

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates Friendship Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Friendship Day is an occasion that calls for celebrating the presence of friends in our life. Jakiians of class 2nd of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi celebrated the day with much love and fervour.
Students talked about importance of friends in life. They discussed the value of "sharing is caring".
Jakiians enacted a skit and highlighted, "We are surrounded with friends of different age groups, backgrounds, cultures, and personalities. We support, encourage, and treasure our friends. They are important for our health and happiness."
The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah, "Friends are very important for both our physical and mental health at all stages in life. They are the Sunshine of life."
The Principal awarded Satyam Atri of class 2nd for compeering the programme flawlessly and Shivaay Gupta for reciting a beautiful poem confidently.



Glimpses of Friendship Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

VAJK organises volleyball competitions in various districts



Headmaster HS Ajote, Nazmeen Akhter posing with other dignitaries and teams at Poonch.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of 76th Independence Day under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and My Youth My Pride initiative, Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir (VAJK) in association of district associations and Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council organized volleyball competitions in various districts.



ZEO Uri, Qasim Ali Mir posing with team and officials.

Nirdosh Sharma, R.P Sharma, Romesh Chander, Devinder Singh PEM, staff members of Ajote. The organisers of the tournament were Neeraj Sharma and D.K Raina.

B A R A M U L L A : Baramulla District Volleyball Association organised an exhibition volleyball match at Mini Stadium Uri between Uri Star Jr team and BHSS Uri. ZEO Uri, Qasim Ali Mir was the Chief Guest. BHSS Uri beat Uri



Dignitaries presenting trophy to winner team at Udhampur.

Star Jr by 3-2 sets. The prizes were distributed and other prominent persons were present.

among both the teams and officials.

UDHAMPUR: Volleyball Association of District Udhampur organized a boys and girls tournament at Tehsil Ramnagar. In the boys section, 5 teams and in the girls section, 4 teams participated. In the final, Ramnagar boys beat Badole Volleyball Club by 2-1 (25-19, 22-25, 15-13) and in girls GDC Women Ramnagar beat Ramnagar Volleyball Club by 2-0 (25-22, 25-23). In the final Yuvraj Singh, national player in volleyball and Senior Prosecuting Officer was the Chief Guest, Sohan Singh SHO Ramnagar was Guest of Honour, Pawan Dev Singh national player, Rakesh Rahi Lect. Physical Education, Rishi Gupta, Rakesh Kharka

Meenakshi qualifies NET-JRF

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Meenakshi Tak, daughter of Shashi Tak and Kalu Ram Tak, resident of lane No 2, Vikas Lane, Talab Tillo, Jammu has qualified National Eligibility Test-Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) in Public Administration, the result of which was declared by University Grants Commission (UGC) recently.



Yusera Farooq qualifies Ph.D

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KATRA: Yusera Farooq Khan has been declared qualified for the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the School of Computer Science and Engineering by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU).



The candidate has worked on the topic "Intelligent Computational Framework using Feature Optimization for Prognosis and Detection of Alzheimer's Dementia" under Dr. Bajinath Kaushik, Head School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU.

District Poonch Wushu Championship begins

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POONCH: District Poonch Wushu Championship under the theme Azadi ka Amrit Mohotsav, organised by District Poonch Wushu Association under the aegis of Wushu Association of Jammu and Kashmir supported by Jammu and Kashmir Sports council began at Sports Stadium, here on Thursday.

The championship, in which around 120 budding players from different clubs and institutions of district Poonch going to participate, was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Nirdosh Kumar, Incharge Manager Sports Stadium Poonch in presence of Guest of Honour, Premprakash Luthra retd District Youth Services and Sports Officer and Special Guests Dr Gagandeep Singh and Farhan Haider.

The chief guest meet with all the players and gave his best wishes to all the participants.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Wasif Javed, Organising Secretary of the Association. President of District Wushu Association



Incharge Manager Sports Stadium Poonch Nirdosh Kumar declaring open District Poonch Wushu Championship at Poonch.

Poonch, Priyanka Singh expressed thank to Wushu Association of J&K, Nuzhat Gul Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Sports council and Kuldeep Handoo Chief Wushu Coach India and Dronacharya Awardee for proving excellent platform to the players of Poonch by organising this kind of event.

She also applauded the efforts of all office bearers of district Poonch Wushu Association for their excellent work in managing all the players and providing them excellent facilities during the event.

She also assure every

possible help for the development of this sport in border district Poonch. All the bouts held under the technical supervision of Wasif Javed and Ashaq Hussain.

Today's results GOLD: Arshit Singh (Christ School Degwar), Mohd Irfan (GMS Khorinar), Varenayam Sharma (Christ School Degwar), Mohd Firsose (GMS Khorinar), Mohd Sarfraz (GMS Khorinar) and Mohd Arfan (GMS Khorinar).

SILVER: Izlan Khawaja, Zeeshan Farooq, Farhan Ahmed and Rananjay Gupta (all from Christ School Degwar).

VAJK Office Secretary visits Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club

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POONCH: Senior volleyball player and Office Secretary Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Akber Ali on Thursday visited Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch and interacted with the budding players of the Club. He asked the budding players to avoid bad habits, particularly drugs. He appreciated the efforts of Mohd Tariq, Chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit



VAJK Office Secretary Akber Ali posing with Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch team.

Singh Memorial Volleyball Club and asked the players to follow the footsteps of Saqlain Tariq, international volleyball player from Poonch.

J&K UT Handball Championship begins in Baramulla



Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzat Gul speaking at inaugural ceremony.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: The three-day 9th J&K UT Handball Championship began on Thursday at Indoor Stadium Baramulla for senior men and women sections. The championship is being organized by J&K Handball Association in

collaboration with J&K State Sports Council. Nuzat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council was the Chief Guest in the opening ceremony, while Ashwani Raina Executive Member Handball Association India was the Guest of Honour. In her address, the Chief

Guest stressed upon the players to concentrate on honing their skills and maintaining high physical standards to achieve big. She congratulated the J&K Handball Association's office bearers for organizing the championship. Around 300 players from the

different districts of the UT are participating in the tournament. Earlier, the organizing secretary of the championship, Kaiser Asrar Wani welcomed the guests, players, officials, spectators and media persons.

Today's results: MEN: JKP beat District Poonch by 23-14 goals; District Jammu beat District Udhampur by 25-18 goals; District Budgam beat District Bandipora by 8-3 goals. WOMEN: District Udhampur defeated Kupwara by 8-3 goals.

Among others present on the occasion were Subedhar Pardeep Kumar 46 RR (International Handball Player) Mohd. Ashraf Parray Treasurer JKHA, Ravi Singh, Vice President JKHA.

Sports more important than education in present era: Billawaria

Jammu Enterprises Softball Club lifts men's title

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sports and games are more important than education in the present era. The Central Government has been sanctioning a massive budget for promoting sports in every nook and corner of the country. Lots of Centrally Sponsored Schemes are there for raising sports infra and with the introduction of Khelo India conceptualized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the development of stadia is seen even at the Panchayat Level.

This was stated by Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor Jammu during the closing ceremony of the three days District Jammu Softball Championship 2023, which concluded in an impressive, colourful and well attended function at Football Ground, GGM Science College, here today. The Championship was organised by the Jammu District Softball Association in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council.

The Chief Guest was accompanied by Dr Vinod Bakshi, Physical Director GGM Science College, Rajesh Dhar, Lecturer in Physical Education and C L



Dy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria presenting trophy to winner team.

Bhat, Sr Vice President J&K Softball Association as the guests of honours, while Vikram Singh Chib, President Yuva Rajput Sabha, Dr Virender Singh, Avinash Uttam, Perneesh Mahajan, Veena Gupta, Vikas Mangotra, Incharge GGM Football Ground, Padam Dev Singh, Joint Secretary J&K Softball Association were the special guests.

While speaking on the occasion, the chief guest lavished praise on the organisers for making all the requisite arrangements fantastically to hold the Championship in a most befitting manner.

Expressing happiness over the massive participation, he said that such a huge participation of players was rarely witnessed even in national level events.

"It is really a delight to witness such a huge participation of softball sportspersons in a district level event," Mr Billawaria said.

He further said that talent without opportunity was nothing and the dire need was to provide more and more opportunity to the players, adding that with the technical assistance from the members of the Association, the College will develop its own team for the participation in Inter-University events.

The Championship was organized under the supervision of Yogesh Mahajan as Chairman Organizing Committee; Vikram Singh, Deputy Chairman Organizing Committee; Harvinder Singh, Convener of the Championship; Rawat Singh, Organizing Secretary of the Championship and the

team of Umpires from District Jammu and the Technical Panel from District Samba including Sudhir Singh and Ayush Singh.

Meanwhile, in Senior Boys category, Jammu Enterprises beat Big Cats Club, while in the Senior Girls category, Carmel Convent Girls beat Jammu Enterprises.

In Junior Boys Category, Raipur Warrior drubbed Saint Paul Club, while in Junior Girls category, Carmel Convent got the better of GHS Raipur Satwari and in Sub Junior category boys, GHS Raipur Satwari trounced Evergreen Club.

In Girls category, Carmel Convent defeated GHSS Raipur Satwari.

The Championship with huge participation was sponsored by the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council.