

## KCPS hosts seeds of hope and action exhibition arranged by BSG

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JAMMU: The exhibition arranged in the Multi-sports Hall of KC Sports Club was inaugurated by Arti Choudhary, Managing Director of KC Public School along with Principal Amarendra Mishra, Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey and BSG representative Seema Ahuja. Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) is the Indian affiliate of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), a global association of grassroots organizations with 12 million members in 192 countries and territories, that seeks to promote the values of peace and respect for all people. With its headquarters in New Delhi, BSG has its membership spread over 600 towns and cities across



Arti Choudhary, MD KCPS visiting exhibition.

India.

BSG is dedicated to the goal of promoting the values of happiness and respect for all through various activities under the umbrella of peace, culture, education, and sustainability.

Since 2021, BSG has

committed itself to advocating for and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in society.

It is an initiative to spread awareness about the SDGs and encourage urgent action. Under the tagline "Towards 2030:

Achieving the SDGs through Sustainable Human Behaviour", BSG conducts various activities to promote these goals.

The exhibition aimed at stimulating reflection, discussion, and ideas from youth on how to achieve the SDGs by 2030 and create a world where 'No one is left behind.'

The exhibition featured 25 panels put up by the BSG representatives which were well explained by members of the KC Paryavaran Sadan, all centering around the themes of hope and action in combating climate change and promoting a greener future.

The exhibition also included an interactive video on sustainability practices, encouraging visi-

tors to take action in their own lives to protect the environment.

By fostering a culture of sustainability and environmental awareness, KC Public School is equipping its students with the knowledge and skills needed to become responsible global citizens.

Through hands-on experiences and educational opportunities like SOHA exhibition, the school is shaping future leaders who will strive to create a more sustainable and eco-friendly world for generations to come.

Principal Amarendra Mishra thanked Seema Ahuja and her BSG team for arranging the highly motivating exhibition for KCPS students.

## District Level Inter-Zonal Sports competition held in Reasi



Participating players posing for a photograph with officials.

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REASI: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Reasi, organized a District Level Inter-Zonal Sports Competition for 14 and 17 years boys and girls. The event took place in General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium.

The competition featured a variety of sports, including athletics, volleyball, Kabaddi and kho-kho, among others. Over 200 students from different zones within the district showcased their talents, competing fiercely yet demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

District Youth and Sports Officer Reasi Tarseem Singh applauded the efforts of the young athletes and emphasized the importance of sports in holistic development. He encouraged the participants to continue striving for excellence both in sports and academics.

## SNS Jeevan Nagar felicitates Arshdeep Kour



Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar faculty felicitating Arshdeep Kour.

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JAMMU: The School Management of Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar felicitated Arshdeep Kour (Ex-student of SNS Jeevan Nagar) on the selection of Miss Teen Supremacy India 2024 held in Hyatt Regency Chandigarh.

The Shiksha Niketan School Management organized a felicitation ceremony to honour the Arshdeep Kour in the School premises on Wednesday.

The Principal (Rameshwar Mengi Ji), the Director of Pusp Vatika (Risheek Mengi), the Headmaster Shiksha Niketan (Harish Sharma),

Veena Gupta (Incharge of High Wing) and others honoured Arshdeep Kour and prayed for her brilliant success as a Top Model.

In her address, Arshdeep Kour also motivated the SNS students to achieve their dreams by focussing particularly on their aim without any hesitation.

She also urged all the parents to be the supporters of their children to fulfill their dreams.

The Principal of the School, Rameshwar Mengi, along with his School Team/ Staff congratulated her as well as her parents for this big achievement and wished her best of luck for the coming future.

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DODA: As per the annual calendar of activities approved by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports J&K for the year 2024-25, and under the direction of District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Doda, Sunil Kumar, the zonal level inter-school competition for under-14 boys commenced at GHSS Bhella, on Wednesday. The event is being held under the overall supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Thathri, Madan Lal Thakur.

The competition was officially inaugurated by the chief guest, Ashwani Kumar, the school Vice



Ashwani Kumar, Vice Principal GHSS Bhella inaugurating sports competition.

Principal, in the presence of the guest of honor, Retired Physical Education Teacher Pardeep Singh Parihar. Organized by the Youth Services and Sports

Department of Zone Thathri, the sports event will feature Cricket, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Chess, Carrom, Wrestling, Taekwondo and

Tug of War competitions.

In his opening speech, the chief guest highlighted the significant role sports and games play in maintaining physical fitness and

enhancing immunity. He emphasized that participating in outdoor games fosters healthy habits and promotes physical and mental growth. Furthermore, sports help students control their emotions and channel negative feelings positively. He also advised the participants to maintain discipline and team spirit throughout the competitions.

Approximately 308 students from 30 schools in Zone Thathri are participating in the tournament. Today's matches were officiated by technical experts and officers from the sports department of Zone Thathri, ensuring a fair and well-organized event.

## I&C deptt organises investors meet at Jammu

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JAMMU: The Industries and Commerce department on Wednesday organised a mega investors meet here aimed to address the grievances of potential investors of Jammu.

Being chaired by Director, Industries and Commerce Department Jammu, Dr Arun Manhas, the event was attended by Chairman/Presidents of prominent associations and investors of the region.

The purpose of the meet was to strengthen ties between the government and the investor community, explore potential partnerships and discuss opportunities for mutual growth of J&K's industrial sector besides discussing ways to alleviate challenges in grounding investment in J&K.

The Director informed the participants that on the instruction of Lieutenant Governor, monthly investors meet would be held at Directorate level in order to address the grievances of business community and sensitize the potential investors about the policy.

He emphasized the Government's commitment

scape of J&K. He stated that the Government is providing



Director I&C Department Jammu, Dr Arun Manhas chairing investors meet at Jammu on Wednesday.

towards creating a favourable business environment that attracts both local and national investors. The discussions focused on key sectors and industries that hold significant potential for economic development and job creation besides issues faced by the promoters while grounding the investment.

The Director stated that the meet with investors provided a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas, address concerns and showcase the attractive investment land-

a supportive environment that encourages investment, drives economic growth and creates sustainable employment opportunities.

The discussions were centred around topics like investment incentives, regulatory reforms, infrastructure and land development and promotion of research and development initiatives.

The investors expressed confidence in government's initiatives towards creating a business-friendly environment, which bolsters their

confidence in considering strategic investments. The investor community sought extension of registration date and enhancement of the Central package under the New Central sector Scheme.

The investors brought forward various persistent issues like irregularities in availability of power, infrastructure growth and development of other amenities. The promoters sought help of I&C department for early clearances of their Pollution NOC's.

Later, certain queries about the interpretation of New Central sector Scheme 2021 were addressed by the officials of Industries and Commerce Department on the spot.

The Director assured the investors that their feedback and suggestions would be taken into serious consideration, aiming to address any barriers and enhance the ease of doing business. The Department will continue to engage with stakeholders, promote investment opportunities, and work towards strengthening the industry's competitiveness on a global scale, he added.

The Government's ongoing efforts to streamline processes, provide service delivery through Single Window system, and foster a skilled workforce were also highlighted during the meeting.

## In a democracy, there is no place for Khandani Raj: Bukhari

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, on Wednesday said, "We live in a democratic country, and in democracy, there is no place for Khandani Raj (dynastic rule)."

He stated that "the leadership that ensured J&K's accession to India in 1947 was supported by the people with slogans like 'Ala karay ga, wangan karay ga, bab karay ga' (whatever good or bad would be done; only Sheikh Abdullah is entitled to do it). Therefore, J&K was destined to be with India forever, and this status can't be changed."

Bukhari made these remarks during his speeches at two public rallies in south Kashmir's Shopian and Kulgam districts. He first addressed a rally at Hillow Imamsahib in Shopian, followed by another at Damhal Hanji Pora in Kulgam. These areas are scheduled for polling in the Lok Sabha elections for the Rajouri-Anantnag constituency on May 25.

In his speech, Bukhari urged people not to fall prey to the deceptive slogans of the traditional parties. He said, "You should no longer trust these traditional parties and their leaders. In every election season, they come seeking your votes, promising the moon and the stars. They



Apni Party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari addressing public rally.

have been deceiving you with misleading narratives, fake promises, and emotional slogans for years and decades. Now, once again, they are coming to you with new false promises and slogans. You must tell them, 'Enough is enough.' Don't fall prey to their political gimmickry. Ask them why they don't talk now about their earlier slogans like 'Raishumari', 'Autonomy', and 'Self-rule' if they truly believe in these ideals. They never meant what they said. They only kept you busy with these slogans to attain power for themselves and establish their dynastic rule here."

"Taking a dig at the PDP leader for her assertion that people will fight for another hundred years, Bukhari remarked, "Fight for what? The people of J&K are not going to fight against their country. Yes, we should fight, but not against our country; instead, we must fight against issues like poverty, and unemployment."

"The PDP leader held the post of Chief Minister and State Home Minister in 2017 when people like Engineer Rashid, Yasin Malik, Shabir Shah, and others were arrested and sent to jail. The leaders of NC and PDP, who remained at the helm for years and decades, are responsible for landing thousands of our youth either in jails or in graveyards," he added.

Reiterating his conviction regarding J&K's relationship with the rest of the country, he said, "Jammu and Kashmir has been destined to be an integral part of the country, and it will always remain so. I am sure the solutions to all issues and problems will also come from New Delhi, not from elsewhere."

He said, "After the Rajiv-Farooq accord, the central government allowed widespread rigging in the assembly elections held in 1987. This ensured the NC's victory, even though it had lost the entire election. A candidate named Mohammad Yusuf Shah had won the election, but he was declared a loser.

This injustice led Mohammad Yusuf Shah to adopt the persona of Syed Salahuddin. People like Yasin Malik had placed their faith in democracy by participating in these elections, but New Delhi and their puppets here ruined everything. They did not allow democracy to flourish here."

"This infamous rigging paved the way for violence here, and eventually, we lost lakhs of our youngsters. Those who contributed to the rigging are responsible for the deaths and bloodshed on this land. An inquiry must be held to ascertain the facts," he added.

Urging people to vote for Zaffar Iqbal Manhas, Apni Party's candidate for the Lok Sabha polls in the Anantnag-Rajouri constituency, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "Apni Party needs your support and vote to ensure we implement our pro-people agenda in Jammu and Kashmir. I urge you to vote for Zaffar, and I assure you that this party will not disappoint you."

## Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament commences in Samba



Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma speaking at opening ceremony of Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament.

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SAMBA: The District Youth Services and Sports Office Samba on Wednesday kicked off the Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament with a grand opening Ceremony. Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, the Chief Guest, declared the tournament open.

The grand event is being held at the iconic Rani Suchet Singh Sports Stadium under the aegis of Director Youth Services and Sports Department

Subash Chander Chhibber and the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports officer Dharmvir Singh.

The Chief Guest, in his inspiring address, exhorted students and participants to immerse themselves in such sports events, emphasizing their pivotal role in holistic development.

Abhishek Sharma stressed upon the students to protect themselves and others from the monster of Drugs. A pledge was also taken to promote sports

and fight drug menace.

The competition, spanning a diverse array of disciplines, is going to provide an unparalleled platform to the budding athletes to exhibit their prowess and compete at a grassroots level.

The tournament is set to witness enthusiastic participation of 390 U/14 and U/17 Boys competing fiercely in various events including Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Wrestling, Volleyball, Badminton and Table Tennis.

## Umran selected for High Performance Monitoring Programme

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JAMMU: National selection (men) committee of the Board of Control for Cricket (BCCI) today selected India pacer from J&K, Umran Malik for the National Cricket

Academy's (NCA's) High Performance Monitoring Program for the 2024-25 domestic cricket season.

An information in this regard has been received by the J&K Cricket Association (JKCA) from

Head Cricket of the NCA, VVS Laxman.

"Sub-Committee JKCA is pleased to see the hardwork and perseverance of Umran Malik being recognised by the National selectors and hope that J&K cricketer will continue to work hard and will live up to the expectations of the selection panel," said member administration of the JKCA, Brig. Anil Gupta.

Further, to ensure effective and continuous monitoring, NCA has issued a set of detailed instructions. "Umran Malik has been communicated about the instructions issued by the NCA for strict adherence. The monitoring also include GPS units for injury prevention and tracking overload of players. Such selected players will be issued a personal GPS monitoring unit," further said Gupta.



## JKIANS shine in cricket tournament in Satwari Zone team



JKPS Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: Five students of JK Public School Kunjwani played at Zonal level (U-14) Cricket Tournament in the Satwari Zone. The team clinched the Runners Up Trophy. The event was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu. The winners are Rakshit Sharma (Captain) Satwari Zone,

Dhananjay Sharma, Mannan Singh Manhas, Jaideep Singh and Bhavesh Sharma.

Director JK Educational Society, Shashi Chandhary and the School Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated the winners and felicitated them in the school assembly. They also lauded the School Cricket Coach Vijay Dogra for training the students.