JKAKA to host Kabaddi Championship for J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU: General Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Amature Kabaddi Association (JKAKA), Kuldeep Kumar Gupta has said, "We are hosting Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Championship (Boys) in collaboration with Yuva Kabaddi Series to be held in the last week of July or 1st week of August 2024 at Kabaddi Stadium, Jammu.'

"This would be a big achievement for "Swadeshi Kehl - Khel Kabaddi" and particular for young Kabaddi players of Jammu & Kashmir including Ladakh Players," he added.

Further the trial of Jammu

Kabaddi players will be held at Kabaddi Stadium Jammu



Association as we have to fix

the trial dates for two days and under the "Observer" of Yuva Kabaddi Management. The trial of the players will be conducted for 8-10 teams. Moreover eight teams from Jammu and Kashmir will be selected and may have two teams from Ladakh will be Selected for the said Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Kabaddi Championship. The Kabaddi players age should not be less than 18 years in any manner and not more than 23 years in any cast. All the players are advised to contact your District Secretary immediately and the form are available with them from 01 June 2024.

Al Hana Babar of Jodhamal School granted 2nd Patent **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School reported that Al Hana Babar, a creative and innovative Class 12th student, has been granted a second patent for a wave energy harvesting device that consists of robust wave energy converters and hydrostatic pressure sen-

The wave energy converters in the device efficiently capture the kinetic energy from ocean waves, while hydrostatic pressure sensors tap into the potential energy beneath the water's surface.

These components work seamlessly together to ensure maximum energy



Jodhamal Public School faculty felicitating Al Hana Babar.

extraction from both wave and hydrostatic pressure

Al Hana was granted her first patent for handcrafts agement that integrates cutting-edge technologies such as Blockchain, IoT (Internet of Things), and AI (Artificial Intelligence) to revolutionize the textile industry's logistical processes and addresses problems like counterfeiting, transparency and pilferage when handicrafts of India are manufactured in villages and transported to

and textile logistics man-

Internationally. Her designs address key challenges in the textile supply chain and energy domains offering sophisticated designs that enhance efficiency, transparency

cities in India and

Al Hana Babar, is also a TEDx Speaker and a TEDx Organizer and runs a campaign titled Her Dream Her Code for young girls across Jammu and Kashmir where she teaches

young girls science experiments and drumming. Nandan Kuthiala. Trustee of Jodhamal Public School, Arati Kuthiala Director, Principal Girish Kumar and Vice Principal, Amita Arora expressed their appreciation for Al Hana Babar and exceptional efforts which is a testament to her ingenuity and

the nurturing environment

Poonch District gears up for polling; DEO holds meeting to finalise Electoral Preparedness

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POONCH: Election Officer (DEO), Yasin M. Choudhary on Thursday chaired a meeting to finalize the preparedness for Polling scheduled to be held in the district on May 25 under the phase 6 of the Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

The meeting, held in the conference hall of Dal Bungalow Poonch, was attended by a host of officials, including the Senior Superintendent of Police, Yougal Manhas; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir



DEO Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary chairing a meeting.

Mendhar, and Haveli. Surankote, all Zonal Magistrates, Sectoral Magistrates, Nodal Officers, Micro Observers, Zonal Police officers, Sectoral Mustafa Malik; ARO's from Police Officers, Polling Staff,

and Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

The meeting laid focus on the importance of fair and transparent electoral process. The sector and

their role and responsibilities during the pre-poll, poll day, and post-poll activity. Various logistical and oper-

ational issues were discussed in detail, including lighting arrangements at polling stations, security measures, lunch arrangements, and the timely dispatch of polling parties along with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Sectoral officers were instructed to verify the deployment of security forces and provide timely reports to the control room. On the day of polling, sectoral officers will be tasked

with conducting inspection of polling stations, monitoring the presence of security forces, supervising the activities of polling agents and promptly addressing any issues or complaints that may arise. They will also oversee the proper handling and sealing of Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPATs) at the conclusion of the

polling. District Election Officer Yasin M. Choudhary emphasized the critical role of each officer in fostering a conducive environment for free

RDCA A beat RDCA B in Under-14 cricket



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials

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POONCH: In a thrilling under-14 cricket match RDCA A triumphed over RDCA B by 16 runs. Electing to bat first RDCA A posted a competitive total of 139/8 in their allotted 16 overs. Danish Aslam topscored with a brisk 22 off 17 balls while Shaid contributed 20 off 23. Ghulam and Zahid

from RDCA B each claimed a wicket to keep the score in check. In reply RDCA B fought valiantly but were bundled out for 123. Amir stood out with a quickfire 28 off 17 balls and Ghulam added a solid 22 off 19. Ubaid's impressive bowling spell of 3 for 17 was instrumental in RDCA A's victory and

earned him the Player of the

Match award. The match organized by the RDCA management was a commendable effort to nurture young talent.

The event was graced by Chief Guest, Tariq Ahmed with coach Talit Waseem and academy chairman Pervaiz Malik Afridi present who praised the young players for their per-

Bagless' Wednesday observed in Govt Schools of Dist Doda

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DODA: To reduce pressure on school children and make teaching and learning more interesting, 'Bagless day 2024 was observed on Thursday in all the government schools of District Doda. The activities like yoga, exercise, sports and cultural events were organised in the schools. The new step aims to infuse fresh enthusiasm among children and keep them connected with the school. Children will find school education informative as well as entertaining.

Chief Education Officer Parkash Lal Thapa, Principal DIET Purshotam Das Gouria along with DEPO Dr Anis Ahmed graced the occasion of Bagless program at PM SHRI GHSS Trown. While welcoming the guests, the

Principal of the institution said that the main objective behind the program aims to physical, mental and intellectual development of students, they will be given a day-off from studies and engaged in extracurricular activities every

In his address, the CEO said the Principals and Headmasters of the schools have been instructed to pre-plan activities for one Saturday in a month and it will be displayed on the school notice panel. The Schools have been asked to organise story-telling sessions, debate competition, elocution competition, question forum and group discussion, essay, poetry, story, dialogue writing, and chart making com-

JAMMU: The J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association announced the selection of the J&K Sub Junior Boys Team for the upcoming Cricket Tennis Ball Nationals to be held in Kalol, Ahmadabad from

The selection trials took

This selection and the



J&K Team posing for a group photograph with Divisional Sports Officer (J) J&K Sports

Secretary, Fayaz Ahmad

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May 25 to 28, 2024.

place at Green Field Jammu from May 21 to 22,

forthcoming participation in the Nationals are over-

Wani.

The selected players for the team include Sheikh Faheem Ahmad Hassan(VC), Mujtaba Rivaz Bhat. Shakir Rishabh Tomar, Abrai Muzaffar, Aayush Kumar, Mussif Mushtaq, Shahid Usman, Sheikh Hadiq, Mir Hatim, Ifhan Irshad, Abdul Manaan, Mir Hamzah and Huzaif Hilal. Imtiyaz Hussain will accompany the team as the Coach and Murtaza Hilal

NC-Congress deliberately divided Pahari areas of Pir - Panjal & handed over one part to Pakistan in 1947: Zafar Iqbal

STATE TIMES NEWS MENDHAR: April Party on

Thursday took out an impressive roadshow across Mendhar Town with the participation of hundreds of people with their vehicles and motorbikes in support of the Party's candidate for Anantnag Rajouri -Parliamentary seat. Zafar Ioba Manhas. The mega roadshow started from Children Park, and it concluded at the Bus Stand, Mendhar in Poonch District of Jammu and Kashmir in which Former Dy Chief Minister, Dr Nirmal Singh, Yudhvir Sethi, Mumtaz Ahmad Khan and other leaders also participated along with the April Party leaders.

As a show of strength, the rally of people passed through various roads, and chowks expressing their support to the Party candidate, Zafar Iqbal Manhas sahab. Expressing his gratitude to the people of Pir Panjal, who have shown their affection and support to him, the Party's candidate, Zafar Ighal Manhas cautioned to the people of Pir Panjal from the microscopic elements, who are bent upon to disturb brotherhood, and mutual coexistence of



Apni Party candidate Zafar Iqbal Manhas leading roadshow across Mendhar Town.

the Gujjars and Pahari tribes in the region for centuries. "These microscopic people in

the region are trying to create misunderstanding by sowing the seeds of discord in the society as they don't believe in Live and Let Live. However, we will fight them at any cost to defend the mutual respect, and brotherhood of Gujjar - Paharis in the region," said Manhas, while urging the people to stay vigilant from such elements.

He recalled how National Conference and its alliance partner, Congress Party deliberately divided Pir Panial Region (Pahari areas) and created a Line of Control by dividing the Region in two parts i.e., one part of it is presently under the occupation of Pakistan since 1947.

These two parties joined hands to divide the strategically important border belt of Pahari speaking people into two parts, the Apni Party candidate said. while blaming the National Conference, and its alliance Congress Party as both were in power both in Centre and in J&K respectively.

He said that they were responsible for making the whole region stretching from Rajouri to Karnah, a border

area that opened the door of unending miseries and sufferings of both parts of the people of the undivided State of Maharaja. Remembering the struggle of more than 45 years of Pahari tribe (one of most backward and neglected tribes) to get the recognition, and reservation: Manhas said that some of the vested interests. tried more than once to crush Pahari movement that has now grown into a fully grown tree with its large trunk following its long struggle. "I warn these self-interest individuals that we will not allow any kind of compromise with the future genera-

tion. Majority of Gujjars-Pahari live in peace, and brotherhood with each other since centuries in the Region. However, we will not allow destructive plans of a few against the reservation to Pahari Tribe, neither we shall allow them to harm our centuries old brotherhood" he stated. He said that the urbanized microscopic minority is creating misunderstanding among the Guijars - Paharis tribes for their vested interest, who have settled in urban areas of Jammu and other parts of the region. "We will expose them when the time comes and will not allow such elements to hurt the peaceful atmosphere in the region," he warned again. Meanwhile, he assured that if

he gets elected to the Parliament, he will revamp the development and tourism in the region which would generate employment and boost the local economy. The region has huge potential that needs to be explored for the sustainable development, and exploration of new avenues of employment opportunity. He also referred to his commitment that he would leave no stone unturned to fight

get Parliamentary seat for Rajouri - Poonch so that the people get their own representative to the Parliament. He also pitched for Hill Development Council, and funds on the pattern of Ladakh. He also brought the attention of the people towards the plight of the families whose youth have been detained under different charges and assured that the Party would try to get them released from the custody.

"We want to provide an opportunity to the detained youth to return to normal mainstream life," he added, while reiterating the assurance to get a sanction for the construction of two important tunnels on historic Mughal Road i.e., Dera Ki Gali, and Peer Ki Gali to keep the highway operational in all the weather conditions.

Prominent among those who participated in the roadshow include Raqeeq Ahmed Khan, Wajid Bashir Tikoo, Zulfkar Mumtaz, Aftab Tabi, Ajaz Khan, Kafeel Khan, Nazakat Shah, Tariq Khan, Shakeel Khan, Rt. SP Razaq Khan, Abdul Gani Manhas, and others.

DC Kishtwar conducts surprise inspection of schools in Dool Cluster

KISHTWAR: To ensure the smooth functioning and punctuality of educational institutions, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav conducted an unannounced inspection of schools in the Cluster Dool of Zone Nagseni, here the other day.

The inspection included visits to Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Dool and the Middle School (MS) Malikpora

Accompanied by Deputy Chief Education Officer Masood Hussain Qazi, and other officials from the Chief Education Office the Deputy Commissioner's visit aimed to assess both the func

tional aspects and the punctuality of the educational staff. Additionally, the DC also reviewed the educational infrastruc ture in these institutions.

During the visit, Dr. Devansh Yadav highlighted the importance of the biometric attendance system, specifically the JK Attendance system, to ensure accuracy and reliability in tracking attendance. He issued explicit instructions to teachers regarding the significance of punctuality and delivering quality education by maintaining a conducive learning environment.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the functioning of the STEM Labs at GHSS Dool. He stressed the importance of utilizing these labs judiciously to empower science students, enhancing their knowledge and scientific aptitude besides focusing on strengthening the profound utilisation of the Library by students. Additionally, he reviewed the infrastructure and PM POSHAN

initiatives, emphasizing the need for cleanliness and hygiene in the kitchen sheds where the mid-day meals are prepared. During the inspection at MS Malikpora, the DC took note of

poor sanitation and hygiene in the school and the use of infrastruc-

ture was unsatisfactory. Show cause notice was served to erring staff and the concerned DDO was asked to stop the salary till pending enquiry.

HOI of MS Malikpora was directed to operationalise toilets and use space available for classes in efficient manner.

GDC Thannamandi celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity

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THANNAMANDI: Department of Botany in collaboration with Department of Zoology and Environmental Sciences under the aegis of IQAC of GDC Thannamandi celebrated International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) on this year's theme "Be part of the Plan" as third and concluding satellite event of World's First Species Congress under Viksit Bharat@47 Sankalp here on Thursday.

On this occasion a web conference on the theme "Be part of the plan" organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of College wherein Prof. Mammo Muchie, Professor, Research

Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa was Chief Guest whereas Dr. Christian Bartolf, President. Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin, Germany and Dr. Ritu Dhingra, Regional Vice Chair, East and Southern Asia- IUCN CEESP (International Union for Conservation of Nature-Commission

Environmental, Economic and Social Policy) were Guest of Honour and Special Guest respectively. Dr. Ashaq Malik, IQAC Coordinator and Head, Department of Botany, was convener/moderator whereas Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Head, Department of Zoology and Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Head, Department

Environmental Sciences of College were organizing secretaries of the conference.

In his comprehensive welcome address, Prof. Faroog Ahmed underlined theme "Be Part of the Plan" of IDB that calls on all stakeholders - governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, non-governmental organizations, lawmakers, businesses, and individuals to showcase their efforts in supporting the implementation of the Biodiversity Plan. Its matter of honour for us that GDC Thannamandi became part of the plan by co-hosting First World Species Congress primarily hosted by Reverse the Red and supported by IUCN, he

said.

Prof. Mammu Muchie chaired the plenary session wherein Dr. Om Katel, College Natural Resources, Royal

University ofBhutan, Thimphu, Bhutan, Dr. Ritu Dhingra, IUCN CEESP Regional Vice Chair East and Southern Asia, Dr. Christian Bartolf, President, Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin, Germany and Taslima Sheikh, Citizen Science Expert Inspire Foundation Trust, Lucknow, India delivered plenary lectures on various aspects pertain-

ing to biodiversity conserva-

tion, Mehtab Khan, a stu-

dent of B.Sc 4th Semester

in College also gave a pres-

entation on local flora of

region and need for its con-

The plenary session followed by panel discussion chaired by Dr. Christian Bartolf in Which Dr. Pankaj Chandan, Senior Nature Conservation Scientist and Dr. Shreekar Pant, Head Centre for Biodiversity Studies, BGSB University Rajouri and other panelists deliberated upon the awareness and action components of biodiversity conservation especially at local level. They answered the queries raised by young researchers and activists in biodiversity conservation. Dr. Abdul Haque, Dr. Gohar Igbal, Prof. Fatima Parveen, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Rumy Dar and Dr. Nagina Kousser were rapporteurs

whereas Prof. Supriya Gupta provided technical

support. It is pertinent to mention GDC Thannamandi has cohosted World's first Species Congress, a fully 24-hour fully virtual event hosted by Reverse the Red and Supported by IUCN between May 15-16 in more than 9,700 attendees from over 190 countries and various organizations collectively pledged to help reverse declines of over 3,750 species including 6 species of Jammu and GDCKashmir by Thannamandi by 2030. Some 90 satellite events across globe including 9 in and Thannamandi hosted one of two events in Jammu & Kashmir and only educational institution in the UT. The College shared a live stream of World Species Congress among staff and students and on social

media as its first session. The College also took pledge to reverse the risk of extinction of 6 endangered species of Jammu and Kashmir viz. Markhor (Capra falconeri), Western Tragopan (Tragopan melanocephalus), Cheer Pheasant (Catreus wallichii), Atis (Aconitum heterophyllum), Himalayan Yew (Taxus walichiana) and ban-kakri (Podophylum hexandrum) by 2030.

On May 17 which is observed World Endangered Species Day, the College hosted the 2nd of an online national webinar on the theme celebrate saving species.

event of series in the form

Earlier, Dr. Ashaq Malik, introduced the audience about the programme and conducted the proceedings whereas Dr. Shiraz Ahmed presented the formal vote of thanks. The other organizing committee members include Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Prof. Asif Aijaz Lone, Rakesh Puri, Dr. Nazal Ul Islam Wani, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Gulshan Bhat, Anuj Bali, Prof. Rizwana, Dr. Sarfaraz Mirza, Dr. Arshad Khan, Dr. Salim Javaid, Dr. Nisar Bhat, Dr. Mohd Javaid, Dr. Nusrat Farooq, Dr. Wahid Ahmed Qazi and Farid Ahmed.