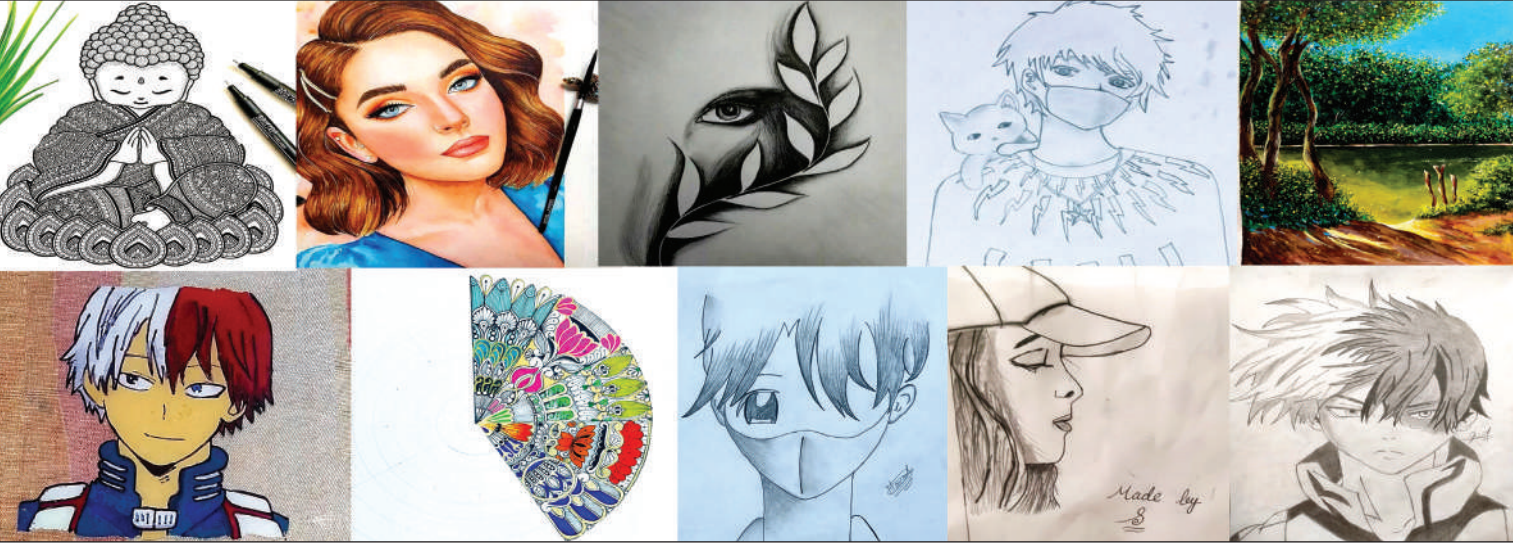


Pablo Picasso Club of Visual Arts in great action for Art exhibition at JKPS Kunjwani



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The spacious art room of JKPS Kunjwani witnesses plethora of artistic masterpieces, made by the members of Pablo Picasso Club of Visual Arts.

"The study of art is an outlet and can provide quite a few significant benefits to students. Art can relieve stress, which can be a new and intense emotion for children. Once engrossed in the art club activity, students get the opportunity to stoke their creative fires", says the Art maestro Vijay Chandan.

"An art club is a place

wherein students yearn to visit to explore the subtle nuances of art forms and hone their individual skills. From mixed medium to water color and traditional oil painting, students explore new frontiers, where their unique talents lie and explore new avenues of enrichment and expression", reflects Gurpreet Kour, the Art teacher.

Looking into the overriding passion of dozens of artists at JKPS, an Art exhibition has been scheduled in the month of November, 2022. Students are all agog with excitement,

as top 50 artists and their 10 masterpieces each shall be put up on display in the first round of Art exhibition. There are always some special feelings with artists, when they see their drawing framed, their painting glazed & their sculptures displayed in a professional manner. students find themselves on cloud nine and pleasantly surprised at the positive affirmations they receive from teachers and parents who may or may not have realised their artistic skills earlier!

Responding to the queries

raised by some curious students, Neetu Sharma, Art teacher responded, "Artists have been asked to start collecting their masterpieces right from the beginning of the academic year. The student's name, class and year will be written on the back of works on paper. For completing the digital lists, students have started typing names on to a table spread-sheet for name tags. They will print them out, laminate, and blu-tac or velcro the names on to their boards. During the summer break, artists will begin the

laborious work of mounting and framing their work. If this job is tackled satisfactorily during the summer break, students will be pleasantly surprised to see the preparation, which is more than halfway there with most work ready for presentation".

Principal JKPS Rajesh Rathore expressed his joy on the idea of conducting Art exhibition this year. "I know we're all trying to create magic with minimal budgets, and decided to invest in some good quality maroon frames in generic

GDC Kunjwani organises online essay writing competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In the series of monthly events to be conducted under the programme "Cyber Jagrookta Diwas" initiated by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Higher Education Department J&K, Government Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani organised an online intra-college essay writing competition under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Hans Raj. The topics for the essay were "Cyber Threats & Phishing, Cyber Security for our Digital Life, Cyber Security: Challenges & the Way Forward and Cyber Hygiene."

Akanshita Mahajan and Parul Angral were the winners of the competition.

Principal congratulated the winners and appreciated the efforts of the organisers for organizing the event. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Rohini Jamwal.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Under-23 cricketers of Jammu and Kashmir, who are sweating it-out in hot and humid conditions, vying to get the selectors nod, showed stellar grit, composure, promise and tenacity to impress one and all by guiding their teams to convincing wins in the ongoing JKCA's Under-23 One-Day Tournament (Cricketer for Peace Cup) being organised by Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association at four different venues across the Union Territory.

Meanwhile, in the matches played today in both the divisions, JKCA A3, A4, B1, B5 emerged victorious and the star performers included Abid Padder, Musaif Ajaz, Sampark Gupta, Praful Dhar, Abhay Tandon.

Waheed Teli, Suhail Ahmed Dar, Younis Dagga Faizan Rouf, Jiyad Magrey and Bilal Ahmed.

At GGM Science College Hostel Ground Jammu, JKCA team A4 defeated

U-23 Men's One-Day Tourney

Vying aspirants show stellar grit, tenacity to get selectors nod



Teams posing alongwith coaches at GGM Science College Hostel Ground in Jammu.

team A5 by 3 wickets.

Earlier, put into bat, A5 was bundled out for a meagre total of 121 runs. Ashank put scored with 41 runs off 64 balls, while Rustum Wani contributed 23 runs to the total. For team A4, Praful Dhar and Abhay Tandon bagged 3 wickets each.

In reply, team A4 chased the target by losing 7 wickets, thus won the match by 3 wickets. Skipper Musaif Ajaz continued his brilliance and after scoring a century and a half century in earlier two matches, once again scored power-packed 58 runs off 42 balls, while Abhay Tandon

also contributed valuable 38 runs to the total.

For JKCA team A5, Mohd Usman bagged 3 wickets, while Huzaf claimed 2 wickets.

At Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, JKCA A3 defeated A2 in an easy contest by 7 wickets.

Batting first, A2 scored paltry 108 runs, with Vinay scoring (16) runs and Raghav Thakur contributing (13) runs. For A3, Sampark captured 4 wickets, while Nitish Salaria claimed 2 wickets each.

In reply, A3 chased the target easily by losing 3 wickets,

thus won the match by 7 wickets. Ahmed Shehzad put scored with 40 runs, while Vinayak contributed 24 runs to the total. For A2, Sarvashesh took 2 wickets, while Nityam Abrol claimed 1 wicket.

At Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium Srinagar Ground-A, JKCA B5 defeated B3 by 7 wickets.

Batting first, B3 scored a huge total of 356 runs in 50 overs. Younis Dagga played with fluidity to score 99 runs, while Mujeeb ul Haq contributed 56 runs to the total. For B5, Faizan Rouf took 3 wickets, while

sizes. If we store them with care, these frames can be used and re-used each year and save our resources in the long-run".

"The team is designing the layout of the display boards. The work is in progress: steadily and efficiently. Organizing a school art exhibition demands a meticulous planning for months together. As we all chip in for sports carnivals, the same way it's time to seek the favours from the entire team! It will be a great experience for our senior students to contribute their best. From designing invitations to moving artworks in and out of the art room, to matching name tags to artworks, senior students will be of great help. Unity is power", added the Principal.

"The WhatsApp group of Pablo Picasso Club of Visual Arts is flooded with many artistic masterpieces everyday. Brilliant strokes and themes fill the spectators with renewed joy and josh for a great Art Exhibition ahead. Looking into the postings made by the Art enthusiasts on day today basis, we may be compelled to organize the Art Exhibition in two phases", concluded the Principal.

Volleyball Referee Clinic begins at Poonch



President of Private Schools Association, Waheed Ahmed Bandy and others posing for a photograph.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: A four-day UT level Volleyball referee clinic started on Friday at Jamia Zai ul Uloom High School, here involving 30 such officials from different parts of the UT.

This referee clinic is organised by Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club under the banner of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir. The participants included 12 officials from the UT of Ladakh. President of Private Schools Association, Waheed Ahmed Bandy (Principal) was the Chief Guest, who interacted with the participants while highlighting the importance of referees in the field of sports. Neeraj Sharma has been engaged as course instructor in this clinic by the organisers. "Such courses enables top players gain technical qualification and thus earn a livelihood while contributing their bit in the promotion of the game within the UT," said Mohd Tariq, chairman of the organising club.

Annual Dangal held at Peer Baba Rahmat Ali tomb in Chak Nanka



Chief Guest introducing wrestlers of main bout.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: A huge fair and Dangal was organized at the tomb of Peer Baba Rahmat Ali in Chak Nanka village of RS Pura area, in which wrestlers from several states participated. On the occasion, Sarpanch Panchayat Gandli and General Secretary of All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat

Conference, Gurdeep Singh Saini was the Chief Guest who started the Dangal. During this, the first bout of Dangal was held between wrestler Sikandar Singh and Asif Pehelwan, in which Sikandar Pehalwan won. Apart from this, the second and third bouts were also very interesting. A total of more than two dozen bouts were organized on behalf of the Dangal Committee. During this, Gurdeep Singh Saini and the members of Dangal Committee honoured the winning wrestlers and encouraged them for showing their sportsmen spirit.

Gurdeep appreciated the members of the Dangal Committee and said that every

year several Dangal were organized in the village because of his efforts.

He appealed to the youth of the area to stay away from bad habits like drugs and pay attention to sports along with education. He said that wrestling is our historical sport and through this a person can keep himself completely fit. The Sarpanch assured the Dangal Committee for all possible help would be given to the committee in near future for organizing such events.

He said that every year a huge Dangal is organized in the memory of Peer Baba Rahmat Ali in the village and the mercy of Peer Baba also remains with the village forever.

On this occasion, a large number of villagers, including the village numbers Chur Singh, Vijay Singh, Sham Lal Sharma, Darshan Sharma, Surjit Singh, Rajat Kumar, Jarnail Singh, Karnail Singh, Shamsher Singh, Arjun Kumar, Thodlu Sardar Harjinder Singh and Panch Anju Bala were present.

Justice Rabstan reviews progress of ongoing projects regarding judicial edifice

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: Justice Tashi Rabstan (Administrative Judge for Districts Leh and Kargil) chaired a meeting at Leh regarding ongoing/under construction projects of judicial infrastructure in Union Territory of Ladakh, which was attended by Pawan Kotwal, Principal Secretary, UT of Ladakh; Ajit Kumar Sahu, Commissioner-Secretary General Administration; Kachho Mehboob Ali Khan, Administrative Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Parkash Tanoch, Chief Engineer, PWD; DC Rajat Kumar; Rajesh Kumar Shavan, Managing Director, JKPC, Stanzin Donsal,



Justice Tashi Rabstan (Administrative Judge for Districts Leh and Kargil) chairing a meeting at Leh.

Senior Accounts Officer, Law Department; Lakshay Singhal, Joint Director, Handicrafts; O P Bhagal, Principal District Judge Leh; Amit Kumar Gupta, Coordinator (Incharge) Mediation and Conciliation Committee and Chenit

Yurgyal, Munsiff, Khaltisi.

During the meeting, status regarding construction of Guest House at Leh, District Court Complex, Melongtiang Leh, Munsiff Court Khaltisi, District Court Complex, Khurbathang Kargil; Munsiff Court with

residential quarters at Sankoo, Padam (Zanskar) and Drass was reviewed. The Administrative Judge was informed that already allotted amount of Rs.2.68 crore for construction of Guest House at Leh has been spent while administrative approval regarding allotment of funds tuning to Rs 6.70 crore is awaited. Justice Rabstan highlighted the need for construction of a Dispensary at District Court Complex, Leh and also need for allotment of additional land at Sankoo and Zanskar keeping in view future expansion of Courts.

Dr Pawan Kotwal informed that the letter of acceptance regarding construction of

court and residential quarters at Sankoo has been issued and necessary approval shall be accorded in near future. Additional Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies informed that notification regarding creation of Consumer Forums at District and UT Level has been issued and selection of Presiding Officers as well as Members of Forums will start soon. Dr Kotwal further assured that funds for purchase of books for all Courts in the UT of Ladakh shall be released immediately and all other issues pertaining to the judicial infrastructure for administration of justice in UT of Ladakh shall be resolved with utmost dispatch.

Environmental Sciences Deptt JU organises Edu-Trip

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Department of Environmental Sciences and Green Campus Task Force (GCTF-JU), University of Jammu under the aegis of Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGN-CRE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India organized one-day 'Edu-trip' to 'Traditional Mata Vaishno Devi Route, Bamyal' and 'Sitlee Water Treatment Plant, Nagrota' to mark World Environment week 2022 and to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The purpose of the trip was to acquaint the students to our natural heritage and show them the traditional water conserva-



Students and faculty of Environmental Sciences Department JU at 'Edu-trip'

tion structures present along the route. Professor Piyush Malaviya, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences in his inaugural remarks, said that the main purpose of organizing such visits is to impart practical knowledge to the students, and such demonstrations in the real-time environment add to

their knowledge base.

The students were shown the old water filtration Unit near Pangoli Temple which consists of a stepwell along with partitions for storage and sedimentation of water. The filtered water finally entered the well located in the temple vicinity which was used for drinking by the pilgrims

during the ancient times. Dr. Deepika Slathia, the Teacher In charge of the event talked about the importance of the traditional water bodies and the need for their conservation.

The students also interacted with the locals to sensitize them regarding the importance of clean water and highlighted the possible health hazards caused due to drinking polluted water. The students also visited the Sitlee Water Treatment Plant, Nagrota where they were shown the present-day water treatment system. Ankush from the PHE Department, Sitlee demonstrated the functioning of the treatment plant and the different processes involved in water treatment like sedi-

mentation, the addition of alum, Chlor-floculation, filtration, and chlorination of water.

The students were also apprised with the usage statistics like the amount of water lifted from the Tawi lifting station per day, the total capacity of the treatment plant, the amount of water supplied daily, and the amount of water stored in storage tanks. Students interacted with the PHE officials and raised certain queries which were well addressed by the Officials. Dr. Meenakshi Kahjuria from the department also talked about her research findings on the water quality status of water from the Tawi treatment plant and the water distribution system of the Jammu city.

National seminar on 'Life & Legacy of Maharaja Gulab Singh' concludes at JU



Dr Karan Singh speaking at closing ceremony of national seminar on 'Revisiting Life and Legacy of Maharaja Gulab Singh' at JU.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Three-day national seminar on 'Revisiting Life and Legacy of Maharaja Gulab Singh' concluded here at Jammu University (JU), here on Friday.

The seminar was organised by the Department of History, JU in collaboration with Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), Jammu Kashmir Study Centre and Maharaja Gulab Singh Research Centre.

Dr Karan Singh was the Chief Guest during the valedictory function, which was earlier inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Jammu University, Prof Umesh Rai.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Karan Singh threw light on the Raj Tilak ceremony of Maharaja Gulab Singh by Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

He also focused on the consolidation of this region by Maharaja Gulab Singh and the hardships and sacrifices made by the Dogras of the region.

"Maharaja Gulab Singh and his army faced great hardships in Gilgit, Baltistan and Ladakh region, but they were firm with their vision in consolidating this region," Dr Karan Singh said and appreciated the first five Maharajas starting

with Maharaja Gulab Singh and how they consolidated this whole region and their contribution in making the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Karan further suggested that a seminar on General Zoravar Singh, whose contribution has been neglected to some extent, should also be organized.

Earlier, Prof. Suman Jamwal presented opening remarks of the session.

She extended her heartfelt welcome to Dr. Karan Singh, the Heir Apparent of the erstwhile State of J&K.

Prof. Suman Jamwal also welcomed Captain Alok Bansal for presiding over the session on a very short notice. She extended her earnest thanks to Kunwarani Ritu Singh for being a part of the session and sparing time from her busy schedule.

The report of the Seminar was presented by Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal who gave a comprehensive detail of the central theme of all the papers. He revisited the History of Maharaja Gulab Singh and how the Treaty of Amritsar needs to be studied by understanding the contemporary circumstances and how they shaped the formation of the modern state of J&K.

The Presidential address was given by Cap. Alok Bansal, who stressed on the fact that the areas of North, which are now not part of India, but had been conquered under Maharaja Gulab Singh need to be made part of the present day Indian geo-political terrain.

Dr. Vensha Gupta extended a formal vote of thanks. The session was hosted and moderated by Dr. Saurabh Mishra from ICHR.

The seventh technical session was chaired by Harbans Singh Sambyal in the Brig. Rajindra Singh Auditorium. The speakers Dr. Shreya Bakshi, Dr. Diljit Singh, Dr. Rajesh Prasad gave a detailed description of the Jammu conquests of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and how Maharaja Gulab Singh started coming into picture from then on.

A parallel session was chaired by Dr. Madhulika Singh, in which speakers focused on the issue of PRC and the making of the modern state of J&K.

In another Session, which was chaired by Dr. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh, the speakers focused their papers on mapping the rise of Maharaja Gulab Singh and establishing the relationship between Jammu and Lahore Darbar.