

JKCIP awareness camp organised at Panchayat Chak Avtara

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JAMMU: A one-day awareness camp on the Competitiveness Improvement of Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) was held at Panchayat Chak Avtara, jointly organised by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and the Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department.

The event aimed to inform farmers about JKCIP and various other farmer-centric schemes being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA



Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah with other officials at a programme.

Bishnah, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, while Dr. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension, SKUAST-J, presided over the event alongside Manohar Lal Sharma, Chief Agriculture Officer, Jammu.

Addressing the farmers, Dr. Vaid highlighted the significance of JKCIP in empowering the farming community and emphasized the adoption of diversified farming practices for sustainable income generation.

Sharma elaborated on key schemes including JKCIP and the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), urging farmers to take full advantage of government support.

Rakesh Pant, President, B-JP Kisan Morcha, Jammu, lauded the Agriculture Department's efforts and encouraged farmers to utilise available subsidies and embrace modern agricultural practices.

Prominent officials present included Rajeev Katoch, Arun Jaral, Rahul Sawhney, Navneet Kour, Avtar Charak, Bhopinder Singh, Manjeet Kour, Dr. Paramjeet Kour, Dr. Harbhajan Singh, Shivani Jamwal, Faqir Chand, and Surinder Singh.

Centre for Molecular Biology CUJ bags placement offers from Biotechnology and Health Research Firms

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The five students of M.Sc. Biotechnology program of session 2023-2025 of Centre for Molecular Biology, CU Jammu, Tripti Kumari, Chesta Madan, Harnayan Kour, Devraj, Ritika Sharma received the placement offers from the GRG health, OMAK Solution, SKUAST Jammu. The training and placement cell (TPO) of Central University of Jammu facilitated the students' placements to the biotechnology and health firms. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu congratulated the students and wished them great success in their future endeavours. He also appreciated the efforts of faculty members of the Centre of Molecular Biology and Training and Placement cell of the university for close coordination for the benefits and success of the students in their placements. The TPO cell of the CU Jammu is committed to the placements of the students at university and works in close coordination with the various departments of the university including Centre for Molecular



Biotechnology, CUJ. In the past also Ms. Viraj Magotra, Training and Placement Officer, and Suryakash Dubey, Assistant TPO guided the students about the essential elements such as personal information, educational background, work experience, skills and achievement and the importance of clear and concise aspects needed to write a good resume and CV for the industry and academia job placements. Dr. Narendra K Bairwa, Director CMB and the faculty members of the Centre congratulated the students for their first job placements and wished them great success in their careers and jobs.

Shiksha Niketan School triumphs at Inter-School TechXplosion 2025

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, a sister concern of R.M. Public School, has once again showcased its excellence by winning top honors at the Inter-School TechXplosion 2025 - "Byte into the Future," hosted by R.M. Public School on Saturday. The premier IT fest brought together talented students from reputed schools across Jammu to celebrate innovation, creativity, and technology, while promoting responsible digital citizenship.

Shiksha Niketan's team participated in the Mad-Ad Show on the theme "Cyber Security - Think Before You Click!" and secured the 2nd position. Their skit creatively addressed critical online issues such as phishing, password protection, social media



Winner students with faculty members.

privacy, online gaming risks, and identity theft. With coordinated teamwork, impressive props and costumes, expressive performances, and a clear, impactful message, the students captivated both the audience and the judges.

The performance stood out for blending educational value with entertainment, perfectly reflecting the spirit of the competition. The school team's dedication, discipline, and creativity were lauded for successfully conveying awareness about cyber safety while engaging viewers.

For their achievement, Shiksha Niketan's students were awarded 2nd prizes, adding another milestone to the school's record of excellence.

The school's Principal and management expressed pride in the students' accomplishment, appreciating their innovative approach and commitment to learning. They also thanked R.M. Public School for organizing such a meaningful platform, encouraging young minds to explore technology responsibly.

Speaking on the occasion, school authorities remarked, "Our students have once again proven that brilliance shines when given the right direction and encouragement. Winning at TechXplosion 2025 is not just a reward but recognition of their ability to balance knowledge with innovation and awareness."

The event concluded with celebrations, inspiring all participants to embrace technology responsibly.

CCI Jammu delegation meets Controller Legal Metrology

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JAMMU: A delegation of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu, led by its President Arun Gupta, on Monday called on the Controller Legal Metrology Department J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara, here at the Legal Metrology Complex Narwal. The delegation extended a warm welcome to the Controller and put forth several issues concerning the trading community. During the interaction, the Controller assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed in a fair and effective manner, ensuring that the interests of both consumers and traders shall be duly protected. He further assured that the department would remain approachable and responsive in resolving genuine difficulties faced by the trading community. The Controller asserted that consumer protection remains the core mandate of the department



CCI Jammu led by President Arun Gupta calling on Controller LMD J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara.

ment and emphasized that strict enforcement of laws will go hand in hand with trader facilitation. Highlighting the proactive initiatives of the department, he mentioned ongoing awareness programmes, verification camps, consumer sensitization drives, and a series of digital reforms introduced under the Ease of Doing Business framework. These reforms—such as online service delivery, minimal physical interface during verifications, online fee payment, and technology-driven monitoring—are aimed at ensuring transparency, accountability, and speedy redressal of grievances. The Controller further underlined the importance of creating a cooperative framework where compliance is treated not as a burden but as a shared responsibility. He stressed that continuous engagement with stakeholders, coupled with extensive use of both print and electronic media, will remain central to enhancing public outreach and building mutual trust. He also informed the delegation that the department has already prepared a calendar of trade-specific awareness and compliance camps to facilitate regular interaction with the business community and ensure timely resolution of issues. Reiterating the department's commitment, he affirmed that every effort will be made to maintain a fair balance between safeguarding consumer rights and protecting the interests of the business sector.

Hari Memorial Modern Public Academy Poonch got 2nd Rank in Symposium at DIET Poonch



DM Poonch, Vikas Kundal presenting prize to a winner student.

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POONCH: DIET Poonch organized a program to commemorate World Environment Day, attended by eight reputable private schools from Poonch. The event featured a painting competition and symposium.

The program was graced by esteemed guests, including Chief Guest DM

Poonch, Vikas Kundal, and Special Guests CEO Poonch, DIET Principal, lecturers, and seniors.

All participants actively engaged in the program. Prizes were distributed to winners during the concluding session.

Hari Memorial Modern Public School, Poonch's students participated in the symposium, with Talha

Mughal, a Class 9th student, securing second position.

While different schools shared their perspectives on Environment Day, Modern public school's student excelled, showcasing their talent and dedication.

The school extends gratitude to DC Poonch & CEO Poonch for organizing this wonderful program amidst challenging times, helping children overcome fears.

School Director Adv. Sanjeev Sharma, Principal Manju Sharma, Vice Principal Ramset Singh, Academic Coordinator Er. Manzoor Hussain, and HOD Sports, Arts and Cultural Harkaran Singh appreciated the effort and expressed their desire to collaborate on similar programs in the future to boost students' morale and foster their overall development.

Taekwondo Meet begins at PM Shri School JNV Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: The 34th Taekwondo meet commenced with great zeal and enthusiasm at PM Shri School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Udhampur.

The grand inaugural ceremony was graced by Commandant STC BSF Hemant Kochar as the chief guest, while International Para Athlete Chandeeep Singh was the guest of Honour.

Among others present were Assistant Commissioner, NVS Chandigarh Sant Singh; Principal, PM Shri School JNV Chandigarh A. S. Bhullar; Principal, PM Shri School JNV Doda Kheem Chand; Principal, PM Shri School JNV Kapurthala Gurpreet



Dignitaries at the inaugural ceremony of 34th Taekwondo meet.

Kaur; Principal PM Shri School JNV Reasi Sunil Kumar; Principal, PM Shri School JNV Samba D.S. Saklani.

The day began with a solemn flag hoisting Ceremony, followed by a spectacular march past and the release of coloured balloons by the chief guest in the

Assembly Ground, symbolizing peace and sportsmanship.

Subsequent programmes unfolded in the Multipurpose Hall, beginning with the lighting of the traditional Lamp. The audience was enthralled by vibrant cultural performances including Ganesh Vandana, a soulful invocation dance and a lively Punjabi Giddha-Dogri Dance Mashup.

The chief guest formally declared the 34th Taekwondo Meet open, marking the start of an exciting sporting journey. Chandeeep Singh delivered an inspiring speech, motivating young players to pursue their dreams with

resilience and dedication.

The Taekwondo matches began thereafter on Mat 1 and Mat 2, with the pre-lunch session dedicated to boys' events and the post-lunch session reserved for girls' competitions. The atmosphere remained charged with energy, sportsmanship, and discipline throughout the day.

The matches continued with great enthusiasm, and the first day of the meet concluded late at night with resounding applause for the participants and organizers.

The 34th Taekwondo Meet at PM Shri School JNV Udhampur is not just a celebration of sports but also a platform to instill values of teamwork, determination, and excellence among young Navodayans.

Rakesh Kumar shines at National Powerlifting Championship 2025



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Rakesh Kumar, representing the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, delivered a stellar performance at the Senior National (Equipped & Unequipped) Powerlifting and National Unequipped Benchpress Championship 2025 held in Jamshedpur from 19th to 21st August, organized by the Indian Powerlifting Federation (IPF).

Competing against some of the top lifters from across the country, Rakesh Kumar showcased exceptional strength and determination, securing two Gold medals and one Bronze medal across different categories. His outstanding performance not only highlights his

personal dedication but also reflects the rising potential of powerlifting talent from Jammu and Kashmir.

Rakesh's success was widely appreciated by officials of the Legal Metrology Department, J&K Government. Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS), Controller of the department, along with Manoj Prabhakar, Deputy Controller (Consumer Protection and Enforcement), and Shakti Bushan, Accounts Officer, lauded his commitment and congratulated him on bringing glory to the UT.

This remarkable achievement is seen as an inspiration for aspiring athletes in the region and underscores the growing interest in pow-

erlifting and strength sports among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

J&K Sports Council provides sports kits to players of Soft Tennis Khelo India Centre

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Khelo India Centre for Soft Tennis distributed sports kits among the promising players during a Kit distribution ceremony held at M A Stadium Jammu.

The Centre reaffirmed its commitment towards nurturing the young Soft Tennis talent in the region.

The sports kits were distributed among the regular athletes, generously

STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: Organised by Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), the district level inter-zone under-19 Girls competition in the disciplines of Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Yoga, Table Tennis and Fencing got underway at General Zorawar Singh Stadium and Indoor Sports Complex, here today.

The annual event was declared open by district (DYSS) officer Reasi, Tarsem Singh. He was accompanied by Zonal Physical Education Officer, Asha Devi and activity incharge Kuldeep Kumar and Jagdev Singh.



Participating teams posing with officials.

The Results:
Volleyball: Zone Reasi beat Zone Pouni 2-1. Kho-Kho: Zone Reasi beat Zone Arnas by two points. **Kabaddi:** Zone Reasi beat Zone Arnas by six points. **Table Tennis (Singles):** Shreya Bakshi

Zone Reasi dominates in girls U-19 district meet

(Zone Pouni) beat Shalu Devi (Zone Pouni). Chess: Avineet Kour (Zone Pouni), Ist; Arti (Zone Reasi), 2nd; Nazia Kousar (Zone Arnas), 3rd. Yoga: Pallavi Thakur (Zone Reasi), Ist; Riya Kumar (Zone Reasi), 2nd; Divya Rajput (Zone Pouni), 3rd; Tamisha Sharma (Zone Pouni), 4th and Guria Devi (Reasi), 5th.

ADC reviews arrangements for Eid-Milad-un-Nabi

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JAMMU: Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu Anusya Jamwal on Monday chaired a meeting of officers to review the preparedness for the Eid-Milad-un-Nabi to be observed on September 5.

The meeting was attended by SP Headquarters Irshad Rather; Additional SP Traffic Arvind Kotwal; SE PHE; Sunil Gandotra; Assistant Commissioner General Sania Haq Khan; Sanitation Officer JMC; Dr. Vinod Sharma; Assistant Director Food Santosh Kumar; officers from line departments and other concerned departments, besides representatives from religious bodies.

The ADC stressed upon the officers to put in place

necessary arrangements well in advance so that devotees do not face any inconvenience during the observance of the holy day. She directed the Jammu Municipal Corporation to carry out special sanitation drives in and around mosques, shrines and procession routes and ensure proper lifting of garbage. The Health Department was asked to station medical teams and ambulances at important congregation points to meet any emergency.

The officers of the PHE and PDD departments were directed to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply, while the Food and Civil Supplies Department was instructed to intensify market

checking to prevent over-charging and hoarding and to ensure adequate availability of essential commodities.

Anusya Jamwal also reviewed security and traffic arrangements with the concerned officers, emphasising the need for adequate deployment to maintain law and order and smooth movement of processions. She called for close coordination among all departments to ensure peaceful and hassle-free celebrations.

The ADC impressed upon the officers to work in synergy and complete all necessary preparations well before the festival to facilitate the people in offering prayers and taking part in religious gatherings.