

Heritage School conducts Investiture Ceremony

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JAMMU: Heritage School celebrated its student leadership with an imposing Investiture Ceremony on Saturday, July 20, 2024. The much-anticipated event unveiled the newly elected student council, chosen through an electronic voting system involving faculty and students from grades X to XII.



Heritage School faculty and students leadership at Investiture Ceremony.

The ceremony brimmed with pride as the elected council members stood on stage, exuding confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

The day commenced with a warm welcome address followed by the illumination of the lamp, symbolizing an auspicious beginning.

A captivating motivational dance performance further set the tone for the ceremony. Akash Pradhan, Principal Heritage School, then administered the oath of office to the School Prefects and House Prefects.

Following the oath, Manroy Singh (XII) and Samridhi Gupta (XII) were officially invested as Head Boy and Head Girl, respectively, with badges and sashes pinned by the Principal. Aryaveer Singh (Vice Head Boy) and Aditee Bangotra (Vice Head Girl) received their insignia from Vice Principal Ms. Rashmi Thakur.

The investiture continued with Vivaan Bhardwaj and Ashwika Sambyal being adorned as Head Boy and

Head Girl of the Primary Wing by the Incharge Classes I-II, Incharge Classes III-V respectively. Similarly, Kapish Magotra (Cultural Activities) and Sports Captain Arihant Singh were acknowledged with badges presented by the In-charge of Cultural Activities and the Sports Coordinator.

Other student council members, inducted by their respective Housemistresses, were Culture House: Manan

(Senior Prefect), Arush Gupta (Senior Vice Prefect), Abhinandan Chandel (Junior Prefect), Anayah Choudhary (Junior Vice Prefect).

Tradition House: Viren Abrol (Senior Prefect), Manvi Sargotra (Senior Vice Prefect), Tanishveer Singh (Junior Prefect), Yuvika Bansal (Junior Vice Prefect).

Legacy House: Sasham Divedi (Senior Prefect), Mridul Dhawan (Senior Vice Prefect), Vihaan Krishna Manyal (Junior Prefect), Asreet Kour (Junior Vice Prefect).

Dignity House: Aryaman (Senior Prefect), Vaibhav Chandan (Senior Vice Prefect), Rudra Shahi (Junior Prefect), Bhawani Singh (Junior Vice Prefect).

The ceremony marked a significant milestone for these young leaders, brim-

ming with anticipation for a fulfilling and enriching year ahead.

In his address, Principal Pradhan extended his heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected council members and their parents. He underscored the significance of their election, highlighting the values instilled in them by both home and school.

He exhorted the new leaders to uphold the school's ethos, discharge their duties with integrity and fairness, and expressed his unwavering faith in their ability to steer Heritage School towards even greater achievements.

The program culminated in a melodious rendition of the school song leaving a lasting impression on all attendees and inspiring the Heritageans to uphold the school's values and strive for excellence.

Inter-Zone Dist Level Kabaddi Competition for boys under 17/ 19 begins



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GANDERBAL: The Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Ganderbal on Saturday inaugurated an inter-zone district-level Kabaddi competition for boys in the Under 17 and Under 19 categories. The event held at GCOPE Gadoora Ganderbal, saw enthusiastic participation from all four zones of the district. District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Ganderbal, along with the Activity Incharge and other staff members were present at the opening ceremony. During his interaction with the students, the DYSSO emphasized the transformative power of sports in the lives of the younger generation. He extended his best wishes to all the participating teams and encouraged them to exhibit sportsmanship and dedication. The event concluded with the distribution of trophies to the winning and runner-up teams, celebrating their achievements and participation in the competition.

SAI Club wins in 3rd game of Kho-Kho Test Series



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JAMMU: The SAI Club won the third outing of the ongoing four-match Kho-Kho Test Series being organised by Kho-Kho Association of J&K (KKAJK) at Gadigarh, here today.

In the third game, SAI Club defeated Simbal Kho

Kho Club by seven points. Arjun remained top scorer with four points. Nikhil, Uday and Vasu also played well for the winning side. From Simbal Club, Gulshan fought well contributing three points to the score.

General secretary of the KKAJK, Amrinder Pal

Singh appreciated the players and encouraged them to play the game in true spirit of sports. Present among others were Pankaj Malhotra (International player), Sunil Kumar, Yogesh Kumar, Madhur Choudhary, Sahil Kumar and Damanpreet Singh.

AIFF confers special award to J&K Sports Council for promoting football

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NEW DELHI: Recognising exceptional efforts of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council in encouraging and promoting football in the Union Territory, All India Football Federation has conferred special award to JKSC.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, received the award on behalf of J&K government during the glittering AIFF Awards Night, attended by numerous sporting icons and dignitaries. The gala event was aimed to celebrate remarkable achievements of Indian footballers over the past year.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijju, Olympic medal winner Yogeshwar Dutt, India's Davis Cup captain, Rohit Rajpal and many other well-known faces of Indian sports.

AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey, Vice President NA Haris, Treasurer Kipa Ajay, Acting Secretary General M Satyanarayan, Executive Committee members, and senior offi-



Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, receiving the award.

cials of the state associations, were also pres-

ent. Secretary JKSC expressed gratitude to AIFF for recognizing J&K Sports Council's efforts to promote and encourage football in India. She also thanked the AIFF for choosing Srinagar to host the SAFF U-16 National Camp last year, demonstrating their faith in JKSC.

"Jammu and Kashmir hosted the National Camp for the U-16 Championship for the first time ever. We are honoured that AIFF has extended another opportunity to J&K to host the Indian National Team Coaching Camp Under-17 in preparation for the upcoming SAFF Championship and AFC Qualifiers in 2024, which is underway at Srinagar", asserted the Secretary.

Notably, the Government's massive investment in sports infrastructure has drawn the interest of numerous National Federations to conduct National and International level events in J&K. We want to solidify our place at the top of the country's sporting map with the aid of these camps and National Competitions, stated Nuzhat Gul.

Vishwa Bharati organises Investiture Ceremony

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JAMMU: To evolve the leadership qualities and knack among students, Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Akalpur Morh, Jammu organized an Investiture Ceremony for the election of Students Council for the session 2024-2025.

The process began with the casting of votes followed by counting. Hitesh Mehra was elected as Head boy and Vedika Singh as head girl. Whereas Ayush Koul was elected as Vice Head boy and Sanvi Najwan as Vice Head girl. Besides head boy and head girl Mahi Digra was



Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School students and faculty at investiture ceremony.

elected as Sports Secretary whereas Riya Sharma as Academic Secretary.

Anirudh was elected as Cultural Secretary and Sanvi Parihar was elected as Discipline Secretary.

During the ceremony, stu-

dents council was also formulated for the proper division of school related work.

All the elected students were given badges and sashes as per their portfolios. They also took pledge to hold the school motto of loyalty, truth

and honour in high esteem.

School Principal Annapurna Kaul congratulated the students and admonished them to perform their devolved duties honestly and effectively for the smooth functioning and maintenance

of discipline and decorum in the school campus.

The duties of all these students were briefed by Joginder Singh Physical teacher of the School and anchoring was done by Shakti Raina.

Govt releases merit list of 'outstanding sportspersons'

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JAMMU: The J&K Government through its Youth Services and Sports Department today released the final merit list of 334 candidates under SO 412 of 2023 (outstanding sportspersons). The list, issued yesterday, shall remain in the public domain for seeking objections, if any, for next 15 days.

Olympian shooter from J&K, Chain Singh tops the merit list which has

been prepared by the selection committee in a meeting that took place on July five, 2024.

Earlier, 99 more applications (2023) added to the existing number of 486 (for the quota of calendar year 2014 to 2021) there-by totalling to 585 applications, including 32 forms repeated.

However, the scrutiny committee after scrutinising the applications found 334 candidates provisionally eligible in terms of

the conditions stipulated in the advertisement notifications and rules in this regard.

Now, the general merit list, year-wise of the eligible candidates has been published in the public domain for inviting objections, if any, from the interested candidates. Such objections shall be submitted personally at Civil Secretariat at Jammu/Srinagar through the email: yssdept234@gmail.com.

Justice Tashi Rabstan inaugurates Legal Literacy Clubs

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SRINAGAR: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (Acting), High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, on Saturday inaugurated the Legal Literacy Club (LLC) at Bilaliya Educational Institute, Baghwanpora, Lal Bazar, Srinagar. Justice Tashi was accompanied by Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority and was warmly received by Jawad Ahmed, Chairman DLSA (PDJ) Srinagar, Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary DLSA Srinagar, Manzoor Ahmad Wangnoo, Chairman Bilaliya Educational Institute, Dr. Tawseef Ahmad Bhat, Co-ordinator, and other teaching and administrative staff of the institute.

Justice Tashi Rabstan in his continuous efforts to reach out



to every part of the region also inaugurated the Legal Literacy Club at Crescent Public School, Naseem Bagh, Srinagar, where he was cordially welcomed by Shakeel Ahmad Dar, Chairman Crescent Public School, Kartik Chopra, Philanthropist, alongside the teaching and administrative staff.

During these inaugurations, Justice Tashi Rabstan held interactions with the newly

enrolled student members and teacher in charge of these Legal Literacy Clubs. He emphasized the critical role of Legal Literacy Clubs in fostering a legally aware and informed society. Justice Tashi highlighted the importance of active and positive engagement of students in addressing legal and societal issues, urging the

Incharge to motivate and guide students in understanding their rights and responsibilities.

ties.

Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority, briefed the media on the continuous efforts by the J&K Legal Services Authority and DLSA's in establishing an informed society by reaching out to schools across the region. He informed that Srinagar District now hosts 11 Legal Literacy Clubs, including the two LLCs inaugurated today. Gupta stressed the significance of positively engaging with the youth, channeling their energy towards societal welfare and nation-building.

These initiatives underscore the commitment of the Legal Service Institutions and educational sector in Jammu and Kashmir to empower the younger generation with legal knowledge, fostering a future of informed and responsible citizens.

LG, CS condole demise of Secretary JKAACL

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday expressed his shock and grief over the sudden demise of Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages.

In a condolence message, the Lt Governor said, "Saddened by the untimely demise of Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages. My thoughts are with his family and friends in this hour of grief. May his soul rest in peace".

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary J&K, Atal Dulloo on Saturday expressed grief over the sad demise of Bharat Singh Manhas and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. In his condolence message, Chief

Secretary prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear this loss.

Bharat Singh was a serving officer of JKAS cadre, 2001 batch and previously worked in State Taxes & Excise Departments as Additional Commissioner Tax Planning, Deputy Excise Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Stamps.

Meanwhile, the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages held a condolence at its headquarters, Lal Mandi, Srinagar, to pay homage to its Secretary Bharat Singh Manhas, who passed away here yesterday evening after a brief illness.

Principal Secretary, Culture Department, Suresh Kumar Gupta, and other officers and officials conveyed sympathies with the bereaved family. They prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

A JKAS Officer of 2001 batch, Manhas had joined the JKAACL as Secretary in May 2022. He made the cultural sector visible and vibrant during his two year tenure.

"The demise of Bharat Singh has left a void in the administrative system and his absence will be deeply felt", stated the Principal Secretary.

Echoing similar sentiments, Chairman J&K

Artists Association, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, also expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise of Bharat Singh Manhas.

Several literary and artistic organisations have expressed their condolences over the demise of late Manhas.

Among others the condolence meeting was attended by Deputy Secretary, Syed Shakeel Ul Rehman, Officer Incharge, Kashmir Division, Farooq Anwar Mirza, Officer Incharge TRC, Mufti Shafeeq U Rehman, President Adbi Markaz Kamraz, Mohammad Amin Bhat, NSD Coordinator, Gulzar Ahmad Ganai and noted artist Mushtaq Ali Ahmad Khan.

Mission Shakti Udhampur conducts awareness cum enrollment drive

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UDHAMPUR: An awareness programme was organized by Sankalp Hub for Empowerment of Women under Social Welfare Department Udhampur at Upper Kawa.

The event aimed to educate people about various women centric schemes running in District Udhampur.

The whole programme was organised under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai and overall guidance of District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta.

During the programme, HEW team provided infor-



Mission Shakti Udhampur members during awareness programme.

mation about Mission Shakti schemes such as Childline (1098), Women Helpline (181), and One Stop Centers. Around 70 Participants were present in the program who were given comprehensive information about women-cen-

tric schemes and their documentation requirements. At last, plantation drives were organised by Social Welfare Department in which four plants were planted by the HEW team in the name of baby girls under the banner of BBBP.

10-Day Summer Coaching Camp organised by J&K Sports Council concludes

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SRINAGAR: The 10-day Summer Coaching Camp, organized by the J&K Sports Council in the disciplines of Rugby, Hockey, Gymnastics and Archery concluded successfully at the Multi Sports Complex, Polo Ground, Srinagar.

The closing ceremony was attended by the Secretary, J&K Sports Council, along with the Divisional Sports Officer (Kashmir), Divisional Sports Officer (Central), and other officials.



The camp, which commenced on July 8, 2024, saw the participation of approxi-

mately 150 athletes who were selected through open selection trials. These ath-

letes underwent rigorous daily training sessions conducted by expert coaches from the J&K Sports Council. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm as athletes showcased their skills and growth at the conclusion of their training.

During the closing ceremony, Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull emphasized the primary goal of organizing these coaching camps during the school summer vacation is to provide aspiring students from every corner of J&K the

opportunity to train at Government sports facilities.

These camps are designed to improve physical fitness, develop skills and techniques, enhance mental capabilities, build confidence, and prepare our athletes for national and international competitions, she stated.

In addition to the closing remarks, the Khelo India Centre Taekwondo trainees were presented with playing kits by the Secretary, Sports Council, further encouraging young athletes in their sporting endeavors.