

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Environment Day



Glimpses of World Environment Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

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JAMMU: World Environment day - let's celebrate the wonders of nature and commit to being responsible stewards of our planet. Together, we can make a difference.

To brighten a hope for a greener tomorrow, World Environment Day was celebrated at JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi with much enthusiasm. Jakiians commenced the

celebration by highlighting that With problems like deforestation and pollution, nature conservation and protection has become a very important issue of mankind. The students spoke on the

theme, "Importance of healthy environment-the foundation for a stable and productive society". A role play was performed by Jakiians about various environmental issues and how

all of us can make a difference by making small adjustments in our daily rituals and habits. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah motivated the Jakiians and expressed, "Let's plant trees,

conserve water, and promote renewable energy for a greener and cleaner future." She added, "Serving as a knowledgeable base, today's enriching celebration has successfully delivered the

message that if we all work together and conserve our Environment, we can live happily on the earth." She further advised the students and motivated them to think globally and act locally

to heal Planet Earth. A mass quiz on Environment day was organised by the quiz master; the Principal herself. The winners of the quiz were rewarded by the Principal.

Jasleen Kour of JKPS Kunjwani wins gold medal at All Japan Meet



Gold medal winner Jasleen Kour and other judo players posing with officials.

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JAMMU: Jasleen Kour an upcoming Judo player of JK Public School Kunjwani earned laurels when she got a gold medal at the recently concluded All Japan Meet held at World Head Quarter,

Japan.

It was a proud moment for the school as she added another feather to the JKPS family.

Her coach Brijesh Bhaui extolled her performance.

The School Management,

Director Shashi Chaudhary, Principal Rajesh Rathore congratulated the student for this outstanding performance. It is noteworthy that Jasleen Kour has been selected to go to Japan for further training.

Physical Education, Urdu Deptts win in JU inter-department Cricket

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JAMMU: Physical Education Department and Urdu Department on Thursday registered wins to move into the next round of the ongoing inter-department Cricket tournament of University of Jammu (JU) on JU Campus, here.

Earlier, batting first, Department Distance Education (DDE) set a target of 86 runs for six wickets in allotted 15 overs. Sourav and Aahit played fine innings of 30 and 31 runs in their respective accounts. For Department of Physical Education, Saleem and Ankush Abhishek grabbed two wickets each Shahel took one. In reply, Department of Physical Education chased the target making 87 runs in 12 overs for one wicket, thus won the match by nine wickets. Ankush remained top scorer with 35-ball 36 runs while Babar and Kashif contributed 26 and 21 runs respectively. Kunal claimed one wicket for DDE. In other scheduled match of the day, Urdu Department outplayed Department of Geology by seven wickets. Batting first, Geology Department scored 77 runs losing ten wickets in 14.4 overs. Abhishek was the top scorer with 24 runs while Vikshay made 14 runs. Nawab and Yasir grabbed two wickets each while Partap and Sanjay claimed one each for Urdu Department. Later, Urdu Department chased the target making 79 runs for the loss of three wickets in 10.4 overs. Partap played brilliant inning making 26-ball 44 runs studded with two sixes and five boundaries. Isak was other batsman to contribute 21 runs to the total. Today's matches were officiated by the technical panel including Raj Kumar Bakshi, Tahir Mahmood, Rahul Kumar and Sachin Singh.

J&K Excise Deptt organises sports activities



Winner team receiving trophy from the dignitaries.

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KATHUA: On the directions of the Excise Commissioner, Pankaj Kumar Sharma and supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Jammu Kusum Sharma and ETO, Excise Range Kathua Virender Kumar and with cooperation of Principal, Sheikh Mohd Hafeez and management of the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Bani, Jammu & Kashmir Excise Department organised sports event at Bani.

In the sports event, a volleyball match was

played between the inter house teams of the school, in which both the teams played with absolute passion, fervour and enthusiasm.

Both winning and runner up teams were awarded trophies, individual medals and certificates of appreciation. Volleyball kits, uniforms were provided to the players and refreshment was also distributed among the participants and the students of the school. The gathering appreciated the efforts of Excise Department in generating awareness among the students regarding ill effects of the drugs abuse.

Children playing, gym equipment at Veer Bhoomi Park Samba inaugurated

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad, on Thursday inaugurated children playing equipment and gym equipment installed at Veer Bhoomi Park, Samba.

Director General, Floriculture, Parks and Gardens Jammu, S. Jatinder Singh was also present on the occasion.

Different types of Children Playing Equipment have been installed in the park such as Slider, Swings and Rolling cap.

While addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary informed that new



Commissioner Secretary Floriculture, Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad inaugurating children playing and gym equipment.

Children Playing Equipment are in the process of installation at 20 different Parks and Gardens of Jammu Province at an estimated cost of Rs. 80.00 Lakh in two phases. He appealed to the general public to coop-

erate with the department in keeping the parks and gardens neat, clean and green.

On the occasion, the Committee of War Memorial Veer Bhoomi Park, Samba, comprising Dr. Jagdeep Singh, Retired

Professor Education Department, Shiv Charan Singh, Retired Zonal Education Officer, Captain Inder Singh, President Rajput Sabha, Samba and President of Voice of Ex-Servicemen District Samba submitted a memorandum regarding further development of the Park to the Commissioner Secretary.

The Commissioner assured the Committee members that all their genuine demands will be considered and action shall be taken on each of them in a time bound manner.

Director Finance Floriculture, Hemkant Prashar, Executive Engineer Floriculture, D. K. Kaith, Deputy Director Planning, Priti Aggarwal,

Floriculture Officer Jammu, Sunil Singh, PRI members and other officers of the department were also present. Later, the Commissioner Secretary also chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Floriculture Department. Director General, Floriculture, Parks and Gardens Jammu presented the details of different projects to be completed in the current financial year along with the progress achieved for each project. He further informed that an amount of Rs. 14.30 crore has been earmarked under CAPEX for various developmental activities of the Department in Jammu region.

J&K youth are making us proud at national & international sports events: Darakhshan

Attends concluding event of 4th Indoor Rowing Championship



Chairperson JKWB Dr Darakhshan Andrabi posing with participants and other officials.

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SRINAGAR: Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday chaired the concluding function of the 4th Indoor Rowing Championship at Indoor Sports Complex at Elahibagh in Srinagar.

The Championship was organized by the District Rowing Association in collaboration with J&K Rowing & Sculling Association and J&K Sports Council.

Two hundred and fifty boys and girls from different schools and clubs participated in the inaugural function.

President of CCIK Tariq Gani Bedaba and Farooq Ganderbali also attended the inaugural event.

Bilquees Mir, renowned Kayaking and Canoeing

player and Director of Water Sports and Dr Burhan, President of J&K Association of Rowing & Sculling also participated. Dr Andrabi distributed certificates to the coaches, participating children of previous training and winners of many competitions held during the past few months.

Darakhshan Andrabi interacted with the trainers, trainees and the organizers and listened to their views.

In her address, she congratulated the organizers for creating these amazing facilities for our talented young boys and girls who are destined to make us proud by their sports talent in the days to come.

"Latest gadgets, high class infrastructure and the encouragement for sports

under the Khelo India initiative of the government of India have upgraded our sports performance. Prime Minister Modi has taken personal interest in the sports sector in the country and the results are evident. For the last three years J&K has seen unprecedented development of the sports sector and our boys and girls have won laurels at national as well as at international levels", said Dr Andrabi.

She said that sports make our youth physically and mentally fit and good sports persons are better citizens.

"J&K Government under the leadership of LG has boosted our sports sector and youth are now happy to get better facilities and great environs for their interesting activities", said Andrabi.

Wrestler Mirza from Iran wins 94th Ramkote Kesri Dangal title

Overwhelming crowd turn up to witness historical Dangal

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KATHUA: Wrestler Mirza from Iran won the 94th Ramkote Kesri Dangal title by defeating Ajay Varan from Hanuman Akhara Dehli. The Dangal was organised by the Dangal Committee Ramkote at Ramkote, here on Thursday.

The winner wrestler Mirza bagged a cash prize of Rs 2,50,000 presented to him by the Chief Guest, Satish Sharma, senior BJP leader and Gushu Malaysia, who also sponsored and virtually inaugurated the event from Malaysia.

He was accompanied by DDC Narayan Dutt, BDC Abay Khajuria and Sarpanch Pardeep Singh, SHO Billawar, Police Chowki Incharge Ramkot and Rajesh Gupta, President Dangal Committee Ramkote.

The historical Ramkote Kesri Dangal has a long history as it was being organized every year since 1930.



Wrestlers of main bout posing with organizing committee members and other dignitaries.

This year a total 75 bouts were decided in the day long Dangal amid a crowd of more than 40000 spectators.

The second main bout for Rs 1,50,000 was won by Delhi Hind Kesri wrestler Aaryan after a tough fight with Parveen Kohli from Punjab. The third bout for Rs 1,00,000 was won by Hameed from Iran by defeating Raju from India on point basis. Similarly, the fourth bout between Ashik and Rana Kohali for Rs 75,000 was won by Rana

Kohali. Female wrestlers also participated with a slogan 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' and 'Kehlo India'.

In special bouts, Rinku of Delhi beat Gopi Kohali on point basis while local boy Gaurav from Nagrota mesmerized public with excellence by defeating wrestler Parveen. Members of Organising Committee and technical officials who helped in smooth conduct of Dangal were president Rajesh Gupta, Sarpanch Pardeep

Singh, Vice President Kishore Mehra, committee members Pardeep Khajuria Director, Rocky Mehra, Rajinder Kumar, Virinder Kumar, Satish Kharkha, Anil Kumar, Vishal Raina, Ravikant Gupta (General Secretary), Kailash Sharma, Ajay Kumar, Dharminder Gupta and Vinod Spolia.

For new and emerging wrestlers huge applause and appreciation was received from public.

At the end, the committee extended vote of thanks to

local administration, press and media, and all the wrestlers who made this event a great success and extended invitation to them for participating in Ramkote Kesri 2024 to be held on June 20, 2024. The whole event was shared live through Youtube.

Abid Mushtaq named in North Zone team for Duleep Trophy

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JAMMU: J&K's left-arm spinning all-rounder Abid Mushtaq has been named in North Zone team for the prestigious Duleep Trophy.

The premier tournament will be held in Bengaluru from June 28 to July 16, 2023, with six zonal teams taking part.

Abid's performance earned him the place as he is the only J&K player in the 15-member squad.

A scalp hunter he certainly is, rapacious for runs he surely is, ravenous for fame he definitely is, hungry for success he obviously is, but mean, he simply is not. He is Abid Mushtaq, a gen-

uine gentleman and J&K's ace cricketer—an all-rounder to a perfection.

This extraordinary talented cricketer, who unfortunately failed to make it to the Indian Premier League (IPL) this season, had 32 wickets in his kitty in the Ranji Trophy this season

while representing Jammu and Kashmir in this prestigious tournament, with 8/18 against formidable Vidarbha as his best, which is the second best in the country. With 29.00 as his bowling strike rate, he stands 4th in the entire country and with 14.38 as

his bowling average, Abid is among the top ten in India.

He was brilliant with the ball in this season's Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 and Vijay Hazare One-Dayers in which J&K qualified for the knockout stage.

The best part of Abid's performance is that he took all these wickets against the strong sides like Punjab, Railways, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Gujarat and Tripura.

THE TEAM: Prabhsimran Singh (WK), Prashant Chopra, Dhruv Shorey, Ankit Kalsi, Mandeep Singh (C), Ankit Kumar, Pulkit Narang, Nishant Sindhu, Manan Vohra, Jayant Yadav, Baltej Singh, Vaidhava Arora, Harshit Rana, Sidharth Kaul, Abid Mushtaq.