

DYSS holds U-14, U-17 selection Judo meet

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JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) on Wednesday organised inter-school Judo competition to select boys in two age groups of under-14 and under-17 from district Jammu.

Involving around 100 young boys from different educational institutions of district Jammu, the selection event took place at Youth Hostel complex, near here.

The selection event held under the technical guidance of Varinder Sharma and Raman Sharma of the DYSS.

The Results: Under-14: Below 25 Kg: Anirudh Singh, BSF Senior Secondary School, 1st; Kayat Puri, DPS Nagbani, 2nd. Below 30 Kg: Harshit Nanda, BSF Senior Secondary School, 1st; Danish Loria, GHSS, Panjpeer, 2nd and Ishant Bhagat, GHSS Patyari, 3rd; Mohit Singh, GMS Kachi Chawani, 4th.



A dignitary starting the Judo bout during inter-school Judo competition at Jammu.

Below 35 Kg: Ranvir Singh, BSF School, 1st; Ayush Sharma KV-2, 2nd; Gourav Khajuria GD Goenka, 3rd. Sandeep Kumar, GMS Bhadrore, 4th. Below 40 Kg: Ritvik Sharma, BSF School, 1st; Aryan Gupta, KC International School, 2nd; Anees Choudhary, KV Bantalab, 3rd and Agrim Sharma, KV-2, 4th. Below 45 Kg: Keshav Sharma, BSF School, 1st; Vijendra Dev Singh KCIS, 2nd; Shbam Kumar, GMS

Bhadrore, 3rd and Navam Gupta, GD Goenka, 4th. Below 50 Kg: Mohd Suleman, BSF School, 1st; Syon Kotwal, KCIS, 2nd; Aman Kumar, GMS Bhadrore, 3rd; Mohd Raza, JK Public School, 4th. Above 50 Kg: Aadharvan Pargal, DPS Jammu, 1st; Hardeep Singh JK Public School, 2nd; Gurpreet Singh, Model Academy Jammu, 3rd and Parth Raina, SOS Herman Geimnar, 4th.

Under-17: Below 40 Kg: Rahul Raina, Shingreela Public School, 1st; Rangit Bhagat, GHSS Patyari, 2nd; Anmol Gupta, SOS Herman Geimnar, 3rd. Below 45 Kg: Daksh Chibber, SOS Herman, 1st; Akshit Verma, BSF School, 2nd; Naksh, Devan Devi School, 3rd and Madav Sharma, GHSS Mauja, 4th. Below 50 Kg: Amrit Gupta, SP Smart School, 1st; Aadiansh, SOS Herman, 2nd; Shaksham Dogra, GD Goenka, 3rd and

Shiksha Niketan School celebrates World Red Cross Day

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior School Jeevan Nagar Jammu celebrated World Red Cross Day.

The different Wings of Shiksha Niketan conducted Poster Making Competition, Drawing Competition, Essay Writing Competition, Symposium Competition respectively in English and Hindi on the 2024 theme "I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward". There were a total 200 students who participated in this competition. 100 students from English and 100 students from Hindi. Students wrote essays and drawn Posters on the given theme. They designed their sheets in a very well and creative way. Following the Red Cross Day theme, the children explained each and everything in their respective Competitions in which they told why we celebrate this day and what duty a



Dignitaries presenting prize to a winner student.

common man should have on this day towards the country. This competition was held in Hall C & D (SNS). After that, the essays written and Posters drawn by the students were evaluated by the teachers of Hindi and English in which the first three positions were taken out in each competition.

Tanisha Chib - Class 4th D, Amaraya Sharma - 3rd B and Gurnoor Singh - Class 3rd D secured 1st, 2nd & 3rd Position in Drawing Competition.

Madhvi Sharma - Class 6th B, Maanyata Sharma -

5th D and Tanvi Sharma - Class 7th A bagged 1st, 2nd & 3rd Position in Poster Competition.

RidhiKalia- Class 10th I, Navya Gupta- Class 8th I & Prakriti Rajput- Class 10th I bagged 1st, 2nd & 3rd Position in Essay Writing Competition.

Anmol Manhas class 11th F, Madhavi Gupta Class 11th X & Qurat -ul-ain Sabha 11th A secured 1st, 2nd & 3rd Position in Symposium Competition.

The Students from Higher Secondary Wing & High Wing received trophies by

B.R. Sharma, State Election Commissioner and the felicitation Ceremony held in (Chief Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan Hall Gandhi Nagar Jammu) accompanied by Isha Sawhney (Lecturer in English and KomalKatoch (concerned Activity Teacher).

Principal of SNS, Rameshwar Mengi gave best wishes to the students and encouraged them to participate in such competitions in future. He further said that Red Cross Day is not only a day, it is a symbol of integrity and unity.

The Competitions were conducted under the guidance of Harish Sharma - Headmaster of SNS, Sudesh Rana - Incharge of Hr. Sec. Wing, Veena Gupta - Incharge of High Wing, Ramanjeet Kour - Incharge of Middle Wing and Suman Gupta - Incharge of Primary Wing.

Bhaderwah Cricket Academy: An institution catering to the needs of budding cricketers

Academy's seven players get JKCA selectors nod

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JAMMU: Having the distinction of producing a good number of players who represent the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at the higher levels, besides nurturing dozens of budding cricketers drawn from the far off areas, Bhaderwah Cricket Academy, Bhaderwah is a Cricket Institution that caters to the needs of hundreds of young and needy cricketers in the area.

Running from last 10 years, the Academy has the reputation of producing a few players each season, who are either shortlisted for the selection-trial matches conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) or represent JKCA at the national scene.

In the recently conducted



Budding cricketers practicing at Bhaderwah Cricket Academy.

Talent Hunt trials by Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association, 7 young cricketers from this Academy have got the JKCA selectors nod and have been named in the shortlisted players of the boys under-16 and under-19 probables.

Showkat Ali Malik is the

President of the Academy, while Sameer Malik supervises the Academy as a Head Coach and Tahir Malik is the Chairman.

"Bhaderwah Cricket Academy provides us with all kinds of facilities. We owe our success to this Academy," said an U-16 Cricketer on the con-

dition of anonymity after his selection in JKCA Talent Hunt shortlisted probables.

Sameer Malik said that his aim was to produce International stuff from this Academy, adding that he felt highly satisfied over the response of young cricketers. "Bhaderwah youth had

Talib Hussain, GMS Kachi Chowani, 4th. Below 55 Kg: Hitesh Chibber, BSF School, 1st; Aarush Manhas, KCIS, 2nd; Imran Rahi, KV Bantalab, 3rd and Ravi Kumar, GHSS Dhok Khalsa, 4th. Below 60 Kg: Daksh Chib, BSF School, 1st; Suryansh Singh, KCIS, 2nd; Veer Partap Singh, GMS Bhadrore, 3rd and Rishi Mahajan, JK Public School, 4th. Below 66 Kg: Ridhum Sharma, Vimal Vidhayala, 1st; Arihant Mahajan, BSF School, 2nd; Aditya Sharma, JK Public School, 3rd and Ritish Sharma, KCIS, 4th. Below 73 Kg: Daksh Gabgotra, MAHC Nagbani, 1st; Surya Dev Singh, BSF School, 2nd; Divansh Pandit, SOS Herman, 3rd and Dakshesh Koul, KCIS, 4th. Below 81 Kg: Ghivam Tikkoo, KCIS, 1st; Harish, SOS Herman, 2nd. Below 90 Kg: Rudra Manhas, GD Goenka, 1st; Akhilesh Sharma, KCIS, 2nd. Above 90 Kg: Jaideep Manhas, GD Goenka, 1st; Sharsh Mahajan, KCIS, 2nd.

APS Dhar Road lifts T-20 trophy



APS Dhar Road team receiving trophy.

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UDHAMPUR: The Northern Command Inter APSs Cricket Championship 2024-25 organized under the auspices of the Northern Command and hosted by Army Public School (APS) Rakhmuthi.

Teams from various Army Public Schools (APS) to compete in a cricket tournament.

After several rounds of

intense matches featuring ups and downs, the teams from APS Dhar Road and APS Rakhmuthi emerged as the finalists. Both teams showcased exceptional skills and determination throughout the tournament, setting the stage for an exciting final match.

In the highly anticipated final match, APS Dhar Road's players displayed outstanding teamwork and skill, ultimately clinching a

one-sided victory over the opposition team, APS Rakhmuthi, by a margin of 18 runs.

The match was marked by brilliant performances from both sides, but it was APS Dhar Road's resilience and strategic play that secured the win.

Akhilesh Kumar, a player representing APS Dhar Road, emerged as the standout performer of the final match and was right-

Heritageans shine at Badminton Tournament

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JAMMU: Heritage students showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship at the prestigious Pt. D.D. Magotra Memorial Jammu Open Sub-Junior Badminton

Tournament, held at M.A Stadium from May 4 to 6, 2024. The students participated across various categories and emerged with impressive victories, bringing laurels to the school. Kanishk Mall of 8th B, demonstrated outstanding prowess by clinching multiple victories. He is the Winner of U/15 Singles, Winner of U/15 and Runners-up in U/17 Doubles. Param Raina, of 10th A, displayed remarkable skill and determination securing victory in U/17 Doubles (Winner).

Shreya Gupta of 11D and Rishit Kumar of 8th B, exhibited commendable performance



Heritage School faculty felicitating winner students.

achieving Runners-up position in U/17 Doubles and U/13 Doubles respectively. Aarav Mall of 4th B displayed promising talent by securing Runners-up position in U/11 Singles and U/13 Doubles.

In addition to the above medal winners, other Heritageans who were awarded Consolation Prizes for their notable efforts are: Dheeraj (6th E), Sarvagya (6th A),

Aviraj (6th E), Kavish (6th F), Adhwik (5th B) and Aditya Choudhary (5th E).

The achievements of all these students reflect Heritage School's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting sportsmanship among its students. The school congratulates all participants for their remarkable performance and wishes them good luck for their future endeavours.

Vice Chairman J&K Higher Education Council reviews NEP progress in UT of J&K

Design your Degree Program significant shift towards holistic learning, skill development: Prof Dinesh

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JAMMU: Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council, Government of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday highlighted the transformative potential of the Design your Degree program in reshaping educational paradigms, aligning seamlessly with the objectives of the National Education Policy.

"This initiative marks a significant shift towards holistic learning and skill development", Prof Dinesh Singh said while chairing a meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of various universities of the Union Territory at the University of Jammu campus.

Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor University of Jammu (JU), Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir, Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, VC IUST, Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor, BGBSU, Prof.

Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Prof. Kavi Arya, IIT Mumbai, Prof. Revender Kumar Tickoo, Principal, Women Parade College, Jammu, Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, J&K, Prof. Sheikh, Ajaz Bashir, Principal Amar Singh College, Srinagar, Prof. Naresh Padha, Prof. Alka Sharma, Director, SIIEDC, Prof. Sadaf Shah, Prof. Jatinder Manhas, Prof. Azmat Alam Kahan, OSD to VC SKUAST -K, Prof. A. A. Shah, DAA BGBSU, Prof. Qayoom Ahmed, Coordinator DYD, Islamia College, Srinagar, Prof. Sachin Gupta, SKUAST Jammu, Dr. R. K. Srivastava, SKUAST Jammu, Prof. Vikas Tandon, Dean Horticulture, SKUAST Jammu, Prof. Anil Kumar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Guneet Singh Soodan, OSD to Vice Chairman Higher Education Council attended the meeting. The meeting assessed the preparedness for implementing the Design Your



Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council chairing a meeting at JU.

Degree program across universities in Jammu and Kashmir. Underscoring the paramount importance of this program, Prof Singh said that it spearheads academic innovations and embodies the core ethos of the National Education Policy.

Prof. Singh reiterated that the Design your Degree program acts as a catalyst for advancing academic programs by strategically implementing innovative approaches. Within a comprehensive four-year frame-

work, students have the opportunity to explore various educational paths, fostering informed decision-making and personal growth, he added.

During the initial phases, the program provides students with a transformative educational journey, establishing a broad foundation for holistic development. Guided by the National Education Policy principles, this immersive experience equips students with the adaptability and insight required to navigate dynam-

ic academic environments effectively, he said.

Prof. Singh emphasized the universal adoption of the Design Your Degree program across all educational institutions.

Referring to the concerns regarding disciplinary implications, he reaffirmed the program's commitment to invigorating and modernizing all academic disciplines, ensuring relevance and dynamism in curriculum delivery. The meeting also reviewed the progress of the Design Your Degree pro-

gram, with special emphasis on pedagogy and faculty preparedness.

The Vice Chancellors of the various Universities gave a detailed presentation and comments concerning the progress of the DYD in their respective institutions with special emphasis on pedagogy and faculty preparedness. Deliberations also included the requirements for revamping the program and capacity-building programs to create awareness.

Prof Dinesh Singh articulated the need for generating awareness and readiness among the parents, students and the faculty of various higher education institutions in Jammu and Kashmir towards the "Design Your Degree" program.

In a bid to showcase the initiatives already undertaken by institutions such as the University of Jammu and IUST, who have already started this program, Professor Singh preposessed activities aimed at gaining public recognition

within and outside the Union Territory. He put forth significant proposals aimed at advancing the educational landscape in the Union Territory. Various issues with a focus on bringing collaboration, awareness and effective implementation of educational reforms shall also be deliberated upon in a meeting to be chaired by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor JKUT.

Prof. Singh suggested organizing an activity in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce. This event would serve as a platform to discuss and showcase the evolving landscape of education in the Union Territory, particularly through programs like "Design Your Degree." By involving key stakeholders from various sectors, this activity aims to highlight the role of education in driving socio-economic development.

Given the transformative nature of Design Your Degree program, discussions also centered on dovetailing

it with existing programs and enhancing inter-institutional coordination to effectively implement the National Education Policy.

Prof Singh also proposed the formation of an Inter-Institutional Coordination Committee to implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, with a specific emphasis on the role of "Design Your Degree." Under this initiative, all higher education institutions in Jammu are urged to nominate two faculty members from their respective institutions. These representatives will convene monthly meetings to discuss and coordinate the implementation of NEP 2020 initiatives, with a focus on the innovative aspects of "Design Your Degree."

Besides the various other issues deliberated, matters pertaining to financial and administrative aspects for the successful implementation of the National Education Policy were also discussed.