

# JK Public School empowers students with Agricultural Education at SKUAST-J



JK Public School Kunjwani students and faculty members at a transformative educational visit to the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu, on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: J.K. Public School in Kunjwani, Jammu, facilitated a transformative educational visit to the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu, on Tuesday, for its vibrant class VI students. Under the guidance of Dr. Devinder Singh, Prof Entomology and the visionary organizer of the event, the students were

immersed in a world of agricultural innovation and sustainable practices. Dr. Devinder shared invaluable insights aimed at enhancing productivity and rendering the agriculture sector more economically viable for the future. The visit provided an enriching educational experience, offering the students profound insights into various facets of agriculture.

From exploring cutting-edge agricultural systems to delving into the realms of digital agriculture, start-up culture, advanced innovation, and data sciences, the students were equipped with knowledge essential for addressing challenges and uncovering opportunities in sustainable agriculture. A highlight of the visit was the hands-on learning experience in sericulture and apiculture. Students had the unique opportunity to observe the intricacies of silk production, witness the life cycle of silkworms, and gain practical insights into beekeeping processes. Furthermore, they were introduced to mushroom farming and acquainted with various scientific methodologies. The integrated farming research farm showcased diverse farming techniques, empowering the students to envisage effective scientific strategies for organic and

integrated farming practices. Overall, the students were immersed in a comprehensive learning experience, gaining proficiency in sericulture, apiculture, and various scientific farming procedures. Shashi Chaudhary, Director of J.K. Public School, expressed her delight at the students' enthusiasm and engagement during the visit, emphasizing the school's commitment to providing holistic education encompassing practical experiences and theoretical knowledge. The educational excursion to SKUAST, Jammu, was indeed a monumental learning endeavor for the young scholars of J.K. Public School, Kunjwani, further solidifying the school's mission to nurture well-rounded individuals equipped with the skills and knowledge to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

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## India to participate in maiden 'Drone Soccer' World Cup

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JAMMU: In a groundbreaking development, Drone Soccer made its official debut in India. Combining the thrill of aerial robotics with the competitive spirit of soccer, this innovative sport promises to revolutionize the landscape of recreational and professional gaming alike.

Drone Soccer, pioneered by leading technologists and sports enthusiasts, introduces a dynamic blend of agility, strategy, and excitement. Player's manoeuvre FIDA approved drone soccer balls, aiming to score goals while engaging in thrilling aerial manoeuvres. With its fast-paced game play and accessibility, Drone Soccer is a new hybrid sport that appeals to a wide spectrum of age groups (six year- 75 year), including both seasoned gamers and newcomers alike. The Federation of International Drone Soccer Associations (FIDA), akin to FIFA in the realm of traditional soccer, stands as the premier global authority for propelling Drone Soccer onto the world stage. With over 20 member countries under its wing, FIDA spearheads the promotion and regulation of Drone Soccer across continents. Notably, it holds the distinguished honor of hosting the inaugural Drone Soccer World Cup in 2025, set to take place in Korea in an exclusive stadium built just for Drone Soccer.

In India, the Drone Soccer Association India (DSAI) emerges as a pivotal founding member of FIDA. Endowed with exclusive rights to govern and organize drone soccer activities within the nation, DSAI shoulders the responsibility of orchestrating national and international leagues, tournaments, and selecting and sending the Indian team to compete in the upcoming



ing World Cup.

Serving as the training, sales and marketing backbone for DSAI, Drone Destination is tasked with facilitating various training programs dedicated to honing drone soccer skills and setting up of drone soccer arenas and academies, as well as managing the sales and marketing endeavors for drone soccer equipment. Drone Destination plays a vital role in fostering the growth and development of Drone Soccer in India, and official marks its entry into Drone Sports.

Commenting on the launch of Drone Soccer in India, FIDA Director Stih Moon, said - 'FIDA will help India, build a strong Drone Soccer Ecosystem. With India's vast tech-oriented base of youngsters, we are confident that the sport will appeal to the audiences and contribute to the popularity of Drone Soccer globally.'

To mark its formal entry into India, players from Korea and India exhibited a friendly match that took place at Delhi, organized by Drone Destination, in the presence of FIDA & DSAI officials. The Indian team,

comprising talented drone soccer players, will go through rigorous training to hone their skills. Drone Destination, an end-to-end player present across the entire ecosystem of drones in India, is committed to making them future-ready.

Alok Sharma, chairman, Drone Soccer Association India said, "As India makes its mark on the global stage of drone soccer, we're entering an era where technology, education and sports converge to create exhilarating experiences. We are gearing up to organize and host country's first Indian Drone Soccer League in November 2024. DSAI will organize championships at school/college, club level and professional Drone Soccer Leagues. DSAI will also send the Indian Team for FIDA's inaugural Drone Soccer World Cup to be held in Korea in 2025."

Chirag Sharma, CEO, Drone Destination said, "Drone Soccer is a revolutionary, hybrid e-sport, that shall play a pivotal role in the burgeoning e-gaming industry, and encourage the youth to take a break from screens and enjoy the thrill of this new tech. Besides

professionally excelling in the arena of sports, their skills in maneuvering drones can make them sought after for a variety of drone applications in the industry. At Drone Destination, we are happy to provide new recreational and career options in sports as well as in the industry."

Nidhi Sharma, National Coordinator, DSAI said, "We are thrilled to introduce Drone Soccer to India, a nation renowned for its passion for both sports and technology, this fusion of drones and soccer represents a new frontier in recreational gaming, and we are excited to witness the enthusiasm it generates among players and spectators alike."

Drone Soccer blends technology, sport, and entertainment. Pilots control specially designed football-shaped drones adorned with LED lights in team colors. Maneuvering through a doughnut-shaped goalpost 3.5 meters above the ground, teams of five compete, with one striker aiming to score goals while others play defensively. Since its 2016 inception in Korea, Drone Soccer has gained global popularity, particularly among young enthusiasts in the United States and South Korea. With FIDA boasting twenty member countries and more joining soon, the stage is set for India's inaugural entry into this futuristic sport.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Government Middle School (GMS) Khorinar organised Intramural competition in the discipline of Taekwondo as a part of activity Callender issued by Directorate of Youth services and Sports J&K.

A total of 26 boys and girls took part in this competition held under the direction of District youth services and Sports officer Poonch Mool Raj and Zonal Physical Education officer Poonch S Narinder Singh, Earlier Head master GMS Khorinar Jatinder Sharma in the presence of Devinder Kour Master GMS Khorinar declared the intramural Taekwondo competition open and gave his best wishes to all the participants.

## SNS Jeevan Nagar students shine in Gurmat Competition



Dashamveer Singh of class 8th I got (LED 42 INCH) prize.

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JAMMU: The students of Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar participated in the Gurmat Competition on Kaun Banega Pyare Ka Pyara on 28 April 2024 organised by SGPC Rani Talab Digana Jammu in which the theme of the competition was history of first "Guru Nanak Dev Ji".

The committee members are invited by the institution and congratulated to those students who had participated in this competition and got the prizes.

The member of Gurdwara Committee Karnal Singh, Manjeet Singh, Sikh Naujawan Sabha Rani Talab Digana also Satnam Singh anchor of Ik Bani Channel and Balveer Singh student of SNS and member of

Ik Bani channel. Members of the Committee and Principal Rameshwar Mengi congratulated the students and their parents to get position in the competition.

Principal and the members of the committee distributed the prizes to the students. Angaddeep Singh of 7th F got 2nd prize (lap-top), Dashamveer Singh of class 8th I got 3rd prize (LED 42 INCH), Gumeet Kour got 12th position of 8th I got (smart watch) & Pavleen Kour, Sahibveer Singh, Ishmeet kour also got smart watch & bicycle from the competition.

The competition was very tough but the students worked very hard and got the positions. The Principal of the Institution Rameshwar Mengi congratulated the students and boosted their moral for the future competition.

## DYSS district officer Kharati Lal retires

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JAMMU: District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu, Kharati Lal on Tuesday attained the age of superannuation. The officer given a warm send off by the senior officers and colleagues here.

Among others present were Director Youth Service and Sports, Subash Chander Chibber, Deputy Director Planning, Ravi Kumar Sharma; Accouting Officer, Sunil Kumar, ZPEO Bishnah, ZPEO Satwari and other officials

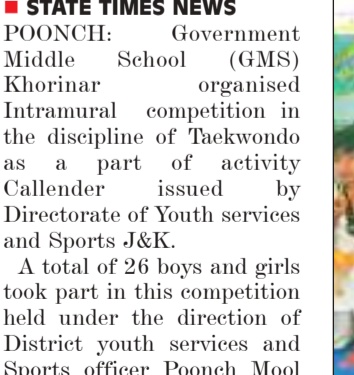


DYSS staff according farewell to DYSS Officer Jammu, Kharati Lal.

of the Directorate were present. The whole function was supervised by worthy Joint Director DYSS, Ved Parkash.

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## GMS Khorinar organises intramural taekwondo competition



Medal winners posing with faculty of GMS Khorinar.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajinder Singh Physical Education Teacher highlights the achievement of previous year of GMS Khorinar in which four players represented Jammu and Kashmir in 67th National School games held at Betul Madhyapradesh He also gave his best wishes to all the winners with advised to work hard in practice so that our players excel in this year at National level by winning medals for Jammu and Kashmir. Lastly Medals distributed

to all the winners by Head Master GMS Khorinar Jatinder Sharma. Prominent others were present were Gurwant Kour, Sunil Sharma, Noor Din, Gagandeep Kour all teachers and Majid Hussain Girls: Tahzeem Akhter, Ruksana Akhter, Nazma Kouser, Toyba Kouser, Moheen Kouser, Tamena Kouser (all Gold), Shazia Akhter, Gulsham Akhter, Parveen Akhter (all Silvers). Boys: Ishtiaq Ahmed, Shazad Ahmed, Mahmood Ahmed, Mohd Arfan, Mohd Firdos, Waseem Khan, Mohammad Irfan, Irfan Farooq, Mohd Irfan (all Gold). Mohd Rizwan, Mohd Imran, Mohd Ashaq, Musthaq Ahmed, Mohd Irfan (all Silvers).