

## 10-day Calligraphy Workshop concludes

# Youth can change face of our Country: Mayor Jammu

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JAMMU: 10-day Calligraphy Workshop organised by Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) concluded on Monday at K.L. Saigal Hall, here.

At the outset, Dr. Shahnawaz, Editor Cum Cultural Officer, Gojri JKAACL welcomed the guests on behalf of Bharat Singh, Secretary JKAACL who took this initiative to organise this workshop first time in Jammu.

The workshop was conducted by Harishankar Balothia, an eminent Calligraphy artist and a professional graphic visualizer from Jaipur, Karambir Singh Rohilla, a Typeface Designer and Typographer with expertise in Latin & Indie Fonts development, Rohit



Chief Guest, Rajinder Sharma, Mayor Jammu with participants and other officials.

Verma, a professional Artist form Jammu and Raghunita Gupta, Professional Calligrapher and Chairperson of the Calligraphy Foundation.

Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rajinder Sharma was the Chief Guest on the occasion, and Rashpal Singh, Additional Commissioner Revenue was

the Guest of Honour.

The Chief Guest in his speech said that youth can change the face of our Country. He appreciated the efforts of Academy and especially the Secretary, JKAACL Bharat Singh for initiating such activities where the young generations get connected with their roots. Rashpal Singh told about

the importance of calligraphy which the new generation do not know. He said that calligraphy connects you to yourself.

An exhibition of the works done by the students during this 10 day workshop was also displayed. The students had utilised the art of calligraphy as per their fields of choice.

Students who participated include Sunena Bharti, Ekta Kumari, Shivali Rajput, Sofia Mehra, Nikita Sharma, Sunpreet Kour, Shiraya Sharma, Pritama Suri, Tannu, Vanshika Gupta, Chakshu Sharma, Maithly, Drishti Gupta, Seerat, Ayushi, Rupali Mehra, Mannat Sharma, Suhani Gupta, Ashima Mahajan, Rakshant Balotra, Dhanush Dalmotra, Parav Samotra, Aneesh Sharma, Madhu Thakur, Chahat Verma, Reet Gupta, Medavi Sharma, Sknda Sharma, Mohd Kamil, Vishali Mehra, Vanshika, Seeya Saini, Jeevika and Sania.

The participants were given Certificates of Participation by the chief guest. Rattan Basotra, Editor, Dogri, JKAACL presented the vote of thanks.

## Kupwara Volleyball Association body elected



Newly elected office bearers of Kupwara District Association posing with members of VAJK.

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KUPWARA: Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) conducted the election of Kupwara District Association at TRC Dak Bungalow, Handwara, here on Monday.

Voting for electing district-body office bearers was held under the supervision of Kuldip Magotra CEO of VAJK as a Returning Officer along with observers Ramesh

Sharma Treasurer and Mohd Tariq Joint Secretary of VAJK. During the election, presidents and secretaries of ten affiliated volleyball clubs of the district were present.

In the elections, Ab Hamid Malik was elected as President while Shabir Ahmad Khan was elected as Secretary of the Kupwara District Volleyball Association for the next 4 years from 2023 to 2027.

Other officer bearers elected include Dr Aijaz Lone (Vice President), Hafiz Ismael Lone (Treasurer) and Irshad Qureshi (Joint Secretary).

Expressing his congratulations, Kuldeep Magotra, CEO of VAJK and the Returning Officer, commended the newly elected office bearers of the Kupwara District Volleyball Association on their successful election.

## Nikhil, Ishuk, Abhishek in QFs of Snooker

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JAMMU: President of the Billiards and Snooker Association of J&K, Nikhil Kapahi, senior cueist, Ishuk Choudhary and promising Abhishek Pathania on Monday qualified for the quarterfinals of the senior Snooker event in the ongoing District Jammu Billiards and Snooker Championship at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here.

However, treasurer of the Association and seasoned cueist, Sohail Khalid lost to Arjun Sharma in the pre-quarterfinals game.

A couple of quarterfinals matches were also scheduled for today but the results were awaited. This championship is being organized by the Billiards and Snooker Association of J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council.

Pre-Quarters: Nikhil Kapahi walkover against Aman Chowdhary; Vidit Gawri bt Rohit Chowdhary by 3-0; Adnan Lone bt Vishal Abrol by 3-0; Ishuk Choudhary bt Krishna Grover by 3-0; Abhishek Goswami walkover Stenzini; Ajay Raina bt Ishan Chowdhary by 3-2; Abhishek Pathania bt Mani Sharma by 3-2; Arjun Sharma bt Suhail Khalid 3-2.



A player in action at Billiards and Snooker Championship at Jammu on Monday.

## Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor wins in Friendship Cup

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AKHNOOR: Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor defeated XI-Indian Khalsa Jammu by 33 runs and won the match of the Friendship Cup, organized by Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor at Govt. Higher Secondary School Akhnoor ground, near here on Monday.

Batting first after winning the toss, Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor scored 178 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs. Rahul Mulan (36 off 32 balls), Rohit Rajput (26 off 09 balls), Deepak Sharma (23 off 23 balls), Gagandeep Singh (16 off 25 balls), Manav Mehta (15 off 8



Winner team posing for a photograph at Akhnoor on Monday.

balls) were the main scorers.

From XI-Indian Khalsa Jammu, Sonu Singh got three wickets, while Lucky Singh, Karandeep Singh,

Happy and Abhishek got one wicket each.

In reply, XI-Indian Khalsa Jammu failed to chase the set target and made 145 runs for the loss

of nine wickets in 20 overs. Karandeep Singh was to top scorer with 34 runs off 18 balls. Yogesh (26 off 17 balls), Lucky (23 off 21 balls) and Aman (21 off 22

balls) were the other scorers. From Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor, Gagandeep Singh scalped four wickets while Sham Singh Langeh, Abhinandan Sharma, Rohit Rajput and Manav Mehta grabbed one wicket each.

Gagandeep Singh was declared as Man of the Match for his match winning performance.

Today's match was officiated by Abhi Sharma and Daksh Jammwal as Umpires and Sonu Manhas as Scorer.

This match was held under the supervision of Sham Singh Langeh (President Singh Cricket Club Akhnoor).

## Tanu Sharma qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Tanu Sharma, daughter of B.K Sharma, resident of Pamposh Colony, Janipur, Jammu has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Hindi from OPJS University.

She worked on the topic, "Mulkh Raj Anand Ki Laghu Kathaiyo Mein Mahilao ke Chitran ka Adhyayan" under the supervision of Dr. Govind Dwivedi.



## Heritageans excel in badminton championship

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JAMMU: Students of Heritage School added another feather to the school's cap by their exemplary performance in the 38th District Badminton Championship, held at MA Stadium from July 12 to 16, 2023. Kanishk of Class VII won three titles. In U-13 Boys Singles and Boy's Doubles, he won Runner's Up Trophy. In U-15 Boys Doubles he won the Winner's Trophy. Arav Mall of class III, Aviraj of class V and Vedant of class IX won a consolation prize each.



Heritage School faculty felicitating winner students.

The Principal and the staff congratulated the winners of the Badminton team on their

stupendous success and wished them good luck in their future endeavours.

## Jodhamal students to participate in Int'l Open Roller Hockey Championship

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JAMMU: Three Students of the prestigious Jodhamal Public School, Jammu have been selected to represent India in the upcoming Open Roller Hockey Championship to be held in Macau, China. These students are Daanial Butt of Class 8, Dhruv Sadhotra and Namish Gupta, both from Class 6. Earlier also, Ranvir Singh Shan, another student from Jodhamal, was selected to represent India in the International Skating



Selected Jodhamal School players with faculty members.

Tournament at China and Italy. The Trustee of the School, Nandan Kuthiala and

the Principal Girish Kumar extended their warm congratulations to the parents of these

students, recognizing the dedication and relentless efforts they have invested in their chosen sport.

The Principal also expressed his appreciation for the invaluable guidance provided by their skating coaches, Kamal Anand and Ritish, who have honed their skills and prepared them for this prestigious event.

As the students prepare to showcase their skills on an international stage, Jodhamal Public School wishes them the best of luck.

## J&K stall awarded for presentation, design at TTF Kolkata

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KOLKATA: The J&K Tourism stall was awarded on Monday for its presentation and design at the concluding ceremony of three day Travel & Tourism Fair (TTF)-2023 here.

The award to J&K was given by CEO, Fairfest Media, Sanjiv Aggarwal during the last day of three day fair, attended by representatives of participant countries, States and UTs besides organizations working in various tourism sectors across the country.

Earlier, the J&K Tourism department gave a detailed presentation on tourist scenario of J&K, tourism products and services, future prospects as well as new initiatives by the department.

The presentation also highlighted about the scope and role of sustainable tourism and responsibility on the part of stakeholders and tourists to sustain the ecology and future of tourism. The presentation also talked about the initiatives of Government for sustaining and improving the tourist footfall to the UT by enhancing the experiences of tourists and providing them more services and products.

The delegates, during the presentation, were briefed about the new homestay policy launched by the Government as well as

resolve to reduce the carbon footprints at the destinations and the introduction of new segments like adventure trails, horticulture tourism, heritage tourism, MICE and the effort to link local art and craft with the tourist experiences.

The delegates were informed that to further improve the grievance redressal mechanism a dedicated helpdesk has been set up for the tourists.

It may be recalled that the J&K Tourism stall at the TTF saw a huge rush of visitors comprising prospective tourists, travel agents, travel writers enquiring about the tourism services and products available in the UT. The fair brought together industry leaders, top media professionals and the entire travel industry from the Eastern part of the country particularly West Bengal and beyond. Around 400 exhibitors from the entire country and many foreign exhibitors including from Thailand, Mauritius, South Africa participated in the three day long tourism fest.

This year, a large contingent of tour operators and hoteliers from J&K, including many women travel entrepreneurs, also attended the fair for which adequate arrangements were made by the Tourism Department.

## Cricket events at Zone level begin in Poonch

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JAMMU: Organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) in support with district administration, cricket tournaments got underway at nine different zones of district Poonch under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The initiative has been taken by Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin Choudhary with the sole aim to involve youngsters in sports without affecting their studies.

The competition is being held simultaneously at Poonch, Sathra, Surankote,



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries and officials at Poonch on Monday.

Mandi, Mendhar, Harni, Buffiaz, Kanuyian and Balakote under the overall

supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Mohd Qasim zone heads, Narinder Singh,

Amresh Kumar, Manjeet Singh, Kulwant Singh, Rajinder Singh, Jatinder

Singh, Mohd Bashrat Khan, Mohd Hanief Kholi and Mohd Nazir.

## Div Com reviews progress of JMRDA, Smart City projects

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who is also the Additional Chief Executive Officer of the Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority (JMRDA), on Monday chaired a meeting to review the progress of different projects under the purview of the JMRDA.

The meeting was attended by key officials including Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioner Samba, Vice Chairman JDA, Chief Engineer PWD, Deputy Director Planning, Chief Accounts Officer JMRDA, Architect of JMRDA, Executive Engineer ERA and other concerned officers while Deputy Commissioner Kathua participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The meeting assessed the status of ongoing projects and discussed strategies for expediting their completion within the stipulated timelines.

The Div Com examined the progress of the projects, encompassing the development and up-gradation of Transport Nagar Jammu, the construction of a modern parking facility, the establishment of green spaces and pathways in Hiranagar Town and the provision of amenities for the prestigious Tawi River Front View Project.

Additionally, the Div Com reviewed the development of the state-of-the-art



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting on Monday.

bus stand at Thandi Khui Vijaypur; the implementation of the Rajeev Nagar Nallah drainage scheme, the formulation of comprehensive regional, sub-regional and zonal plans for JMRDA, as well as the construction of a flyover bridge linking the circular road with the iconic Heritage complex in Jammu.

Taking comprehensive review, officials reported substantial progress on various fronts. Regarding the upgrading of Transport Nagar project, it was informed that the drainage and culvert slab works are nearing completion, with the work of installation of paver blocks and road construction in progress. The concerned officers expressed their commitment to ensure timely completion of the project.

To accelerate the construction of the vital flyover bridge connecting the circular road with the Heritage complex,

the Div Com asked Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) to immediately initiate the tendering process, emphasizing the importance of commencing the project without delay. Regarding the development of pathways and amenities for the Tawi River Front View Project, it was revealed that over 50% of the work has been successfully accomplished, with further progress underway.

It was further informed that several other projects have also received approval and will shortly commence in different districts, paving the way for further progress. During the meeting, executing agencies responsible for the projects shared updates on the progress made, with some projects at advanced stages of execution.

The Div Com issued directions to the concerned departments to expedite the pace of work on all ongoing projects

and promptly initiate the tendering process for pending works.

Furthermore, the Div Com instructed Deputy Commissioners to personally supervise the progress and conduct regular on-site inspections. To foster accountability, the executing agencies were mandated to submit periodic progress reports. The Div Com emphatically called on the executive agencies to redouble their efforts and ensure the timely completion of the projects within the set timelines.

Later in another meeting, the Divisional Commissioner reviewed the progress on ongoing projects being executed in Jammu city under the Smart city projects.

At the outset, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), Rahul Yadav, gave a detailed presentation on the projects and apprised about the latest progress on each project.

The Div Com reviewed in detail progress on each project and asked for removing bottlenecks, if any. He reviewed progress of Apsara road high street project, Tawi River front project, E busses project.

The Div Com resolved most of the issues and directed concerned departments to expedite the work progress and ensure timely completion of all the projects.