

CS felicitates Intl Yoga Day contest winners

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo on Monday honored the winners of various contests held by the Information Technology (IT) Department to mark International Yoga Day.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by the Commissioner Secretary, IT, SIO, NIC, and Deputy Commissioners from Jammu, Udhampur, and Reasi, among other officials. Winners participated either in person or via video conferencing.

Dulloo presented appreciation certificates and prize money to the contest winners, congratulating them on their achievements. He encouraged continued participation in such competitions and emphasized the



Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo honouring winners of International Yoga Day contest.

importance of excelling in both curricular and extra-curricular activities.

During the event, Dulloo also inaugurated 12 new online services from the Revenue and Agriculture Production Departments, developed by the Deputy Commissioners of Jammu and Reasi. These services include permissions for events and applications for

phytosanitary certificates and honey quality checks.

Dulloo assessed the IT Department's performance, stressing the need for comprehensive IT solutions and ensuring at least one Common Services Centre (CSC) per village. He advocated for a thorough analysis of CSC data to identify poorly performing centers and address issues promptly.

Commissioner Secretary IT, Prerna Puri, shared insights into the Yoga Day contests, noting that around 5,700 entries were received across categories such as Poster Making, Essay Writing, Yoga Doodle Challenge, and Yoga Storytelling. Winners were awarded certificates and cash prizes of Rs 10,000 (1st prize), Rs 8,000 (2nd

prize), and Rs 5,000 (3rd prize).

Puri highlighted ongoing improvements in the IT Department, including onboarding new offices onto the e-office system, conducting numerous training sessions, and enhancing cyber-security with honey pots at the State Data Centre. She also reported the removal of 78 inactive sites and audit of 140 departmental websites.

Looking ahead, the IT Department plans to establish a Security Operations Centre with the assistance of the Government of India, develop end-to-end digitization of 50 high-volume services, and create a unified platform for centralized authentication and service delivery to benefit the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir.

Jakiians shine in Star Kid India 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Star Kid India 2024 is a pan-India talent show that provides a unique platform for children to exhibit their abilities in a competitive and encouraging environment.

This esteemed event was designed to identify and nurture the diverse talents of children.

Jakiians had to go through rigorous selection rounds to earn their place in the final segment of the competition—a grand fashion show.

Three students namely Avni Gupta, Manika Sharma and Dhriti Sharma of class 6th of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi got consolation prizes in modelling round of the said competition.

They won beautiful Title



Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah felicitating winner students.

Sachets, crowns and cash vouchers.

Jakiians were decked up in beautiful attires and they flaunted their moves confidently.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah congratulated the Jakiians and expressed, "This event had been a

tremendous opportunity for our students to gain exposure, build confidence, and connect with peers from across the country.

We look forward to such competitions to explore and celebrate the incredible talents of our students."

GDC Mahanpur organises cleanliness drive



NSS Unit and Physical Education Deptt of GDC Mahanpur carrying out cleanliness drive.

STATE TIMES NEWS
MAHANPUR: The NSS Unit and Physical Education Department of GDC Mahanpur organized a cleanliness drive on Monday, as part of the Swachhata Pakhwada and Independence Day celebrations, which run from August 1 to 15, 2024.

The initiative was spearheaded by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director, and NSS Program

Officer Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, under the supervision of Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College.

Reflecting the saying, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," and Mahatma Gandhi's belief that "Sanitation is more important than independence," the event emphasized the critical role of cleanliness in daily life.

Over 40 NSS volunteers

actively participated in the drive, contributing to the community's cleanliness.

Faculty members present included Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Nisha, and Dr. Sapna, who supported and participated in the initiative. The drive aimed to promote hygiene and environmental consciousness among students and staff, aligning with the values of cleanliness and public health.

Sports imperative for personality development, career advancement: Rana

STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGROTA: In a thrilling finale on Monday, Mahadev Cricket Club triumphed over Raja Mandik Club with a score of 115 runs in the month-long cricket tournament held at Barn in Nagrota. This prestigious event, organized by Raja Mandik Cricket Club Barn, saw participation from 32 teams, showcasing a high level of competitive spirit.

Rajeshwar Singh was honored as the Man of the Match for his outstanding performance throughout the tournament. At the closing ceremony, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana lauded the enthusiasm and energy displayed by all participating teams. He highlighted the immense talent in



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana presenting trophy to winner team.

Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in Nagrota, which needs to be nurtured and given opportunities to excel.

Rana emphasized the importance of such tournaments in identifying and polishing talent, helping players prepare for larger events.

He praised the young cricketers for their commit-

ment and enthusiasm, noting that the month-long competition had captivated sports enthusiasts and inspired many to pursue sports for personal development and career advancement.

In his address, Rana stressed the value of sportsmanship, urging partici-

pants to view both victories and defeats as part of the journey, with each competition offering a chance for growth and improvement.

He expressed satisfaction with the growing interest in sports across Nagrota and commended the local youth for their dedication despite limited facilities.

Rana also extended his congratulations to the winning and runner-up teams, emphasizing the camaraderie inherent in sports.

He commended the organizers for their efforts in providing a significant platform for budding cricketers.

Besides a large number of sports lovers from the adjoining areas and from Jammu, prominent among those who witnessed the finals included Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Baba Chanchal Singh, Raj Dev Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Bharti Sharma, Surinder Singh Gilli, Rajan Singh Happy, Swarn Singh Numberdar, Bikku Panch, Kuldeep Singh, Pritam Singh, Pritam Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Konechal Singh, Uttam Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Rakesh Singh and Raju Sharma.

GGM Science College launches plantation drive under 'Swachhata Pakhwada'



Principal GGM Science College Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta planting a sapling.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As part of the ongoing 'Swachhata Pakhwada' initiative by the Government of India, GGM Science College's NSS and NCC units organized a vibrant plantation drive, in collaboration with the Social Forestry Department. The

event saw enthusiastic involvement from students, faculty, and the local community.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta inaugurated the drive, highlighting the crucial role of plants in maintaining a clean and healthy environment. He

emphasized how trees help in reducing pollution, providing oxygen, and enhancing the campus's aesthetic appeal.

The drive, led by Associate NCC Officers Lt. Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma and Dr. Shafia Saleem, along with NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and

Dr. Neha Sharma, aimed to plant 200 saplings on the college campus by August 15, 2024. Jeewan Singh from the Social Forestry Department designated optimal spots for planting after surveying the area.

The plantation drive commenced with saplings being planted by the Principal, with a focus on enhancing the local ecosystem. Additionally, NSS volunteers extended their efforts to Panchari, Udhampur, for a cleanliness drive.

Prof. Gupta praised the dedication of the ANOs, POS, and students, underscoring the importance of such initiatives for fostering a healthier environment and strengthening community service.

BCCI takes additional measures to eradicate age, domicile fraud: Brig Gupta Amends rules of participation for U-19 men's players

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: For the good health of cricket and cricketers, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has taken additional measures to eradicate age and domicile fraud in cricket. The BCCI has now decided to amend the rules of participation for U-19 men's players in the domestic tournaments.

This was informed by Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration JKCA through a press statement issued on Monday.

"The affiliate units of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

including the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) have received a letter from Abey Kuruvilla GM Game Development BCCI with regard to the change in U-19 participation rules. The units have been asked to note these changes and ensure participation of the players accordingly," maintained Brig Gupta.

According to the new rule, the players who have failed TW3 test at U-16 level but the birth is registered within two years of birth will be allowed a maximum of three years of participation in U-19 tournaments instead of two years as per the earlier rule. Moreover, for direct entry in U-19, if birth certificate is registered after more than two

years of birth, then such players will be allowed only one year of U-19 participation which was done earlier also," Brig Anil Gupta informed further.

Moreover, for direct entry in U-19, the players having their birth certificate registered within two years of birth will be allowed to play three years of U-19 tournaments, which as per the earlier rules were allowed to play for two years only.

"The young cricketers will hugely be benefitted by the amendment in these rules. All in all, a great step by BCCI to stop age fudging," stated Brig Gupta.

ADC Baderwah inaugurates Exhibition at K C Public School

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A grand exhibition on the round square theme of appreciating diversity was put up by the students of K C Public School showcasing their skills and talents.

The event aimed to highlight the tremendous talent and capabilities of KCeans as they exhibited their works in various challenging activities and projects during the summer vacations, serving as an incredible learning opportunity and an understanding and appreciation for diversity.

Sunil Kumar, Additional Divisional Commissioner



ADC Baderwah, Sunil Kumar after inaugurating exhibition at KCPS.

(ADC) Baderwah inaugurated the exhibition. He interacted with the students during his visit to the various sections of the exhibition.

The exhibition showcased KCeans' outstanding aptitudes and creative skills in numerous fields, including

academics, environment, music, art, dance and Mushaira.

The Round Square exhibition serves as a platform for KCeans to present their exceptional projects and initiatives, highlighting their diverse talents and innovative ideas. Attendees explored a wide array of exhibits, from scientific experiments and artistic creations to impressive music and dance performances and impactful community service initiatives.

While interacting with them, Sunil commended the students and the mentors

for their creative work. He further said that this collaborative environment will foster the exchange of ideas among students and the educators.

It will facilitate discussions and foster the spirit of inquiry on vital topics related to science, leadership, and global citizenship.

Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary, MD Arti Chowdhary, Principal Anandendra Kumar Mishra appreciated the work of the students and complimented the mentors for their guidance to the students.

GCW Parade organises intra-college National Anthem singing competition

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In the series of celebrations of Independence Day, 2024, the Government College for Women (GCW) Parade, Jammu, on Monday organized a special intra college National Anthem singing competition titled "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara." Principal of the College, Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tickoo was the chief on the occasion. Wherein, the panel of judges was comprised of Dr. Axa Roy, Dr. Samta Sharma and Dr. Parveen.

The students showcased their patriotic fervor and musical talents through their rendi-

tions of the National Anthem.

The Principal in his address paid tribute to the freedom fighters, who fought for India's independence and encouraged the students to embody the same spirit of patriotism and dedication. 1st prize was bagged by Ritisha Manhas and Netra Tickoo, second prize by Simran Gurtoo and Shriya Gurtoo while the 3rd Prize was won by Kritika and Simran. Dr. Jagsmeet Kaur, the Convener of the College Cultural Committee, expressed gratitude to all participants, judges and attendees in the vote of thanks.

Shiksha Niketan School hosts seminar on 'Student Growth'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan School on Monday organized a seminar focused on fostering student personal growth. The event began with a lamp lighting ceremony led by Chief Guest Punit Mishra, the Principal, Head Master, and Heads of Departments, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and wisdom. Class 10 students attended the ceremony, where bouquets and badges were presented to the guests by HODs and student representatives.

Punit Mishra delivered an insightful talk on competitive exams and career awareness. He offered practical advice on navigating the complexities of competitive exams and career planning. Mishra emphasized



the importance of genuine learning over "Dummy" practices, advocating for deep engagement with subjects rather than superficial shortcuts. He also provided valuable information about the Central Universities Common Entrance Test, an important nationwide exam for undergraduate admissions. Mishra's presentation aimed to equip

students with the necessary knowledge and tools for making informed career decisions.

The seminar concluded with an inspiring speech by the Principal, who encouraged students to embrace hard work, dedication, and perseverance. He motivated them to see obstacles as opportunities for growth and to believe in their potential.

Inter District Provincial Level Handball Competition concludes at Baramulla

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: The two-week-long Inter District Provincial Level (IDPL) Handball Competition for All Age Groups (AAG) Boys and Girls, concluded today at the Indoor Stadium Baramulla.

Today's finale featured an exciting Under 14 final match between Baramulla and Bandipora, with Bandipora emerging as the winner of the IDPL Handball Competition. The winning and runner-up trophies were awarded to both teams.

This prestigious competition saw participation from almost 10 districts across the Kashmir province, bringing together 960 young athletes from different age categories, both boys and girls.

Over the course of the competition, Baramulla won four out of six titles - two titles from the boys' category and two titles from the girls' category. Bandipora also showcased its talent, winning two out of six titles, one from each category.

The DYSSO Baramulla, extended his heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in making this competition a resounding success.

The IDPL Handball Competition besides highlighting the exceptional talent of young athletes from various districts also reinforced the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

The event has undoubtedly inspired and motivated young athletes to continue striving for excellence in sports.

GCOE Srinagar organises Cycle Rally

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: As part of ongoing Nationwide Sanitation campaign 'Swachhata Pakwada', Government College of Education (GCOE) M. A. Road today organised a Cycle Rally, here.

The cycle rally was flagged-off by the Principal of the college, Professor (Dr.) Seema Naz. As many as 21 cyclists of the college participated in the rally that started from the College campus and passed through Moulana Azad Road, Dalgate, Boulevard Road and culminated at Botanical Garden.

On the occasion, Dr. Seema Naz said that the Physical Education Department of the college organized a cycle rally as part of the Swachhata Pakwada, which is a fantastic way to promote cleanliness and sanitation while also encouraging eco-friendly transportation.

She said the cycle rally is a visible and engaging way to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation in the community. It is also a great way to involve students, faculty, and staff in the initiative, promoting a sense of ownership and responsibility towards maintaining a clean environment.