

J&K Judokas call on Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment

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JAMMU: Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar on Friday met with a delegation of para-athletes (judokas) and their coaches here.

The two judokas, Vishal Khajuria and Rakhshinda Mehak are going to compete in the 1st World Deaf Judo Championship at Versailles France, scheduled from October 27 this year. Both the players have been gold medalists for 8 and 10 times respectively. Vishal



Union Minister for Social Justice, Dr Virendra Kumar during meeting with a delegation of para-athletes (judokas).

has also been 3-time National Best Judo Player, while Rakhshinda was

awarded Best Judo Player in 2019.

The Minister said that the

extraordinary performance of Indian sportspersons at the recent Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics have filled the nation with pride and given greater hopes for future events. The Government has been giving significant attention to improve sports infrastructure, facilities and culture in the country, said the Minister. The recent feat of 19 Para athletes winning medals in the Tokyo Paralympics games is a result of development in sports, he added.

The judokas were encouraged to give their best in their upcoming championship and were told that the entire nation has their hopes pinned on them.

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan was also present on the occasion.

The Advisor also lauded the achievements of the two athletes and encouraged them to up their game and garner accolades internationally. He assured extended support and facilities from the UT government for the sport.

Jammu teacher shot dead by terrorists cremated

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JAMMU: The last rites of Kashmiri migrant teacher Deepak Chand, who along with his school principal Supinder Kour was killed by terrorists in Srinagar, were performed at a cremation ground here on Friday amid the presence of several thousand people including top leaders of political parties.

Heart-rending scenes were witnessed as the funeral pyre of the Chand was lit at Shaktinagar cremation ground.

A pall of gloom descended as Chand's mortal remains arrived from Srinagar at his Patoli home around midnight with hundreds of people waiting outside. Chand's mother Kanta Devi and wife Anuradha were inconsolable. "Just give me my Deepak back. I don't want a job. I don't want anything," a wailing Kanta Devi said.

Kanta Devi, who along with family migrated from Kashmir in 1990 during emergence of terrorism, said the government could not ensure security of her son, who had to work in Kashmir for a living and paid with his life.

Anuradha said "We want nothing, I want my husband back. Can the government bring him back?"

Chand's cousin Vicky Mehra said Kashmir is "a hell not a heaven for us". "It is the return of the 1990 situation in the valley. Selective killings of Hindus forced Kashmiri Pandits to run away from Kashmir. It is the same situation today. The government has failed to protect us."

He said he tried to call Chand on his mobile after he came to know about the incident, but it was not reachable. "Later some terrorist picked up a call from the family and threatened us too," he claimed.

Jammu & Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina, who attended the funeral, told reporters that a befitting reply will be given to the perpetrators of these heinous attacks on unarmed and innocent minority people in Kashmir by militants of the resistance front (TRF). "It was a conspiracy to engineer targeted killings of minorities. Those terrorists, their supporters involved in these heinous crimes, will be eliminated," Raina said.

Civilian killings: Several organisations stage protests, demand action against terrorists

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JAMMU: Several organisations on Friday staged protests here over the recent killing of civilians in Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists and said such violence was the result of frustration among separatists as the region was seeing fast development and peace.

Thousands of people took part in a rally, held under the banner of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Forum (JKPF), to protest against the killings and demanded action against terrorists.

Raising anti-Pakistan slogans, protesters blocked traffic on the Tawi bridge and congregated under the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last King of Kashmir.

Besides the JKPF, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the Bajrang Dal, the Shiv Sena, and the Jagran Manch also held demonstrations against the incidents, while members of the Kashmiri Pandit community protested in Purkhoo, Butanagar and Muthi.

"We are holding protests to express our anger over the selective and systematic killing of minorities (Sikhs and Hindus) in Kashmir during the past few days. The terrorists of TRF (The Resistance Front) selectively targeted two teachers belonging to minority communities and shot them dead," JKPF member Rajiv Pandita told reporters here.

He said the killings were a result of frustration among separatists and terrorists

caused by fast taking place peace and development in the Kashmir Valley.

BJP's Jammu and Kashmir vice president Yudhvir Sethi said those responsible for killings will be punished and will not be allowed to go scot-free.

"Terrorists are attacking soft targets and unarmed minorities to create fear and terror in Kashmir. The violence is the result of the pressure they are feeling," he said.

The Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries also took out a protest march and condemned the spate in killings.

Led by its president, Arun Gupta, hundreds of businessmen, traders and industrialists raised anti-Pakistan slogans and demanded immediate security to minorities in the Valley.

Gupta said that by targeting innocent minorities and non-locals, terrorists are trying to instil a sense of fear among them.

He said killing of civilians was a matter of concern and urged the Centre to take a serious note of it.

Jammu and Kashmir National Panther party (JKNPP) activists, led by their chairman Harsh Dev Singh, staged a demonstration in Jammu, and condemned the violence and the government for failing to prevent it from happening.

The protesters raised anti-BJP slogans and demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home

Minister Amit Shah.

JKNPP leaders had a scuffle with police personnel who had put up huge barricades to restrict them from marching towards the Raj Bhawan.

Singh said there were no signs of the government on the ground in the Union Territory and the cowardly killings of seven innocent civilians had exposed the "haughty and supercilious" claims of normalcy made by the Centre after the state's reorganisation in 2019. In 2019, the Centre had revoked the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and divided it into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The killing of Supinder Kaur and Deepak Chand on Thursday was an attack on humanity, he said, and lambasted the BJP at the Centre for failing to rise up to the situation. "The number of youths who joined militant ranks has seen a steep rise. Things have gone from bad to worse as the BJP government has failed to check the deteriorating situation in the Valley," Singh said. The perpetrators are on a killing spree and you are just condemning the episodes only to absolve yourself of responsibility to provide security to citizens. Don't deplore, act", Singh thundered at the BJP Kashmiri Pandit activists raised slogans against Pakistan in the Jagti area on the outskirts of Jammu. They demanded a security cover around all places where minorities Kashmiri Pandits live the Valley.

DLSA Poonch organises Half Marathon



Young athletes along with team DLSA Poonch during half marathon.

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POONCH: District Legal Authority Poonch (DLSA) under the aegis of National Legal Authority in collaboration with Department of Youth Services and Sports Poonch organized Half Marathon under Fit India Campaign Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav here at Poonch.

Session Judge and Chairman DLSA Poonch, Ashok Kumar along with Wajait Hussain Kazmi Sub Judge and Secretary DLSA, Sarfraz Nawaz Sub Judge Special Mobile Magistrate, Shafiq Ahmed Traffic Judge Poonch along with DYSSO

Poonch Mohd Qasim and SHO Poonch Sureshwar Singh flagged off Half Marathon from District Court Poonch.

Young players of Taekwondo, Hockey, Cricket, Boxing and volleyball took part in the marathon that concluded at Sports Stadium Poonch.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Kumar said that physical fitness play a very important role in overall development of human personality. He congratulated all the athletes from different disciplines who show great enthusiasm in marathon. The main

aim of the marathon was to give message to all that 'Fit Hai Toh Hit Hai'.

Wajait Hussain Kazmi said that the main aim of organising this marathon is to motivate youth towards physical fitness so that they will never indulge in any drug abuse are any anti-social activities.

Prominent others present were Advocate I.A Bazmi, Advocate Sheikh Saleem, Mohd Tariq PEM, Amresh Kumar PEM, Rajinder Singh Taekwondo Coach, Matinderalp Singh PET Hockey Coach, Musthaq Ahmed Boxing Coach and Parvaiz Malik ReK.

NSS unit of GCET organises cleanliness drive

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JAMMU: The NSS unit of Govt. College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu organised a massive cleanliness drive in the college campus under #Clean India Campaign, an initiative of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav-Celebration of India's 75 years of Independence.

The drive was initiated under the patronage of principal of the college Dr. Sameru Sharma.

While leading the mass movement for cleanliness, she exhorted the staff members and NSS volunteers to fulfill Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a clean and hygienic India.

She urged the students and staff of the college that they should neither litter; nor let others litter in and around the campus. She also said that a sense of responsibility should be



NSS volunteers along with faculty during a drive.

evoked among the students through this Clean India Movement.

During the drive the volunteers cleaned the college premises, administration block, lab blocks, parking and adjoining areas. The cleanliness drive was organized by NSS volunteers under the guidance of Vishal Vaid and NSS Programme officer Dr. Raman Gupta of the college. He applauded and congratulated all the NSS volunteers for their

excellent work and discipline. He also asked them to carry on the #Clean India Campaign throughout the month. Other staff members including Dr. Ajay Abrol, Er. Rajeev Bali, Er. Neeraj Dubey, Prof. Shammii Kumar, Ranjan Kumar and Balbir Singh were also present.

The principal of the college also congratulated the team NSS for their sincere efforts to raise the awareness of cleanliness activities among other students and common people.

Mirabai's coach Vijay imparts tips to Jammu lifters

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JAMMU: The celebrity coach of the Tokyo Olympics silver medalist female lifter, Mirabai Chanu and Jammu man, Vijay Kumar Sharma on Friday imparted tips to the young talent from his home district of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the interaction, Dronacharya Awardee, Vijay Kumar replied to the queries from those enthusiastic young weightlifters and cleared their doubts with regard to the technical aspects of the game at New Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here this afternoon.

On a visit to his home town of Jounrian in Tehsil Akhnor, Vijay Sharma agreed to the request of the J&K Weightlifting Association to interact with the young talent of the UT.

The Association also felicitated Vijay Sharma for producing



Young weightlifters posing with Dronacharya Awardee, Vijay Kumar Sharma at MA Stadium Jammu on Friday.

the Olympic medallists and devoting himself to the game thus earning a name for the Nation.

The pride of Jammu, Vijay Sharma was honoured by veteran lifter and president of the Association, Harbhajan Singh in the presence of general secretary, Yudhvir

Singh, Inderpal Singh, Dhanuraj Singh, Dayal Singh, Dileep Singh, Akash Viridi and Dinesh Pathania amidst cheers from around 100 weightlifters,

who were present among the distinguished gathering.

"The visiting guest was grateful and happy to see the enthusiasm and zeal among the young lifters and a lot many queries raised by the lifters were answered to the most satisfactory manner. We are thankful the Vijay Kumar Sharma for accepting to our request of interacting with the young talent," said general secretary of the Association, Yudhvir Singh.

'Special welfare relief, retirement gift enhanced for police personnel, farewell gifts introduced for SPOs'



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh chairing a meeting.

"J&K police is a huge Pariwar and we are in a position to take care of the personnel in need within our own resources, and with the help of government assistance," he said.

He said that that police department is thankful to the UT administration and central government for time to time redressal of J&K Police issues and added that Home Department & MHA has always been very kind in accepting the proposals of J&K police with positive approach.

The DGP said that a Martyrs' Guest House is being constructed in Police Control Room Kashmir with modern facilities and Police hospitals are also being upgraded with the specialized facilities to

ensure best possible Medicare facilities for the Police Pariwar and a state of art trauma center is under construction.

He informed that Police headquarters would be organizing special training programmes for the investigators of J&K Police with NCB in very near future.

He said that to enhance the abilities of our jawans, commando courses are being regularly conducted at different training centers.

After the threadbare discussion the decisions which were taken during the meeting include enhancement in special Relief to the NOKs of deceased police personnel from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 22 lakh and for SPOs from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 6 lakh, Enhancement in the

retirement gift from Rs 75000 to one lakh and farewell gift of Rs 20, 000 for the SPOs, enhancement in financial assistance to NOKs of Police martyrs including martyred SPOs in distress from Rs 50000 upto Rs 1 lakh, enhancement in financial aid from Rs 50000 to Rs 1 lakh for marriage ceremony of daughters of police martyrs including SPOs, introducing the provision of Scholarship for wards of retired policemen on the analogy of in-service police personnel, DGP special reward to the wards of SPOs also, scholarship for the wards of deceased policemen (other than militancy) up to PG level, increases in the quantum of scholarships for the wards of martyred policemen including SPOs and enhancement in DGPs Sports Excellence reward. It was decided in the meeting to enhance the welfare loan on account of marriage of children/self marriage and education of children. It was also decided to increase the relief up to Rs 50000 in favour of the personnel in distress on account of any illness, natural calamity etc.

J&K Police organises Jashn-e-Dal-2021 under CAP

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SRINAGAR: As a part of 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Jammu & Kashmir Police organised three-day long water sports festival Jashn-E-Dal - 2021 at SKICC Dal Lake Srinagar under its Civic Action Programme - 2021. The event is organized under the patronage of DGP J&K Dilbag Singh.

S.J.M. Gillani-IPS ADGP Armed J&K is the Chairman and Vijay Kumar-IPS IGP Kashmir Zone is the organising secretary of the event.

More than 600 players are participating in the event. The event commenced on 7th October, 2021 and shall conclude on 9th October, 2021.

The closing ceremony of the Water Sports Festival "Jashn-E-Dal" which shall take place on October 9, 2021 at back lawns of SKICC Srinagar at 1500 hours shall be graced by Arun Kumar Mehta Chief Secretary J&K (UT) as the Chief Guest.

Final event of the Shikara

race Kayaking and Canoe Demo followed by Paddle Past by the participating players can be witnessed in the World famous Dal Lake on the closing ceremony.

Besides, presentation ceremony shall also take place on the occasion in which prizes shall be distributed among the winners of different events of "Jashn-E-Dal".

During the 1st and 2nd day of the sports festival Jashn-E-Dal competition took place in 21 events.

SO (Sports) APHQ Dushyant Sharma-SSP, Commandant IRP-9th Bn. Abdul Qayoom-SSP and Shabir Nawab-SSP who were Chief Guests on the presentation ceremony presented medals to the winners. Medals were presented to the first three position holders of 21 events on the occasion.

First three winners of each event who were presented medals are Ansar Ali Matoo of Sports Authority of India (A), Mohsin Ali of J&K Sports Council (A) and

Showkat Ahmad of J&K Sports Council (B) respectively in the event K-1 500 mtrs (Men); the first three position holders in K-2 500 mtrs (Men) are Maqsood/Villayat of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoe Association (A), Dawood/Ansar of Sports Authority of India (A) and Mohsin/ Aamir of J&K Sports Council (A) respectively; In K-2 200 mtrs (Men) the first three position holders are Villayat Hussain/ Maqsood of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (A), Ishfaq/ Altaf Hussain of Adventure Club and Ansar Ali/ Dawood Hussain of Sports Authority of India (A) respectively; In C-1 500 mtrs (Men) event the first three position holders are Mysar Ahmad of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association, Asif Ali Malik of Sports Authority of India (A) and Waseem Raja of Living Kashmir respectively; In C-2 500 mtrs (Men) the first three position holders are Adil/ Asif of



Police officers posing with winners at Srinagar.

Sports Authority of India (A), Ahsan/ Myser of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association and Irfan/ Waseem of Living Kashmir respectively; In C-1 200 mtrs (Men) event first three position holders are Mysar Bhat of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (A), Adil Hussain of Sports Authority of India (A) and Waseem Raja of Living Kashmir respectively; In C-2 200 mtrs (Men) event the first three position holders are Asif Ali/ Adil Hussain of Sports Authority of India

(A), Khalid/ Yaseer of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (B) and Masior/ Ahsan of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (A) respectively.

In K-1 500 mtrs (Women) event the first three position holders are Nabeela of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoe Association (A), Ruksana of J&K Sports Council (A) and Nisha of Living Kashmir respectively; In K-2 500 mtrs (Women) event the first three position holders are Shaista/ Nabeela,

Yasmeena/ Nadiya and Nisha/ Shafili respectively; In K-2 200 mtrs (Women) event the first three position holders are Nisha/ Shafali of Living Kashmir, Asifa/ Tabasum of J&K Sports Council (B) and Yasmeena/ Naida of J&K Water Sports Association (A) respectively.

In K-1 200 mtrs (Sub-Junior Boys) event the first three position holders are Danish Abbas, Umer Ahmad and Aarif Hussain respectively; In K-1 200 mtrs (Sub-Junior Girls) event the first three position holders are Nabila Khan, Amuksha and Saquib Zehra respectively; In K-1 500 mtrs (Junior Boys) event the first three position holders are Fida Hussain of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (B), Amir Ali of J&K Sports Council (A) and Uzair of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (A) respectively; In K-1 200 mtrs (Junior Boys) event the first three position holders are Mohd Abbas of J&K Water

Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (A), Mohsin Ali of J&K Sports Council (A) and Dawood of Sports Authority of India (B) respectively; In K-2 200 mtrs (Junior Boys) event the first three position holders are Fida/ Mohd Abbas of J&K Water Sports Association (B), Mohsin/ Amir of J&K Sports Council (A) and Uzair/ Arfat of J&K Sports Council (B) respectively; In C-1 500 mtrs (Junior Boys) the first three position holders are Adil Hussain of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (A), Mohd Akbar/ Owais of Times of Master Club respectively; In Long Distance Swimming (Men) event the first three position holders are Waseem Raja of Living Kashmir, Khalid Majed of J&K Sports Council (B) and Yawar Hussain Coach Swimmers respectively and Long Distance Swimming (Junior Boys) event the first three position holders are Mohd Abbas Kand of Times of Master Club, Ashiq Hussain of Times of Master Club and Anas Bhat Coach Swimmers respectively.

C-1 200 mtrs (Junior Boys) the first three position holders are Basit of District Srinagar, Owais Ali of Times of Master Club and Sahil Abbas of Sports Authority of India (B) respectively; In C-2 200 mtrs (Junior Boys) event the first three position holders are Zahid/ Adil Hussain of J&K Water Sports Kayaking & Canoeing Association (A), Sahil Abbas/ Asif Ali of Sports Authority of India (A) and Mohd Akbar/ Owais of Times of Master Club respectively; In Long Distance Swimming (Men) event the first three position holders are Waseem Raja of Living Kashmir, Khalid Majed of J&K Sports Council (B) and Yawar Hussain Coach Swimmers respectively and Long Distance Swimming (Junior Boys) event the first three position holders are Mohd Abbas Kand of Times of Master Club, Ashiq Hussain of Times of Master Club and Anas Bhat Coach Swimmers respectively.