood which was maintained by the people of that time and irrespective of any caste, colour, creed and religion they stood up against those vicious forces.

In the later part of the evening, Tejinder Singh DIG Police Rajouri, District Development Commissioner, Rajouri, Abishek Sharma IAS and SSP Rajouri Gaurav Sikarwar IPS offered juice and broke the one day self purification fast. The dig-

nitaries also hailed the unique Initiative of the civil society.

Those who spoke include Vikrant Sharma, Dr.Sachin Vaid, Kanav Badyal, Rakesh Gupta, Adv.Ashan Mirza Muneer Mirza and Lokesh Bakshi

Prominent among others who observed fast includes Dr.Gopal Sharma, Vishal Sharma, Rajesh Mehta, Rahul Chandan, Ashish Bhasin, Nishant Vasudev, Waseem Anjum, Aaman Zari, Rajinder Sharma, Mushtaq Lone, Shiv Dutta, Rohit Gupta, Tilak Sudan, Varunesh Kumar, Zabar Ahmed, Sharukh Khan, Vikrant Verma, Ankur Gupta, Nameet Bhari, Sudhir Sharma and many more.

Gill, Siraj, Washington shine in GT's easy 7-wicket win over SRH

STATE TIMES NEWS

HYDERABAD: Skipper Shubman Gill led by example with a classy half-century after Mohammed Siraj bowled with fire in his belly to return excellent figures of 4/17 as Gujarat Titans crushed Sunrisers Hyderabad by seven wickets in their IPL match here on Sunday.

Sent at number four, Washington Sundar too showed his class with a 29-ball 49 as GT registered their third win in four outings, even as SRH suffered their fourth defeat in five matches.

The chase of 153 was completed with as many as 20 balls to spare, with Gill making an unbeaten 61 off 43 balls.

Bowling first, GT restricted SRH to 152 for eight with left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore (2/24) and seamer

Prasidh Krishna (2/25) too performing admirably on a slow surface.

Mohammed Shami (2/28) and Pat Cummins (1/26) brought SRH back into the contest with their early strikes as GT found themselves at a tricky 16 for two in the fourth over.

B Sai Sudharsan (5) could not keep his shot down and was caught at square leg off Shami, and Cummins then dismissed Jos Buttler for a three-ball duck with a back of a length delivery that nipped back in sharply, and Heinrich Klaasen did the rest behind the stumps.

The two wickets gave SRH a glimmer of hope but skipper Shubman Gill and Washington Sundar joined forces to stitch a third-wicket partnership of 90 runs to pave the way for their team's win.

Helping the GT duo to get their innings up and running after the early wobble was a horrendous sixth over from pacer Simarjeet Singh, who conceded 20 runs to ease the pressure on the visitors.

Simarjeet was guilty of repeatedly bowling short and Washington took full advantage of it by pulling and hooking him for two sixes over fine leg after collecting two fours.

Gill was all class reaching his half-century in 36 balls with the help of some delightful shots but Washington got out one short of what would have been a well-deserved fifty.

A flurry of boundaries from Sherfane Rutherford (35 not out off 16 balls) then helped GT finish the game with plenty to spare.

Earlier, Siraj dismissed struggling openers Travis

Head and Abhishek Sharma cheaply before coming back to add two more wickets to his tally.

Head (8) had a fortuitous start as his edge off Siraj went past the stumps for a boundary.

However, Siraj had the last laugh as the pacer got rid of the danger man from Australia when the opener flicked one for Sai Sudharsan to complete a smart diving catch at mid-wicket.

The crowd at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium found their voice after a few boundaries.

Siraj, however, had other ideas as the pumped-up seamer sent back Abhishek after the batter took the aerial route but failed to get the timing right and was caught at mid-on.

This meant the SRH

openers' struggles continued in this edition of the IPL as the side reached 45 for two at the end of the power play.

Even as the visitors dominated proceedings at that stage, they faced some anxious moments when Glenn Phillips got injured. After being attended to by the physio, Phillips hobbled off the field.

Ishan Kishan (17) perished when he miscued a pull off a Prasidh Krishna short ball to deep square leg where Ishant completed the catch. The duo of Nitish Kumar Reddy (31 off 34 balls) and Klaasen (27 off 19 balls) tried to revive SRH innings with a fifty-run stand for the fourth wicket, a phase where GT got a few fours and a six by the South African big-hitter against Rashid Khan.

SR College launches JKAS 2024 Mains Test Series

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JAMMU: SR College of Competitions, a premier institute with 25 years of excellence in civil services coaching, has officially launched its much-anticipated JKAS 2024 Mains Test Series starting from Sunday. The initiative has received an enthusiastic response from aspirants on its first day.

Designed to ensure holistic preparation, the test series comprises 18 comprehensive tests, aimed at enhancing answer writing skills, conceptual clarity, and exam temperament. Key features include timely evaluation, constructive feedback, model answers, and weekly paper discussion sessions to address doubts and enhance understanding.



What sets this program apart is its provision of one-to-one mentorship, offering personalized guidance and consistent support throughout the preparation journey.

SR College, known for its commitment to UPSC and JKAS coaching along with other competitive exams, recently also conducted Mock Interviews for the post of Assistant Director

(E&S) in the Planning Development & Monitoring Department, further solidifying its role as a trusted name in the competitive exam landscape.

With a strong start, the JKAS 2024 Mains Test Series by SR College is poised to be a game-changer for serious aspirants aiming for success in this prestigious examination.