

# Shiksha Niketan School hosts Orientation Programme

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School Jeevan Nagar, on Wednesday hosted a highly productive Orientation Programme, uniting participants from Pushp Vatika, Shiksha Niketan Gandhi Nagar, and various wings of Shiksha Niketan-Jeevan Nagar, encompassing Primary, Middle, High, and Higher Secondary levels.

The Orientation Programme was thoughtfully organized into two distinct segments, each catering to fundamental aspects of education and personal development.

The first segment focused on enhancing phonetics and communication skills, crucial for academic and professional success.



A dignitary speaking at a programme in Shiksha Niketan School.

This session was expertly led by Harish Raina, Regional Manager of Prachi Publication Pvt. Ltd., who brought his expertise in linguistics pedagogy and speech sound studies to engage participants from different educational backgrounds.

The segment concluded with an inspiring speech by

Risheek Mengi, Director of Pushp Vatika, highlighting the significance of effective communication in educational settings.

Following a traditional lamp lighting ceremony and Saraswati Vandana, which set a spiritual and intellectual tone for the event, badges of honor were presented to

the principal and distinguished guests. The second segment of the Orientation Programme commenced with renewed energy, focusing on team building and cohesion among students and staff.

Led by Avinash Mahajan, Vice Principal of Army Public School Nagrota and also representing Prachi Publications, this segment employed interactive group activities to emphasize the value of teamwork. Participants actively engaged in discussions and a Q&A session moderated by faculty members from the Higher Secondary Wing, including Inderpreet and Sachin.

These discussions delved into strategies for fostering collaboration and achieving collective goals within edu-

ational institutions. The session facilitated by Mahajan underscored the essential role of effective leadership in nurturing a cohesive school environment. It concluded with participants sharing innovative ideas aimed at further enhancing teamwork and mutual support among students and staff.

Principal Rameshwar Mengi delivered a closing speech, expressing gratitude to the Higher Secondary Wing Lecturers for their meticulous planning and seamless execution of the Orientation Programme. His remarks highlighted the school's commitment to holistic education and continuous improvement in educational practices.

# Rajesh elected president JKTA



Newly elected members of J&K Taekwondo Association.

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JAMMU: J&K Taekwondo Association (JKTA) today elected Rajesh Pangotra as new president in the election meeting held under the guidance of returning officer, Anshuja Tak and observer from the Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI).

Besides president other office bearers were also elected for the next term of four years by the members present.

Nissar Hussain has been made senior vice president while Atta Khan and Dr Kanav Gupta made vice president Kashmir and Jammu respectively.

Senior member of the Association, Ramesh Chander Sharma has been elected as general secretary and Amit Baderia named treasurer. Junaid Mayor Qasba (Kashmir) and Anuj Sharma (Jammu) elected joint secretary of the Association.

Those named Executive Council members are Amit Kumar Baderia, Burhan Ud din Khan, Taranpreet Kour, Fasil Ali, Manisha Sharma, Roohi Gupta and Bashir Ahmad Shiekh.

The election meeting was also attended by Divisional Sports Officer (DSO) Jammu of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

# DC Jammu holds Public Darbar in block Samwan



DC Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing public darbar.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Wednesday chaired a public darbar at Block Headquarters Samwan, where he listened to the grievances of the locals and assured systematic resolution of their issues.

The occasion was also graced by DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, SDM Khour Satish Sharma, Block Development Officer Ajay Kumar and other senior officers.

The event saw a large gathering

of villagers who raised various concerns, with the majority pertaining to roads, revenue services, flood protection and soil erosion.

Presiding over the event, the DC assured the public that all the issues have been taken note of and would be redressed systematically.

He encouraged the public to come forward not only with their public grievances but also with personal issues, assuring that district officers and senior officials would be present to provide services during the Block Divas.

The DC emphasised the

importance of making these public meetings successful through heavy participation and welcomed feedback from the public to improve the exercise of Block Divas and public outreach.

The Deputy Commissioner visited tehsil office Khour and reviewed the services delivery and the quality of services under PSGA, stressing on timely delivery. He also interacted with police officers at Police Chowki Jogowan, taking feedback on law and order matters.

Sachin Kumar also visited a local contentious revenue issue, making a field visit along with the aggrieved and providing appropriate assurance and a course of resolution. Additionally, the DC visited WSS Pahariwala and reviewed the progress on the project under Jal Jeevan Mission. Executive Engineer PHE Rural, Rocky Mahajan, briefed him on the status and progress of the project.

# Tata Motors selects 111 Polytechnic students

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JAMMU: Two days mega placement drive of Government Polytechnic Jammu concluded with employment opportunities to the pass-out Polytechnic students of the college.

The drive was conducted by Tata Motors for the recruitment at their Sanand plant in Gujarat for the diploma students of Electrical, Mechanical, Automobile and Instrumentation and Control and Electronics and Communication Engineering.

The successful placement drive was conducted under the guidance of Sudershan Kumar, Director, Skill



Selected students posing with faculty members and other dignitaries.

Development Department J&K. He interacted with the placed students and encouraged them to wholeheartedly join the Tata group. The Director also appreciated the efforts of Principal of the College, Arun Bangotra and

his team for the initiative. About 215 Students participated in the placement drive out of which 111 students from Government Polytechnic Jammu, Women Government Polytechnic Jammu, Government Polytechnic

Kathua, Samba, Reasi, Udhampur, Ramban, Rajouri, NITS, and IECS were selected.

Later, Arun Bangotra thanked Tata Motors for providing the job opportunity to the Polytechnic students.

Naim Qureshi, HR Manager from Tata Motors delivered a pre-placement talk to the students, following which written tests and personal interviews were conducted over the two-day recruitment event.

The arrangements for the placement drive were done by the Training and placement cell of Polytechnic, Ajay Thapa, OIC and his dedicated team, including Rishabh Gupta and Manmoham Singh. Others present on the occasion were Inderjeet Singh, Manjeet Singh, Raj Shekhar, Sanjay Koul, Rani Devi, Sanam Gupta and Amit Sharma.

# Div Com visits Zadibal, Hasanabad; reviews Muharram arrangements

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SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bihhuri on Wednesday visited Shrine of Shams-ud-Din Araqi (R.A), Zadibal and Inambari Hasanabad to take stock of arrangements ensured for smooth observance of religious occasions during the ongoing holy month of Muharram ul Haram including mourning processions and religious gatherings.

The Div Com was accompanied by Commissioner SMC, Dr Owais Ahmad; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Dr Bilal Mohi Ud Din Bhat; SSP Traffic Srinagar, Muzaffar Shah and senior officers from PWD, PHE, PDD, Health, Tourism and other concerned departments.

During his visit to Zadibal, Div Com maintained that the macadamization in Shia dominated areas have been already completed to facilitate them during holy month, while arrangements for electricity and drinking water besides sanitation has also been ensured for smooth observance of religious activ-



Div Com Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bihhuri visiting Shrine of Shams-ud-Din Araqi (R.A).

ities.

On the occasion, he directed concerned for construction of separate sanitary complex for women, while instructing SMC for providing mobile toilets during the Muharram days for immediate convenience.

He also visited different areas of Saidakadal including Kani Mohalla and Aram Mohalla where he was apprised about various developmental requirements.

On the occasion, Div Com instructed concerned LCMA officer to repair the damaged wooden bridges connecting various habitations and directed him to initiate repairing work immediately

from tomorrow.

He said that the facilities have been upgraded everywhere and the local people also appreciate administration for fulfilling their requirements for smooth conduct of religious obligations.

Meanwhile, Div Com instructed SMC officers to ensure proper maintenance of sanitation and cleanliness, and regular lifting of garbage and its disposal in the area and other Shia dominated areas of Srinagar.

Health authorities were directed to depute team of doctors along with ambulances to provide medical facilities to the mourners.

# Rakesh Mohan qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Assistant Professor Rakesh Mohan Datt, son of Ganesha Datt and Kamlesh, and husband of Dr. Madhu, resident of Old Rehari, has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Computer Science by the Chitkara University, Punjab. He worked on the topic, "Automated Phenological Stage Recognition and Prediction Model on Apple Yield", under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Vinay Kukreja.



# Kabir emerges victorious at Sirnu Kesri Dangal

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BANI: The spirit of traditional wrestling came alive at the prestigious Sirnu Kesri Dangal, where Kabir emerged triumphant after fierce competition from wrestlers hailing from Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Jammu, Kathua, Himachal Pradesh, and beyond.

The event, held amidst cheers and enthusiasm from local communities, culminated in an exhilarating final match where Kabir secured the coveted victory.

The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries including Sh. Bindra Ban, Sarpanch of Panchayat Sitti, who presided as the Chief Guest. Dr. Rameshwar Singh,



Wrestlers of main bout posing with chief guest and others.

accompanied by Gori Shankar, leader of DAP, Sarpanch Gatti Sushil Kumar, and Sarpanch Chandal Roshan Manhas, honored the occasion as Special Guests.

Dr. Rameshwar Singh presented the final award, emphasizing the significance of celebrating local traditions

such as Dangal with fervor and pride, underscoring their vital role in preserving the cultural fabric of our villages.

"This Dangal exemplifies the essence of our local heritage. It is through such spirited events that we cherish and uphold our village identities," he added.

The Sirnu Kesri Dangal not

only showcased exceptional sporting talent but also fostered a sense of community and tradition among participants and spectators alike. The event's success was a testament to the enduring passion and dedication towards preserving age-old customs that define the cultural richness of our region.

# Dist Dev Council discusses Capex Budget 2024-25

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JAMMU: In a focussed effort to accelerate development, DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan on Wednesday chaired a meeting of District Development Council, Jammu to discuss and approve the District Capex Budget 2024-25 of Jammu district.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, all other District Development Council members, ADDC, Sher Singh, Chief Planning Officer, Uttam Singh, ACD Dr. Vikas Sharma, BDOs and other concerned Sectoral/District officers.

The meeting saw comprehensive discussions on procedural aspects and the distribution of funds. DDC members and Block Development



DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan chairing a meeting.

Officers actively engaged in deliberations, highlighting their concerns and the challenges they face in delivering services to the public.

The proposed plans of Key sectors and schemes such as PHE, Irrigation, Education, PWD, Youth Services and Sports, Health, Samridh

Seema Yojana, DDC, BDC, PRI, APDP and ABDP under District Capex Budget 2024-25 were discussed in detail.

The Council emphasised the importance of regularly holding Gram Sabhas and incorporating public feedback and opinions of their

elected representatives to ensure effective governance. The council observed that public complaints should be considered earnestly and resolutions must be promptly addressed.

A significant resolution passed by the Council focussed on the reallocation

of lapsed funds of 2023-24 District Capex Budget.

Chairman Bharat Bhushan stressed that irrigation is a vital sector and block administrators must ensure that rejuvenation and restoration works under MGNREGA or other relevant schemes are taken up immediately.

The meeting concluded with approval of the District Development Council to the Plan proposals of 2024-25 with slight changes in proposal under BDC and PRI components and underlined the need for enhanced coordination among various departments to ensure the timely and efficient execution of development projects, thus contributing to the overall growth and prosperity of the region.

# Gill hails remarkable team effort as India snatch 2-1 lead in T20I series vs Zimbabwe

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HARARE: India captain Shubman Gill hailed their "remarkable" team effort on a two-paced wicket as they defeated Zimbabwe by 23 runs in third T20I to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series here on Wednesday.

The elegant Indian opener returned to form with a 49-ball 66 to power them to 182 for four before the bowlers restricted the hosts to 159 for six.

This was India's second successive win as they bounced back from the first match reversal to snatch the lead.

"It was a crucial match for us and the way we started with batting and bowling, it was remarkable," Gill said during the post-match presentation.



India made a resounding comeback in the second T20I where they posted a mammoth 234 for 2.

Asked if he was a little disappointed that the team couldn't reach 200 in the third T20, Gill said: "...the wicket was a bit double paced, the odd ball was gripping and it was not easy to hit the length ball."

"We just wanted to keep hitting the length with the ball as well. We know if there is something in the wicket, it will be there for the bowlers. Everyone has contributed, right from openers, to bowlers."

Washington Sundar, who was adjudged the Player of the Match, was happy with his execution of plan as he returned with a figures of three for 15 in four overs.

"Feels amazing, honestly. Every time I play for the country, it seems amazing. It was a better wicket. There was something more for the bowlers in the first two games."

"The way Zimbabwe batters played, did put pressure on us. They (Myers and Madande) did put a lot of pressure on us. We wanted to execute everything in our plans. We want to finish the series on Saturday."

Zimbabwe captain Sikandar Raza rued the fielding lapses.

"I think it's the fielding again, we are proud of our fielding but the wheels came off today, we gave away 20 extra runs and we lost by 23 runs," he said.

The hosts were 19 for 3 in 4th over but Dion Myers pro-

duced an unbeaten 65 from 49 deliveries to give them hope. "We still have problems at the top but I have utmost faith in them that they will come good some time. We have tried 15 different partners in the last year or so, club has revived, it's time that our players including myself take up the responsibility. You cannot fix a problem by creating another problem, we have picked 3 openers for a reason. The openers that have been picked up should be given a run."

On Blessing Muzarabani, who claimed 2/25, Raza said: "We have to stop talking about him because he has been outstanding, sometimes the rewards don't come but in the long run the rewards do come."

India will play Zimbabwe in the fourth T20I on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD	
<b>INDIA</b>	
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Bennett b Sikandar Raza	36
Shubman Gill (c) c Sikandar Raza b Muzarabani	66
Abhishek Sharma c Marumani b Sikandar Raza	10
Ruturaj Gaikwad c Madhever b Muzarabani	49
Sanju Samson † not out	12
Rinku Singh not out	01
<b>Extras</b>	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>182/4</b>
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	
Wesly Madhever c Abhishek Sharma b Avesh Khan	01
Tadivanashe Marumani c Dube b Ahmed	13
Brian Bennett c Ravi Bishnoi b Avesh Khan	04
Dion Myers not out	65
Sikandar Raza (c) c Singh b Washington Sundar	15
Johnathan Campbell c sub (R Parag) b Sundar	01
Clive Madande † c Singh b Sundar	37
Wellington Masakadza not out	18
<b>Extras</b>	05
<b>Total</b>	<b>159/6</b>