



Students of SGGJ Model School, Sunderbani, Rajouri posing for a group photograph along with overall trophy at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

SGGJ Model School students bring laurels

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 8: The students of SGGJ Model School, Sunderbani, Rajouri brought laurels to the State by winning overall championship in the 3rd International Festival of Bio-Technology Quest 2013 held at City Montessori School, Lucknow, recently.

Earlier, the Quest was inaugurated by Abhishek Mishra, Minister for Science and Technology, Uttar Pradesh.

Over 600 students from Russia, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and various States of India participated in this festival.

SGGJ Model School team which participated in the event comprised of Anuj Raina, Ankush Sharma, Aman Sharma, Aniket Sharma and Suksham Raina, who were

headed by team leader MK Bhan, Principal/Director.

Themes presented by the students were based on water crisis and how to make practical and effective use of Science for the basic needs, creativity and world unity.

Aniket Sharma bagged first position in conception (creative writing), Suksham Raina claimed second position in Transom (Theme Presentation), while the over all trophy was presented to the School in an impressive Prize Distribution Function at CMS Convention Centre, Lucknow by the chief guest Anup Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, Rashmi Yadav, guest of honour and the founder manager of CMS, Lucknow, Dr Jagdish Gandhi.

Heritage organizes Group Song Competition

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JAMMU, Aug 8: Heritage School organized an Inter-Class Hindi Group Song Competition, wherein the students of Classes 1st to 3rd participated.

Renowned singer Surpal Jaswal, father of singing star Anmol Jaswal and popular singer Narendra Wazir were the adjudicators of the event.

The event depicted the musical talent of the young Heritageans who put in their

best and charmed everyone with their mellifluous performance.

The first place was shared by the Groups of Sargam and Sursangam, while the second position was claimed by Surtal and the third place went to Tarangam Group.

The adjudicators along with the School Principal were highly impressed by the melodious performance of the students and lauded the efforts of the teachers in honing their talent.

Shubam curbs natural strokeplay to make patient 34

Sarfaraz spins India colts to series win

DAMBULLA, Aug 8:

Fifteen year old Mumbai off-spinner Sarfaraz Khan grabbed four wickets as India U-19 comfortably beat their Sri Lankan counterparts by seven wickets to win the 'Youth ODI' series 2-0 here today.

The first match of the series didn't yield any result due to inclement weather.

Chasing a paltry target of 138, India colts knocked off the runs with 103 balls to spare. Almost all

the batsmen made contributions with young Jammu lad Shubham Khajuria top-scoring with 34, while vice-captain Sanju Samson contributed 31.

Earlier, Sarfaraz took four for 27 in 7.1 overs and was ably complemented by UP's chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav who chipped in with figures of three for 16 after skipper Vijay Zol won the toss.

Sarfaraz, the youngest member of the U-19 side got three wickets during the middle overs

to break the backbone of Lankan batting. He first removed Sanjika Ridma (23) followed Thilaksha Sumanisiri (2) and R Anurudda (2) as the Islanders slumped from 110 for three to 120 for six, and never recovered from that position. (PTI)

GDC organizes symposium

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BISHNAH, Aug 8: GDC Bishnah reconstituted Red Ribbon Club (RRC) for the academic session and held an election in which Seema Mottan and Amandeep of BA Part-II were elected as joint conveners, while Jasmeet Kour of BA Part-II, Nidhu Kaith and Sanjeev Kumar of BA Part-I were elected as Student Representatives.

RRC organized an Extension Lecture and symposium on the theme "HIV-AIDS Awareness among Adolescents" in collaboration with J&K State Aids Prevention and Control Society under the supervision of Dr. Savanter Kour, Convener RRC (NSS Programme Officer) alongwith Finance Officer Prof Sumita Gupta.

MLA, Ashwani Kumar Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion.

Symposium on "Save Girl Child" held

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Aug 8: The Department of Health and Family Welfare organized a symposium on the topic "Save Girl Child" under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) programme here at Government Girls High School Basohli.

MLA Basohli Jagdish Raj Spolia was the chief guest on the occasion.

The students from various Government Schools participated in the symposium and expressed their views on 'Save Girl Child'.

KV-2 Udampur organizes Investiture Ceremony

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Aug 8: Kendriya Vidyalaya No-2, Dhar Road, Udampur organized Investiture Ceremony for the Student's Council, here today.

The function began with an oath taking administered by Rajesh Pandey, Principal of the School, who introduced the duty charter of the office bearers on the occasion.

The distribution of badges, sashet and flags was the main attraction as it involved one and all.

School Captain Heenu addressed the assembly, while vote of thanks was presented by Vice Captain Pradeep.

The function ended with a photo session of post holders with the Principal.

India A lose to Australia A by 7 runs

PRETORIA, Aug 8:

Indian batsmen failed to hold their nerves during slog overs as they lost to Australia A by seven runs in an exciting opening encounter of the Tri-Series tournament between 'A' teams here today.

All-rounder Glenn Maxwell's magnificent unbeaten 145 off 99 balls helped Australia score a stiff 298 for eight as Cheteshwar Pujara decided to field after winning the toss.

In reply, India were restricted to 291 for eight despite half-cen-

turies from opener Rohit Sharma (66), Suresh Raina (83) and Ambati Rayudu (70). Australia got four points from the match and took their tally to eight points from two matches.

Pacers Nathan Coulter-Nile (3/37 in 10 overs) did a brilliant job at the death as he got two wickets in the 49th over which was a maiden.

India were well within sniffing distance of winning the match as they required 16 from last two overs with in-form Rayudu at the crease. (PTI)



Winners of Inter-Air Force School Basketball Championship receiving title trophy.

Inter-Air Force School Basketball C'hip concludes

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 8: The First Western Air Command, Inter Air Force School Basketball Championship for girls concluded at the Air Force School, here today. Five Air Force schools of the Western Air Command participated in the championship, which included AFS Pathankot, AFS Ambala, AFS Sarsawa, AFS Chandigarh and the host team AFS Jammu.

The final match of the championship was played between AFS Chandigarh and AFS Ambala, wherein AFS Ambala won in a thrilling contest, while AFS Chandigarh emerged runners-up and AFS Pathankot bagged third spot.

Air Commodore P E Patange YSM VM, Air Officer Commanding Air Force Station Jammu was the chief guest for the occasion. Among other dignitaries present were Gp Capt S Pati, C Adm O, Gp Capt S Sridhar COO, Gp Capt. Sunil Kumar VM CEO Air Force Station Jammu and Flt Lt Karishma Sethi Officer-in-Charge Air Force School, Jammu. Air Commodore Patange presented medals & trophies to the winners and participation certificates to all the participants of the championship.

Vikesh Sandhal, Principal, Air force School Jammu also spoke on the occasion.

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From: **J&K State Advisory Board for Development of Kisans**

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Sindhu stuns defending champion, joins Saina in quarterfinals

GUANGZHOU, Aug 8:

India's rising shuttler PV Sindhu today registered a stunning upset victory over defending champion Yihan Wang of China to join Saina Nehwal in the women's singles quarterfinals at the World Badminton Championships here.

In the men's singles, Parupalli Kashyap also recorded an upset victory over world number six Yun Hu of Hong Kong 21-13 21-16 in a 37-minute contest to enter into the quarterfinals.

Sindhu, ranked 12th, took 55 minutes to send her world number five and London Olympics silver medallist opponent packing by winning the third round match in straight games at the Tianhe Indoor Stadium. Sindhu won 21-18 23-21 to register the biggest upset of the tournament so far.

Third seed Saina beat Pornniti Buranaprassertsuk of Thailand 18-21 21-16 21-14 in a clash which lasted 52 minutes to also move into the quarterfinals. (PTI)

Symposium held at SD Tara Puri PHS

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 8: A symposium on the topic 'Conservation of Biodiversity' was organized in the school premises of SD Tara Puri Public High School by an NGO Ayurvedic Society for Health Awareness.

President of ASHA Organisation, Dr HN Patwari expressed his views on the topic, while management members including secretary Ram Lal Sharma, Principal Neeru Puri and other staff members were also present.

Students of Class 9th and

10th expressed their views on the topic and the prizes were given to the positioners.

The winner of 1st prize was Arti Mehra of Class 10th, while 2nd and 3rd prize was bagged by Rasika Sikka of Class 10th and Vardhan Padha of Class 9th respectively.

Later, Er Vikram Gour, Patron ASHA Organisations presented vote of thanks.

The main theme of the seminar was to create awareness among the future generation about the conservation of biodiversity.

Educational Institutions celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 8: Various educational institutions celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr with religious fervour and great pomp and show at their respective venues, today.

JK Montessorie Senior Secondary School celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr with pomp and show in school premises, here today.

The students of various classes took part in different activities and were busy in Naat and sermons.

Managing Director of the school Sanjeev Gupta was the chief guest, while Rajni Gupta, Director of the Academics Geeta Dixit, Vice Principal and Vandana Gupta, Coordinator and other staff members were present on the occasion.

Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated at the Goenkan Acres with great fervour. The programme began with the recitation of Surat-ul-Fateha recited by Akram Patel.

The significance of the Eid was highlighted by Mohsina Fatima of Class Xth.

Students of Classes Vth and Vth performed sufi dance on the song 'Khawaja Mere Khawaja'.

School Principal, Jyoti Asija while wishing the students and teachers 'Happy Eid' said that each individual must take a lesson from Ramadan, which teaches us to be patient and control emotions.

Aryans Group of Colleges, Chandigarh celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr with religious fervour in its campus near Chandigarh. It enlightened individual's mind with the fragrance of forgiveness and brotherhood. The students of B

Tech, MBA, BBA, BCA and B Ed, Polytechnic Diploma etc participated in various cultural activities to celebrate the Eid in true spirits.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr Anshu Kataria said that majority of students studying in Aryans Group of Colleges are from the Valley.

A function was held at Campus of Vinayak Institute of Nursing Paramedical Sciences, Kunjwani, Jammu to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with fervour and gaiety.

On the occasion, chairman of the Institute, AD Singh described the importance of the festival of Eid and the month of Ramadan to the students.

Meanwhile, Tiny Tots Hr. Sec. School celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr with full gaiety and fervor. A number of cultural programmes displaying the happiness among people, On this festival was thrilling, students also performed a skit 'Eid Mubarak in which they pre-

Vikas elected jt secy of Judo Federation of India

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 8: Former judoka and general secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Judo Association, Vikas Gupta has been elected joint secretary of the Judo Federation of India in its Annual General Body Meeting which was held at Imphal in Manipur recently.

The meeting was attended by 56 representatives from the affiliate units of the Federation.

For the post of joint secretary, Vikas got 47 votes out of a total of 56 votes.

As per the reports reaching here, the election was conducted under the supervision of retired Justice YK Sangal as chairman Election Commission, while Advocate Akshay Sahni was the Returning Officer for the election. Subash Basumatari, Officer from Sports Authority of India (SAI) attended the meeting as Government Observer.

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sent the importance of the holy month of Ramadan and giving message of love, harmony and brotherhood. Students were also awarded for their achievements in various activities. They were honoured with prizes and merit Certificates.

Mohit Kapoor, Manik Sharma and Rudra Langer bagged first three positions respectively, while in English Calligraphy, Priya Sharma, Fiza Padwal and Kritika Bali first second and third position respectively.

In Hindi Calligraphy, Anmol Sharma, Shivain Sharma and Priya sharma claimed top three spots.

In Carrom competition, Rudra Langer, Rishab Dev Singh and Saqib Khan clinched top three slots.

Ratna Bharti, Principal Tiny Tots Elementary Teacher Training was the chief guest, while Shashi Kanta was the guest of honour.

Deepali Handa, Principal of the school presented vote of thanks.

Eid Mubarak

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