

33rd Junior Volleyball Championship 2021 concludes

GDC Kathua wins girls trophy, Rising Star Club boys title



Winner boys and girls teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries after receiving trophies.

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KATHUA: Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua won girls trophy while Rising Star Volleyball Club Hiranagar Mori grabbed boys title of 33rd Junior Volleyball Championship 2021 organized by District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu & Kashmir, which concluded on Sunday at Volleyball Ground, Government Primary School, Lower Mela, here.

In the girls final, GDC Kathua defeated Girdari Lal Dogra Memorial Degree (GLMDM) College Hiranagar by 2-0 while Rising Star Volleyball Club Hiranagar Mori defeated Lower Mela Mori by 3-0 (28-26, 28-26, 28-13) in boys final.

GDC Kathua volleyball

team led by Bharti Sharma (Captain) include Preeti Sharma, Arti Sharma, Monika Thapa, Seema Devi (All from 4th Semester), Ekta and Palavi Andotra (2nd Semester). With their extraordinary skills in the entire tournament, the team reached the final and lifted the winner trophy.

In the tournament, a total of 18 boys and six girls teams participated.

During the closing ceremony, Advocate Vijay Sharma Municipal Committee Hiranagar was Chief Guest, who distributed prizes among winner and runners-up teams in the presence of Guest of Honour, Shri Shri 1008 Mahant Gopal Dass and Special Guests, Chief Executive Officer Volleyball Association of J&K, Kuldeep Magotra and Treasurer

Volleyball Association of J&K, R.C Sharma.

Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Vijay Sharma hailed the initiative of the organisers for hosting this event in Lower Mela and said that this will go a long way in encouraging the budding players from the area.

He congratulated the winning teams and wished them to maintain the triumph at the national level and bring laurels for the UT. He asked the players to keep the sports spirits high with their hard work and discipline.

CEO VAJK Kuldeep Magotra, while congratulating the winner teams, advised the participants to actively participate in the sports activities as it gives a way of life to live in the society.

"Sports help youth to control their emotions, to

improve their sense of responsibility, the ability to express themselves, their self-confidence and to avoid bad habits," Magotra said.

He added that families have important responsibilities concerning youth development and encouraging them to play sports.

"If we want our children to avoid bad habits, it is important to encourage them to play sports from an early age," he said.

Other prominent persons present besides all office-bearers of District Volleyball Association were Rakesh Sharma, Ram Tirath Khajuria, Sardari Sharma President Vyapar Mandal Dayala Chak and Nasib Chand, Ex-Naib Sarpanch.

The final match was officiated by Roshan Sharma, M.P.Ed, Physical Education

Director and Prince Mehta.

Others present on the occasion were M.L Toofan, Mohinder Sharma, Attar Singh, Surat Singh, Madan Lal, Ram Lal, Chuni Lal, Kamal Sharma, S.P Sharma, Rajiv Sharma, Panch, Haiden, Tilak Raj.

Meanwhile, Principal GDC Kathua, Prof. Raj Kiran appreciated the winning team members for bringing laurels to the college under the supervision of College Physical Director Dr. J S Soodan.

Among others who congratulated the winning squad of the 33rd district volleyball Championship were the members of college sports board, Dr Sumit Dubey, Dr Rachna, Dr Shub, Dr Verinder Singh, Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. Rajnesh Sharma and Dr Kamaldeep Singh.

Advisor Farooq honours Everest climbers from Jammu region



Advisor, Farooq Khan posing with mountaineers and Tawi Trekkers J&K members during a felicitation function.

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan on Sunday said that two sport climbing walls of international standard would soon come up in twin cities of Jammu and Srinagar.

The Advisor announced it during a function organized by Tawi Trekkers J&K to honour 11 mountaineers from Jammu who have scaled Mount Everest.

Advisor Farooq Khan, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, honoured 11 Everest climbers of Jammu with "Duggar Gaurav Adventure Award" in the presence of Guest of Honour Param Vir Chakra awardee Captain Bana Singh.

Patron of the Club, Rahul Sharma; Chairman Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu; Advisor of the Club, Prof. Lalit Magotra; Co-Chairman of the Club, Zorawar Singh Jamwal; General Secretary, Shawetia Khajuria and Vice President of the club Mridhu Padha besides, Legal Advisor of the club Prem Sadotra, Ex Chairman, Jammu Citizens Co-operative Bank, Parveen Sharma; Ex President

Jammu Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Rakesh Gupta were also present on the occasion.

The Award ceremony started with the second Everest Rajiv Sharma who scaled Everest in 1993, followed by other Everesters who scaled Everest in the later years, Ram Singh in 2008; Kamal Nayan in 2012, Sub. Balkar Singh in 2016, Rahul Jangal, Sandeep Singh and Nirmal Kumar in 2017. Then it was Sangeeta Bahl who scaled Everest in 2018 and became the oldest Indian woman to scale Everest at the age of 53. And finally, Phalail Singh was felicitated for summing Everest in 2019.

While appreciating the achievements of climbers, Farooq Khan said that all necessary measures shall be taken to exploit the potential of the unexplored and formidable peaks of Doda and Kishtwar region for attracting national and international mountaineers.

The Advisor said that the government has taken several steps to improve sports infrastructure in all region to provide best sports facilities so

maximum youth could take part in sports activities.

He also urged upon the parents to motivate their children to take part in sport activities for their mental and physical health as well as their character building.

Earlier, the Advisor honoured all the awardees with a turban, a shawl, a framed citation and the Duggar Gaurav Adventure award which included International sport Climber Shivani Charak, a student of Govt. College for Women Parade, Jammu, who has so far won 24 national medals and a bronze medal in the Asian Youth Championship was also honored on the occasion along with Monti Rajkhowa, the third Indian woman to scale Kangchenjunga peak, the third highest peak in the world besides, the Advisor also honoured a very senior member of the club Wing Commander Rajesh Mukhi was also felicitated for summing Winson peak, the highest peak in Antarctica continent.

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A unique program was organized by Jakians to help viewers to understand the significance of the day and to follow the footsteps of the noble soul for more peaceful and prosperous future. Jakians loudest appealing slogans and rhymes to pay tributes to Bapuji.

Special speeches comprising quotes and messages of Mahatma Gandhi by Jakians attracted the attention of all.

Gandhian ideals were depicted through a Skit which the students presented in an impressive manner.

Inspired with Gandhian values and thoughts, Jakians vowed to become better citizens.

The Principal of JKPS Panjirithi, Suman Banbhan said, "Mahatma Gandhi's contribution towards bringing peace and non-violence to this world is unparalleled. His teachings must be promoted to resolve current conflicts, avoid violence, and find a peaceful solution to every small or big problem to make this world a better place to live in."

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Cleanliness, plantation drives mark celebration of Gandhi Jayanti



IIM Jammu students posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized a Cleanliness and Plantation Drive on the campus on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, marking the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The initiative was taken by the Social Responsibility Committee under the guid-

the campus and pledged to plant trees and nurture them.

With the objective of walking in the footsteps of Gandhi, the event displayed enthusiastic participation and involvement of the IIM Jammu family to foster a long-term sustainable relationship with nature and the community.

Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Education Rajbagh organized a programme to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and the second Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri, in which College Principal Dr. Brij Bala Kohli was present as the Chief Guest.

Tributes were paid to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri.

While expressing her views,

the college principal said that

Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, Chairperson Student Affairs, IIM Jammu.

The cleanliness drive witnessed students and staff displaying active participation in cleaning various areas within the campus, thus promoting Swachhta Abhiyan.

In the plantation drive, the students and staff engaged in planting different saplings on

the campus and pledged to

plant trees and nurture them.

On this occasion, NSS Unit of College in collaboration with Gandhi Global Family organised a plantation drive in Government Primary School Bakrak in which Dr. Brij Bala Kohli, Sr. Administrator Harbans

Singh, College NAAC Coordinator Priyanka Sharma, Convener NSS Unit of College Prof. Ratan Chand Sharma, Vinod Verma Lecturer in Computer Education and students of B.Ed first semester were present.

Among the School Staff Members Ravi Kumar, Cultural & Educational Ambassador Distt Kathua Zone Marheen, Jeeven Jyoti and Pooja were also present during the plantation drive.

After planting saplings, the students of the school were presented notebooks and pencils.

Appreciation Certificate was

presented to college Principal by District Resource Centre and Cultural & Educational Cell Kathua for their efforts towards the society.

Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School organized Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.

The invited guest on the occasion were Pooja Malhotra (Chairperson Taanish Education Trust), Brig. Harcharan Singh (National Administrator NCCHWO) and Brijesh Babu (North India Director).

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