

GHSS RS Pura boys shine at Inter-District Divisional Level Athletics Meet

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In yet another remarkable accomplishment, two students from GHSS RS Pura Boys have once again elevated the school's reputation with stellar performances at the ongoing Inter-District Divisional Level Athletics Meet, held on Wednesday at the prestigious University of Jammu Athletic Ground.

The event, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, saw fierce competition from across the region, but the exceptional talent from GHSS RS Pura Boys stood tall.

Tushar Bhagat, a Class 12 student, sprinted his way to glory by clinching the Gold Medal in the 4x100m relay race. Equally impressive was Himanshu, also from Class



GHSS RS Pura faculty felicitating winner students.

12, who secured the Silver Medal in the 400m race, showcasing speed and endurance.

Principal Neelam Gupta, expressing immense pride in the accomplishments of the young athletes, stated, "This extraordinary feat has brought great honor to our

institution. I wholeheartedly commend the dedicated efforts of Koushal Kumar Sharma, our Lecturer in Physical Education, whose tireless guidance and commitment have been instrumental in this success."

Koushal Sharma, reflecting on the achievement, added,

"It has been an honor to work with such passionate and determined students. Their unwavering dedication, coupled with the support of our esteemed Principal, has been the driving force behind this victory. I am confident that this is just the beginning of many more triumphs to

come."

Himanshu, speaking to the media, expressed his gratitude, "I extend my heartfelt thanks to Principal Ma'am and Koushal Sir for their constant encouragement and mentorship. My aspiration has always been to excel in athletics, and this achievement brings me one step closer to that dream. There is much more to accomplish, and I am ready for the challenges ahead."

With this latest accomplishment, GHSS RS Pura Boys continues to shine brightly, reinforcing its reputation for excellence in both academics and co-curricular domains. This victory not only reflects the students' talent but also the institution's unwavering commitment to fostering a holistic environment for growth and achievement.

Soumilli Sahu of JKPS Panjtirthi shines in National Performing Arts Dance C'ship 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Soumilli Sahu, a class 7th of JK Public School Panjtirthi, brought laurels to school by excelling in National Performing Arts Dance Championship 2024 organised at Shri Ram Auditorium Ayodhya recently.

JKPS Panjtirthi announced that among various participants Soumilli Sahu of class 7th has emerged as the third-prize winner.

The jakian set the stage ablaze with her passion, talent, graceful and elegant dance moves.

Her colourful traditional costume enhanced the pleasure of watching the performance. The judges



made a note of her outstanding expressions, stage coverage and choreography. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi Suman Banbah congratulated the jakian and

Vanshika of KCPS shines at CBSE Zonal Swimming Championship 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The 2nd CBSE North Zone Swimming Championships 2024 was held at Montessori Cambridge School, Pathankot, from September 18 to 21, 2024. The event witnessed a fierce competition and display of exceptional talent from young swimmers from across the region.

Vanshika Gusan, a dedicated and talented swimmer from KC Public School, delivered an extraordinary performance at this event, securing three medals in 3 different categories.

She won one gold, one silver, and one bronze medal and thereby amply demonstrated her versatility and excellence as a young swimmer from the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

This has earned her the honour of representing J&K at the national level contest.



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National Swimming Championships scheduled to be held at the KIIT Swimming Pool in Bhubaneswar, Odisha shortly. This national-level prestigious event will provide Vanshika with a platform to compete against the best swimmers from across the country.

Management of KC Public School congratulated Vanshika and her swimming coach Babita Rani for their outstanding performance in the CBSE Zonal championship and wished them success at the national level contest.

MBS College organized B.Tech Induction Program 2024 -25

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mahant Bachittar Singh (MBS) College of Engineering & Technology, Jammu organized Induction Program for newly admitted first year students of 2024 batch.

The induction program commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp by Mahant Manjit Singh (Sole Trustee) along with Gurnam Singh (Chairman), Lakhbir Singh Bawa (Advisor), Prof. (Dr.) D. K. Gupta (Director-cum-Principal), Prof. Hardev Singh (Chairman MMSIPS), Dr. Jaswant Singh (Chairman



Mahant Manjit Singh lighting ceremonial lamp at a programme.

of education in modern time and emphasized that leading a honourable life in the twenty-first century will be available only to those who are well technically qualified. Students were advised to be committed to their professional education and to strive hard to meet their goals and expectation of their parents.

Gurnam Singh, (Chairman) in his address shared his valuable insight and future vision for the institution. He highlighted the college commitment

in creating a conducive learning environment for the all-round development of the students. Prof. (Dr.) Dinesh Kumar Gupta, (Principal) in his address motivated and inspired the newly enrolled students to embrace their passion for engineering and strive for excellence in their studies.

Prof. (Dr.) Amrik Singh (Vice Principal) presented details of college infrastructure and exhorted the students for their self-management while pursuing the technical degree

course.

Prof. Parveen Singh (Dean Academics) highlighted the course curriculum and academic policies of the college as per the rules and regulation of the University of Jammu. Dr. Jaswant Singh (Chairman IGNOU Centre SMSCE) encouraged the students to embrace their academic journey with enthusiasm and dedication.

Bhupinder Singh (Chairman GHPS), Head of Departments, Director Students Welfare, Section Heads and Faculty members were present. The program was coordinated by Prof. Parveen Singh, Sarbjeet Kour along with faculty members of APSH Department.

Sarbjeet Kour (HOD APSH) presented vote of thanks. The whole program was ably anchored by Surinder Kaur Bali and Shivangi Gupta.

2-day Inter College Chess Tournament for men, women commences

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A Two-day Inter College Chess Tournament 2024 for Men and Women was inaugurated on Wednesday at the Government College of Education, Jammu under the supervision of Director Sports Cluster University of Jammu Dr. Vinod Bakshi. The event has drawn participation from various reputed institutions, including GGM Science College, Govt. MAM College, Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, PSPSGCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, and the host college. Competitions are being held in both the men's and women's categories.

The College Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar formally inaugurated the tournament



Chess matches in progress.

with a warm welcome address. In her remarks, she motivated the players to participate with enthusiasm, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the true spirit of sportsmanship throughout the event.

The tournament was graced by the presence of several distinguished guests. Mohammad Zubair

attended as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Vinod Bakshi was the Guest of Honour, and Dr. Jyoti Parihar served as the Special Guest. The event was organized under the guidance of the College Sports Committee, led by Ramandeep Kralia, Convener of the Sports Committee, with contributions from Dr. Rakesh

Bharti, Dr. Shalini Rana, Prof. Priyanka Mahajan, Prof. Sarita Dogra and Dr. Sonam Gandotra. The entire proceedings of the event were skillfully conducted by Dr. Rakesh Bharti.

Other dignitaries in attendance included Prof. Satish Kumar, Neenu, Physical Director of MAM College, Ravi Kumar, Physical Director of SPMR College of Commerce, Kajal Premi, Physical Director of GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Neelam Kumari, Assistant Physical Director of MAM College, Prof. Arun Sharma, and Prof. Arti Heer. Shushil Kumar officiated the matches.

On the day one, in the Men's Section, GGM

Science College triumphed over MAM College with a score of 3-0, while Government SPMR College of Commerce secured a victory against Government College of Education, Jammu, with a score of 3-0.

In the Women's Section, GCW Gandhi Nagar defeated Govt. College of Education, Jammu, with a score of 3-1 and GGM Science College received a walkover against MAM College.

Similarly, GGM Science College beat Government SPMR College of Commerce with a score 3-2.

The tournament continues tomorrow, with more intense competition expected as the teams strive for victory.

Wildlife Week Celebration-2024 to begin from Oct 2

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Wildlife Week is celebrated during the first week of October every year coinciding with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

"This week is commemorated to increase the awareness among the common mass regarding the role of wildlife in maintaining nature's equilibrium and it is critical to protect our ecosystem systematically, and through heart and soul," said Vijay Kumar, Wildlife Warden Jammu in a hand-out issued on Wednesday.

"There is a symbiotic relationship between the forest, forest-dwelling animals, ecosystem services, and humans," Vijay said adding that as a part

of this, the Department of Wildlife Protection is going to organise celebration of Wildlife Week - 2024 from 2nd to 8th October.

The theme for the Wildlife Week Celebration this year is "Wildlife Conservation through Co-existence".

The department is going to invite numbers of schools/ students on the eve of Wildlife Week. The department is also going to organize a painting competition on the conservation and preservation of wildlife.

The Mega Event of Wildlife Week -2024 is to be organized at Jambu Zoo on October 5, 2024 at 10:30 AM.

Jammu to face Udhampur in U-19 Cricket final



Winner team posing for a photograph with officials.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hosts district Jammu shall be playing against Udhampur in the title clash of the inter-district Divisional level under-19 boys Cricket Tournament, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, near here tomorrow.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Udhampur beat district Poonch by seven wickets. Batting first Poonch scored 115 runs in 15 overs for the loss of seven wickets. Mohd Ishhad played fine innings 51 runs off just 32 balls while Mohd Asif contributed 30-ball 42 runs to the total. From Udhampur; Sachin secured two wickets to remain most successful bowler.

In reply, Udhampur chased the target making 118 runs with seven wickets in hand in 10.5 overs. Royal Partap played match winning knock

of 67 runs off 38 deliveries while Mannat contributed 14-ball 20 runs.

In other semifinal, district Jammu defeated Ramban by 10 runs. Jammu scored 81 runs losing nine wickets in allotted 15 overs. Sujal and Aryan were top scorers with 18 and 14 runs in their respective accounts. Nazir Ahmed bowled well taking away five wickets for Ramban.

Batting second, Ramban restricted to a total of 71 runs in the 15 overs quota courtesy team efforts with Sujal, Arman and Shaurya sharing two wickets each. Suresh was the only batsman to touch the double figure mark with 17 runs.

The technical penal in today's matches comprised Sandeepan Sharma, Sat Paul Singh, Vikram Dogra, Mukesh Kumar, Vishal Balotra, Chander Kiran, Ajay Koul and Manjeet Singh.

and extreme conditions, symbolizes the resilience, wisdom, and spirit of exploration that His Holiness Tsangyang Gyatso embodied. Just as his wisdom prevails, we hope this peak will become a tall symbol of purity, unity, adventure, and inspiration for future generations. The expedition to conquer 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' was one of the toughest ever undertaken by the NIMAS team. The route was fraught with dangerous crevasses, steep ice walls, and unpredictable weather conditions. However, through sheer determination and teamwork, the team was able to navigate these challenges and reach the summit, making history in the process. Meanwhile, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu congratulated the NIMAS for the unprecedented success in sealing the peak and expressed his support for naming the peak after the 6th Dalai

National Seminar on Bharat-Centric Knowledge held at CUJ

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A national seminar titled "NEP-2020 for Viksit Bharat: Integrating Bharatiya Knowledge System with Education" took place at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium, Central University of Jammu. The event was organized by the Central University of Jammu and the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu-Kashmir, and Ladakh Prant. Key dignitaries included Chief Guest B.R. Shankaranand Ji, Akhil Bharatiya Sangathan Mantri, and keynote speaker Prof. Suhas Pednekar Ji.

The seminar commenced with the Saraswati Vandana and ceremonial lamp lighting. Prof. Vandana Sharma welcomed the guests, while Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu,



Central University of Jammu faculty and other dignitaries releasing a book.

articulated the objectives of the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal and the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). He emphasized that India's youth must embrace traditional values to realize a developed nation by 2047.

Dr. Sanjay Pathak highlighted the significance of applying Indian knowledge systems in daily life and emphasized that NEP-2020 aims to position India as a global leader in education.

He underscored the educators' role in preserving and promoting Indian traditions.

Prof. Suhas Pednekar pointed out that teachers play a crucial role in instilling nationalism among students and urged for education rooted in Bharatiya Knowledge Systems. He stated that this approach would help cultivate a more enlightened generation.

Chief Guest B.R. Shankaranand stressed the importance of Bharat-centric knowledge for holistic individual development, particularly in character formation. He argued that a spiritual growth is essential for national progress and urged educators to act as

modern-day Vyas Maharishis, imparting Indian cultural values to foster a sense of "Bharatiyata."

The seminar also featured the felicitation of seven state-level participants for the VIVIBHA National Research Paper Writing Competition.

The event concluded with the recital of the Kalyan Mantra and the National Anthem, followed by paper presentations from VIVIBHA participants and an executive committee meeting of the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal.

Col. Ranveer led NIMAS team scales difficult AP peak

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In an extraordinary mountaineering achievement, a team from the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), has successfully scaled an unnamed and undimbed 6383 MSL or 20,942 ft high peak in Gorichen range of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas on Tawang-West Kameng region. The peak was one of the most technically challenging and unexplored summits in the region. After overcoming immense challenges including sheer ice walls, treacherous crevasses, and a two-kilometer-long glacier, the team has immortalized the momentous feat by naming the peak Tsangyang Gyatso Peak and quote in honor of His Holiness the 6th Dalai Lama Rigzen Tsangyang Gyatso. Born to an indigenous Monpa family of Ugenling village, Tawang district,



Arunachal Pradesh in 1683, His Holiness Rigzen Tsangyang Gyatso was recognized and enthroned in Potala palace of Tibet as the 6th Dalai Lama. He is regarded as the greatest of tantrics and a great poet whose

songs and oral narratives still influence the traditional poetry of Tibet and entire Buddhist communities in the Himalayan region. Col Ranveer Singh Jamwal, Director of NIMAS, shared: "This peak, with its unforgiving terrain

and extreme conditions, symbolizes the resilience, wisdom, and spirit of exploration that His Holiness Tsangyang Gyatso embodied. Just as his wisdom prevails, we hope this peak will become a tall symbol of purity, unity, adventure, and inspiration for future generations. The expedition to conquer 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' was one of the toughest ever undertaken by the NIMAS team. The route was fraught with dangerous crevasses, steep ice walls, and unpredictable weather conditions. However, through sheer determination and teamwork, the team was able to navigate these challenges and reach the summit, making history in the process. Meanwhile, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu congratulated the NIMAS for the unprecedented success in sealing the peak and expressed his support for naming the peak after the 6th Dalai

Lama Tsangyang Gyatso. His Holiness Tsangyang Gyatso has long been a source of wisdom and cultural pride for the people of this region. His teachings and philosophies continue to guide us, and this peak will stand as a testament to his enduring, he said.

The NIMAS, which has been at the forefront of adventure and mountaineering in India, has informed the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) about the ascent and the decision to name the peak. The necessary formalities for naming the peak are being completed to ensure that 'Tsangyang Gyatso Peak' is recognized on the official map. This historic climb not only celebrates Arunachal Pradesh's rich cultural heritage but also positions the region as a key destination for mountaineering and adventure sports, attracting explorers and adventure enthusiasts.

enthusiastic participation marks commencement of Postal Ballot Voting in Udhampur

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Voting through postal ballot for eligible voters engaged in essential services and those assigned election duty began today across all four assembly constituencies of Udhampur district.

To facilitate this process, the District Administration has established Postal Voting Centers (PVCs) for absentee voters in essential services and Voter Facilitation Centers (VFCs) for voters on election duty. These centers have been strategically set up in all four assembly constituencies of Udhampur district.

To ensure the smooth conduct of postal voting, the Udhampur district administration has implemented stringent measures to guarantee transparency and efficiency at every stage. The proceedings are being overseen by the District Election Officer Udhampur, along with the respective Returning Officers, ensuring meticulous supervision at the ground level.

The commencement of postal voting was met with tremendous enthusiasm, as employees from essential services and those on election duty actively participated, flocking to the PVCs and VFCs to cast their votes.

Voters expressed their gratitude for the initiative, acknowledging the convenience provided by the postal ballot system. The District Election Officer of Udhampur expressed satisfaction with the turnout, emphasizing that seamless arrangements have been made to empower every eligible voter to exercise their right to vote.