

Win the morning to win the day: JKPS Kunjwani Principal

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JAMMU: Addressing students during the morning assembly Principal JKPS, Rajesh Rathore made a clarion call to them to wake up early to reap the optimum benefits of their investment of time.

He asked them, 'to develop the habit of early rising, do warm up exercises in the fresh air and walk bare-footed on the grass to energize themselves for the rest of the day'.

He suggested some ways to change the sleeping/waking up habits gradually with the passage of time.

"It's much easier to change your sleep pattern, if the change is adopted gradually. It is recommended by Sleep experts to advance the wake up time



Principal JKPS Kunjwani, Rajesh Rathore addressing morning assembly on Wednesday.

by 15 to 30 minutes every week until one reaches one's goal. Acclimatization of thirty minutes is easier for our body in comparison to longer duration, namely, an hour or two hours," he said.

He further added, "Sufficient sleep is absolutely essential for

ensuring our sound mental/physical health. If we wish to reap the benefits of waking up early, then we must ensure hitting the pillow early in the night. In order to feel sleepy during the bed time, it's advisable to avoid taking short naps in the afternoon hours.

Besides, one may also

develop the habit of reading something light/interesting before falling asleep. As the body gradually gets accustomed to wake up earlier, one starts falling asleep earlier at night".

Reflecting on the inconsistent wake up habits of people on weekdays against weekends, he appealed the

audience "to stay consistent, without disturbing the internal clocks". "For example, if someone sleeps till 9 am on Sunday, but on Monday he/she wishes to wake up at 5 am, this four hour sleep lag will take a heavy toll on the body because it's essentially robbing the body off the prime

sleep", he reasoned out. "Since the body craves for consistency, so if you wish to establish a long-term habit of waking up in the early morning, you need to be consistent while forming the schedule all seven days a week", he further added. "Schedule your dinner a few hours before your bedtime. That helps you digest before you hit the hay, as eating too close to bedtime can trigger acid reflux, which can disrupt your sleep", he summed up.

He concluded by saying that if children become habituated to early rising, they can enjoy the beautiful sights and have more time to relax and rejuvenate. He appealed them to follow the golden rule: Win the morning, win the day!

DFA Srinagar gets Iqbal led team

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SRINAGAR: Former general secretary of J&K Football Association (JKFA) and president Iqbal Sports Club, Bashir Ahmed Malik got elected as president of the all important District Football Association (DFA) Srinagar in an election meeting held yesterday.

In a straight contest, Bashir Malik secured 26 votes against his rival, Tariq Ahmad, who got 20. For the post of general secretary, again there was a straight contest between Showkat Ahmad Masoodi and Fahad Riyaz Khan. Showkat Ahmad secured a record 36 votes

to get elected new general secretary. Fahad Riyaz polled nine votes.

Similarly, for the post of treasurer, famous footballer, Zahoor Ahmed Teli defeated Ishfaq Ahmad Khan by a margin of 11 votes. While Teli got 28 votes, Ishfaq secured 17.

Earlier, out of a total of 47 eligible votes, 46 votes polled with State Football Academy abstained from the voting.

The proceedings of election were monitored by Prof. BA Shah, Waseem Aslam, Mohammad Aslam Dar, Lateef Ahmad Bhat, Sajid Yousuf Dar, Mohamad Amin Khan, Irfan Ahmad Gojo and Dr Touseef Bhat.

SSP Kathua hands-over Cricket Kit under CAP

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KATHUA: SSP Kathua R C Kotwal on Wednesday distributed Cricket Kit to Youth Club Lakhanpur under Civic Action Programme (CAP).

While interacting with the youth in SSP Office Kathua, SSP Kotwal said that everyone should take up sports as it helps to boost self confidence, concentration, physical as well as mental health.

He also stated that youth should make optimum use of sports and channelize their energy in the right direction through sports activities.



SSP Kathua R C Kotwal handing-over Cricket Kit to Youth Club Lakhanpur under CAP.

He further stressed to the youth to participate in

sports and to shun the drugs for a healthy society.

Dr Darakhshan distributes books, stationary items among Hockey players

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JAMMU: Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board, Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi on Wednesday gave away books, stationary items and sports shoes to hockey players in a function organized at KK Hakku Stadium, here.

While addressing the players, she said that result oriented hockey needed in this time of competition.

She asked players to practice hard in hockey and at the same time stressed upon to study hard too and excel in the



Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board, Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi presenting stationary items and sports shoes to Hockey players at KK Hakku Stadium.

examinations.

She further added that nation needs healthy and

intelligent youth to make

India world power.

She appreciated the role

of Hockey J&K for promoting Hockey in J&K specially under the leadership of Rajeev Sharma.

President Hockey J&K and member J&K Sports Council, Rajeev Sharma stressed upon the players to practice hard so that they can give medal winning performance during coming nationals.

Earlier, Dr. Taran Singh Secretary General Hockey J&K welcomed the Chief Guest and informed the players that this was for the second time Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi is helping the needy hockey

players of J&K.

Manager MA Stadium, Satish Gupta presented bouquet to the Chief Guest. Manager KK Hakku Stadium, Satpal Singh presented a vote of thanks.

Other present were Rajinder Singh Kuku Vice President Hockey J&K, Anjali Treasurer Hockey J&K, Ajay Gupta Manager Kabbadi Ground, Anil Sharma Manager Green Field, Vikas Mangotra Manager GGM Science College grounds, Anil Gupta Yoga, Chotu Lal instructor Fencing and Angat Singh Coach.

Night Cricket Tournament concludes in Downtown Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: The much fan fared Night Cricket tournament being played in Gani Memorial Stadium, Rajouri Kadal Srinagar culminated with the grand final on Wednesday.

The tournament was organized by Gani Memorial Cricket Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

The final match of the tournament was played between Makhdoomi-XI and Kashmir-XI.

Makhdoomi-XI after winning the toss elected to bowl, a decision which somewhat seemed to go well in their favour initially but it was the heroics of Abid Nabi who scored 68 runs to spoil their party. J&K's for-



A Cricket match going on during Night tournament at Srinagar on Wednesday.

mer opener and flamboyant batter Adil Reshi also contributed 27 runs to the team total. Kashmir-XI piled up a huge task for their opponents scoring 191 with the loss of 6 wickets in their allotted quota of 20 overs. For Maqdoomi-XI, Sameer Bell and Rafiq Baba scalped 3 and 2 wickets respectively while other bowlers looked out of sorts.

In response Makhdoomi-XI fell like a pack of cards and none of their batters except Momin Sami and Sajad Ganai could offer any challenge to the tight line bowled by the opponents. Momin's 62 runs and Sajad's 26 was the only saving grace for the team which bundled at 137 runs.

For Maqdoomi-XI, Abid Nabi and wrist spinner

Gowhar claimed 3 wickets each handing and helping the team lift the coveted Gani Memorial T-20 Cup by 54 runs.

The former ace cricketer of J&K Abid Nabi was awarded player of the match. He was also declared player of the series as well as best bowler of the tournament.

Winning team received a

cash prize of rupees fifty thousand while as runner up were awarded rupees twenty five thousand.

Divisional Sports officer Nuzhat Farooq presided over the function as chief guest while as Maqsood Ahmad Deputy Manager; Gani Memorial Stadium was guest of honour on the occasion.

The Chief Guest distributed the prizes among the participants in the end and assured them of all the support from J&K Sports Council in future.

Many cricket buffs praised the J&K Sports Council's special initiative 'My Youth My Pride' which they felt offers equal opportunity to all players to showcase their skills.

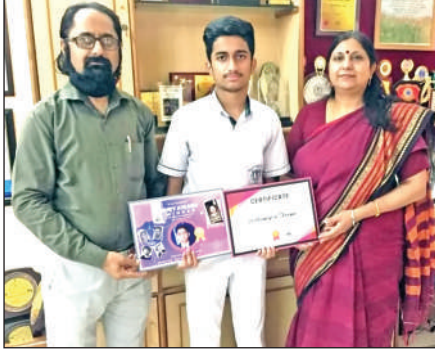
Prathamansh of DPS Jammu win jury award

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JAMMU: Prathamansh Sharma (XI-C), a young artist of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and his parents by winning Jury Award for his outstanding entry on "Make an engaging reel for my book" in an online contest held in the month of August, 2022 organized by 'Project Naily.' He was also given a Certificate of Appreciation for the same.

Earlier, Prathamansh had also made a graphite pencil portrait of General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defense Staff of the Indian Armed Forces on the occasion of Army Day 2022 to pay him tribute. He had also made portraits of many celebrities including Bollywood actors Akshay Kumar, Sonu Sood, Cricketer Virat Kohli, Asim Riaz of Bigg Boss and singers like Sukhwinder Singh, Pankaj Udhass, etc. His artistic skills have won him great appreciation and applause.

Prathamansh uses mediums, such as Charcoal, Graphite Pencils, Water Colour for creating portraits on different types of papers. He was inspired in childhood by his



DPS Jammu faculty honouring Prathamansh Sharma.

father Suresh Sharma, a renowned artist of Jammu.

Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra congratulated Prathamansh and encouraged him to continue his persisting efforts.

President RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi also congratulated Prathamansh and extended their best wishes to him.

Hindi Diwas celebrated at Jammu



GDC Marh faculty members and students during Hindi Diwas celebration.

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JAMMU: Government College of Education (GCoE), Jammu organized slogan writing competition to commemorate Hindi Diwas. Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal of GCoE, made everyone aware about the importance of the Hindi Language and its widespread coverage in our daily life ranging from Indian films to television.

She asserted that Hindi is the most widespread used and loved language by the masses. Prof. Seema Kumari, Hindi Department explained the journey of the origin of the Hindi Language and its usage in Vedic and Sanskrit era. She also stressed upon the impor-

given to Pooja Devi and Nisha Sharma respectively.

Prof. Anju Bala, Prof. Shalini Rana and Dr. Deep K Bangotra adjudged the competition. The programme was attended by Shamboo Nath, Prof. Neeraj Verma, Prof. Vinay Lata, Ramandeep Kalaria and Karuna Balotra among others.

The competition was indeed creative, informative and full of enlightenment and brought before the audience certain unknown facts about Hindi Language and boosted the morale of all to work for the encouragement and spread of Hindi Language and Culture and take it to great heights.

Meanwhile, Hindi Diwas was

people of the Indian subcontinent and its publicity should be spread abroad was organised in the college. Principal of the college said that this day is dedicated to promote and encourages the use of Hindi as it is our mother tongue and official language. Students participated in this activity and prepared slogans on the related theme.

Anuradha of B.com 2nd Sem, Anjali of B.A 2nd Sem were adjudged first and second, the third position was bagged by Shivani of B.A. 2nd sem.

The programme was organised by Tanu Sharma, Lecturer (HOD, Hindi) and coordinated by Prof. Anjana Chib (EVS) and Dr. Shakun Sharma (Sociology). On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, a program of debate and drawing competition was organised by **Nehru Yuva Kendra Kathua (NYK).**

Former Chief Engineer J&K and Vice President B-JP J&K UT SC Morecha, T.R Bhagat was the Chief Guest and the principal Girls Higher Secondary School was the Guest of Honour: Bhagat spoke on the importance of Hindi Diwas and advised the students of the school to work harder with the aim in mind to become a great person and to serve the society and the Nation.

He also said that every day should be celebrated as a Hindi Diwas by giving importance to Matarbasha which was approved by Constitution Committee on Sept 14, 1949.



Vice President BJP J&K UT SC Morecha, T.R Bhagat posing with students and NYK official.

tance and pride of the Hindi language. After the slogan writing competition and poetry recitation, she announced the name of winners and also gave away the prizes to the winners. First prize was bagged by Sakshi Sharma, whereas second prize and third prize were

celebrated at **Government Degree College (GDC) Marh**, in lieu of Shikshit Bharat Abhiyan, under the guidance and supervision of Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul.

An online slogan writing competition on the theme 'Hindi should be understood by all the

Hindi week celebrations begin at PSPS Govt PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar

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JAMMU: Department of Hindi, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar on Wednesday inaugurated Hindi week celebration.

Addressing the inaugural session, Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan emphasized that the development of Hindi language is indispensable, and to create interest in Hindi dialect among students, the need of the hour is to organize such kind of seminars.

She proclaimed, Hindi language has recognition at international level, a carrier of culture trans-



Principal PSPS Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Prof. Minu Mahajan and others during programme.

mission and there is colour of Indianness latent in the Hindi language.

Speaking on the topic "Rajbhasha Hindi aur Devanagari Lipi", Dr. A.K

Raina, the Chief Guest, said that Hindi is the language of the people, we all should contribute in its development and propagation.

He said that in the

DIPR organises debate competition at GGHS Rangpur Moulanian



Headmaster GGHS Rangpur Moulanian, Seema Sharma presenting prize to a winner.

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JAMMU: Department of Information & Public Relations Cultural Wing on Wednesday organized a debate competition on the topic Drug Addiction at Government Girls High School Rangpur Moulanian. In all 13 students participated in the debate competition. Seema Sharma, Headmaster of the school was the chief guest on the occasion. Addressing the students, the chief guest hailed the information department for organizing the event in the school and urged the department to hold more such programme in future also. She also distributed trophies and certificates among winner and participants. The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Balbir Singh, Sr. Cultural Assistant.

'IGNOU Degrees to be treated at par with Degrees awarded by Regular Universities'

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JAMMU: The University Grants Commission (UGC) in a recent notification has made it clear that the degrees or diplomas awarded via online modes or by Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institutions are to be treated equally as those awarded by regular institutions.

The commission highlighted the Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes Regulations 2020 which specifies, "Equivalence of qualification acquired through Conventional or Open and Distance Learning and online modes."

Under this ordinance, it is mentioned that "Degrees at undergraduate and postgraduate level in conformity with UGC notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 and post graduate diplomas awarded through Open and Distance training mode and/or Online mode by Higher Educational Institutions, recognized by the Commission under these regulations, shall be treated as equivalent to the corresponding awards of the Degrees at undergraduate

and postgraduate level and post graduate diplomas offered through conventional mode."

In a public notice, UGC announced, "Keeping in view National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommendation to have Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 50 per cent by 2035 and to further promote ODL and online education, UGC constituted an expert committee to review existing ODL and online regulatory framework while ensuring quality, driven by simplified recognition system and processes." "Earlier in 2021, IGNOU had become the first higher educational institute in the Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode to be accredited by NAAC and accorded A++ grade. This recognition of IGNOU Degrees at National and International level is a major achievement for the University and with this remarkable recognition and authentication of Open and Distance learning, IGNOU will play a pivotal role in carrying forward its mandate to take the quality higher education to all sections of society", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director I/C of the Regional Centre Jammu.