

Two-day Surinsar Mansar Lake Festival begins

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JAMMU: The two-day event at Surinsar Mansar Lake Festival got off to a colourful start on Saturday with local cultural performances, adventures activities, LED Tron Act and a vibrant laser show at Surinsar Lake.

The festival was inaugurated by the Chief Secretary, J&K Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, in presence of Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai and Gurvinder Jeet Singh, CEO Surinsar Mansar Development Authority.

The day long activities started from two adventure events viz trekking from Nagrota to Aithem via Pehad Devta and artificial wall climbing at Surinsar in association with M/s Tawi Adventures.

Over 100 participants from different from schools and colleges took part in these activities.

Viveknanda Rai said that



Participants posing for a photograph during Surinsar Mansar Lake Festival.

Surinsar Lake is a perfect weekend gateway for travellers.

The event is a small endeavour towards development of some kind of activity near Surinsar Lake which is also a Ramsar protection site, he said adding that the festival offers a mixed bag of art, culture entertainment and adventure.

Later in the evening, nature walk was conducted around the serene Surinsar Lake in association with Department of Wildlife Protection.

The nature walk was

attended by various officers/officials of Tourism Department, Forest Department, Surinsar Mansar Development Authority, students from SMVDU, GGM Science College etc, Sarpanch and Panchs of local Panchayat who led the walk.

Also Local Cultural performances like Geetru, Dogri Folk dances etc were held in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

These performances provided the Guests an unparalleled experience of insights into the

unique culture of Jammu Region.

The major attraction of the show was LED Tron act and Laser Show. The laser show featuring intense colours with music ranging from Jai ho to Vande Matram left everyone in awe. The LED Tron act performers connected through Dance, Music and light added to everyone's delight. The show ended with a virtual cracker show.

Surinsar Lake Festival was a dream come true for adventure and music aficionados. The event offered a plethora of adventure activities like artifi-

cial wall climbing, rope obstacles course etc. alongwith celebrations in the form of folk music, dance and laser show. The visitors who flocked the day in huge numbers seemed happy about the activities going on. Similarly, a gamut of events are planned for tomorrow at Mansar Lake where local performances and Celebrity performance shall entertain the visitors. Also present on the occasion were Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Bharat Singh Secretary JKAACL, Sanjeev Rana, Additional Secretary JKAACL, Amar Jyoti Raina, Deputy Director Tourism Jammu, Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism Publicity, Neha Mahajan, Deputy Director Tourism Planning, Sheena Sahni, Assistant Director Tourism Jammu, Ambika Bali, ADT Katra and Mehak Gupta, Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, local PRI members along with prominent citizens of the area.

HPS wins Under-19 (Boys) Basketball trophy

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SAMBHA: Students of Humanity Public School (HPS), Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana brought laurels to the school by winning the trophy of Under-19 (Boys) Basketball against Army Public School, Samba by 12 points at the recently concluded Inter-Zonal Basketball Tournament of Samba District.

This tournament was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Samba at Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan.

The team comprises Aditya Dargoria (Captain), Deepak Yadav, Vishal Yadav, Nitesh Singh, Ujjwal Singh, Koushal Singh, Dhruv Chouhan, Vishal Kumar and Lachman Singh.



HPS faculty felicitating winner Basketball team.

Three zones participated in the tournament with total number of 3 teams and 27 participants from all over the district.

The tournament was organized under the supervision of Sunil Kumar (District Youth Services & Sports Officer,

Samba).

A special assembly was organised to honour the winners. Gaurav Charak, Principal of the school lauded the efforts of the students who showed excellent performance under the guidance of their coach, Mahan Singh.

Kanav Gupta's 'NAily' journey completes 18 years

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JAMMU: Kanav Gupta, a painter completed 18 years of his journey of art namely 'NAily'.

Kanav Gupta, an alumni of DPS Jammu started painting in 2004 when he was just in 9th standard. He created a figure 'NAily' from the scratches of his finger nail to overcome his fear of water-colour painting.

With NAily; Kanav kept expanding into various branches be it launching T-shirts in 2012, doing World's first Live online exhibition of paintings in 2018, inventing



'NAily names' in 2018, 'Project NAily live sessions' on social media in 2021 to promote talent and released a path breaking book 'Miracles of intuitive painting' in 2022.

Kanav went on to do numerous painting exhibitions and activities under the mentorship of Suresh Sharma.

Kanav Gupta is an alumni of Subhash Ghai's prestigious media institute Whistlingwoods, international Mumbai and also went to U.K. to work on an international animation project.

Police flags-off Bharat Darshan Tour from Rajouri

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RAJOURI: With an aim to boost the confidence of students and to provide them an enriching experience on educational and motivational grounds, Jammu and Kashmir police in Rajouri district flagged off a Bharat Darshan Tour on Saturday.

The tour was flagged off from Police Lines Rajouri by DIG Rajouri Poonch range, Dr. Haseeb Mughal, IPS in presence of SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam and other senior officers.

The Bharat Dharshan tour comprises of 51 youth from different parts of district and supporting police staff with three inmates of Nari Niketan are



DIG Rajouri Poonch range, Dr. Haseeb Mughal interacting with students before flagging-off for Bharat Darshan Tour.

also a part of this tour.

The tour has been organised under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) of J&K Police. Travel throughout the tour shall be by air which is maiden experience for most of the participating youth who

shall visit Hyderabad.

Police said that the purpose of the tour is to showcase the rich socio-cultural diversity of our country and to give the youth an opportunity to see the development in various parts of the country.

GDC Marh holds camp on 'World Clean Up Day'



GDC Marh faculty and students during a cleanup drive.

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JAMMU: To observe World Clean Up Day, Eco Club, GDC Marh organised one day camp on Saturday under Swachhta Campaign about Plastic waste management in collaboration with Regional Urban Development Agency (RUDA) Jammu.

The programme started with the welcome address by the Principal Prof. Rakesh Kumar Koul, who stressed that plastic products are an indispensable commodity due to its versatility, excess availability and low cost. But, now it is time to support the proliferation of sustainable zero-waste practices and plastic

ban to address plastic pollution, he added.

Sanjeev Arora, CEO RUDA Jammu demonstrated the students and faculty about the segregation and plastic waste management in Jammu and importance of Dry Waste Model. Guest speaker, Vidya Bhushan (CEE, Delhi) briefed the students about the harmful, effects of using plastic and made them aware about Central govt. schemes of reducing plastic in phased manner.

The RUDA team also donated separate dustbins in the college campus to segregate dry waste and collected the plastic waste in the college. Students collected the waste, litter, garbage of the college as a mandatory activity of the camp. The proceedings of the programme was conducted by Prof. Anjana Chib (EVS) and vote of thanks was given by Dr. Shakun Sharma (Sociology). The programme was organised and coordinated by the members of Eco-club GDC Marh. Principal of the college appreciated the efforts of Organizing Committee in conducting such activities for making a green campus.

Sports activities overshadow early morning Jammu shower

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JAMMU: A number of sports activities were organized in the Jammu division on Saturday with the main attraction being the historic M A Stadium where events in Cricket and Athletics started. Ranjit Kalra, the member of J&K Sports Council presided over the function as chief guest and declared the event open in front of a huge gathering. Turning the My Youth My Pride initiative as a key factor in changing the sports landscape of the union territory of J&K, Kalra said that with the advent of the programme Sports Council has expanded its reach and ensured inclusive growth of all athletes irrespective of the niche they belong to. Kalra said that under the leadership of the dynamic secretary, J&K Sports Council is scaling new heights each new day. Ashok Singh Divisional Sports Officer while interacting with participants. He also encouraged participants and said that every youth of the UT J&K should take active part in games and sports for overall personality development as sports develops teamwork and leadership quality among the individual. In the meantime, a Badminton Championship also kick started in the Samba Indoor Stadium today in which more than 100 players comprising boys and girls are participating. Keshav Dutt DDC Chairman presided over the function as the chief

guest. While interacting with the players he assured them of all the possible help in realizing their potential. A 3-day UT level

Powerlifting Championship organized by All J&K UT Powerlifting Association in coordination with J&K Sports Council also got underway in Indoor Sports Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu today. The championship played over three days will conclude tomorrow in which more than 200 players comprising both men and women from five districts of J&K will participate. Poonima Sharma Deputy Mayor, of Jammu Municipal Corporation, presided over the function as the chief guest and declared the championship open in presence of Ashok Singh Janwal, Sports Officer Jammu along with concerned association office bearers, participants, and spectators. The participants showcasing their talent in the competition shall be fielded by the J & K team for participation in the Senior National Championship 2022.

The chief guest said that we should be thankful to the government for its commendable initiative to promote games at the grassroots level by organizing sports events under the My Youth My Pride initiative of the Sports Council which promotes games and sports even in the far-flung areas of the union territory to rope in more and more youth in the initiative.

DYSS Karate meet at Udhampur concludes

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Udhampur conducted district level selection competition for boys and girls at Indoor Complex, Subash Stadium, here.

The event took place under the guidance of district (DYSS) officer, Swaran Singh.

Around 110 boys and girls from district Udhampur participated in this two-day event. Ajay Sharma, PEM DYSSO Office Udhampur, along



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

with members of Field staff interacted with the participants.

The competition was officiated by Anita

Goswami, Nitin Rathore, Sham Lal, Jaswinder Singh, Jagdish Kumar, Kumari Nirmal, Vipin Photra, Sushma Bandral,

Himanshu Shekhar. Among others present were Som Dev Khajuria, Ramesh Chander, Sanjeev Kumar, Jatin

Sethi, Karun Magotra and Sanjeev Khajuria.

The Results:
Under-14 Boys: Arun Kumar (below 25 Kg), Angad Sharma (below 30 Kg), Arnab Sharma (below 35 Kg), Krishav (below 40 Kg) all from Zone Udhampur. Under-14 Girls: Sonakshi (below 30 Kg), Kritika (below 35 Kg), Anshita (below 40 Kg), Bhoomika (below 45 Kg) all from Zone Udhampur. Under-17 Girls: Ayushi Singh (below 35 Kg), Supriya Bhagat (below 40 Kg) all from zone Udhampur.

5th Reasi Shooting meet held



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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REASI: Organised by the Reasi District Rifle Association, the 5th Reasi District Shooting Championship concluded at Aim 10X Shooting Academy under the aegis of J&K Rifle Association, here on Saturday.

In total, 25 shooters from the district participated in this championship. The winners of

different events were presented the medals jointly by Rajesh Virdhy, Chairman Technical Committee and district president Reasi, Manu Partap Singh Wazir. Rahul Bakshi, member J&K Rifle Association was also present.

The Details Results: MEN 10 mtrs Air Pistol Sub-Youth: Aditya Singh, Ist; MEN 10 mtrs Air

Pistol: Sachin Sharma, Ist and Avinandan Sharma, 2nd.

Masters Men 10 mtrs Air Rifle: Vijay Kumar, Ist. Women 10 mtrs Air Pistol Sub-Youth: Veshali, Ist; Yashika Sharma, 2nd and Sara Rawat, 3rd. Women 10 mtrs Air Pistol Youth: Diya, Ist. Women 10 mtrs Air Pistol Senior : Aayushi Sharma, Ist.

Jammu Sahodaya celebrates Hindi Diwas with fervour

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JAMMU: Jammu Sahodaya School Complex (JSSC), Jammu celebrated 'Hindi Diwas' with full enthusiasm at Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu.

Rajesh Rathore, President Jammu Sahodaya & Principal, JK Public School Kunjwani delivered the welcome address in Hindi and presented a brief introduction of the Chief Guest Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation; Special guests Rahul Sahai, Chairman, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industries and Anisa Nabi, Officer in State Taxes Department, Jammu.

The programme was anchored brilliantly by Dr. Anita Sharma, HOD Hindi at Presentation Convent School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

She highlighted the various facets of the language Hindi, quoting various renowned poets. She invited President Jammu Sahodaya, Rajesh Rathore to throw light on the topic: "Variety shades of National language Hindi".

Speaking on the topic, he shared, "Hindi literature is vast, vivid and produced innumerable treatises &



JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav, Chairman, PHD CCI, Rahul Sahai, Anisa Nabi, Officer in STD Jammu posing with JSSC members.

masterpieces". Highlighting the range & amplitude of the language he quoted Mahakavi Dinkar, Sumitra Nandan Pant, Maithali Sharan Gupt, Atal Behari Vajpai and many more.

He recited some choicest excerpts from Ram Charit Manas (Sunder kand). Bringing some spicy flavours from the folklores mentioned in the language Bundelkhandi, he recited with requisite tone and tenor some tempestuous compositions from Aalha & Oodal.

Chief Guest, Rahul Yadav applauded the Team Jammu Sahodaya for organizing such an impactful programme for the Hindi lovers of Jammu.

Reflecting on the second phase of the programme, that is, a brain storming session on the topic: "The role of schools & Principals in the expansion and empowerment of the language Hindi", he shared meaningful insights on how to make the language Hindi the language of common masses. He emphasized on

the need of the hour to modernize Hindi and release it from the clutches of verbosity and avoid unnecessary sanskritization of the language, which ultimately lends complexities to its syntax and semantics.

Special Guest Rahul Sahai expressed his love for the language Hindi and narrated some incidents pertaining to its acquisition. He lauded the unique quality of the language Hindi that it gets along well with the words and phrases of all other Indian languages and forms a homogeneous mixture with piquant flavours.

Anisa Nabi, another Special Guest on the occasion, went gaga while she shared her unforgettable experiences associated with the language, as the medium of communication at home appears to her, a language pot pourri: a crucible of Urdu, Dogri, Hindi, Punjabi & English. She appealed the teachers of Hindi, present in the audience, to keep the language as simple as possible, so that children shouldn't develop aversion for the language in their formative stages.

Before the programme reaching the culmination point, some mean-

ingful reflections were made by various Principals, namely, Dr. Deep Khare, Principal Jodhamal Public School; Dr. Pramod Srivastava, Principal Model Academy Jammu; KL Dogra, Principal MV International School Samba & Anil Pathania, Principal, RMG International School Akhnour.

Other Principals who graced the occasion were Pushpinder Kour, Principal APS Damana; Col VK Sharma (Retd) Principal, The Shri Ram Universal School Samba & Seema Sambyal Principal, The Holy Presentation Convent School, Kathua.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the host school Principal & Vice chairperson Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu, Rohini Aima. She expressed her umpteenth thanks to the Chief Guest; Special Guests; Harpreet Singh Anand, Chairman Jammu Sanskriti School; Ajeet Singh, MD of DRS Kids; Roopam Kour; Principal, DRS Kids, Gandhi Nagar and all the Principals, Vice Principals, Coordinators, Hindi HODs & Hindi Teachers for gracing the occasion and making it extremely delightful and cherishing.