

» Baba Hansal Dev Memorial Football Tournament «

# Slathia for identifying talent, providing infrastructural facilities to footballers

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VIJAYPUR: Gurha Slathia Mandi Garh Football Club on Monday defeated Nagrota Football Club by 10-1 in the finals of Baba Hansal Dev Memorial Football Tournament played here. The tournament was organized by the Youth Club Gurah Slathia.

Giving away the winners and runners up trophies at the concluding function, Surjit Singh Slathia former Minister and BJP leader said winning and losing is part of the game and what matters remains the sportsman spirit, which forges unique camaraderie among the youth that is important for harmonious growth of the society.

"In sports there is always another time", he said and hoped that by emulating this spirit the players will do their



Former Minister, Surjit Singh Slathia presenting trophy to winner team.

best and play with commitment. He wished success to the participating teams, saying though just one team makes it to the top yet this should not be the end of the game.

He also underscored the need for creation of infrastructural facilities for the footballers, especially in rural areas to enable talented youth compete with their

urban counterparts and get exposure on a larger canvas.

Slathia appreciated the enthusiasm among the budding footballers and said that prolonged competitions would place them in good stead to face the competitive world with vigour and confidence. He also complimented the huge number of footballer lovers who applauded the performance of players,

saying such encouragement is necessary for lifting the morale of the sports persons.

Slathia complimented organisers for holding the event. He described sports imperative for growth and development of children, saying this activity instills a spirit of camaraderie among them and hoped that holding such events will help in identifying talent.

## District Udhampur Fencing C'ship from Oct 27

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JAMMU: The Ad-hoc Committee of J&K Amateur Fencing Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council is going to organize District Udhampur Fencing Championships at Sports Stadium Udhampur from October 27 to 28, 2021.

"The interested and eligible fencers are advised to get themselves registered and bring Aadhaar card and passport size photographs with them," Ad-hoc Committee said in a handout issued on Monday. The participation in District Fencing Championship is mandatory for taking part in selection trials for state and national championships, it added. For any information, players can contact Mohd Tariq on 9419117949 and Rajan Prasher on 9797419508.

## Gyms, sports' role vital to keep youth away from drugs: Ch Manmohan

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JAMMU: Former Mayor Jammu Ch Manmohan Singh asserted that gyms and sports can play a pivotal role in keeping youth away from the scourge of drugs and alcohol.

This was stated by Ch Manmohan Singh, Ex Mayor Jammu while inaugurating an open gym facility near the parking slot of Gurdwara Nanak Nagar in Sector 2 here on Monday.

Karan Singh Wazir, son of late Tarlochan Singh Wazir also accompanied during the inauguration of the gym.

The gym was inaugurated in the memory of late Vijay Chowdhary (Ex Corporator JMC Ward No. 42 ) and Tarlochan Singh Wazir (Ex

## GCW Bhagwati Nagar organises Dogri Folk song, Poetry Recitation contests

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JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW), Bhagwati Nagar on Monday organized a Dogri Folk song and Dogri Poetry Recitation programme to celebrate the Iconic Week Festival under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

In the event, around 20 students of the college participated and presented variety of folk songs and poems highlighting the rich Dogra heritage and culture.

Principal, Prof. Minnie Sharma emphasized on the need of preserving and enriching Dogra culture and language in the present as well as for future generations by organizing such events at regular intervals.

She also encouraged the students to embrace their own local language and culture for their personality development. The event was organized under the supervision of Prof. Parwinder Kaur.

## ‘Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav’

# JKP's Dare Devil team reaches Indore Madhya Pradesh



J&K Police's Dare Devil team after reaching Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

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SRINAGAR: As a part of "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav" celebrating 75 years of Independence, 30 Motor Cyclists of J&K Police's Dare Devil team reached Indore Madhya Pradesh (MP).

The team led by DySP Gh Hassan was received by senior police officers and was given a warm welcome on their arrival.

The Motor Cyclists rally of

Jammu and Kashmir Police was flagged off by Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha on 18th October 2021 and on 19th of this month the rally reached Jammu. On 20th October the rally traveled from Jammu and reached Jalandhar in the evening. On 21st of October the rally traveled from Jalandhar to New Delhi. On 23rd the rally left from New Delhi for Gwalior. Yesterday the rally traveled

from Gwalior to Jhansi and today the rally traveled from Jhansi to Indore MP.

The rally will travel more than 2536 KMs and will pass through several towns and places of historical significance connected with the Independence struggle to participate in the celebrations of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at Kevadia, Gujarat on 31st October.

## District Ramban Fencing Championship culminates

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RAMBAN: Third District Ramban Fencing Championship organised by Ramban District Fencing Association under the aegis of ad hoc committee of J&K Amateur Fencing Association concluded at New Convent Institute, here on Monday. About 50 fencers boys and girls participated in this championship under the age group of 14, 17 and 20 age groups. In the closing ceremony, DySP Headquarter Pardeep Singh Sain was the Chief Guest, Sandeep Singh Charak SHO Ramban was the Guest of Honour and Advocate Arun Singh Raju was the Special Guest. All bouts were held under the technical supervision of Anthony Mattoo of Department of Youth Services and Sports and Javed Ahmad, international fencing player.

### Results

**GIRLS:** Under-17 Epee: Sneha (gold) and Manya Gupta (silver).

**BOYS:** Under-14 Epee: Saaid Ur Rehman (gold), Umair (SILVER) and Shahid and Sayir (Bronze). Under-17 Epee: Irfan (gold), Mehjoor (silver) and Aqib and Saqib (bronze). Under-14 Foil: Mohazaib (gold), Abdul Qadoos (silver) and Fazan and Abdul Hadie (bronze). Under-17 Foil: Anzar Fayaz (gold), Touhid (silver), Raja Ikhtlaq and Rashid (bronze). Under-20 Sabre: Masood (gold), Owes (silver) and Nadeem and Usman (bronze).

# Veteran Maharashtra cyclist sets out for 3,600 Km K2K expedition from Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir & Director J&K EDI, Mahmood A Shah on Monday morning flagged off Kashmir to Kanyakumari (K2K) solo cycling expedition of 67-year-old athlete Mohinder Singh Bharaj at historic Ghantaghar in Lal Chowk, Srinagar.

The veteran cyclist from Nashik, Maharashtra is planning to complete the expedition, under the theme 'Race Against Age', in around 12 days by pedalling for around 16 to 18 hours daily.

The athlete began the ride at 7:10 am from clock tower and is expected to reach at Pathankot, Punjab in the first leg.



Director J&K EDI, Mahmood Shah before flagging off K2K solo cycling expedition of 67-year-old athlete Mohinder Singh Bharaj at Lal Chowk, Srinagar.

Bharaj has registered with World UltraCycling Association, USA for the 65 to 70 years age group to set the record to complete the 3600 kms stretch via Srinagar, Udhampur, Ludhiana, Delhi, Gwalior, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kanyakumari.

The time taken by him to

reach Kanyakumari will be a new record in the 65 to 70 years age category by WUCA.

The current Guinness Book of World Record in Open Category is held by 23-year-old Kashmiri Athlete Adil Teli who completed the same distance in just eight days, one hour, 37 minutes.

The youngest cyclist to hold the record for the fastest K2K journey is Om Mahajan, from Nashik, who took 8 days 7 hours, when he was about to become 18 year old.

Speaking at the occasion, Mohinder Singh said he wants to send out a message that age is just a number and one should believe in staying fit and healthy without thinking of the age.

"I named the expedition as 'Race Against Age'. Mostly, people retire at 40 or 45 and stop outdoor activities. But there is no age bar for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. As a senior citizen, I am still involved in physical exercises such as Cycling, Gymnasium, Strength training, and intermittent running."

Sukhdeep Singh (son), Kishor Kale (Cyclist and Cycle Maintenance expert), Prem, Dr Mustafa Topiwala (Physiotherapist), Venugopal (Cyclist) are other crew members who will accompany him during the expedition.

Speaking on the occasion, President JKMAC Mahmood A Shah said this is a historic movement that a veteran athlete is attempting to set the record.

Meanwhile Riyaz Wani President JKMB, Asif Bhat Secretary JKMB, Syed Tahir of JKMAC, Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat Joint Secretary JKCA, were also present on the occasion.

## JKPCC appeals for peace, harmony; seeks action against mischievous elements

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JAMMU: JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has taken strong exception to the provocative slogans and activities of some mischievous elements in Jammu and asked the administration and police to identify the culprits behind the provocative activities over the result of Indo-Pak cricket match yesterday.

He expressed serious concern over such provocative activities and sloganeering aimed at disturbing the peaceful atmosphere of religious harmony in Jammu.

Such activities only enhance the nefarious designs of the enemies of peace and country.

Any one indulging in such provocative actions can't be peace loving citizen of the country and must be dealt with iron hands.

He appealed the general public to be aware of such nefarious activities of communal elements and isolate them to defeat their designs and maintain communal harmony at all costs.

## Rana lauds youths' initiatives towards entrepreneurship

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NAGROTA: Describing entrepreneurship vital component of employability, former MLA and BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today appreciated the growing inclination among youth to be job providers rather than job seekers.

"Change in the mindset of youth about setting up of their own income generating units is appreciable as entrepreneurship holds key to self sustenance and economic empowerment", Rana said while inaugurating Fitness Hub in Sidhra area of Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

Rana exuded confidence that a positive approach and progressive vision among youngsters can be beneficial to society. In business avocation, credibility is a huge investment and those engaged in entrepreneurship should understand it for having harmonious relationships with clientele, he said, adding that being a job provider is real bliss, which gives the entrepreneur satisfaction of being a contributor towards society. Job providing and income generating units could be answer to burgeoning unemployment in a place like Jammu, where joblessness is increasing due to limited avenues.

Wishing the management success, he called for ensuring best possible instructors as also equipment to encourage youth to go for hectic exercises, as physical fitness leads to better health, overall personality development, reduction in the risk of several diseases. Physical



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activity goes a long way in improving a better quality of life, he added.

The owner of the Fitness Hub Ghulam Rasool took Rana round the club and briefed him about the facilities available.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included DDC Dansal Shamim Begum, Som Nath Khajuria, JMC Corporator Shama Akhtar, JMC Corporator S. Such Singh, Suhail Kazmi, Sujana Singh, Hammed Choudhary, Abdul, Mehmood, Babu Ram, Shiv Dayal and may others.

## J&K bags 3rd place in Wushu

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir junior team finished overall third in Sanda event of the National Wushu Championship held at Lovely Professional University in Punjab.

The J&K team secured two gold and four bronze medals in this event. Haryana topped with eight gold, two silver and two bronze medals while Manipur with two gold, 1 silver and two bronze remained overall runners-up.

Sadia Tariq and Ansa Chisti were gold winner from J&K in below 48 kg and 52



Medal winners in Wushu from J&K posing with officials.

kg weight categories respectively. Ayra Chisti, Kaifa Shah, Ali and Ajmal secured Bronze medals for J&K.

In the valedictory function, president Wushu Association of India, Bhupender Singh Bajwa presented medals. He was accompanied by the MD of the Lovely Professional University Jalandhar and president of the Punjab Wushu Association, Surinder Singh Sodhi (Arjuna Awardee).

Meanwhile, chief patron of Wushu Association of J&K, Yogesh Sawhney congratulated the medal winners.

applause numerous times.

The participating players drawn from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir expressed their joy to visit and see the beautiful Ranjit Sagar Lake WaterFront which they termed as the best spot to enjoy water sports. The event is witnessing huge footfall of locals and surrounding districts, besides tourists from neighbouring states of Punjab and Himachal.

## Maiden Rowing, Kayaking competitions held in Ranjit Sagar Lake

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KATHUA: The second day of three day long 'Water Sports Festival' under Iconic Week Festival was marked by multi disciplinary activities showcasing Sports, Art, Culture and other amusement activities at TRC and Purthu in Basohli, on Monday.

The opening session events of the day included maiden kayaking and rowing competitions in

the sparkling Ranjit Sagar Lake, besides Wushu, tug of War, Kabbadi, volleyball contests at Purthu, the famous tourist point of Basohli. The visitors, tourists turn up in large numbers to see the maiden event of this magnitude in Basohli.

Fine Basohli Paintings, Basohli Pashmina work shawls put on display attracted huge footfall of tourists and other visitors

during the Iconic festival.

Participating players were also found enjoying amusement activities and also presented solo singing and dance performances.

Dogri folk songs and dances were on display during the second session of the day, where famous Dogri singers Rinku Mansarvale, Romalo Ram and Party, Simmu Thakur enthralled the audience and got thunderous