

Pioneer Kamal Convent School enthusiastically observed "Basanti Panchami"



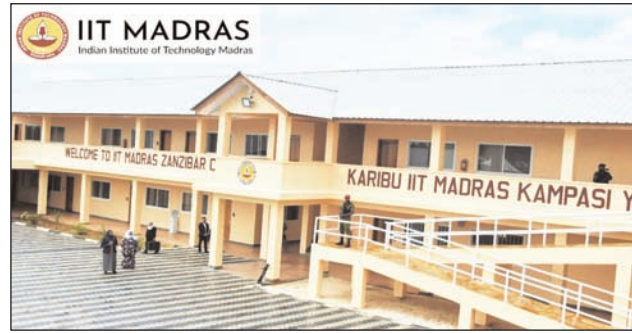
Delhi: In the Vikas Nagar courtyard, the pioneer Kamal Convent School, which has always taken the lead in the sphere of education, held Basant Panchami. Students sang the Gayatri Mantra and danced throughout the school on this particular day. In order to do this, the school held Saraswati Puja and gave the pupils prasad. The significance of Basanti Panchami was explained by the school manager, Mrs. Dr. Seema Bajaj, who mentioned that Goddess Saraswati



was born on this day. She materialized on a lotus field this exact day, holding a book, a veena, and a garland. Basant Panchami is also the commencement of the spring season. Mrs. Mallika Bajaj, the principal of the school, wished the pupils a happy Basant Panchami on this particular occasion.

IIT-Madras Zanzibar wants triple 2024-25 intake

Delhi: IIT-Madras Zanzibar, elated by "positive response" to its six-month-old courses, has tripled its second batch for the 2024-25 academic year, reports Manash Gohain. IIT now offers two undergraduate and master's programs, but it plans to provide seven in three to four years. In August 2023, Tanzania's IIT-Madras Zanzibar began offering a four-year BS and two-year MTech in data science and AI. In the 2023-24 batch, 5035 undergraduates (15 Indians) and 15 postgraduates (8 Indians) were accepted. The UG program has 22 African students, 40% of whom are women.



Around 500 applications were received for the inaugural batch at IIT-Madras Zanzibar. The Zanzibar campus has 50% Indian students and the balance from foreign countries, according to IIT-Madras director V Kamakoti. For the second batch (2024-25), which is being applied for, 150 will be accepted. Working out of a temporary cam-

pus, "the complete exercise of setting up the campus took just six months from the time discussion between the two govts till ministry of external affairs signed the agreement with Tanzania govt," said Kamakoti. The permanent campus will be built on 232 acres of sea-facing property for which Zanzibar has invested Rs 1,500 crore.

Nari Shakti Vandan NCERT module promotes women's programs

Delhi: The National Council of Educational Research and Training released a supplementary module for school students on women's empowerment, highlighting government initiatives like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, self-help groups, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana,

and the recent law that reserves 33% seats for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies.

Nari Shakti Vandan is the third of the council's additional reading material for school curricula. It previously issued modules on India's Chandrayaan-3

space project and G20 chairmanship. "The modules have been prepared with the aspiration to integrate significant achievements of the country into the school curriculum as supplementary reading," an official said, seeking anonymity.

WWF India Suspension Lifted Immediately

Amateur wrestling's international governing body, United World Wrestling, lifted the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) ban immediately. The WFI was provisionally suspended by UWW on August 23, 2018, after the Indian body failed to hold an election. A UWW Disciplinary Chamber statement said the body was provisionally suspended because the situation in the federation lasted at least six months. The same source indicated that the UWW Bureau reviewed the suspension and agreed to lift it under certain conditions. The Athletes' Commission elections were rescheduled by WFI. Active athletes or retirees under four years will serve on this commission. In all cases, only athletes can vote. Elections can be held during trials or senior national championships, but they must be held by July 1, 2024. "The WFI must immediately provide UWW with written guarantees that all wrestlers will be considered for participation without discrimination in all WFI events, including Olympic Games trials and other major national and international events. The three athletes who criticized the former President are included in this non-discrimination official statement. The judgment by UWW means that Indian wrestlers who couldn't compete under their country's flag can now do so at the next event. While suspended, Indian wrestlers competed under the UFF flag. Indian competitors who won the gold medal were not allowed to perform the national anthem. After the global wrestling body's judgment, such arrangements are void.

Nagal enters top-100 with 5th Challenger win

Delhi: Sumit Nagal, India's top men's singles player, won the Chennai Open Challenger final easily. Nagal defeated top seed Luca Nardi of Italy 6-1, 6-4 at the SDAT Tennis Stadium to win his fifth Challenger championship and join the top-100 for the first time. Nardi's slow start and important blunders helped Nagal break up. Nagal's shoulder ailment from his semifinal win seemed to be gone as he built on the break. The backhand test Nardi gave Nagal was insufficient. Nardi was exhausted by the end of the set, and 26-year-old Nagal wrapped it up easily. Nagal raced to break again in the second set. Nardi refused to give up and broke Nagal twice to tie



scores 4-4. Nardi made three unforced errors, two back-to-back, in the ninth game. Nagal also surprised Nardi with a great forehand. Nagal struggled with his first serves in the encounter. Nagal tried to win another title and become one of the top 100 players in the

world. Feeling emotional. I couldn't have won the title anywhere better. I'm learning to stay cool and patient to improve my game "Nagal said. Prajnesh Gunneswaran was the last Indian in the top-100 of the ATP in 2019. After five years, Nagal will

23 candidates—seven from Telangana—get a flawless score of 100 in JEE Main.

Delhi: A total of twenty-three candidates, the maximum of whom came from Telangana, achieved a perfect score of 100 in JEE-Main 2024. Of those who obtained an NTA score of 100, seven hail from Telangana, two from Delhi (Madhav Bansal and Ipsit Mittal), three each from Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra, two from Haryana, and one each from Gujarat, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. While there are no female candidates who scored 100 per-



centile, Dwija Dharmeshkumar Patel of Gujarat secured the top spot among female candidates with an NTA score of 99.99. Several students pointed out

inconsistencies in the percentile calculations. Aaditya Kumar of Rajasthan, who achieved 100 percentile, stated, "I want to do research in astrophysics. I have

always been fascinated by space science." They asserted that there was a significant discrepancy between the percentile estimates and JEE Main scores.

SKV, Prashant Vihar Tang Soo Do Event Successfully Organized by Delhi Olympic Association

The Delhi Olympic Association happily hosted Tang Soo Do at SKV, Prashant Vihar, 300 talented Delhi residents enthusiastically participated. Sh. Luv Sehrawat, President of the ITF Tang Soo Do Sports Federation of India, motivated the participants with his words and continuous support for the sport. Rohit Sharma, Delhi Olympic Association Coordinator, helped the event run well, exhibiting his dedication to sportsmanship and fitness in the region.



Sh. Pawan Chauhan, Selector and Cricket Coach, whose advice has helped Delhi's sports grow, added distinction to the event. All present were impressed with Titiksha Public School's performance, which showed excellent skill and passion. The Tang Soo Do Family thanks all participants, viewers, and sponsors

who made the event a success. The Association continues to promote sports excellence and togetherness in Delhi through events like these.

No free private schools for EWS kids in Maharashtra if govt. schools are nearby

Delhi: Educational experts criticized the decision as violating the RTE Act. According to recent gazette amendments to Maharashtra's school education department's regulations, economically disadvantaged students will lose free access to private schools under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE) from the next academic year if there is a government school nearby. The amendment prohibits underprivileged children from attending an unassisted private school in their area under the 25% RTE quota if there is a government or government-aided school within a kilometer. In



major areas like Mumbai and Pune, where government schools are prevalent, this will prevent students from attending English-medium private schools. Educational experts criticized the decision as violating the RTE Act. The Supreme Court is deciding whether to uphold a Karnataka government decision. The government estimates that 500,000 poor children

in the state have attended private schools through RTE over the past decade. An education official stated that the revision was necessary due to the state owing 1,463 crore to private schools for RTE admissions over the past 12 years. Without the amendment, this amount would have exceeded 2,000 crore. It claimed private unaided schools that wanted to participate will no

longer be reimbursed. Educationist Kishore Darak asked, "How can a state government amend RTE rules, nullifying Union law?" The announcement violates RTE and may be overturned by courts." School education deputy secretary Tushar Mahajan stated, "Our current plan is to bolster government and government-aided schools with increased funding and improved infrastructure.

Registration for the SOL Skill Center has begun

Delhi: The School of Open Learning (SOL) at Delhi University's Center for Innovative Skill-Based Courses (CISBC) is now accepting applications. This will provide 30 short-term, publicly accessible skill-based certificate courses in areas such as cyber security, tax assessment, and driving, among others, that will be offered by CISBC. SOL Director Payal Mago provided the details, stating that the registration period opened on February 15 and will end on March 15. She also mentioned that there are only a few spots available for these classes, so those who are interested should apply as soon as possible to guarantee a spot. Yogesh Singh, the vice chancellor of Delhi University, officially opened CISBC on January 31, 2024. The vice chancellor had stated at the time that students will have access to skill-based courses at this Delhi University center, and that it would improve their lives.

