

## 68th National School Games in Fencing

# Manipur becomes overall Champion; J&K eves emerge runners-up

### Tara bats for catching, coaching athletes at tender age



Winner Manipur and runner-up J&K team receiving trophies of 68th National School Games U-14 Boys and Girls Fencing Championship from the chief guest at Jammu on Saturday.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Winning a big haul of medals and earning maximum points in both boys and girls sections, formidable Manipur lifted the title trophy to become overall Champion in the 68th National School Games U-14 Boys and Girls Fencing Championship, organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, under

the aegis of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu here.

Jammu and Kashmir bagged a total of six medals in the Championship with 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Meanwhile, on the 5th and the concluding day of this Championship today, J&K fencers namely Devkaran

Singh and Harmidh Singh bagged 2 bronze medals in U-14 Boys Sabre event.

The Gold medal in this event was bagged by Thongham Kishorjit Singh of Manipur, while the silver medal went to Manraj Singh of Punjab.

With a total of 28 points, Manipur emerged overall Champion in U-14 Boys, while Haryana remained run-

ners-up with 18 points and DAV College Managing Committee with 17 points was adjudged as the second runners-up.

In U-14 Girls Fencing, Manipur earned 19 points to emerge Champion, while Jammu and Kashmir secured 18 points to bag the runners-up spot. Maharashtra with 14 points was declared as the second runners-up in this cat-

egory.

Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara was the chief guest in the Prize Distribution Ceremony, who alongwith Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Ved Prakash and Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports, Jitendra Mishra presented medals to the teams/individuals on the occasion.

While interacting with the fencers, Tara advised them to play the game in accordance with preserving sporting spirit and sanctity of the sport, besides making balance between studies and the sports in order to yield the better results.

He said the best way to enhance standard of sports, apart from raising sufficient sports infra, is to catch the

athletes young at a tender age and coach them.

"The department preferred to get the 68th National School Games in the young age groups because that is the best way to groom talent at the grass-root level and a step forward towards Government's commitment of promoting sports in every nook and corner of J&K. It is a great feeling to witness the

smooth and successful conduct of these games," maintained Tara.

He asked the young athletes to share their feelings with the counterparts from other States and exchange culture, besides showcasing sporting talent at the national scene.

Meanwhile, the Fencing competitions in U-17 boys and girls will commence at the same venue tomorrow.

## Police organises Dangal in Ramgarh



Participating wrestlers posing for photograph with police officers.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police organised a 'Dangal' (wrestling competition) at village Karliyan in Ramgarh district Samba under Civic Action Programme which was witnessed by large number of people of the area.

The said programme organized under CAP was presided over by SDPO Vijaypur accompanied by

SHO Police Station Ramgarh in which more than fifty wrestlers (Pahalwans) from different areas had participated and all the bouts had remained interesting.

Main bout was won by Abdul Rashid, son of Suram Din of Vijaypur defeating Javed Khan of Jandiya district Jammu whereas second bout was

won by Hamam Hussain, son of Sain Choudhary of R.S Pura defeating Billu of Vijaypur.

SDPO Vijaypur and SHO Ramgarh felicitated the wrestlers with money garlands who emerged out winners as well as those who were adjudged as runners-up. Prominent citizens were also present on the occasion.

## CEC Gyalson flags off Ladakh's Senior Men's Football Team for Santosh Trophy

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, flagged off Ladakh's Senior Men's Football Team from the Council Secretariat for their participation in the prestigious Santosh Trophy, set to take place in Amritsar, Punjab.

Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; Chairman, Ladakh Football Association (LFA), Tashi Gyalson Khachu; Vice-President, LFA, Tsewang Dorje; LFA Coach, Ali Mohd Wani; owner of Druk Auto Zone, Jimmy; and the players of LFA were also present on the occasion.

Vice-President of LFA, Tsewang Dorje, expressed his sincere gratitude to the



Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson with Ladakh's Senior Men's Football Team at flagging off ceremony.

Hon'ble CEC for his unwavering support of the LFA's participation in the Santosh Trophy. He highlighted that the Ladakh team is the youngest squad competing in the tournament. He further mentioned that a professional coach was hired for the team's selection process,

ensuring that only the most dedicated and skilled players from across Ladakh were chosen.

LFA Coach, Ali Mohd Wani, thanked the CEC and the LFA for the opportunity to guide the team. He remarked on the immense football potential among Ladakh's younger genera-

tion, stating that the selected players are talented and ready to compete at the national level.

Chairman of LFA, Tashi Gyalson Khachu, noted that Ladakh has participated in the Santosh Trophy for the past three years, providing the region a chance to be represented on the national

stage.

The CEC extended his best wishes to the Ladakh football team, emphasizing LAHDC's commitment to supporting LFA through improved infrastructure and greater exposure opportunities for players. He mentioned the organization of events like the Climate Cup to prepare players for national-level competitions.

He also encouraged the players, commending their dedication, and assured that LAHDC will actively promote updates on Ladakh's matches in the Santosh Trophy.

During the event, the Hon'ble CEC unveiled the team's jersey in the presence of the players, further boosting their morale ahead of the tournament.

## Excise Range South Kashmir organises Sports event under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan

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SRINAGAR: A collaborative sports event was organized on Saturday by the Excise Range South Kashmir in partnership with the Government Higher Secondary School Vessue Qazigund, as part of the J&K Nasha Mukht Abhiyan initiative, which advocates against the use of psychotropic substances and tobacco products.

The joint effort featured an awareness campaign alongside a volleyball match



centered on the theme of "Drug Abuse: Its Implications, Challenges, and the Path Forward."

Prior to the commencement of the match, all players, staff members, and specta-

tors took a pledge to reject drugs and psychotropic substances, including the cultivation of poppy and bhang.

The event was inaugurated by the principal, accompanied by excise officers and

officials.

The match concluded with a ceremony recognizing participants, where certificates, medals, and mementos were awarded as tokens of appreciation.

Following the match, participants, including students from various clusters, were educated about the increasing issue of drug addiction among youth.

Experts from the Excise Department, along with the principal, delivered insightful speeches on the subject, urg-

ing students to cultivate an attitude of gratitude and to serve as ambassadors for the department in disseminating this vital message for the greater good.

In the final segment of the event, students collectively reaffirmed their commitment to abstaining from drug influences.

It is noteworthy that the function also emphasized the importance of preserving India's heritage and embracing the values of our illustrious past.

## Jammu Club hosts vibrant Bal Mela



Secretary Jammu Club, Gaurav Gupta with other members and participating children.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Club organized a first ever spectacular Bal Mela here on Saturday, bringing smiles to the faces of children and their families with an array of fun-filled activities.

The event, held at the club premises, showcased an exciting lineup of storytelling, pottery workshops, games, and talent showcases, making it a memorable evening for all attendees.

The event was managed by Gaurav Gupta, Secretary of the Club along with his team members and supervised by Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, who also serves as the Vice President of the Club.

The event attractions included storytelling, Blue

River Ceramics pottery experience, delicious ice creams by Dairy Fresh, and exciting games such as Musical chair, popcorn stalls, candy floss, and shooting. The highlight of the evening was the free bouncy castle, which remained a favorite among the little ones.

Adding to the celebratory mood, a stage was set for children to showcase their talents, encouraging creativity and confidence. The evening concluded with the distribution of gifts for kids, leaving everyone in high spirits.

Speaking on the occasion, Gaurav Gupta said that such events reflect Jammu Club's commitment to foster community engagement, providing a platform for cultural and recreational activities. He assured that the Club

will continue its efforts in organizing such events from time to time for the welfare and entertainment of our esteemed Club Members.

The Club Secretary also acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of Er. Pooja Kohli, Chairperson of Entertainment Sub Committee, Vasundhara Sharma, Dr. Ritesh Gupta, Vikram Dhawan, Sidharth Samnotta other esteemed members of the Managing Committee and staff members, whose hard work and dedication contributed to the event's success.

Club Members and guests applauded the efforts of the management team and expressed their gratitude for organizing such a delightful event.

## Humanity Public School celebrates Guru Nanak Jayanti

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, keeping in view the secular ethos of the school celebrated and rejoiced in the spirit of the festival Guru Nanak Jayanti.

A special assembly was conducted in the presence of Principal, Gaurav Charak, Vice Principal Anku Charak, Incharges, faculty members and students to mark the occasion and bring home the relevance of the festival to our young generation.

The students came dressed



in traditional Sikh attire and the assembly commenced with a prayer followed by a demonstration of the customary Prabhat Pheri.

Talented students Mehpreet and Shajveer took center stage to present a soul-stirring Mool mantra, showcasing not only their musical prowess but also

their deep connection to Guru Nanak Ji's spiritual teachings.

Gurpreet and Jaskiran, through their speeches emphasized the essence of oneness and spirituality, creating a profound impact on the audience. Serenity and calmness floated in the air with the beautiful humming of the shabads by students of 9th class and it paved the way for a very fruitful and productive day for all. The festival was celebrated by all the students with great pride, honor and respect.

## JKCA honours Ranji Trophy cricketers for outstanding performances

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Sub Committee Members of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) including Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration and Mr Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development honoured a galaxy of current Ranji Trophy cricketers for their outstanding show in the ongoing season.

The cricketers who were honoured included skipper Paras Dogra, Shubham Khajuria, Abdul Samad, Abid Mushtaq, Auqib Nabi



JKCA members felicitating outstanding J&K players of Ranji Trophy.

and Yudhvir Singh.

Paras Dogra was honoured for holding the record for the most hundreds among the active

Ranji Trophy batters and for being ranked 3rd in all time top scorers in Ranji Trophy and second highest run scorer in the history of

Ranji Trophy. Shubham Khajuria was felicitated for scoring 255 runs against Maharashtra and setting a record of

being the highest individual scorer from J&K in the Ranji Trophy.

Abdul Samad was honoured for setting a record

in Ranji Trophy of scoring first five centuries in much lesser than 100 balls, with 1st century in 63 balls, second in 68 balls 3rd in 68

balls, 4th in 71 balls and 5th in 78 balls. Only his sixth century Samad scored in more than 100 balls.

Samad was awarded for being the first J&K batter to score a century in each innings of the Ranji Trophy match against Odisha at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack.

Abid Mushtaq was awarded for completing 100 wickets in First Class Cricket in the match against Meghalaya at MCA Cricket Ground, Polo Ground, Shillong.

Auqib Nabi was honoured

for taking record five 5-wicket hauls in 4 matches in First Class Tournament. Meanwhile, Shubham Khajuria and Yudhvir Singh were awarded with the Player of the Match awards which were not received by them during the post match presentation of their respective matches. Later-on, Brig Gupta and Mr Manhas presented mementoes to these awardees as a token of appreciation for their landmark achievements.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Manisha Gupta.