

## Divisional Level Inter-District Competitions get underway Swimmers of Jammu dazzle, dominate

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 20: The budding swimmers of Jammu district blossomed and dominated the day-1 of the Divisional Level Inter-District Swimming Competition, which got underway at KC Public School, here today.

The competitions are being organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, under the supervision of Ved Parkash, Deputy Director, Jammu.

In Under-19 boys 100 mtr free style, Ahmad Akram and Kinshuk Safaya of Jammu claimed gold and silver respectively, while in Under-19 200 mtr free style, Ahmad Akram of Jammu, Rajat Sharma of Samba and Sushant Singh of Kathua claimed gold, silver and bronze respectively.

In Under-19 boys 50 mtr free style, Kinshuk Safaya, Ahmad Akram and Pranshu Kabra (all from Jammu), bagged gold, silver and bronze, while in Under-19 boys 400 mtr free style, Mudit Gupta and Pranshu Kabra, both from

Jammu claimed first two places respectively.

In Under-19 boys 50 mtr butter fly, Kinshuk Safaya of Jammu, Shubam Sharma of Kathua and Kanwar Sethi of Jammu bagged gold, silver and bronze respectively.

In Under-17 boys 100 mtr free style, Sidhant Sharma, Ukshay Sharma and Navya (all from Jammu) claimed gold, silver and bronze medals respectively, while in Under-17 boys 200 mtr free style, Sidhant of Jammu, Rasogya Tandon of Jammu and Vishal Sharma of Kathua bagged first, second and third place respectively.

Prithpal Singh of Samba, Suresh Salgotra of Kathua and Rohit Verma of Kathua clinched gold, silver and bronze respectively, while in Under-17 boys 50 mtr butter fly, Adhar Koul of Jammu, Vishal Sharma of Kathua and Harish Yadhav of Jammu bagged gold, silver and bronze respectively.

In Under-17 boys 100 mtr back stroke, Rasogya Tandon

of Jammu claimed gold, Hoshiar Singh of Kathua bagged silver and Prithpal Singh of Samba clinched bronze.

Meanwhile, in Under-14 boys 50 mtr free style, Karan Dhar of Jammu, Abhishek of Jammu and Sarjaveen of Kathua bagged gold, silver and bronze respectively, while in 100 mtr free style, Karan Dhar, Shubam Sharma of Samba and Abhishek of Jammu claimed first, second and third place respectively.

In Under-14 boys 100 mtr back stroke, Deepak Singh of Kathua and Abhinav of Jammu claimed gold and silver respectively, while in 50 mtr butter fly, Youraj and Gandhrav of Jammu bagged gold and silver respectively.

Pratual, Ritik and Shubam Sharma (all from Jammu) claimed gold, silver and bronze medal in Under-14 boys 50 mtr back stroke, while in Under-14 boys 50 mtr breast stroke, Youraj and Gandhrav of Jammu bagged gold and silver respectively.

## Parthenium awareness campaign continues in SKUAST Jammu

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU Aug 20: Continuing the pursuit, a two days student activity in Faculty of Agriculture, Main Campus, SKUAST-J, Chatha was organized under the aegis of Indian Society of Weed Science and

productivity, imposing health hazards and reducing the land resource value.

A team of experts of SKUAST Jammu comprising of Dr Anil Kumar, Dr BC Sharma (PI and Co-PI of AICRP on Weed Control), Dr Dileep



Student being felicitated during Parthenium awareness week campaign in SKUAST.

Directorate of weed Science (ICAR) in collaboration with the Division of Agronomy.

The activity was organized to show the visibility of society wherein debates and seminar activities were taken up to make about 50 students and 20 scientists aware of the challenges in future herbicidal weed management for food security and abuses of congress grass (Parthenium) which have created havoc throughout the country vis-a-vis reduction in crop

Kachroo, Head, Division of Agronomy, Dr Jai Kumar, Parmender Singh and Akhil Verma along with Dean Faculty of Agriculture Dr JP Sharma participated.

The OSD to Vice Chancellor, Dr Parmod Baru appraised the students and faculty members about the importance of weed management in present day agriculture.

The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr B C Sharma.



Explosive International cricketer Yousuf Pathan while launching DCL in Srinagar.

## Pathan launches Downtown Champions League

**Excelsior Sports Correspondent**

SRINAGAR, Aug 20: Cricketer Yousuf Khan Pathan who is not part of the national team today said that he was hopeful to make a comeback in the international cricket within six months.

Pathan while launching Downtown Champions League T20 (DCL) cricket tournament in old city Srinagar said that he is hopeful to make a comeback in Indian team within six months. "Inshallah, I will be back in Indian team within six months," he said.

Pathan when asked to comment on the non-inclusion of Parvez Rasool in the playing eleven of Indian team in Zimbabwe said that he was no body to speak on the topic as it was a decision of team management and captain.

"I am outsider for the team; it was the team management decision to select a player for the playing team. What the decisions

they took in Zimbabwe, I cannot comment on that," Pathan said.

Praising the local sponsors who have arranged the downtown T20 cricket tournament, Pathan said that he is appreciating the moves of local private sponsors in organizing the tournament.

"Apart from Government tournaments, the private tournaments will also help in bringing the young talent forward. These tournaments will provide a platform to the local cricketers to show their talent and provide a platform to perform at national and international level tournaments," he said.

Replying to a question regarding poor facilities for the growing cricketer of the state, the international cricketer said that he cannot comment on the facilities being provided to the local cricketers.

The downtown champion's league will start next month in old Srinagar and 12 teams will participate in the league cum knockout tournament.



Winners of various events posing for a group photograph during English Language Week celebration at Model Academy.

## Model Academy celebrates English Language Week

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 20: In order to sharpen the writing and conversational skills of students, Model Academy, the prestigious school of MIER organized English Language Week which concluded here today.

During the celebration of this week, handwriting and creative writing competitions for junior classes, inter-house symposium for middle classes and inter-house debate competition for senior secondary classes were organized.

Dr Adit Gupta, Joint Director

MIER was the chief guest in these programmes. He was accompanied by Rupa Gupta, Principal and Usha Gadoo, Vice Principal of the school wing.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Adit Gupta said that the need of the hour is to improve conversational skills of the students so that they are able to participate in extracurricular activities which would help them to become more confident in life.

Rupa Gupta, Principal Model Academy blessed the students and told them that taking part in such activities would help them to become better citizens of tomorrow.

The competition was judged by Ruchika Gupta, Project Director Humming Buds, Dr Surinder Kour, Controller Examination, MIER College of Education and Monika Marwah Assistant Prof in the College of Education.

The winners of the Inter-House Symposium were Karan Rai of Darwin House, 1st, Nishtha Aggarwal of Einstein House, 2nd and Manik Sahni of Newton House, 3rd, while in Inter-House Debate competition, Purnima of Edison House, Ayush Koul of Newton house and Sandesh Thakur of Edison House bagged first three places. The winners were awarded with trophies and merit certificates on the valedictory function.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Divansh Koul and Shreya Sharma.

## APS Domana wins twin title in basketball

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JAMMU, Aug 20: Defeating its respective rivals in the summit clash, Army Public School (APS) Domana clinched Under-19 boys and girls basketball titles in the ongoing Jammu District Inter-School competitions in the disciplines of basketball, hockey and tennis ball cricket.

As part of annual calendar of activities approved by the Director General of Youth Services and Sports (GGYSS), Navin Aggarwal, the competitions were held under the overall supervision of Tirath Ram, District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jammu.

Earlier, in Under-19 boys basketball summit clash, APS Domana defeated Jodhamal Public School by (12-8) points, while in Under-19 girls final, APS Domana defeated MHAC Nagbani in a close contest by (22-20).

## Schools celebrate Raksha Bandhan with fervour

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Aug 20: Various schools of Jammu City celebrated Raksha Bandhan in their own ways, here today.

Rich Harvest School, Jammu celebrated Raksha Bandhan festival with great enthusiasm.

On the occasion Ruchi Charak, Trustee of the School and other staff members were present.

The School organized a special event to educate students about the significance of this festival.

Students wore colourful traditional Indian dresses. Rakhi making activity was organized in school and the children were told about the sacred bond between brother and sister. Students were familiarized with the customs and rituals followed on Raksha Bandhan. Girls tied rakhi on the wrist of boys. Girls after tying rakhi offered candies to boys and boys gave gifts in return.

JK Little Millennium Playway School, Tirth Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu celebrated Raksha Bandhan festival with great fervour and enthusiasm. Students were present in colorful dresses and were excited since morning. Girls tied Rakhi at wrist of boys who in turn offered gifts for new eternal bond of holy love between brother and sister. Teachers preached the students about significance of the festival and exhibited the bond love by puppet show and story telling.

Parents participated in the event by sending beautiful messages by their kids to exchange while the sisters were tying Rakhi to boys.

Students showed keen interest in the occasion and beautiful environment was made full of joy and love. The sketch of coloring sheet was sent to the parents by the school to fill colors of their choice and most decorated coloring sheet was selected and appreciated.

The event was organized by Henry Don, Chief Learning officer, Little Millennium, Educomp, Gurgaon with support of Achint Kour Center Coordinator and other Facilitators.

Rajni Gupta, Managing



Sister tying rakhi on brother's arm while celebrating Raksha Bandhan in a school on Tuesday.

Director, JKMS, Jammu presented vote of thanks.

JK Montessorie school celebrated Raksha Bandhan in the school premises today.

The function started with interactive session with the school children and teachers about the background and importance of Raksha Bandhan.

The students were explained the importance of the festival which strengthens the ties between brothers and sisters. Sweets were distributed among the students.

To mark the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, a Rakhi making and group kite making competition was held at Lawrence Public School, Jammu.

Students from both Panjirthi and Sidhra branch participated in this competition.

Students from all four houses put in their best efforts to prepare colourful and aesthetically designed rakhis and kites in this competition. The first prize in Rakhi making competition was bagged by Aditi Athmia of Courage House, second prize went to Prachi Khajuria of Loyalty House and third prize went to Niketha Samanto of Courtesy House.

In group Kite making competition, the first two prizes were

bagged by Aman Kaul, Karan Bhat, Ashish Raina, Vishal Kaul and Devraj Sharma of Peace House, while the third prize went to Yigneshwar Singh Jamwal and Rahul of Courage House. The program concluded with students tying rakhis to each other.

Students of Global Convent organized a special event to educate the children about the significance of the festival 'Raksha Bandhan'.

The basic theme behind organizing this event was to increase creativity of students. Children were familiarized with the customs and rituals followed on Raksha Bandhan.

Students made Rakhis in school and were told about the sacred bond between a brother and sister and as to how rakhi symbolizes the sister's love and prayers for the brother's well-being and his life long vow to protect her.

Mona Pandoh, founder of the school was present on the occasion.

U.P. Hr. Sec. School, Channi Himmat students celebrated Raksha Bandhan at Indo-Pak International Border at Suchategarh.

Shiva Public Hr. Sec. School, and Nav Yug Hr. Sec. Upper Shiv Nagar also celebrated Raksha Bandhan with religious fervour.



Students of various schools posing during AWWA Week Programme at APS Akhnoor.

## Various activities held in AWWA Programme at APS Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR, Aug 20: The students of APS Akhnoor, APS Rakhmuthi, KV-1 Akhnoor and KV-2 Akhnoor performed many activities under AWWA Week Programme at Army Public School, here.

The activities included lecture by medical officer of 170 MH on the topic 'Computer Versus Outdoor Games' and Spelling Competition among the students of these institutions. APS Akhnoor

emerged winner of Quiz Competition.

Chairperson AWWA, Padmashree Patnaik graced the occasion with her presence in the programme.

Principal, APS akhnoor KCS Mehta and Principal KV-1 Akhnoor were also present on the occasion.

The dignitaries advised the students to always participate in the events with a zeal and spirit to give your best.

## Karanveer Dhruv Naginder in U-19 chess

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JAMMU, Aug 20: Karanveer Singh of Kathua defeated Naginder of Jammu in Under-19 boys Divisional Level Inter-District Chess Tournament, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports at Youth Hostel, Gandhi Nagar, here today.

In chess Under-19 girls, Anjum Choudhary of Jammu trounced Divya Sharma of Kathua.

Meanwhile, in carrom Under-19 boys, Deepak and Gourav Sharma of Kathua got better of Piyush Pandita and Akash of Jammu, while in carrom Under-19 girls, Karandeep Kour and Preeti Jasrotia of Jammu prevailed over Shruti and Shrubhi Sharma of Jammu.

## Prof Bhat invited at Algebra Conference in Turkey

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JAMMU, Aug 20: Prof VK Bhat, Director, School of Mathematics and Dean, College of Sciences, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) visited Turkey to attend International Algebra Conference held at University of Balikesir, Turkey recently.


The Conference was organized jointly by University of Balikesir, Bilkent University and Hacettepe University, Turkey.

The conference was organized in honour of renowned Mathematicians Prof Patrick Smith (University of Glasgow, UK) and Prof John Clark (University of Otago, New Zealand) on their 70th birthday.

Both these algebraic luminaries also attended the conference. The conference was attended by about seventy leading algebraists and about one hundred fifty young faculty, research scholars and students from thirty countries.


Latest developments in Algebra and their applications were discussed and presented during invited talks, contributory talks and other informal discussions.

Prof Bhat delivered a talk titled Completely generalized right primary rings and their extensions and also chaired a session during the conference.




### KAILASH KUND YATRA - BHADARWAH


25th August to 5th September, 2013




Mount Kailash



Gupt Ganga Temple



Yashwantrao Wankar Temple



Gatha Garden

Abode of the mythological serpent God, Lord Vasukinag Ji, the sacred Kailash Kund, located at 13067 ft above sea level in Bhadarwah, Doda District of Jammu Division, is an enchanting crater lake which remains frozen for a greater part of the year.

Every year during the month of August the scenic environs of this hallowed lake come alive to the chants of thousands of devotees who undertake an arduous trek to take a Holy dip in the lake during the annual Kailash Kund Yatra. Believed to be as sacred as Mansarovar Lake in Tibet, a dip in the ice-cold waters of Kailash Kund is believed to wash away sins and make wishes come true. Legend has it that the lake is also visited by Lord Shiva who described it to Mata Parvati as one of the most important pilgrimages of Northern India in the 'Vasuki Puran'. The yatra, while taking the Holy dip also worship the Lake, Lord Shiva and Lord Vasukinag Ji.

The base camp for the yatra is the beautiful town of Bhadarwah cradled in a magnificent bowl-shaped valley. Blessed with mesmerising natural beauty, Bhadarwah, a veritable paradise, is also aptly known as 'Chhota Kashmir'.

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