

33rd Kathua District Junior Volleyball Championship begins



Teams posing for a photograph with officials and other dignitaries.

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KATHUA: 33rd Kathua District Under-19 Volleyball Championship 2021 being organized by Kathua District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir at volleyball grounds, Government Primary School, Lower Mela, Hiranagar here on Friday.

Under-19 boys teams from far-flung area of Kathua District like Lohai Malhar of Billawar and Kharote and four girls teams are participating in the championship. A Screening-cum-Disciplinary

Committee of the senior players and office bearers was formed to enforce strict discipline regarding adhering to rules and regulations and enforce the age restrictions.

The championship was inaugurated by Rajiv Kumar, Panch of Ward No 6 (Lower Mela).

Today's results: Dera Baba Club beat Chhappar Volleyball Club by 2-0 (25-19, 25-21); Kattal Gujran Volleyball Club beat Patyari Volleyball Club by 2-0 (25-23, 25-22); Shaktipunj Volleyball Club beat Volleyball Club Kharote by 2-0 (25-14, 25-17); Kootah

Volleyball Club beat Volleyball Club Bakhta by 2-0 (25-13, 25-12); and Shaktipunj Volleyball Club Hiranagar beat Lohai Malhar by 2-0 (25-15, 25-22).

A large number of people from the adjoining villages witnessed the interesting matches and enjoyed the thrilling game.

Prominent among those who were present were M. L. Toofan, President District Volleyball Association, Mohinder Sharma General Secretary, Attar Singh Senior Vice-President, Surat Singh Vice-President, Madan Lal Coach, Ram Lal Joint Secretary, Chuni Lal senior national player, Kamal Sharma President Mela Club, Rakesh Sharma and Ram Tirath Khajuria.

NALSA holding 6-week campaign about legal services from today

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SRINAGAR: The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) under the visionary leadership of Chief Justice of India and the Patron-in-Chief, NALSA, Justice N.V. Ramana and Executive Chairman Justice U.U. Lalit conceptualized a pan-India Awareness and Outreach Campaign which aims to spread awareness to the people living in the far-flung areas of the country from 2nd October to 14th November; 2021. The 6-week long Campaign will be launched in a National event at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 2nd October from 11 AM on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Also, this year India is celebrating 75th year of independence and is celebrating same as "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" while as NALSA is also celebrating 25 years of its inception.

President of India, Ram Nath Kovind will be gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest and will launch the 45-day long Campaign.

The programme will be witnessing the august presence of the Chief Justice of India and the Patron-in-Chief, NALSA, Minister of Law and Justice, Government of India, Executive Chairman, NALSA, Judges of Supreme Court and the High Courts and other esteemed dignitaries. The Pan India Awareness & Outreach Campaign has been devised to empower the masses through education, particularly for the people living in rural, tribal and remote areas, about functioning of legal services institutions, availability of free legal services, their legal rights and entitlements guaranteed under the Constitution as well as other welfare legislations.

During the campaign, the Legal Services Authorities across the country will be reaching each and every village of the country through its workforce and will ensure that every corner of the State feels the presence of Legal Services Institutions. During the campaign, legal aid volunteers will reach to all 6.7 lakh villages and over 4,100 municipal towns of the country. NALSA has also directed all States/Districts/Taluks legal service bodies (nearly 3000) to organize Prabhat Pheri in the morning of the birth anniversary of our 'Father of Nation'. The 2nd October programme will be streamed live on the NALSA YouTube Channel and on DD National, DD News and other Channels to ensure maximum outreach to the citizens of the country.

Students need not to worry as admission process continuing smoothly in GDCs: Divisional Admn

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Friday said that students need not to panic for getting admissions to the undergraduate courses as the Higher Education Department has proposed an increase of seats in Government Degree Colleges of Jammu Division.

Pertinently, on September 28 the Div Com listened to issues of students/ admission seekers. Responding to the ongoing demands by the students/aspirants for getting admissions to undergraduate courses, the Div Com discussed the issue(s) with concerned officers and some of the aggrieved students.

The Div Com assured the students that all their demands would be taken into consideration for early redressal by the Cluster University & Higher Education Department. He said that with commissioning of new degree colleges in the districts the intake capacity has already been increased.

The Director Colleges was directed to talk to the Principals of Colleges from where the demands are coming and move the proposal for increasing their intake capacity as per norms, subject to availability of infrastructure, so that students do not suffer.

The Director Colleges apprised that there are 71 colleges in Jammu division (including colleges under the Cluster University) which presently function with intake capacity of 27932 seats in 1st semester of Under Graduate courses. It was informed that keeping in view the rising demand for admission and pass out percentage of above 80 percent this year, the Higher Education Department has proposed an increase in the

intake capacity to 34,465 ie a further increase of 6,533 seats.

It was also informed that as against 27724 students admitted in the undergraduate courses in the 2020-21 academic session, the proposed intake capacity now for session 2021-22 is 34465 which is around 25 percent more than the last session. Till date a total of 26139 students have been admitted/allotted in semester-I (UG) and the process is still on. Moreover, the Director Colleges apprised the Divisional Commissioner that 5000 seats are available in outside UT colleges for students of Jammu and Kashmir under Prime Minister's special scholarship scheme (PMSSS). Additionally, the admission process is also going on for seats in professional courses available in Jammu division which includes 595 seats of MBBS, 163 of BDS, 140 of BAMS, 1935 of Engineering, 480 of B.Sc Nursing, 120 of B.Sc Agriculture, 70 of B. Sc Veterinary sciences and 50 of Biotechnology etc. Accordingly, more than 8000 seats in Degree Colleges shall automatically become further available; once admissions to above mentioned professional courses are completed in the coming weeks.

The Director Colleges has briefed the Divisional Commissioner that there is no need to panic and all the students shall get the requisite admissions in the current academic degree courses (UG) in the Government Degree Colleges. He also said that things will be further smoothened in 2nd and 3rd subsequent counseling.

Further, the Director colleges informed that the college wise seats have been fixed based on the UGC guidelines on available infrastructure, faculty position, classrooms, labs etc.



DGP Dilbag Singh posing with participating teams and others.

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police is contributing in a big way to promote the sports activities in Jammu and Kashmir. This was stated by Director General of Police, J&K Dilbag Singh who was the Chief Guest on the occasion of 1st Positive Kashmir Knockout Football Championship match at Synthetic Turf TRC, here this evening.

Vice Chancellor Kashmir University, Talat Ahmad, ADGP Armed J&K SJM Gillani, Secretary JK Football Association, Fayaz Ahmad Sofi, SSP Srinagar Sandeep Choudhary, mentor of Positive Kashmir (NGO) Shri Bharat Rawat, DDC Vice Chairman Srinagar, Bilal Ahmad Bhat, International Footballer Abdul Majeed Kakroo and a large number of spectators witnessed today's match.

While speaking to the media, the DGP congratulated the football association of J&K and its associate partners for organizing the event and contributing in promoting the sports activities in the UT.

He said that after a long gap of COVID-19 people are coming forward to promote the sports activities and added that Jammu and Kashmir Police has been contributing in a big way to promote football and other sports activities in the UT.

NSS unit of GGM Sc College carries out plantation drive



NSS volunteers and faculty planting sapling.

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College Jammu under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan on Friday celebrated 'Gift A Tree, Make It A Celebration' under Swatchta Abhiyan, celebrating 152nd Birth Anniversary of Gandhi under the aegis of Amrut Mahotsav.

The NSS volunteers gifted a sapling to the Principal and the faculty of the college.

The efforts were much appreciated by the teachers. The plantation drive was also carried out by NSS volunteers in the campus. The benefits of today's act of plantation will be reaped over by generations.

Tree Plantation drives combat many environmental issues like deforestation, erosion of soil, desertification in semi-arid areas, global warming and hence enhancing the beauty and balance of the environment.



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