

Half yearly exams make students gear up for Final exams ahead: Principal JKPS Kunjwani

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JAMMU: As customary, CBSE schools of Jammu region are conducting the Half-yearly exams for their students in the second fortnight of September, 2023.

Indeed, COVID -19 caused havoc world-wide for two years. Under the untiring guidance from teachers, now students have gained their lost powers & performing very well in 3 hour exams for this session.

It's truly said, "when good gets tough, then tough gets going". Now adjusting their oars, students have set their sail under the guidance of their teachers and parents.

Principal JKPS Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore appreciated students for taking their Mid-Term exams in the right perspective. He stated, "Adversities introduce a man to himself. Online exams caused laxity in chil-



Students participating in half yearly exams at JKPS Kunjwani.

dren. Keeping themselves away from the inspiring presence of teachers, students lost their acquired skills pertaining to hand writing, writing skills, computation skills, scientific skills, artistic skills etc".

"Pressure of performance in the session-end Board exams makes students gear up and tighten their belts. They have started rising earlier than their routine

wake up. Morning alarm bell from the neighbourhood households has now become a routine affair. Parents stopped chasing their wards for the revision work in the core subjects. Even Sundays and other holidays are witnessing longer sittings of children during different time slots", Principal shared with a broad smile on his face.

Reflecting on the scenario

prevailing around before Half-yearly exams, Ms. Underjeet Kour, School Coordinator, JKPS Kunjwani shared, "Students in Sr. Secondary classes were on toes & had been approaching teachers for doubt-clearing sessions in variety subjects. Parents were calling up to share their joy on the changed routine of their wards regarding studies".

She appreciated students for showing a great deal of sincerity and requesting teachers to provide extra worksheets related to their subjects.

"They are also attempting the papers from the Question Bank for improving their performance in the Mid-Term exams. Though the checking of sample papers is time-consuming for teachers, yet

they are happy to see the sense of initiative and dedication in their students", she further added.

Rajesh Rathore, Principal JKPS Kunjwani lauded the endeavours of teachers and students for the Mid-Term exams.

He said, "Students of Secondary & Sr. Secondary classes have been showing tremendous improvement right from the declaration

of Pre-Mid Term exams results. Since students have promised their teachers and parents to show a qualitative improvement in their performance, so they are giving their heart and soul to their endeavours".

Director JK Educational Society Shashi Choudhary applauded the dedicated efforts of teachers for bringing laurels to the school all these years &

helped creating the requisite ambience for academics in the school. She expressed her satisfaction over the consistent efforts being made by students under the patronage of their teachers. She wished them good luck for a commendable performance in the Mid-Term exams, concluded at JKPS Kunjwani today on 29th September 2023.

J&K Climbing team leaves for NZ Champ

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JAMMU: The 12 member team of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK), including an official left today for Delhi to participate in the 27th North Zone Sport Climbing Championship, scheduled to be held at Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) Climb Central Delhi from October one to October three.

The new look team led by Shilpa Charak, the senior most sport climber of

J&K, comprised eight boys and three girls in five categories of Men, Women, Junior Boys, Sub Junior Boys and Sub Junior Girls. Whereas only one climber each has been selected in the Men's and Women's categories respectively, Junior and Sub Junior Boys have strength of four and three climbers respectively.

The Team: Men: Arun Deep Singh. Women: Shilpa Charak.

Sub Junior Boys: Kafeel UI



Association members along with team posing for photograph before departure.

Haq of Pulwama, Aryan Rauthan of Army Public School, Damana, Jammu. 3. Ankit Singh of St. Xavier Sr. Secondary School, Jammu.

Junior Boys: Kashish Bharti of Udhampur. 2.Saksham Slatthia of Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu. 3. Prince Thakur of National Academy High School, Udhampur.

Sub Junior Girls: Ayaana Bhagat of Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu. Jeevika Verma of St. Xavier

Senior Secondary School, Jammu.

The almost new look team is a blend of experience and fresh talent.

Whereas Shilpa Charak and Arun Deep are experienced climbers who have won innumerable medals at the Zonal and national level all the other climbers are very talented but shall be competing at the zonal level for the first time. The team is expected to perform well.

Whereas Shilpa Charak shall be the coach cum player Syed Abdul Mohsin,

Joint Secretary of Kashmir division of Mountaineering Association of J&K, is the manager of the team. The team has been sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

After the North Zone competition a 26 member team of IMF North Zone

Committee shall be selected for participation in the National (Inter Zonal) Climbing Championship to be held in the last week of October.

Earlier, the members of Mountaineering Association of J&K and Tawi

Trekkers J&K led by Anil Goswami, former Home Secretary of India and Ashwani Sharma a former MLA, gave an emotional send off to the team.

Other dignitaries present on the occasion included Ram Khajuria, senior vice president; Sumit Khajuria, Vice President; Shawetia Khajuria, general secretary of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK); Prof. C K Khajuria, Principal, Govt Degree College, Katra, a former General Secretary of Mountaineering Association of J&K; Rakesh Goswami, President, Jammu District Mountaineering Association; Anukampa Sharma, general secretary Udhampur District Mountaineering Association; Vice Principal of St. Xavier Senior Secondary School, Barnai Mridhu Padha; Principal of National Academy High School, Udhampur and Seema Kharyal, a senior member of Tawi Trekkers J&K.

Uday Chib felicitates Shastri Judo Club's medal-winning students



Uday Bhanu Chib, former President JKPYC along with Judo players.

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JAMMU: Uday Bhanu Chib, former President JKPYC and In-charge Maharashtra Youth Congress, today felicitated the students of Shastri Judo Club for their outstanding performance and winning medals during the Inter School Championship held in Jammu.

As the Chief Guest of the event, Uday Chib extended his hearty congratulations to the talented students and encouraged them to perse-

vere and continue bringing honor to their institution.

He highlighted the importance of hard work and dedication in nurturing the budding talents. Chib also expressed his deep appreciation for the efforts of Romi Jamwal, whose dedicated guidance and coaching played a pivotal role in shaping the students into competitive players. He acknowledged that mentors like Romi Jamwal play an essential role in honing the skills

and character of young athletes.

Uday Chib appealed to the government to prioritize the development of sports infrastructure and provide unwavering support to aspiring athletes. He stressed that with the right resources and opportunities, the youth of Jammu and Kashmir can excel and bring laurels to the region, aligning it with the sporting achievements of other states across the country.

Hockey J&K felicitates DSO of JKSC at Amar Singh Club



DSO Ashok Singh being felicitated during the event.

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JAMMU: To mark the momentous occasion of Ashok Singh's retirement as the Divisional Sports Officer (DSO) of J&K Sports Council (JKSC) in Jammu, Hockey J&K hosted a special felicitation event at the Amar Singh Club in Jammu today.

During this event, Hockey J&K expressed its heartfelt

gratitude to Ashok Singh for his exceptional dedication and unwavering support towards sports, with a particular focus on his invaluable contributions to the growth of Hockey J&K.

The event was graced by the presence of distinguished individuals, including Ranjit Kalra, a Member of the J&K Sports Council, Ajit Singh Nagra, a retired Principal,

Rajinder Singh, former President of Hockey India, GS Bakshi, Rajinder Koul, Senior Vice President of Hockey J&K, Ishan Sharma, the Treasurer of Hockey J&K, Daljeet Singh, an Executive Member of Hockey J&K, Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi, the General Secretary of Hockey J&K, along with Harmanan Singh, Jasprit Singh, and RP Sama.

Semis lineup drawn in 35th J&K UT Senior Volleyball Championship

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KUPWARA: Semifinals position has been cleared with Jammu district, Anantnag district, JKP and Budgam entering the last four stages in the 35th J&K UT Senior Volleyball Championship being organized by Kupwara District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, at Maidan Chogul, Handwara here on Friday.

On second day, 23 matches were played including 4 quarter finals. Tomorrow first semi final will be played between Jammu and Budgam and second between JKP and Anantnag. Today's participating teams introduced with the visiting guest, Jagir Singh Randhawa, interna-



A match in progress while teams posing for photograph.

tional volleyball player and coach of Indian team by the Organising Secretary Shabir Khan. Other dignitaries present were Kuldeep Magotra CEO, Abdul Ahad Shah Vice President, Mohd Tariq Joint Secretary, Akbar Ali Office Secretary of Volleyball Association of J&K. Muneer Alam Srinagar district Secretary, Nilofar Habib Kugam District Secretary, Javid Uri Baramulla District Secretary were also present.

The organisers of the championship have made arrangements of boarding

and lodging facilities for over 400 players and officials. The technical panel was comprised of Sr. Amarjit Singh, Neeraj Sharma, DK Raina, Intizar Ali, Mohd. Shabir, Sidharth Hussain, Wasim Akram, Mohd Ikhlaiq, Mohd Ayaz, Amit Sharma, Manik Nagotra, Mulkhraj and Mohd Iiyas.

Today's results: Kathua beat Bandipora by 2-1 (22-25, 25-20, 15-13); Budgam beat Shopian by 2-1 (25-20, 23-25, 15-13); Ganderbal beat Samba by 2-0 (25-15, 25-5); Jammu beat

Rajouri by 2-0 (25-18, 25-20); JKP beat Kulgam by 2-0 (25-14, 25-18); Kathua Beat Kishtwar by 2-0 (25-11, 25-18); Anantnag beat Udhampur by 2-0 (25-12, 25-13); Baramulla beat Kulgam by 2-0 (25-17, 25-23); Poonch beat Kishtwar by 2-0 (25-22, 25-16); Udhampur beat Samba by 2-0 (26-24, 25-20); Reasi beat Doda by 2-0 (25-22, 25-19); Kulgam beat Kupwara by 2-0 (25-10, 25-16); Bandipora beat Kishtwar by 2-1 (23-25, 25-12, 15-7); Pulwama beat Udhampur by 2-0 (25-18-25-12);

Rajouri beat Doda by 2-1 (25-20, 17-25, 15-10); Jammu beat Reasi by 2-0 (25-19, 25-15); Kulgam beat Ramban by 2-1 (19-25, 25-13, 15-9); Srinagar beat Kishtwar by 2-0 (25-17, 25-16); Ganderbal beat Udhampur by 2-0 (25-17, 25-19).

Quarter finals: Jammu beat Kathua by 2-0 (25-21, 25-19); JKP beat Ganderbal by 2-0 (25-16, 25-16); Budgam beat Srinagar by 2-0 (25-17, 25-23); Anantnag beat Baramulla by 2-0 (25-20, 25-20).

Record 800 participation in 21st J&K UT Athletics Champ Reasi girl Fanja clinches Sprint gold

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JAMMU: Reasi women, Fanja Devi clinched coveted 100 meters gold in the two day 21st J&K UT Athletics Championship, organised by the J&K Amateur Athletics Association at University of Jammu Synthetics tracks, here today. Second place Sprint went to Arti Devi of Udhampur while Vishali Choudhary of Jammu remained third. Earlier, over 800 athletes from around the UT participated in various track and field events across different age groups of men and women on professional lines. The climax of the two-day competition, sprints and interesting relays, was witnessed by Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Balaria in the presence of president of the Association, Sunil Mahajan and other top functionaries. The chief guest presented medals to the winner athletes and felicitated those, who contributed for the success of the event. "The UT Championship was held on Synthetics Athletics track for the first



Organisers along with winner players posing for photograph.

time, using all the latest techniques such as Photo-finish system. The competitions held in accordance with rules and regulations of Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and World Athletics," informed general secretary of the Association, Sharat Chander Singh. Among other prominent present were Ravinder Singh (vice-president), Varinder Kour (joint secretary), Vinod Bhatia (joint secretary), Rajesh Kumar (treasurer), Ajay Sharma (Executive member) and Bhim Singh Rana (Chandigarh Athletics Association).

The Results:
BOYS under-20: 10,000 mts: Ritik Sharma, Kathua, 1st; Brij Bhushan, Kathua, 2nd and Aijaz Ahmed, Anantnag, 3rd. MEN: 10,000 mts: Ravi Dass, Udhampur, 1st; Pankaj Kumar, Kathua, 2nd and Hans Raj, Kathua, 3rd. BOYS 18: 1500 mts: Ansh Dubey, Udhampur, 1st; Akshay Sharma, Samba, 2nd and Zaid Bin Mushtaq, Anantnag, 3rd. GIRLS 18 yrs 100 mts: Shivani Thakur, Reasi, 1st; Suman Rajput, Jammu, 2nd and Parneet Kour, Jammu, 3rd. MEN: Javelin Throw: Bhanu

Sharma, Jammu, 1st; Parvaiz Hajam, Ganderbal, and Tarun Mehra, Jammu, 3rd. BOYS 18 yrs: 100 mts: Tanvir Singh, Jammu, 1st; Sagar Singh, Rajouri and Akash Sharma, Samba, 3rd. BOYS 20 yrs: 400 mts: Sahil Kumar, Jammu, 1st; Goldy Singh, Samba, 2nd and Sourab Choudhary, Jammu, 3rd. MEN 400 mts: Abrar Choudhary, Jammu, 1st; Anush Magotra, Jammu, 2nd and Vikas Thakur, Ramban, 3rd. BOYS 20: 100 mts: Sorav Singh, Reasi, 1st; Jagmeet Singh, Jammu, 2nd and Akhileshwar Singh, Samba, 3rd.

Jammu Smart City organises e-bicycle rally; E-mobility projects ushering new era of sustainable transportation: CEO Rahul Yadav

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JAMMU: In a remarkable display of dedication to eco-friendly transportation, Jammu Smart City on Friday organized an electric-bicycle rally, as part of the 'Swachta Hi Seva' and 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' initiatives.

The rally was flagged off by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), Rahul Yadav, IAS, at Apsara Road Gole Market, Jammu. Additional CEO, JSCL, Rakesh Gupta; Manager IT, JSCL, J P Singh; AEE JSCL, Ravi Salogtra and other officials JSCL, Traffic Police and Jammu & Kashmir police were also present on the occasion.

The rally drew an impressive turnout, with scores of participants, including prominent members of the media, coming together to support the cause of sustainability.

The rally embarked on its journey from Apsara Road



CEO JSCL Rahul Yadav briefing media in Jammu.

Gole Market, traversing through Gandhi Nagar Hospital Road and Green Belt Road before culminating to Apsara Road, Gole Market.

Speaking on the occasion, Rahul Yadav said Jammu Smart City Limited is committed to driving innovation in urban mobility and fostering a greener, more sustainable urban environment.

He also revealed that Jammu Smart City has undertaken several e-mobility projects including electric bicycles, e-rickshaws, and e-Autos. CEO, JSCL, further

said introduction of electric buses that will revolutionize transportation in the city of temples.

He extended his heartfelt congratulations to the people of Jammu for winning award for successful operation of e-autos and e-rickshaws under urban environment category of the prestigious India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC).

Furthermore, Rahul Yadav added that the e-Mobility project is a robust solution to pressing urban issues, such as traffic congestion, pollution,

and the perennial challenge of limited transport options.

"These electric vehicles shine brightly due to their cost-effective operational dynamics, making them the preferred choice for both passengers and drivers, ushering in a new era of sustainable urban transportation," he said. Speaking about development of Apsara road 'High Street' Gole market area along with the adjoining roads project, Rahul Yadav said the project is near completion.

He added under the prestigious project of Jammu Smart City total road length measuring 13.64 kilometres developed with facilities like street lighting, pedestrian lighting, footpath, parking, water ATMs, seating, underground utility duct, road parking, sculpture, water feature and softscape.

"The project is near completion and soon will be dedicated to the people of Jammu," he said.