

Budgam District volleyball championship for Boys & Girls commences

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BUDGAM: With a view to promote sports culture and shun the drug menace spreading alarming among youths of J&K Union Territory, the District Budgam Volleyball Adhoc Committee under the banner of Volleyball Association of J&K (UT) sponsored by J&K Sports Council started, the District Budgam Volleyball Championship 2024 for Boys and Girls in Indoor Complex Budgam here. Around 20 team/clubs of District Budgam took part in the championship.

In all, 25 teams including 20 in boys and 05 in girls section displayed their skills in the championship. Arshid Ahmad Incharge



Organisers along with players during the competition at Budgam.

of District Budgam Volleyball Adhoc Committee and Tariq Ahmad (ZPEO) who were the Chief Guests, declared

the championship opened and thanked the entire strength of association including the management of Sports Indoor Complex

Budgam for holding the spirits of sportsmen high by way of conducting such type of championships in district budgam.

Arshid Ahmad Wani, Owner of Kashmir Elite Companies and Incharge District Budgam Volleyball Adhoc Committee, speaking on the occasion, urged upon the players to contribute their might for making the nation healthy and stronger by paying goodbye to drug menace.

All the today's matches were officiated by State Referee; finally SPIKERS PUNCH OMPORA reached in Semi Finals by defeating Dandooa VB Club by 2:1, Garyand Spartan by defeating Elite VBC Doonwari by 2:1, Gotpora Super Giants by defeating Chadoora Nagam by 2:1 and Kashmir Elite VB Club Budgam by Walkover.

5th District Kishtwar Yogasana Sports Championship held



Participants along with organisers during the championship.

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KISHTWAR: District Kishtwar Yogasana Sports Championship was held at B.V.M. School Kishtwar, under the banner of Kishtwar Yogasana Sports Association under the authority of J&K Yogasana Sports Association and J&K Sports Council. More than 100 boys and girls

participated in the said District Championship from the Sub-Junior & Junior age group and showcased their talent by participating in the Championship. Medals and merit certificates were distributed among the winners. Winners of this championship will be participating in the upcoming U.T. level

Yogasana Sports Championship. The Chief Guest Ramsevak, Principal of the B.V.M. School was also present in the Championship and distributed the medals & certificates among the winners. He encouraged the students to take part and participate more in the future.

District Wushu Championship District Bandipora starts

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANDIPORA: The District Wushu Championship for Bandipora was officially inaugurated on Sunday at Salvatore International School, Shilvat Bandipora. The event is organized under the aegis of the Wushu Association of J&K and is proudly sponsored by the J&K Sports Council.

This two-day championship has drawn participation from approximately 270 boys and girls representing various institutions and clubs within the district. As a sport prioritized by the Government of India, Wushu has enjoyed considerable success in recent years. The top performers from this district championship will advance to compete in the J&K UT level competi-



DC Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri starting the championship.

tion. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri, who served as the chief guest. He was joined by SDPO and SDM Sunbal, Faisal Ali Dar Padmashree awardee, who were honored guests at the event. The guests spoke on the significance of Wushu, highlighting its positive impact on the youth and its potential to

guide them towards personal and professional growth. The decision to host this championship outside the district headquarters aims to broaden engagement and provide equal opportunities for youth from different areas within Bandipora. The broader objective is to address social issues by offering constructive activities and creating pathways for future generations.

GGM Science College conducts two-day cleanliness drive

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: GGM Science College recently completed a massive two-day cleanliness drive on its campus, organized by the Local Fund Employees (LFEs) of the College. The drive was a follow-up to the "Clean Campus, Clean City" initiative, which was discussed during the Chetna Lecture Series held few days earlier.

The drive was conducted under the overall guidance of the College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, and was supervised by Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director of Physical Education, and Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Associate Professor of Chemistry. This comprehensive event included various activities aimed at promoting cleanliness and sanitation, including awareness sessions, waste collec-



Faculty members along with students during the programme.

tion and disposal, and beautification of specific spaces.

On the first day, LFEs gathered on campus and participated in an informative session highlighting the importance of cleanliness and its positive impact on overall well-being. Following this, they collectively engaged in cleaning and sanitizing the college premises.

The second day saw an even more enthusiastic group extending their efforts to the surrounding areas, removing debris, and focusing on proper waste segregation for effective disposal. Throughout the two days, the LFEs took proactive steps to clear unwanted shrubs, bushes, and wild grass across the campus. In

line with sustainable practices, the collected solid waste was systematically segregated and disposed of according to the principles of reuse and recycling. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta emphasized the significance of cleanliness in creating a conducive educational environment. He

expressed his appreciation for the dedication of the LFEs, referring to them as the backbone of the College in maintaining a neat and clean campus. Dr. Gupta also remarked that such campaigns are crucial in promoting good hygiene, protecting the working environment, and reducing the incidence of diseases. The event concluded on a positive note, with participants pledging to uphold cleanliness in their surroundings and to continue spreading awareness about hygiene practices. The dedication shown by the Local Fund Employees of GGM Science College during this drive is a testament to their commitment to improving the campus and contributing to the broader national goal of cleanliness.

Swachhta Pakhwada celebrated with enthusiasm at CUJ Girls' Hostels



Dr. Shaveta Kohli, Hostel Warden along with hosteliars during the event.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In alignment with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the Girls' Hostels of Central University of Jammu commemorated the Swachhta Pakhwada from 1st to 15th September, 2024, with great zeal and commitment. The initiative, led by the residents of Gayatri Bhawan, Gauri Bhawan, Durga Bhawan, and Saraswati Bhawan, was a continuation of the efforts initiated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, who emphasized the importance of spreading awareness and instilling a sense of respon-

sibility among students towards their nation. The hostel residents, along with staff, actively participated in a variety of cleanliness and awareness programs, embodying the values of the Swachh Bharat Mission. These activities were aimed at maintaining hygiene in and around the hostels, as well as raising awareness about the significance of individual contributions to cleanliness. During the commemoration, Dr. Shaveta Kohli, Hostel Warden, emphasized the relevance of the Swachh Bharat Mission and encour-

aged the residents to understand the importance of their personal role in maintaining cleanliness. Residents also took a solemn pledge to uphold cleanliness in their surroundings, committing themselves to inspire others in their communities to do the same. A highlight of the event was the Nukkad Natak, performed by students Aastha Gupta, Debopriya, Roshni, and Snigdha, which sensitized the audience on the importance of cleanliness. The play, delivered with creativity and passion, left the residents motivated and

engaged. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, Central University of Jammu, lauded the efforts of the hostel residents and administration for the successful execution of the awareness program and cleanliness drive. He emphasized that these initiatives are vital in nurturing a sense of social responsibility among students. Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students' Welfare, also commended the collaborative efforts of the hostel residents and administration. She appreciated their active participation in carrying forward the legacy of the Swachh Bharat Mission, ensuring that the message of cleanliness reaches every corner of society. The Swachhta Pakhwada commemoration not only motivated the residents but also contributed significantly in promoting a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment on campus, embodying the essence of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Principal Secretary Culture discusses arrangements for Basohli Utsav-2024

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Principal Secretary Culture Department, Suresh Kumar Gupta, and Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today chaired a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the forthcoming 3-days' Basholi Utsav 2024 scheduled to be held from October 10 to 12, 2024.

The meeting was attended by DG Floriculture Parks and Garden Jammu, Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and languages, Director Handicrafts and Handloom Jammu, Regional Director IGNCA, Joint Director Information Jammu, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Senior officials from School Education, District Administration Kathua, Bani Basohli Development Authority and other concerned were present. The Basohli Utsav will feature exhibition of local art and culture including world famous Basohli miniature paintings, cul-



Principal Secretary Culture Department, Suresh Kumar Gupta chairing a meeting.

tural programs, manuscript exhibition, heritage exhibition, Book fair, visits to religious and heritage sites and other activities and events. The visitors would also get a chance to relish Local cuisines, enjoy Boating and water sports. The meeting held threadbare discussion on different aspects to promote Basohli Utsav as a major tourist attraction with

maximum footfall. Senior officials from stakeholder departments provided their inputs and suggestions. Principal Secretary impressed on the role and responsibilities of different stakeholder departments, who will be collaborating for the success of Basohli Utsav. The Div Com asked the concerned departments to mobilize local artists, folk dance groups for their active participation

throughout the Basohli utsav. He also advised for roping in renowned personalities from the fields of performing Art. He further stressed on making Basohli Utsav a permanent feature in the region, promoting it as a major tourist attraction of Jammu region. Principal Secretary Culture said that a comprehensive plan will be formulated outlining the micro level planning.

Junior women Hockey trials from Sept 16

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hockey Jammu and Kashmir shall hold two-day selection trials to name the UT team for the upcoming Junior (Women) National Championship to be held at Ranchi in Jharkhand from September 30 to October 10. The selection trials shall take place on September 16 and September 17 at Hockey playfield, Simbal Camp, here from 4 pm onwards, a handout issued by the Association informed. Players born on or after 01-01-2025 are only eligible to participate in the trials. Such interested players need to be registered with Hockey India and should produce Adhaar card, school bonafide certificate, domicile or passport at the time of registration for selection process, the handout added.

General Observer meets General Public in Tral, Pulwama

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
PULWAMA: In the lead-up to the 2024 Assembly Elections, the General Observer for Tral Assembly Constituency, Brajesh Narain Singh today visited Midloora and Batgrund to meet with the general public. The meeting was aimed at fostering confidence among voters and ensuring that all necessary arrangements are in place for free, fair and transparent elections. During the interaction, Singh assured that all steps are being taken to ensure a smooth and peaceful voting process. He also highlighted the importance of voter participation and

addressed any queries related to election procedures, emphasizing the administration's commitment to a seamless electoral experience for all citizens. Singh, along with local officials, inspected key polling stations in the area and reviewed security measures, accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and other arrangements for Election Day. The public expressed their satisfaction with the efforts of the administration and displayed enthusiasm and dedication for the upcoming poll scheduled on the 18th of this month.

Angel Investor Masterclass at IIM Jammu spurs investor Engagement in J&K's Startup Ecosystem

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, conducted a highly anticipated Angel Investor Masterclass in collaboration with JK Angel Network on September 14, 2024 at Jagti. The event, part of the Business Incubator under IIM Jammu (IIM Jammu FEISD), marked a pioneering effort to engage High Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) in building an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir by initiating the formation of an Angel Network. Over 30 HNIs participated in the masterclass, which provided invaluable insights to budding investors on venture investing. The Chief Guest for the event was Rahul Sahai, Chairperson of PHDCCI, while Ruchika Gupta, Chairperson of FICCI-FLO, served as the Guest of Honour. Both dignitaries were accompanied by participants from their respective organizations, enhancing the prestige of the event. The masterclass began with an introductory note by Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer at IIM Jammu, who highlighted IIM Jammu's efforts to promote entrepreneurship through various programs and



Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson CEISD IIM Jammu felicitating Chief Guest Rahul Sahai Chair PHDCCI Jammu.

Ideathons at the district level in J&K. He introduced the esteemed guests and speakers brought together by JK Angel Network for the masterclass and the role of IIM Jammu for stakeholder development. Following this, Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson, Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Skill Development IIM Jammu, delivered the welcome address. He emphasized the significance of the masterclass in addressing the funding

gap in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, stressing the vital role of venture capitalists and angel investors in supporting budding entrepreneurs. He also noted that IIM Jammu is one of the few institutes in India to introduce Entrepreneurship and Innovation as part of its curriculum. In his address, Rahul Sahai, a leading industrialist from the Jammu & Kashmir region, highlighted both the promises as well as challenges

of investing in startups within J&K, due to its unique environment. The keynote speaker, Suraj Malik, an expert in M&A, Family Office planning, and private equity transactions, provided an in-depth analysis of the Angel Investment Ecosystem in India, covering how to evaluate deal flow and manage risk mitigation. This was followed by a session with Mr. Saurabh Jain, an experienced investment banker, who discussed angel investing as a strategic investment option. Tushar Gandotra, the founding partner of JK Angel Network, shared the network's vision and outlined future plans to further the initiative. Attendees of the masterclass gained valuable insights into the intricacies of the investment process, including navigating the complexities of due diligence. The discussions centered on encouraging potential investors to invest in the future of Indian startups in the Jammu & Kashmir region. A structured approach to syndicate investing was also explored, allowing investors to collectively analyze and invest in businesses for mutual benefit. There was also significant dialogue about the growing opportunities in technology and sustainable sectors, with a focus on public needs. The workshop concluded

with a detailed Q&A session, where some participants, already experienced Angel investors, inquired about JKAN's plans to organize a syndicate of Angel investors in J&K. These interactions provided practical guidance and real-world perspectives, enriching the overall learning experience. The event attracted a diverse audience of business owners and prospective investors from the region, all eager to explore new opportunities and expand their networks. Participants praised IIM Jammu's ongoing initiatives to bolster the entrepreneurial ecosystem in J&K through such programs, leaving with actionable strategies to contribute to the region's economic growth. The entire program was orchestrated by Mr. Kanav Padha, whose efforts in bringing together the key players were invaluable. Dr. Vivek Sharma, CIO of IIM Jammu, delivered the vote of thanks, concluding the event on a positive note. With events like this Angel Investor Masterclass, IIM Jammu continues to demonstrate its commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of startups and investors in the region of Jammu & Kashmir.