

Students shine in YSS Inter-Zone District Level Competitions at Poonch

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POONCH: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Poonch, successfully conducted the Under-17 Girls Inter-Zone District Level Competitions in multiple sports disciplines at Sports Stadium Poonch. The event was held under the guidance of Director General YSS, Rajinder Singh Tara, Deputy Director Central Jatinder Mishra and Joint Tintinder YSS Ved Parkash. Around 321 enthusiastic young girls from both government and private institutions representing different zones of District Poonch participated in the competitions. The event was organized under the close supervision of District Youth Services



DYSSO Mohd Qasim interacting with players, encouraging them to continue striving for excellence in sports and academics.
and Sports Officer, Mohd Qasim. Several dignitaries, including Manjeet Singh (ZPEO Sathra), Rajinder Singh (ZPEO Mandi), Kuldeep Kumar (ZPEO Kunjain), Sarla Bakshi (ZPEO Poonch), Mohd Muzaffar (ZPEO

Surankote), Vijay Kumar (PEM Activity Incharge), Pawan Kumar (PEL), and Rajinder Singh (Press and Publicity Coordinator District Poonch) graced the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, DYSSO Mohd Qasim con-

veyed his best wishes to all participants and appreciated their dedication. He emphasized the vital role of PETs, PEMs, and REKs in coaching students and commended the remarkable skills exhibited by the players. He also announced that the selected players will represent District Poonch at the inter-district division-level competitions. The matches were technically supervised by experienced physical education staff. In Volleyball, Neeraj Sharma (PET NIS), Saurabh Sharma (PEM), D.K. Raina (PET), Jatinder Paul (PET), and Shafqat Hussain (PET) officiated. Kho-Kho matches were overseen by Rajinder Singh (PEM), Narinder Verma (PEM), Gurvinder Singh

(PET), Imtiaz Ahmed (REK), and Ajaz Ahmed (REK). Kabaddi was supervised by Nazarat Bhatti (PET), Israr Ahmed (REK), Pawandeep Singh (REK), and Pervaiz Malik (REK). Badminton was handled by Ruchika Sharma (PET NIS) and Talit Waseem (REK), while Chess was conducted by Gurbir Singh (REK), Israr Ahmed (REK), and Devinderpal Singh (REK). Results: In Kabaddi, Surankote Zone defeated Kanuyain Zone. In Kho-Kho, Surankote overcame Mandi Zone. Mankote Zone triumphed over Mendhar in Volleyball. In Badminton singles, Poonch Zone defeated Mendhar, and in doubles, Poonch beat Mankote Zone. Mandi Zone outplayed Surankote in Chess.

Surankote shines in Inter-Zonal District Level U-17 Girls Tournament



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POONCH: The Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament for Under-17 Girls witnessed an impressive display of talent, with 315 participants competing in various sports. Organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Poonch, the event was held under the overall supervision of Mohd

Qasim (DYSSO Poonch). Surankote Zone emerged as a standout performer, clinching victories in both Kabaddi and Kho-Kho finals, defeating Kanyuun Zone and Mandi Zone respectively. The team also showcased versatility by securing runner-up in Chess and third position in Badminton, reflecting a

commendable all-round performance. While Surankote didn't take home the overall championship title, their consistent efforts highlighted the growing athletic prowess of young girls in the region. The tournament underlined the value of promoting grassroots sports to build a stronger future in athletics.

HPS celebrates Eid-UI-Adha with fervour



Humanity Public School faculty with students during Eid-UI-Adha celebration.

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SAMBHA: Humanity Public School (HPS) Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana on Friday celebrated Eid-UI-Adha with a vibrant and culturally enriching event. The celebrations brought together students, teachers and staff to embrace the spirit of unity, generosity and gratitude that Eid repre-

sents. To celebrate Eid, a special Assembly was organised in the presence of all Incharges and teachers. The program commenced with a heartfelt poem recited by Khatiza and Saqib of class 6th beautifully expressing the values of Eid peace, compassion and togetherness. This was followed by inspiring speeches by Abul,

Shehnaz of class 7th and Raksha of class 11th who highlighted the significance of Eid- UI-Adha as a festival of charity, kindness and communal harmony. Adding a festive charm to the occasion, students of class 9th performed an energetic dance, captivating the audience with their enthusiasm and grace, under the

guidance of dance teacher Taruna Mehra. The celebration continued with a soulful Qawali performance by the students of class 5th, 6th and 7th, filling the atmosphere with joy and warmth under the guidance of music teachers Rajan Kumar and Kumar Abhilash. The whole program was hosted by Afreen of class 11th. The program concluded with a valuable speech by the school Principal, Gaurav Charak who emphasized the importance of celebrating diversity, fostering brotherhood and practicing empathy in everyday life. Vice-Principal, Anku Charak encouraged students to embrace the values of Eid beyond the festival spreading kindness and love in their communities.

CUJ secures over 100 Job offers for students in 2024-25 Academic Session

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu (CUJ) has achieved a significant milestone by securing over 100 job offers for its students across various companies during the 2024-2025 academic session. This accomplishment reflects the university's commitment to industry-aligned curriculum, skill development programs, and the persistent efforts of its Training & Placement Cell.

several startups and multinational organizations, recruited students from CUJ. These placements spanned diverse sectors, including Information Technology, Finance, Healthcare, Consulting, Manufacturing, and Education. Expressing his delight at this success, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ stated, "The successful placement of our students across various domains is the result of our collective efforts. This achievement highlights CUJ's academic excellence and the hard work of our students." This year, the highest

package offered to CUJ students was Rs 7 LPA, while the average package stood at Rs 3 LPA, showcasing the growing industry demand for CUJ graduates. The Training & Placement Cell at CUJ continues to strengthen industry collaborations, organize internships, and conduct pre-placement training programs to ensure students are well-prepared for their professional careers. With this remarkable achievement, the CUJ reaffirms its position as a leading hub for academic excellence and employability, bridging the gap between education and industry.

Arun Trust felicitates DSO Jammu



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Arun Sharma Sports and Social Welfare Trust today felicitated chief football coach, Sat Pal Singh on his appointment as Divisional Sports Officer (DSO) Jammu of the J&K Sports Council. Led by member trustee, Ashutosh Sharma, the visiting sportspersons and members of the trust praised Sat Pal Singh for his contributions as a football coach and wished him a successful tenure as DSO Jammu. While expressing his thanks to the visiting members of the Arun Trust, the newly appointed DSO Jammu ensured the sports fraternity of Jammu that he will do his level best to minimise the difficulties of the sportspersons. Among those, who accompanied Ashutosh were Chandan Singh Chowhan, Anil Dogra, Gaurav Sharma and Sanjay Manhas.

GGM Science College organises extension lecture on Human Rights

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The NCC Units of GGM Science College Jammu, in collaboration with All India Council of Human Rights, Liberties and Social Justice organized an Extension Lecture on Human Rights



Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College, Jammu with other dignitaries.

The event was held under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, GGM Science College, Jammu. He commended NCC Cadets, Students, faculty members, and Human Rights partner for leading this impactful effort. The lecture was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Mazammal Hussain (National Joint Secretary) Public Grievances. He motivated the NCC Cadets to aware the common masses about the Human Rights so that they may not be vic-

timized by any pressure group. He also emphasized upon the need to enlighten the youth about the human rights, which includes developing educational programmes, promoting inter disciplinary co-operation and providing recognition to those who are working for welfare of humanities and

work for the protection of human being from any kind of discrimination and injustice all over the world. He also said that one should maintain self respect and self responsibilities, which is need of the hour. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, ANO GGM Science College.

GDC Nagrota, MAM College sign MoU to foster academic collaboration and excellence

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant move towards enhancing academic cooperation, MAM College, Jammu, and Government Degree College (GDC), Nagrota, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote collaborative learning, research, and develop-



Prof Archana Kaul, Principal of MAM College and Prof Anjali Mahajan, Principal of GDC Nagrota with other dignitaries at MoU signing ceremony.

The formal signing ceremony took place at MAM College, in the presence of both the principals, senior faculty members, and students from both institutions. This agreement marks the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at improving educational quality, encouraging joint research projects, facilitat-

ing faculty and student exchange programs, hosting workshops, and sharing academic resources. Prof Archana Kaul, Principal of MAM College, welcomed the partnership and emphasised the importance of collaboration in today's evolving academic

landscape. "This MoU will create new opportunities for our students and faculty to engage in meaningful academic activities beyond the confines of a single campus." Prof Anjali Mahajan, Principal of GDC Nagrota, expressed optimism about

the benefits of the agreement for both institutions. "Our colleges share a common goal: to provide holistic, high-quality education. Through this MoU, we aim to foster a culture of innovation, interdisciplinary learning, and community engagement."

GDC Marh celebrates World Environment Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Eco Club and NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Marh organised cleanliness and plantation drive on World Environment Day in the college campus under the leadership of Prof. Ramneek Kaur, Principal of the College.



GDC Marh faculty and students of GMS Dhateryal during cleanliness drive.

The theme for World Environment Day 2025 "Beat Plastic Pollution" addresses one of the most pressing environmental issues, that is, plastic pollution. The Principle, in her address, stressed that this day is dedicated to educating and mobilizing individuals and communities on the importance of the environment, as the planet is facing unprecedented environ-

mental challenges and such initiatives are powerful steps towards creating awareness and positive change. The day began with a cleanliness drive where students of the college and Govt. Middle School, Dhateryal cleared litter from the school and college premises. The Eco-club Convener,

Anjana Chib emphasised that the world Environment Day is a Global reminder of our responsibility towards nature and aim of today's programme is to inspire collective action towards the better health of planet. Following the cleanup, Tree plantation Drive was conducted in which saplings of native and fruit bearing

trees were planted in the college campus. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of students of 4th and 2nd semester. The activity was coordinated by Anjana Chib (EVS), Ravi Kumar (PTI), Surbhi Gupta (Commerce), Mohit Kalotra and Rashpal. It is pertinent to mention here that college has already taken initiative to process plastic waste by having MOU with RUDA (Regional Development Agency) under which college has collected and segregated about 1444kgs of waste. The segregated waste was officially handed over to RUDA for scientific processing and disposal ensuring the efforts to cleaner and more sustainable urban ecosystem.

Youth Sports Trials conclude in Kathua with enthusiastic participation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, Kathua, successfully concluded its four-day selection trials in various martial arts disciplines, including Judo, Karate, Taekwondo, Wushu, and Boxing. The trials, which commenced on June 3, witnessed enthusiastic participation from young athletes representing different schools across the district.



The final day, held on June 6, focused on Wushu and Boxing, attracting a large number of promising sportspersons. The event highlighted the growing interest and talent in combat sports among the youth of Kathua. The trials were conducted under the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Sunil Singh

Sambyal, who ensured the smooth execution of the entire event. Throughout the trials, participants displayed commendable skills, discipline, and sportsmanship. The team of officials who played a key role in the trials included Punjab Singh, Pankaj Spolia, Pushap Thakur, Gursharan Kumar, Rakesh Minhas, Hazara Singh, and Romesh Singh. The entire event was covered by cameraman Omkar Nath. The department expressed satisfaction over the successful conduct of the trials and emphasized the importance of such events in nurturing young sporting talent in the region.

SKK, Gian Devi Jandial Trust felicitate Divyang toppers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: At a well-attended function held here today, the Samaj Kalyan Kendra (SKK), a well-known NGO felicitated the Deaf & Dumb School Toppers of the Board of School Education Examinations of 2025, with cash awards and mementos. A cash award of Rs 4000 was given to the 12th class topper, Karanjeet Singh who secured 77.2 % marks. Damini who is the school topper of 11th class with 83.2% marks, was given the cash award of Rs 3500 while

Nishant Kumar, topper of 10th class with 70.7% marks was given cash award of Rs 2500. These awards were jointly presented by the President SKK, K B Jandial, General Secretary, JK Vaid & Secretary HN Raina. Another Charitable Trust, Smt. Gian Devi Jandial Memorial Public Trust, also honoured these toppers with cash awards. The Trustee, K B Jandial presented the cash award of Rs 2500 to Karanjeet Singh, 12th class topper, Rs2000 to Damini 11th class topper and Rs 1000 to Nishant



Kumar, 10th class topper. This Trust is giving cash awards to the toppers for the last four years. Appreciating the 11th class result, the Senior Advisor

to SKK, Prem Gupta presented on his behalf, cash awards of Rs. 1000 to Damini and six other divyang students who passed the examination with

distinctions & first Division. Another Advisor to SKK, M L Kachroo presented stationery articles to the toppers and all passed-out students of

11th class. Felicitating the toppers and other divyang students for their excellent marks overcoming their physical deficiencies, Jandial said that the brilliant result of the School for Hearing Handicapped in the BOSE examinations, is the cumulative efforts of the students, their parents, and the teachers and these awards are the recognition of these efforts of students. He said that from this year, the senior teachers will also be awarded for the distinctions in their subjects. He advised the passed-out stu-

dents to consider joining higher studies for which the SKK provides fifty percent reimbursement of semester fee. Jandial thanked, on behalf of the SKK fraternity the Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha, Dr Ashok Bhan, member of the Shrine Board and the Chief Executive officer, Anshul Garg, for the special support being extended to the SKK to overcome its problems, and hoped that this support would continue in future as well in the interest of divyang. Vaid congratulated the students, parents and teachers for

giving to the school cent percent results for the last about ten years and said that the SKK has been taking up new initiatives including felicitating brilliant students and teachers. Raina also spoke on the occasion. The Principal Roshan Bhan conducted the proceedings and Seema explained the speeches to the divyang through sign language, and presented vote of thanks. Those present on the occasion included B B Magotra, Nisar Ahmad and V K Padha and parents of the students.