

JKIANS shine in CBSE North Zone-II Skating Championship, Inter-district Athletics Meet-2024



JK Public School Kunjwani faculty felicitating winner students.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In the CBSE North Zone-II Skating Championship held from 20-23 September 2024 at Ambala, Gurtej Singh of JK Public School Kunjwani won a silver medal and one bronze medal in his respective categories. At the Inter-Divisional Athletics Meet held on September 24, 2024, at Jammu University, Saksham Gupta clinched a gold medal in the Discus Throw and a silver medal in Shot-put. He has also been selected for the upcoming North Zone Games.

Shashi Chaudhary, Director JK Educational Society and Principal of JK Public School Kunjwani Rajesh Rathore expressed immense pride in the students' accomplishments stating that we are incredibly proud of Gurtej and Saksham for their remarkable performances.

These achievements exemplify their dedication, hard work, and the supportive environment fostered at JK Public School. They also lauded the school coach Shivdev Singh and Varun Anand for training the students in their fields.

Gandhi Nagar wins U-19 girls Basketball title



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Gandhi Nagar girls bagged the Basketball trophy of the annual inter-zone Under-19 competition of district Jammu held under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at MA Stadium, here on Saturday.

In the title clash, Gandhi Nagar zone trounced Miran Sahib 20-05 in a one-sided contest. Earlier, in the semifinals, Miran Sahib Zone defeated Satwari and Gandhi Nagar outplayed Zone Bhabval 19-14. The technical panel for the event comprised Vaneet Pangotra, Rajesh Bandral, Amit Kalsi and Ramver Singh. Later, district (DYSS) officer Jammu, Harvinder Kour appreciated the participating teams for the interesting contests following the laid down norms.

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Round square international sports collaboration 2024 begins at KC Public School



KCPS management members with Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu.

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JAMMU: KC Public School, the only school in J&K as global member of the worldwide Round Square, is hosting the second edition of the Round Square International Sports Collaboration 2.0 on its premises from October 5 to 7.

The first edition in 2023 was hosted by Round Square schools in Japan, Kenya, Bangladesh and India. It is a non-competitive sporting event in which Round Square schools participate with a view to experiencing and appreciating internationalism, diversity of cultures and team dynamics in sports.

The opening ceremony of this collaborative event was held in the ground floor hall of KC Sports Club today.

Anand Jain, ADGP Jammu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Also present on the occasion were Arjun Chowdhary, Vice Chairman of the school, Arti Chowdhary, Managing Director of the School and Siddhant Chowdhary, member of the KC Educational Society.

The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries present and was followed by ceremonial flag march by participating schools, namely, Sai International Residential School, Cuttack, Odisha, Welham Girls' School, Dehradun, and the host school KCPS.

A short cultural programme consisting of invocation dance dedicated to Lord Ganesha and group songs by school choir group on the theme of cultural diversity was also presented by the students of KCPS. In his address to the audience, Chief Guest Anand Jain underscored the importance of sports in shaping human character and appreciated the host school for organising the second edition of the Round Square International Collaboration. He extended a warm welcome to students attending the event and wished them success in their sporting endeavours.

The event concluded with vote of thanks presented by KCPS Principal Anarendra Kumar Mishra.

JKCA issues clarification about Jammu jet Umran Malik

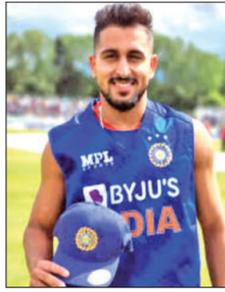
STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Amid queries in the media about speed sensation Umran Malik's present status and the chances of him making comeback in Team India, the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has issued clarification about Jammu jet's present status.

In a statement issued by Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association, Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA has appealed to the cricket lovers, Umran Malik's fans and the media agencies to not make frequent queries about his comeback in the Indian team as

the excessive hype on the subject might affect the morale of this young cricketer.

Brig Gupta said, Umran was picked for the prestigious Duleep Trophy this season, however, due to ill luck, he suffered from dengue and was out of the tournament.

"After recovering from dengue, Umran suffered from a toe injury and followed it with a hamstring injury. However, after recovering from his left hamstring injury, he however, complained of issues around his left hip during bowling and a consultation and subsequent scans had shown a stress frac-



Umran Malik in a blue jersey.

ture in his left hip," Brig maintained. It is pertinent to mention here that a comprehensive analysis and detailed discussions have

happened over the last one week with the specialists including the radiologist, nuclear medicine specialist, infectious disease expert and endocrinologist to find out the possible causative mechanism and rule out other issues which may lead to this condition as the fracture site is very unusual and there are stress changes on the right side of the pelvis bone as well.

"He is currently in off-loading phase for the next 4-6 weeks and will progress to the next phase after relevant scans and follow up consultation with the experts," informed Brig Gupta. He further appealed to the

people to pray for his speedy recovery as the bowler is immensely talented and deserves a place at the highest level.

He also appealed to the media to respect the player's privacy and not to indulge in kite flying about his future.

"He is just going through a bad phase which is a common occurrence in every player's career. We hope that after he is fully recovered, he will return to the field with fresh energy and Josh" stated Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA.

Advisor Dr Kotwal chairs meeting to discuss establishment of Zanskar, Drass Winter Sports Academy

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal chaired a meeting to discuss the establishment of the Zanskar and Drass Winter Sports Academy in Conference Room at Civil Secretariat, Leh.

Pradhuman Pathak from Rommas (India) Private Limited delivered a detailed presentation during the meeting, outlining the key agenda of the project for the Zanskar and Drass Winter Sports Academy including the introduction and vision for the projects; Project sites and alignments in Drass and Zanskar; Project facilities; Sustainable strategies; Utilities required; Preliminary budget and approvals required.

The project is designed to promote winter sports, foster local talent, and transform the region into a global hub for adventure tourism.

To promote winter sports in the region, the Advisor has instructed the relevant authorities to establish a



Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Ladakh, Dr Pawan Kotwal chairing a meeting.

committee of experts. This committee tasked with carefully reviewing and examining the "concept notes" related to the proposed Winter Sports Academies in Zanskar and Drass.

The committee of experts will evaluate the viability, infrastructure, and potential of the proposed Winter Sports Academies to ensure that they meet the project's goals. Their assessment will focus on aligning the academies with the broader vision of promoting winter sports; fostering local talent and positioning the region as a global adventure tourism destination.

The Advisor directed the concerned authorities to collaborate with the Indian Institute of Skiing and

Mountaineering (IISM), Gulmarg, in setting up the Winter Sports Academies in Drass and Zanskar. He emphasized that the Ministry of Tourism has already sanctioned an IISM branch in Kargil, and the IISM would leverage its expertise to prepare a detailed proposal for the development of the academies.

The Advisor stressed the importance of securing full approval and ensuring adequate funding to drive these projects forward. The proposed Winter Sports Academies in Zanskar and Drass aim to significantly enhance training facilities, nurture local talent, and boost sports tourism in the region. These academies will focus on winter sports, particularly skiing, and will be equipped with specialized infrastructure such as chairlifts, ropeway, and ski drag lifts.

These facilities are designed to improve accessibility to ski slopes, offer professional-level training, and make the region a more attractive destination for winter sports enthusiasts.

The Winter Sports Academies in Zanskar and Drass are designed to provide year-round opportunity for youth development, focusing on improving sports infrastructure and contributing to the local economy.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled to be held after

ten days, where the relevant stakeholders will reconvene to further deliberate on the project's progress, address any challenges, and refine the next steps toward implementation.

The Winter Sports Academy project in Zanskar and Drass will operate under the aegis of the Ministry of Tourism, with both approval and funding provided by the Government of India.

The meeting was attended by Administrative Secretary, YSS, UT Ladakh, Vikram Singh Malik; Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC, Kargil, Srikant Balasaheb Suse; Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Zanskar; Chief Engineer, PWD, UT Ladakh; Superintendent Engineer, PWD, Kargil; Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Drass; Executive Engineer, PWD, Kargil; Executive Engineer, PWD, Zanskar; District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kargil. The officials stationed outside attended the meeting virtually.

Open Jammu Speedball meet held



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan School bagged the overall championship trophy in the Open district level championship held under the banner of J&K Sports Speedball Association (JKSSA) at Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, here today.

The overall second place went to Lawrence Public School Sidhra, while R M Public School finished third.

Gaurav Gupta was chief guest while Vasu Aggarwal (Probationary DySP), Keshav Chopra, Sardar Sucha Singh, Kanuj Gupta, and Ashu Peter Mattoo as also Renu Nanda were among other distinguished guests.

The competition officiated by the technical officials including Sandeep Sharma, Gurvansh Choudhary, Yogant Singh, Suchit Kumar, Amer Koshal, Kalaish, Sahil Kaith and Shivang.

JKAKA hands over grant-in-aid to districts

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association (JKAKA) on Saturday handed over the grant in aid to affiliated district units for holding events as per the laid down domestic calendar of activities.

The cheques worth Rs 15,000 each to the district units were handed over by the president of the Association, Anil Gupta in the presence of general secretary, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta. "The entire team of the JKAKA deserves appreciation for endorsing the idea of bringing in transparency with the sole idea to empower



President JKAKA, Anil Gupta handing over cheque.

the district units," Anil Gupta told the members present.

Among other prominent, who attended the event were technical director, Surinder

Mohan, treasurer, Anil Modi, S.S. Gill (technical director), chairman anti-doping committee, Sandeep Singh Rissam and national medalist, Tejinder Singh.

"It was the idea of the president, Anil Gupta to present the grant-in-aid before the event is held so as to make it convenient for the district units to hold the events following the annual calendar of activities," informed Kuldeep Kumar Gupta.

The representatives of the district associations were told to organize the District Kabaddi Championships in three categories of Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior in both girls and boys section in support with the J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

The district representatives from the district present were Sanjeet Kumar

(Jammu), Ashok Kumar (Udhampur), Krishan Singh (Samba), Mohd Yakob (Kathua), Basharat Khan (Poonch), Sushil Kumar Jamwal (Rajouri), Mohammad Shafi (Ganderbal), A.R. Paddar (Anantnag), Mohd. Ganai (Pulwama), Mohd. Syed Baba (Baramulla), Gulzar Ahmed Ahanger (Srinagar), Nazir Ahmed (Budgam).

Meanwhile, Kuldeep informed that Secretary JKSC has assured the Association to complete the work on exclusive Kabaddi arena on modern lines within MA Stadium in the given time. He told the district units to get each player register with the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India.

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: The ten-day-long Inter-District UT Level Chess Championship, organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports (DYSS), concluded on Saturday at Batote with Jammu district dominating the event by winning the Under-17 and Under-19 titles in both the Boys' and Girls' categories. Kathua secured the title in the Under-14 Boys' category, while Doda triumphed in the Under-14 Girls' category.

Participants from 19 districts across Jammu & Kashmir UT competed in the championship, which featured boys and girls in the Under-14, Under-17, and Under-19 categories.



Winner players posing with dignitaries.

The winners of this championship will now represent J&K UT in the upcoming National Chess Competition. The championship culminated with a prize distribution

ceremony, where the District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Ramban Jagdish Raj Sharma presented the awards to the winning teams and individual performers.

Poonch, Jammu girls share Hockey titles



Chief guest presenting trophy to jointly winner teams.

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: District Poonch and Jammu bagged the under-14 and under-19 titles respectively in the annual inter-dis-

trict UT level Hockey Tournament which was organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Synthetic Hockey

Astro Turf, here on Saturday. In Under-14 final, Poonch defeated Pulwama 4-0. Kanisha Puri scored two goals while Japneet and Seerat con-

tributed one each. Similarly, in under-19 title clash, Jammu trounced hosts Poonch by similar 4-0 margins. Anjali played well with two goals while Komal and Jhanvi were other scorers.

Station House Officer Surankote, Mukhtiar Ahmed was chief guest in the finals, who presented the title trophies. He encouraged the girls to strive for excellence not only in sports but also in academics for a balanced growth.

The competition officiated by the technical panel including Rajinder Singh Tofoan, Harnik Singh, Ruchika Sharma, Vikas Sharma, Mohd Shokat, Ritika Sharma and Kavaldeep Singh.

Inter division kho kho competition commences



SSP PTS Kathua Manjit Kour with teams and other dignitaries.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua hosted inter-division UT level kho kho tournament at Sports Stadium, here on Saturday.

Teams of both the division of UT of JK are taking part in this tournament. Today's Chief Guest was SSP Police Training School Kathua Manjit Kour, who officially inaugurated the tourna-

ment. Aana Jamwal, Tehsildar Nagari made her presence as Guest of Honour. Competition for U14 years girls began today.

Players from both the division will showcase their talent where a UT level team will be selected which will further take part at national level.

The event is being organized under the control of Director General Youth Services and Sports JK UT Rajinder Singh Tara and under the supervision of Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Ved Parkash.

DYSSO Kathua Sunil Singh Sambyal is monitoring the whole tournament.