

Observers appointed for Kabaddi at district level

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JAMMU: General Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association (JKAKA) Kuldeep Kumar Gupta under the guidance of President Anil Gupta told that the observers have been appointed in Districts as well as UT Kabaddi Championships in boys & girls section to be held in the current year 2024.

Kuldeep nominated the name of the "Observers" in district as well as UT Championships.

The name of candidates who are nominated in Jammu Province as well as Kashmir Province are Radha Bakshi Convener Women Commission nominated for Jammu District, Krishan Singh President Samba District Kabaddi Association nominated for



Kathua District, Sanjit Kumar Secretary Jammu District Kabaddi Association nominated for Udhampur District, Bashrat Khan Chairman Poonch District Kabaddi Association nominated for Rajouri District, Mohd. Yakoob Secretary Kathua District Kabaddi Association nominated for Samba District, Sushil Jamwal Chairman Rajouri District Kabaddi Association nominated for

Poonch District, Nazir Ahmad Mir Secretary Budgam District Kabaddi Association nominated for Srinagar District, G.M Ganai Chairman Pulwama District Kabaddi Association nominated for Anantnag District, Mohd Shafi Chairman Gandharbal District Kabaddi Association nominated for Baramulla District, Gulzar Ahmad Secretary Srinagar District Kabaddi

Association nominated for Budgam District, A.R.Padder Chairman Anantnag District Kabaddi Association nominated for Pulwama District, M.S.Baba President Baramulla District Kabaddi Association nominated for Gandharbal District.

Further for UT Kabaddi Championships the following members have been appointed as Observers, Sarwant Singh Gill Technical Director J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association nominated for Junior UT Kabaddi Championship at Udhampur, Anil Modi Treasurer J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association nominated for Senior UT Kabaddi Championship at Poonch and Surinder Mohan Technical Director Yuva Kabaddi Series (YKS) nominated for Sub-Junior UT Kabaddi Championship at Srinagar. Moreover, Gupta also

said that all the district Secretaries/Presidents are advised to give vast publicity in Print/Electronic Media and send a letter to Divisional Sports Officer Jammu and Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir of J&K Sports Council under proper receipt so that they can issue the directions to their Managers/Incharges of Stadium to make the necessary arrangements of providing the ground and other facilities to the organizer of the District Association.

Further, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta advised to all the "Observers" of the Kabaddi Association to select the talented players in Boys and Girls Section for the National Coaching Camps to be held before the participation in the National Championships and also submit their report well in time to the undersigned before conduct of the National Coaching Camps.

Plantation drive at IIMC Jammu promoting environmental sustainability

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) Jammu on Thursday conducted a significant plantation drive, "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" on its campus, in the presence of former Mayor Rajinder Sharma and two corporators Kapil Singh and Anil reinforcing its commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability.

The event was part of the institute's ongoing efforts to contribute to a greener and healthier environment for future generations.

The plantation drive, which took place in the lush surroundings of the IIMC Jammu campus, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members. These efforts are expected to enhance the campus's biodiversity and provide a natural habitat for local wildlife.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Dilip Kumar, Regional Director of IIMC Jammu,



Regional Director IIMC Jammu, Dr. Dilip Kumar planting a sapling.

emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering a culture of environmental responsibility among the youth.

IIMC Jammu's plantation drive aligns with the broader national and global efforts to combat environmental degradation and promote green initiatives.

The institute plans to make this an annual event, aiming to contribute to the reforestation

and greening of the region. Those who participated in the plantation drive were Vivek Pathak (IIS), OSD (Admin) and Integrated Financial Advisor, IIMC Jammu, Prof (Dr) Anil Saumitra, Dr. Vinit Utpal, Assistant Professor, Anoop Wattal, Senior office Assistant, Dr. Ravia Gupta, Assistant Professor, Vishv, Assistant Professor, Rajiv Kumar and Gulshan Kumar, academic associates.

Inter-Zonal U-17 Cricket Tournament Faizan, Prabdeep, Ruhaan, Smagey sparkle as semis lineup drawn

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JAMMU: Good show with the willow by Mohd Faizan, Prabdeep Singh and Ruhaan Raj Kalra powered Gandhi Nagar Zone to a convincing victory over Damsal Zone to seal berth in the semifinals of the ongoing Jammu District Inter-Zonal U-17 Cricket Tournament, being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Jammu at Khel Gaon, here on Thursday. With Gandhi Nagar Zone's entry in the last four stage, the semifinals position has been cleared in this tournament. Now, in the semifinals, Jammu Zone will lock horns with Jourian, while Gandhi Nagar will take on Marh Zone at the same venue tomorrow.

Earlier, Gandhi Nagar Zone thrashed Damsal in an easy contest by a big margin of 75 runs. Batting first, Gandhi



Officials along with team players.

Nagar Zone scored a good total of 150 runs in the stipulated 15 overs. Mohd Faizan top scored with brisk 40 runs off 25 balls, while Prabdeep Singh contributed quick-fire 30 runs off 15 balls. However, Ruhaan Raj Kalra, coming in at number-3 showed sublimity, solidity and elegance to keep one end intact and score unbeaten 26 off 36 balls. For Damsal Zone, Saksham took 2 wickets by conceding 24 runs in his 2 overs.

In reply, Damsal Zone managed to score 75 runs to lose the

match by a big margin of 75 runs. Smagey Khajuria salvaged a lone battle and top scored with 30 runs. For Gandhi Nagar Zone, Rajveer was the most successful bowler who took 2 wickets by conceding 24 runs in his 3 overs. In another match, Marh Zone got the better of Khour Zone in a one-sided affair: Batting first, Khour Zone scored a paltry total of 60 runs, while in reply, Marh Zone chased the target in just 7 overs. Extras played a major role in this match.

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NAGROTA: The Inter-District Provincial Level Football Tournament for U-14 boys culminated in an impressive final match at Khel Goan Nagrota, where District Jammu claimed the title by defeating District Kishtwar with a commanding 3-0 score.

This tournament featured six districts from the Jammu Division and was held over two days.

The event was inaugurated by the Joint Director of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Jammu, and was conducted under the patronage of the Director General of Youth Services and Sports JK UT, with overall supervision by DYSSO Jammu.

The tournament aimed to provide a competitive platform for young football enthusiasts



Winner team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

from various districts.

On the second day of the tournament, the semi-final matches set the stage for the final showdown.

In the first semi-final, District Jammu faced District Kathua and emerged victori-

ous with a dominant 4-0 win. District Jammu's performance was marked by skillful play and effective teamwork, which allowed them to secure their place in the final.

The second semi-final saw District Kishtwar go up

against District Rajouri. District Kishtwar advanced to the final with a decisive 3-0 victory, showcasing their strong performance and determination throughout the match.

The final match between

District Jammu and District Kishtwar was a highly anticipated encounter. District Jammu demonstrated their prowess on the field with goals from Aneesh, Daman, and Ummer Nisar, each contributing to the 3-0 victory.

The coordinated efforts of the Jammu team ensured their success and the title of champions for this tournament.

This tournament not only highlighted the exceptional talent of young football players but also fostered a spirit of sportsmanship and competition among the participating districts.

The event concluded with District Jammu being celebrated for their outstanding performance and strategic play throughout the tournament.

Dr. Jain, others felicitated on World Senior Citizen Day

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JAMMU: The J&K Rashtr Bhasha Prachar Samiti, in collaboration with the Association for Welfare of Senior Citizens and ICICI Bank Trikuta Nagar, celebrated World Senior Citizen Day at Kohinoor Hotel.

This annual observance is dedicated to honoring the contributions of older adults and raising awareness about the challenges they face.

The day emphasizes several key aspects, including recognizing and respecting the achievements and wisdom of senior citizens, highlighting issues such as healthcare, elder abuse, financial insecurity, and loneliness, promoting healthy aging, fostering intergenerational relationships, and advocating for



Dr. Shreyansh Jain, State Yoga Commissioner and others being felicitated in a programme.

elderly rights.

Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, the State Yoga Commissioner, Chairman of the Indian Yoga Association, and President of Vichar Kranti Manch International, was among the distinguished guests.

The event also featured

notable figures such as Rajeshwar Singh Raju, Sanjiv Bhasin, Randhir Singh Rajpuriya, Anita Mehta, Suman Pal, Girja Sharma, Vijay Thakur, and poets and singers Master Kishor Lal Gupta, Sukesh Jain, and Nirmal Gupta.

These individuals con-

tributed to the celebration with poems and songs that highlighted the significance of World Senior Citizen Day. TR Gupta, a social activist and philanthropist, presided over the function, while BR Kundal, Former Divisional Commissioner of Jammu, served as the Chief

Guest.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan Gupta, General Secretary of the Rashtr Bhasha Prachar Samiti, conducted the proceedings, supported by Gurmeet Singh Pracharak and others.

The event included a Kavi Goshti organized by the Rashtr Bhasha Prachar Samiti and sponsored by ICICI Bank Trikuta Nagar. Prof. R.D. Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor of Jammu University, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Virender Gupta, President of the Association for Welfare of Senior Citizens, extended a warm welcome to the guests and participants, underscoring the importance of the day and the ongoing efforts to support and honor senior citizens.

JSS Jammu students excel at IIT Delhi's Cryptic Crossword Puzzle Contest



JSS Jammu students posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS), Jammu is elated to announce the remarkable success of its students at the prestigious Cryptic Crossword Puzzle Contest held at IIT Delhi.

The event, a brainchild of AICTE, IIT Madras, IIM Mumbai, and EXTRA C, brought together the brightest young minds from across the nation, including those from renowned IITs, for a thrilling intellectual showdown.

Our school proudly fielded four dynamic teams, each comprising two students.

The talented participants were Chansaya Anand and Aaradh from Class 6A, Aahita Gupta and Gurmansahib Singh from Class 6G, Mishthi from Class 7C, Naksh Saini from Class 7B, Naksh Kumar from Class 7F, and Ridhaush Gupta from Class 7A. Their preparation and strategy were guided by the able mentorship of Shabnam Thapa, TGT English, whose guidance played a pivotal role in shaping their journey.

In a competition marked by high stakes and intense rivalry, the duo of Chansaya Anand and Mishthi emerged as stars by clinching the prestigious Runner-Up Trophy.

Rohini Aima, Principal cum Vice-Chairperson, congratulated all the participants and their mentor for this extraordinary achievement.

Soham achieves maiden IM title from J&K

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JAMMU: Soham Kamotra has become first from J&K to achieve the International Master (IM) title at Open Grandmaster event at Abu Dhabi. He completed all requirements of three norms and 2400 FIDE Rating after drawing with a strong 2600+ Grandmaster.

Soon after getting the news of Soham becoming IM, members of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) shared the congratulatory messages on different social media platforms. Working president AJKCA, Atul Kumar Gupta congratulated Soham for great achievement and hoped that other players will be motivated by his exceptional perform-



ance at international scene. Soham has already been suitable rewarded back home when he was presented a cheque worth Rs.8.00 Laacs by LG Manoj Sinha for his past achievements. "The AJKCA wish Soham good luck for future endeavours. Soham has proved that things are possible provided there is hardwork and patience to achieve something," said Atul.

CUJ hosts 7th International Conference on Recent Innovations in Computing



Director I&C, Dr. Arun Manhas and others at a conference.

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JAMMU: Central University of Jammu (CUJ) on Thursday hosted the 7th International Conference on Recent Innovations in Computing (ICRIC-2024), organized by the Departments of Computer Science and Engineering and Computer Science and Information Technology.

Held under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, this event brought together leading experts, researchers, and scholars from across the globe. With technical support from DRDO and J&K ACM, and Springer LNEE as the publication partner, the conference provided a platform for the presentation and discussion of cutting-edge research. Out of 254 submissions, 32 research papers were selected for

publication, reflecting the high caliber of research presented. The conference featured a distinguished lineup of speakers and dignitaries.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, served as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar of CUJ, acted as the Principal General Chair. Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Head of the Departments of Computer Science & Engineering and Computer Science and Information Technology, delivered a welcome address. Prof. Yashwant Singh, a key driver behind the conference for the past five years, delivered a visionary speech that provided deep insights and inspiration to the attendees. The Guest of Honour, Dr. Arun Manhas, Director of Industries & Commerce,

J&K Government, offered valuable perspectives on emerging technologies, with a focus on computing and artificial intelligence.

The keynote addresses were delivered by eminent scholars including Prof. Vir Bahadur Singh from JNU, Delhi, who discussed the technical aspects of emerging technologies and the development of models for open-source software. International keynote speakers included Prof. Mehdi Toloo from the Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic, who spoke on "A Non-parametric Operational Analytics Approach: Data Envelopment Analysis," and Prof. Zdzislaw Polkowski from the Faculty of Technical Sciences, UJW, Poland, who addressed "The Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Shaping the Future of Logistics."

The conference concluded with a vote of thanks and presentation of conference statistics by Dr. Pradeep Singh, General Chair.

Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony announces mega program for Janmashtami



Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony members addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony is set to host an extensive program to celebrate Shree Krishna Janmashtami, running from August 24 to 28, 2024.

Established in 2008, the club is renowned for its dedication to both social and cultural development, organizing various events such as Shree Krishna Janmashtami, Shree Ganesh Puja, Leela of Shree Ram, Lohri Milan, Independence Day Run, and medical camps.

The festivities will commence with a series of Leela performances of Shree Krishna, which will be staged daily at 8:00 PM from August 24 to August

28, 2024.

These performances aim to depict the divine stories and deeds of Shree Krishna, providing an enriching cultural experience for attendees.

A major highlight of the celebrations will be the grand Shobha Yatra on August 26, 2024. The procession will start at 3:00 PM from the club ground in Sainik Colony and will traverse various sectors of the locality.

This vibrant procession is expected to be a significant event, showcasing the community's enthusiasm and devotion.

The Shree Ram Leela Club Sainik Colony has consistently hosted these grand celebrations, making it the

only club in Jammu and Kashmir to perform Shree Krishna Leela on such a large scale with unwavering consistency since its inception. The club's ongoing efforts in organizing social and religious events are aimed at the holistic development of the society.

The press conference was attended by prominent members of the club, including Rakesh Chowdhary, Surjeet Singh, Amandeep Singh, Surinder Singh Naranian, Sachin Slathia, Rahul Chanda, and Harivansh Gupta, who shared details about the upcoming events and the club's commitment to community service and cultural preservation.