

For participating in INSPIRE awards, science and technology exhibition organised at JKPS Panjtirthi



Glimpses of Science and technology exhibition being organised at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India has released INSPIRE Awards 2023 notification on its official website under Inspire Awards - MANAK Scheme. INSPIRE Awards -

MANAK is looking for Science and Technology based ideas and innovations from millions of school students who are studying from class 6th to 10th across the country. MANAK means Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge is

an initiative to foster a culture of innovation and creative thinking amongst students to address societal needs through Science and Technology.

For participating in the INSPIRE awards, Science and technology exhibition on

Science and Technology ideas was organised at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi. Jakiains participated with enthusiasm.

Jakiains exhibited different projects like Anti sleep censor, gadgets for rainwater harvesting, Pollution control

ideas, Ideas to reduce the disruptive impact of Natural disaster, Solar cell, Solar panel, pass code based locking system in Gas stove.

Few projects were based on digital technology-related ideas that could contribute the digital economy.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah explained that technology plays a critical role in modern society. Everyone is touched by the power of technology in one way or the other way. She also talked about some famous Indian scientists and

their discoveries. Jakiains highlighted that technology connects us, Technology inspires us, Technology amplifies our power.

She added, "The Government of India is marching ahead to promote Science and technology in the

country, to build a nurtured ecosystem by way of promoting research and developing a robust system."

The Principal selected and nominated the best five projects of Jakiains and uploaded their ideas on the official website of INSPIRE.

First batch of Indiahikes trekkers reach Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: The first batch of 16 trekkers led by Indiahikes -- the country's largest trekking organisation -- reached Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district for the much-anticipated Brammah valley trek.

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav, Chief Executive Officer, Kishtwar Development Authority, Inderjeet Singh Parihar and Wildlife Warden Majid Basheer Mintoo received the trekkers at TRC Kishtwar, an official said. Brammah valley trek stands as a testament to the district's allure, offering trekkers awe-inspiring vistas of four prominent peaks towering above 6,000 metres. The trek unveils a unique blend of dense forests, comprising coniferous and maple trees, with intermittent clearings that reveal breathtaking views of the surroundings. The journey will culminate



DC Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav welcoming Indiahikes trekkers on Sunday.

at the picturesque campsite of Kiddar Maidan, nestled amid the expansive grasslands, where the tranquil Nath river silently glides by, the official said, adding this idyllic campsite is a testament to the beauty and serenity of Kishtwar's natural surroundings, earning it a well-deserved reputation as one of the most beautiful campsites on the treks. While embracing nature's grandeur, the Brammah valley trek also provides trekkers with a unique cultural experience.

Kishtwar's rich heritage and distinct identity are evident in its temples, mosques, and the harmonious coexistence of these religious landmarks, the official said. As trekkers traverse the trail, they encounter tiny villages perched on hill-sides, showcasing architectural marvels rarely witnessed in modern times, he said, adding the Brammah valley trek presents an opportunity for adventure enthusiasts to immerse themselves in a world of dis-

covery and wonder.

The limited spots available for this year's trek make it an exclusive adventure worth exploring, the official said.

Interacting with the trekkers, Deputy Commissioner Yadav expressed his enthusiasm for adventure tourism in the district and assured full support from the administration during the expedition.

He said the district administration remains committed to facilitating and promoting such extraordinary experiences, bolstering Kishtwar's reputation as a premier adventure tourism destination.

Yadav also encouraged the Indiahikes team to explore and promote more treks in the upcoming three more trekking expeditions scheduled on June 20, 29 and in July by the team. The second trek will accompany Shree Hudh Mata Yatra-2023 on June 20.

India stun South Korea, clinch maiden Women's Jr Asia Cup title

AGENCY

KAKAMIGAHARA: India put up a collective show to stun four-time champions South Korea 2-1 and clinch their maiden Women's Junior Hockey Asia Cup here on Sunday.

Annu and Neelam scored for India while Park Seo Yeon was the lone goal scorer for Korea.

Before this, India's best-ever finish in the tournament was in 2012 edition in Bangkok when they entered the final of the continental showpiece for the first time, only to lose to China 2-5.

"Congratulations to our young champions on winning the 2023 Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup! The team has shown immense perseverance, talent and teamwork," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet. "They have made our nation very proud. Best wishes to them for their endeavours ahead," he said.

Wushu camp for Asian Games begins at Srinagar



Players posing for photograph during a training camp on Sunday.

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JAMMU: Sponsored by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), the two-month long National Wushu camp to two upcoming events of 19th Asian Games and 16th World Championship got underway at Sher-e-Kashmir Indoor Stadium, here.

To be continued till August three, the camp has probable shortlisted by the Wushu Association of India for two important events. While Asian Games slated to be held in China, the World Championship is scheduled to take place in USA.

Meanwhile, the Wushu Association of India (WAI) and the Wushu Association of J&K thanked Lieutenant Governor and president of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Manoj Sinha accepting the proposal of hosting the preparatory event.

Earlier, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned the camp for 45 members, including seven coaches and two support staff. The camp included three players from J&K, Surya Bhanu Partap Singh, Abhishek Janwal and Owais Sarwar.

However, as per a handout issued by the Wushu Association of J&K, those probable for the World Championship shall join the camp in the second phase soon after the 32nd National Championship scheduled to be held in Pune from June 26. The team of coaches is headed by Kuldeep Handoo, Dronacharya Awardee and National Wushu coach of WAI and Rajesh Kumar Tailor (Rajasthan) as also M Sachidananda (Manipur), Ravi Prakash Tripathi (NS NIS Patiala), Pooja Kadian World Champion (Haryana), Amit Pal (Services) and Choabi Devi (Manipur).

Model Academy NCC wing attends training camp at Nagorta



NCC cadets during training camp at Nagorta.

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JAMMU: A ten days Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) was organised by 1/J&K/Naval Unit, under the aegis of GHQ Srinagar under the command of Captain Kapil Sharma from May 29 to June 7, 2023, at camping ground Nagorta Jammu.

Around 225 cadets from dif-

ferent colleges and schools of Jammu and Kashmir took part in the camp. Around five girls (JW's) and three boys (JD's) NCC cadets of Model Academy school participated in the camp.

The camp covered amalgamate of several physical and academic training activities. All the cadets underwent training in various fields which included

PT, parade training, map reading, field craft, boat pulling, firing drill, classroom instructions, guest lectures, besides being exposed to camp life and taking part in sports activities, and cultural events like singing and dancing.

The main aim of the camp was to inculcate good qualities of leadership, team spirit, cooperation, discipline, character building, secular outlook, spirit of adventure, sportsmanship, ideals of selfless service and a sense of patriotism among the cadets. The management appreciated the enthusiasm and discipline displayed by the cadets and the role of NCC in honing the talents of young and budding minds. All the cadets were honoured with certificate of merit.

Magam Sports Stadium comes live with T-20 Cricket Tournament

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: One of the major sports events in district Budgam under the umbrella of the 'Jhan Bhaghidari' campaign kept Sports Council's Magam Stadium on the cusp of thrilling cricket encounters between teams from many districts of J&K.

The local organizers teamed up with J&K Sports Council under the My Youth My Pride vertical of special activities for the Magaam T20 Knockout Cricket Tournament which witnessed the participation of seventy-four teams and as many as 1480 players, compared to sixty-four teams in the last edition which was also a massive



Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul at a programme.

hit among the cricketing circles.

The tournament was played in a league cum knockout format. J&K Sports Time was the media partner for the event which played an important role in streaming live matches on social

media platforms throughout the tournament.

Winners of the coveted tournament will earn a cash bounty of rupees one lakh while rupees fifty thousand and twenty thousand will go into the kitty of runner-up and team placed third respec-

tively. Every match of the tournament attracted a crowd of thousands to the ground and as per the organizer of the events, the cumulative figure of cricket enthusiasts thronging the ground during the event will easily run into lakhs.

The Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull presided over the final match ceremony as the chief guest while Parveez Rasool international cricketer was the special guest, and Managing Directors from Cricket Academy of Pathans Pune and Jaipur units were guests of honor on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Nuzhat Gull highlighted

the importance of collaboration of sports events for team spirit and camaraderie between people from different backgrounds.

She also emphasized the importance of promoting gender equality in sports and supporting women in sports. The chief guest congratulated the organizers for the professional approach and urged all participants to continue pursuing their passion for sports and strive for excellence.

The final match of the T-20 tournament was played between Shining Star Pampore Cricket Club and Green Line Cricket Club Srinagar. The match was in progress when a report was being filed.

Valley's village boy 'Rohil' makes it to Indian Softball team

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/SRINAGAR: A village boy from Kashmir Valley 'Rohil Rashid' has made a big stride in the field of Softball as he has been selected for the Asia Cup (Men) Softball Championship to be held at Kochi, Japan from June 25 to 28, 2023.

Rohil, youngest son of prominent sports promoter Abdul Rashid Ahanger from village Takya Behram Shah from District Anantnag of Jammu & Kashmir will be participating in the Asian Softball Championship Japan 2023.

Rohil started his sports career in the sport of Softball

at the age of 11 from Inter School, Inter District, Inter Division, State Level, National Level Championships.

Rohil got selected during final selection trials held by the Softball Association of India after he attended various India Camps conducted by SBAI in Anantnag, Andhra Pradesh, Jalgoan, Maharashtra and Pondicherry.

"It is really a proud moment for sports fraternity that Rohil is second athlete from Jammu & Kashmir



after Harleen Kour who is participating in the International Softball Championship in 2023.

Harleen from Jammu district was part of the Indian National Women team who participated in Women Asia Cup Softball Championship at South Korea.

What is more delightful for sports fraternity is that NIS Topper 2006 of Softball, Harvinder Singh is accompanying this Indian (Men) team as Coach for Asia Cup

(Men) Softball Championship at Japan," said Waseem Raja Khan, General Secretary J&K Softball Association.

He said that J&K Sports Council is providing every possible support for the development and promotion of Softball in Jammu & Kashmir, adding Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council Ms Nuzhat Gul has been instrumental in uplifting the standard of sports in J&K.

Indian National Softball team will leave from New Delhi for Japan on June 23, 2023 under the banner of Softball Association of India.

Prerna, Payal, Shagun retain positions in Climbing

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Prerna Charak, Payal Sharma and Shagun Sharma of Government College for Women (GCW), Parade retained 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in the second round of the Sunday Series of Sport Climbing competitions held here on Sunday.

However, in the Junior Boys category, Aradhya Manhas, who had secured third place in the first round, emerged victorious today pushing the champion of the Harman Samnotra to second place. Saksham Slathia finished third.

A total of 44 climbers par-



Participating climbers posing with officials and members.

participated in different categories. The competition was organised under the overall supervision of Shawetia Khajuria, general secretary of Tawi Trekkers, J&K and assisted by other senior

climbers. Prominent among others present were president of the Club, Ram Khajuria, Narinder Singh and Vaneeta Shoor.

Meanwhile, the third round

of the competition of the Sunday Series shall be conducted on June 18 at the same venue. For registration interested climbers may contact Shawetia Khajuria (7006099855).

Other Results (2nd Round): Sub Junior Boys: Aryan Rantham, 1st; Himanshu Manhas, 2nd and Pranav Mankotia, 3rd. Sub Junior Girls: Meetal Khajuria, 1st; Arushi, 2nd and Riya Choudhary, 3rd. Mini Girls: Manya Verma, 1st; Ayanaa Bhagat, 2nd and Nivedita Kotwal, 3rd. Mini Boys: Vidur Shoor, 1st; Hashveer, 2nd and Harshit Bhat, 3rd.