

Manjit Club felicitates Kuldeep for U-19 Bronze



Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club, Mohd Tariq felicitating Kuldeep Magotra, CEO VAJK.

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JAMMU: Chairman of the Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club, Mohd Tariq on Monday felicitated Kuldeep Magotra for India team's performance.

Kuldeep was Manager of the India under-19 men team which won Bronze

medal in the CAVA Volleyball Championship held in Uzbekistan, recently.

Expressing his feelings, Tariq said that the Club was proud of Magotra's contributions and achievements for Volleyball. He mentioned that experience of Kuldeep, who is also Chief Executive Officer

(CEO) of the Volleyball Association of J&K, has certainly helped the team perform better.

Tariq praised Magotra's commitment for the volleyball and game's promotion at the grassroots level. Tariq was also joined by other veteran players and officials of the game of Volleyball.

Two days summer festival hosted by Scottish Hall Academy, D-Drama concludes

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JAMMU: A vibrant two days summer festival was hosted by Scottish Hall Academy and D-Drama concluded on Monday at the open air theatre in the premises of Alexander Memorial School, showcasing the creative spirit of Jammu's youth.

Hosted on June 20 and 22, the festival featured over 80 student participants across music, dance, and theatre.

Highlights included Band Fiesta, led by Anish, a professional musician, the workshop included guitar, drums, piano, and vocal performances.

Nritya Sagar, a semi-classical dance workshop was conducted by Satish Chander, a senior experienced Kathak Guru, offering Kathak and deeper insights into Indian classical dance forms.



Participants of summer festival posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

In play to play this summer, a play was devised called "Ringa Ringa Roses", a theatre in education process-oriented production, was directed by Delight William Kler, a professional in Theatre in Education from NSD, Delhi, which charmed audiences with a theme encouraging the preservation of one's inner child in the hectic world of

today.

The Chief Guests included Devyani Rana, Vice President of BJP Yuva Moreha and CEO of Take One Television & Digital Network on June 20, and Dr. Sanjogita Sudan, Deputy Director at Super Specialty Hospital, Jammu, on June 22.

Both days were further honoured by Dr. Ritu Singh,

Director of Hari Niwas Hotel & Resorts and Pro Vice Chairperson, DPS Jammu, along with other school heads, eminent members of the civil society, and supportive parents.

This festival gave our students a platform to explore and express their talents in music, dance, and drama," said Delight William Kler Director of D-Drama

Academy. "The energy and creativity we witnessed were truly inspiring."

The summer festival provided professional mentorship and hands-on workshops, empowering children and young adults to explore performing arts and build confidence. Attendance exceeded expectations, with numerous families expressing appreciation for the platform and opportunity given by Scottish hall.

Scottish Hall Academy is a premier performing arts educational space in Jammu first of its kind dedicated to artistic excellence and holistic development.

D-Drama is a theatre in education platform where child-centric methodologies are being used in theatre processes, initiative fostering artistic growth through performances and workshops.

SKUAST-J establishes NCC Air Wing: Cadets Achieve New Heights

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JAMMU: In a significant stride towards student empowerment and national service, the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) has proudly established its first-ever NCC Air Wing. This commendable initiative has been made possible under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr. B.N. Tripathi and the insightful guidance of Dean Students Welfare Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi.

The unit functions under the command of the 01 J&K Air NCC Unit, led by the Wing Commander Nitin Yadav, the Commanding Officer of the unit.

Since its inception, the NCC Air Wing at SKUAST-Jammu has



NCC Air Wing cadets posing with officials at SKUAST-Jammu.

emerged as a beacon of discipline, leadership, and patriotic spirit. Cadets of the unit have demonstrated exceptional commitment by actively participating in various national-level camps, expeditions, and training programmes, reflecting the university's emphasis on holistic student development.

Among the unit's notable

achievements, Cadet Siya Kotwal made history by becoming the first cadet from SKUAST-Jammu to go airborne, marking a proud and historic milestone for the university. In another proud moment, three Senior Wing (SW) cadets were selected to represent the university at the Special National Integration Camp (SNIC)

held in Srinagar, showcasing their dedication to promoting national unity and cultural integration.

Further adding to the unit's accolades, nine Senior Division (SD) cadets participated in the Trekking Expedition held in Dharamshala, where they exemplified physical endurance, resilience, and a spirit of adventure.

These accomplishments reflect the determination and discipline nurtured within the cadets by the university and its NCC leadership.

The ongoing success of the unit owes much to the relentless efforts of the Caretaker Officers (CTOs) - Dr. Susheel Sharma (SDS) and Dr. Sabahat Gazal (SWs). Their mentorship and dedication have played a vital role in shaping cadets into confident, responsible, and capable citizens of tomorrow.

The establishment of the NCC Air Wing has added a powerful dimension to student life at SKUAST-Jammu. It has instilled in the youth a sense of duty, courage, and leadership that aligns perfectly with the university's broader mission of nation-building through education. With such transformative platforms now in place, SKUAST-Jammu continues to stand at the forefront of youth development in the region.

JKOA celebrates Olympic Day



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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Olympic Association (JKOA) today celebrated the International Olympic Day by organising a run in the city, here.

The event witnessed active participation from member associations, coaches and athletes across different Olympic disciplines. Earlier, president of the JKOA, Dushyant Sharma welcomed the gathering and briefed about the importance of the day.

Veteran of the Olympic

movement in J&K, Dr Ashutosh Sharma, before flag off the run, informed the gathering that the International Olympic Day is observed throughout the world to commemorate the world the Olympic movement, which started from Athens (Greek) in 1896.

He spoke about the significance of the Olympic Day and expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the president and general secretary of the JKOA for organizing the event.

The run commenced from Manda and concluded

at the Brahma Kumaris Ashram at Rehari Chungi, where the closing ceremony held under the guidance of Rajyogini BK Sudershan Didi Ji, Director of Brahma Kumaris for the Union Territory of J&K.

The vote of thanks presented by Ajay Vaid, general secretary of the JKOA. Prominent among others, who were part of the run, included Vijay Saraf, Vikas Gupta, Vinod Bhatia, Rajesh Dutta, Brijesh Bhan, Sahil Sharma and Danish Sharma.

Fearless Knight Team Doda triumphs over Dronacharya Academy Doda



Winner team posing for a photograph.

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DODA: A pre-quarterfinal match, Fearless Knight Team Doda defeated Dronacharya Academy Doda by 7 wickets at Govt. Hr. Sec. School Ghat, in a tournament organized by Doda Police in memory of martyrs.

After winning the toss, Dronacharya Academy Doda set a target of 87 runs in 12 overs. Fearless Knight Team Doda's Captain Vikas scored 47 runs in 23 balls, while Vaseem Zargar contributed 16 runs in 19 balls. Salman Sheikh

remained not out with 10 runs in 5 balls, and Dev Thakur added 4 runs in 1 ball, also remaining not out. Fearless Knight Team successfully chased down the target in 9.2 overs.

The team's bowling perform-

ance was impressive, with Harjot Singh taking 4 wickets for 19 runs in 3 overs, Asrar claiming 3 wickets for 26 runs in 3 overs, Ravinder taking 1 wicket for 17 runs in 2 overs, and Ranveer Singh securing 2 wickets for 14 runs in 2 overs. Harjot Singh's outstanding bowling earned him the Man of the Match award.

After their victory, Fearless Knight Team Doda celebrated with a small gathering near a local restaurant. The tournament aims to promote sports, keep children away from drugs, and showcase their hidden talent, in memory of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

Jammu Rugby meet gets underway

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JAMMU: Annual Jammu District Rugby Championship, organised by the District Rugby Association, started today at Green Fields ground, here.

The event was declared open by Manger Green Fields ground and chief coach Kabaddi, Anil Sharma amidst introduction with the teams and the officials. He wished the participants success and advised the Association to hold event



Organizers presenting memento to a dignitary.

on a regular basis so as to make the game popular in the smart city of Jammu.

The competition is being held in all age groups of boys and girls. In total,

16 teams are taking part in this competition on knockout basis.

Certificate Course in Theatre inaugurated at JU

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JAMMU: Skill Innovation Incubation & Entrepreneurship Development Centre (SIIEDC) University of Jammu (JU) commenced 2nd edition of Certificate Course in Theatre (Basic) in collaboration with the Department of Students Welfare, JU on Monday.

The Course is designed to make students aware about their inner creative and aesthetic capabilities & provide an opportunity to get acquainted with the immense benefits of theatre for the overall Personality Development.

The course was inaugurated in presence of Prof. Alka Sharma, Director SIIEDC, Prof. Prakash Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Vishav Raksha HoD Sociology, Prof. Garima Gupta, Coordinator SDCPV, Dr. Pritam Singh Associate Dean SW, Mansi Mantoo, Media Officer and Mr. Sumeet Sharma Course Coordinator.

In her address, Prof. Alka Sharma informed that this Certificate Course in Theatre is designed for students to give them a better understanding of the art forms. It will provide an opportunity to them to get acquainted



JU faculty posing for a photograph with participants.

with the immense benefits of theatre which refine us physically, mentally and spiritually.

Moreover, Theatre has been acknowledged as one of the most effective tool for personality development and this course will sharpen the soft skills of the students which will help them in their academic pursuits also.

Prof. Prakash Antahal asserted that this course aims at making students aware about different facets of Theatre and providing them an insight about its different genres through practical and theory sessions. Focusing on Communication Skills, Confidence, Creativity, Team Spirit, Self-Exploration, Spontaneity and other skills, this course will be highly beneficial for

the participants. He expressed gratitude towards Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor JU, under whose guidance such innovative programmes are being launched.

Prof. Garima Gupta, in her address advised the participants to utilize this opportunity properly by being punctual and dedicated as intervention of Arts and Culture plays an important role in broadening the horizons of our imagination and creativity by making us conscious, compassionate and sensitive about the society.

The course had been designed under the guidance of Prof. Garima Gupta, Coordinator Skill Development and Career Planning Sumeet Sharma, Drama Instructor at the Department of

Students Welfare, JU is the course coordinator. Being professionally qualified and having an extensive experience of theatre, he will be imparting enriching knowledge of theatre to the participants. Visiting faculty and experts in allied arts will also enhance the

impact of the course.

It is pertinent to mention here that Pratibha Devi, an NRI from Australia has come a long way to specially attend this wonderful programme. Other participants include Riya Jandial, Malvika Kalra, Ruhaani, Sohana Gorka, Kananpreet Kaur, Seeta, Anandita Dutt, Bhawna Puri, Kriti Gupta, Rohit Kumar, Aryahann Bakshi, Suresh Gupta, Ashwani Singh, Raman Sharma, Mehak, Alhaana Babar, Mayuri Sharma, Harish Manhas, Arshiya and Aprajit. Those who want to avail of the benefit of this opportunity may still join it till 27th June by visiting the Department of Students Welfare, University of Jammu.

10-Day internship for college students begins at SDRF 2nd Bn

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JAMMU: A 10-day Training Internship Programme for students of Government MAM College Jammu was inaugurated on Monday here at the SDRF 2nd Battalion headquarters. The programme aims to enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities among youth.

The inauguration was led by Commandant, SDRF 2nd Battalion Zahid Naseem Manhas in the presence of Dy. SP (Bn. Adjutant) Manzoor Hussain.

In his address, the Commandant emphasized the importance of strengthening the capabilities of students to become effective first responders during the disasters.

He highlighted the role of the SDRF as a vital organization for collective preparedness and swift response during emergencies.

Instructions were issued to the instructors to provide comprehensive and practical training to the participating students. The objective of the internship is to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to mitigate the impact of disasters in their localities, thus playing a crucial role in minimizing potential losses.

Earlier, Dy. SP (Training) Dinesh Gupta delivered the Welcome address.

Olympic Day celebrations at KK Hakku Stadium Jammu on Monday.

The event was supervised by the Satpal Singh Kala, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu JKSC, Dr. Taran Singh, General Secretary J&K Hockey Association and Tajinder Singh Secretary J&K Hockey Association.

Over 300 participants attended the celebration, which featured a exhibition match of hockey by women's hockey teams.

The Chief Guest, Shekhar J Manohar, Treasurer Hockey India and Senthil K Manickam, Secretary Satergie Planning Asian Hockey Federation appreciated the event, praising the efforts of the J&K Hockey

Association and J&K Sports Council Jammu.

Other sports council employees present in the function include Satpal Singh Kala, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, Ajay Gupta, Incharge KK Hakku Stadium, Pawan Deep Kour, Athletic Coach, Ritika Slatbia, Chhotu Lal Sharma, International Fencing Coach, Vikas Magotra Incharge Mini Stadium Parade Ground Jammu, Rachana Jamwal international fencer and other staff members.

The event highlighted the importance hockey and wellness, promoting a healthy lifestyle among participants.

After the conclusion both the teams were awarded with sports kits.