

Satish Sharma inaugurates 35th Senior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship

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JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, FCS&CA, Transport, IT and S&T, Satish Sharma, inaugurated 35th Senior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship at M A stadium, here on Monday.
The championship has been organised by J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the aegis of Tennis Ball Cricket Federation of India (TBCFI), from 18th to 21st November, 2024.
Director General YS&S, Rajindra Singh Tara, Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul along with other dignitaries were present on the inaugura-



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma facing a ball after inaugurating 35th Senior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship at M A stadium, Jammu on Monday.

tion ceremony.
Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that sports not only highlights talent but also fosters a strong spirit of sportsmanship among the youth.
Welcoming all the players and the officials for the

championship, the Minister hoped that they will enjoy their stay in Jammu and perform to the potential in the championship.
Satish Sharma appreciated the Sports Council for organizing several such sports tournaments in the

value of working as a team. The more we cultivate teamwork, the greater our chances of success. Conversely, the absence of teamwork amplifies the risk of failure."
Satish Sharma stressed that present government is committed to provide best quality infrastructure and modern equipment to the players to enhance their capabilities and potential.
The championship will feature a series of competitive matches among 35 teams competing vigorously for the top spot and the honor of being crowned the champions. The event promises to deliver exceptional talent, sportsmanship and nail-biting finishes.

J&K Gatka meet by DYSS begins



Incharge DYSS Jammu, Harvinder Kour inaugurating Annual Inter District UT level Gatka Martial Arts.

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JAMMU: Annual Inter District UT level Gatka Martial Arts (under -17 and under-19 boys and girls) competition, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) got underway at New Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here on Monday.
About 100 participants drawn from various districts of J&K are contesting for the top honours under the guid-

ance of technical individuals. The technical panel included Hardev Singh, Harvinder Kour, Gurbachan Singh, Mayank Jain, Anit Kour, Davinder Singh and Amardeep Singh.
Earlier, Incharge district (DYSS) Jammu, Harvinder Kour guided the participants to practice the indigenous sport with dedication so as to achieve the desired results. Later, she distributed medals and certificates to winners and runners up of the first day of the event.
The Results: Boys: Under-17: Single Stick team: Samba, 1st; Jammu 2nd and Srinagar-Kathua joint 3rd. Single Stick Individual: Samba, 1st; Jammu, 2nd; Srinagar and Kathua, joint 3rd. Fari Stick Individual: Kathua, 1st; Samba, 2nd; and Jammu-Budgam, joint 3rd. Fari Stick Team: Kathua, 1st; Jammu, 2nd; Samba and Poonch, joint 3rd.

Sehajpreet of Punjab wins bronze in NGS Fencing

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Sehajpreet Kour, a student of School of Eminence Khamano in Punjab clinched Bronze medal in Fencing event of the just held 68th National School Games in J&K.
This was disclosed by Principal of the school, Manoj Kumar Pashkarn. The event was organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) under the aegis of School Games Federation of India (SGFI). The medal winning fencer, Sahajpreet was accompanied by sports coordinator, Jasbir Singh during interaction with DEO Secondary, Sushil Nath. Also present to encourage the athlete were Gurpreet Singh, Lakhwinder Singh, Kuljeet Kour and Karamjit Kour, a handout issued here on Monday informed.



Sehajpreet Kour after winning bronze medal.

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GDC Bishnah organises special event to discuss career opportunities for empowering students

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BISHNAH: Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) Government Degree College (GDC), Bishnah, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a special event aimed at discussing career opportunities for empowering students and raising awareness on critical health issues.
The event, titled 'Career opportunities for students, Empowering Education & Promoting Women's Hygiene Awareness', featured a laptop presentation to Sunil Kumar, a bright student with locomotor disability, and an insightful lecture by Dr. Preeti Kashyap, Managing Director of JMD Herbal Extractions who is committed to support-



MD JMD Herbal Extractions, Dr. Preeti Kashyap with GDC Bishnah faculty.

ing the education of underprivileged and differently-abled students.
Dr. Kashyap has numerous accolades to her credit, Best Women Entrepreneur Award (J&K), 2019 being one of them.
Dr. Preeti delivered an insightful lecture on Career Opportunities for students as

Entrepreneurs. She also addressed in detail Women's Hygiene, focusing on essential topics such as menstrual health, personal hygiene, and overall well-being.
Dr. Kashyap, a well-respected expert in the field of herbal medicine, emphasized the importance of proper health management for women,

aiming to create a more informed and health-conscious community at the college.
The event was organized under the leadership of the Institutions Innovation Council (IIC) and IQAC, with active participation from the college's esteemed faculty and Students.

Dr. Shalini Samyal, Principal of the College, expressed her strong support for such initiatives, recognizing the profound impact of combining education with health awareness.
Dr. Shalini highlighted the significance of the event, stating, "We are privileged to have Dr. Preeti Kashyap, the Managing Director of JMD Herbal Extractions, with us today. Dr. Kashyap's presence underscores the powerful relationship between education and community support. Her generosity in providing a laptop to Sunil Kumar reflects her strong belief in empowering individuals to achieve their academic and professional goals. This gesture will undoubtedly support Kumar's educational journey and inspire others to overcome challenges."
The event was coordinated by Dr. Kusum, Faculty Member and Startup Activity Coordinator, who played a pivotal role in ensuring the program's success. Prof. Shrotika Rajput, Innovation Activity Coordinator, conducted the proceedings and welcomed the guests, while Dr. Geeta Lakhotra, Internship Activity Coordinator, IIC delivered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the event.
The event was attended by a diverse audience, including faculty members, students, and distinguished guests, all of whom are united in their mission to empower individuals and foster a sense of community within the college.

68th National School Games in Fencing Manipur fencers sparkle again; bag Sabre, Foil golds, Haryana wins Epee gold J&K eves claim Sabre team Bronze

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JAMMU: Showing composure and promise, the fencers from Manipur dominated day-2 proceedings and bagged twin Gold medals--one in Sabre Girls team event and another in Boys Foil team event, while Haryana won Gold medal in Girls Epee team event and Jammu & Kashmir clinched Bronze medal in Girls Sabre team event in the ongoing 68th National School Games in U-17 Boys and Girls Fencing, being organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, J&K, under the auspices of School Games Federation of India (SGFI) at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu here.
These Games are being held as part of the historic series of 68th National



Participants posing with dignitaries after receiving medals.

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Pangamban Ambika Devi, Peban Babydaina Devi, Priya Ningomban and Payal Ningomban, while the Silver medal was bagged by Haryana and the participating fencers included Anukriti Singh, Sakshi Kapoor, Arpita Pahal and Kajavini. The Bronze medal in this event was claimed by

Subhanaya Sharma, Aahana Gupta, Amadhya Vermani and Alankrita Sharma along with Antalya Janwal, Tanishka Sharma, Harleen Kaur and Arveen Kaur Bains.
In U-17 Girls Epee team event, Haryana's Anchal, Sanju, Vanshika and Khushi won Gold, while Shanaya Jain, Parisa Swammi, Yoshika and Swasti Jindal claimed Silver and the Bronze medal went to Karnataka's Pavani P, Yukhtaa Siri L, Deeksha and Deeksha and Manipur's Dibiya Ningthouham, Ningombam Jazzy Devi, Nongmeikapam Chanu Jotirika and Konsam Jenita Devi.
In U-17 Boys Foil team event, Manipur won Gold and the participating

fencers were Khoisanam Rajiv, Kangamb Prithibiraj Singh, Pangamban Yoihenba Meetei and Ningthoujam Ritankumar Singh, while the Silver medal went to Maharashtra's Chatap Kartik Ramprasad, Swaraj Uday Dongare, Jain Mayank and Abhay Kumar and the Bronze medals in this event were claimed by Dhruv Tyagi, Vishavjeet Sangwan, Adhaya and Hitejas Vijay of Haryana and J M Jenil, R Guru, M Nifin Raj and S S Akhilesh of Tamil Nadu.
The winners were felicitated by Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu, Ved Prakash and Harvinder Kaur, Convener Ceremonies Committee in a simple function.

17th Kashmir Body Building Championship concludes



Participating body builders posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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SRINAGAR: The 17th Kashmir Body Building and 7th Men's Physique Sports Championship concluded on November 17, 2024, at Tagore Hall in Srinagar.
Organized by the District Srinagar Body Building Association under the patronage of the Body Building Association of J&K (BBAJK) and the J&K Sports Council, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 100 Body Builders from various districts.
The championship was graced by distinguished guests, including Tanveer Sadiq, MLA, who attended as the Chief Guest. Rajesh Dutta, President of BBAJK, and Feroz Shah, General Secretary of the Kashmir Body Building Association, were also present to support and motivate the participants.
Rajesh Dutta praised the participants for

their energy and dedication, urging them to spread awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and advocate for a healthy and active lifestyle.
The judging panel for the event included prominent figures such as Sanjay Bali, Sajad Khan, and Azhar, who assessed the participants' performances.
Feroz Shah expressed his gratitude to all the participants, guests, and officials, delivering a heartfelt vote of thanks for contributing to the championship's success.
In the results, Salim claimed the title of Mr. Kashmir 2024, along with a cash prize of Rs 11,000, while Fitrat was declared the Men's Physique Sports Champion.
The event was a remarkable display of strength, discipline, and sportsmanship, with officials like Reyaz and Sajad Khan playing key roles in the smooth execution of the championship.

Shivansh of KCPS wins silver medal in National School Games 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Shivansh Sharma, a Class 8 student of KC Public School, represented the UT of J&K at the 68th National School Games 2024 in the Fencing event held at Jammu University recently. He brought laurels for both the UT of J&K and KC Public

of the sport early in his life has devoted himself to perfecting its skills in the last couple of years with unwavering support from his parents and school teachers. His achievement in this sport at the national level bodes well for his future aspirations and achievements in the game.



KCPS faculty felicitating medal winner Shivansh Sharma.

School by winning a Silver Medal in the under 14 Boys Sabre Team event category.
Fencing is a combat sport that features sword fighting. The three disciplines of modern fencing are the Foil, the Epee, and the Sabre. Shivansh, having identified his natural inclination for sabre discipline

VC CLUJ hosts felicitation ceremony to celebrate success of Yuvtarang 2024



VC CLUJ, Sr. Professor K. S. Chandrasekar with dignitaries at felicitation ceremony.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Office of the Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), Sr. Professor K. S. Chandrasekar, organized a Felicitation and Success Meet on Monday to honour the remarkable contributions of the Department of Students' Welfare (DSW), the Deans of various faculties, and the Principals of five constituent colleges in successfully organizing Yuvtarang 2024, the university's prestigious cultural and literary festival.
Vice Chancellor, Sr. Professor K. S. Chandrasekar, extended his heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to the DSW team for their unwavering dedication and efforts in making Yuvtarang 2024 a resounding success.

The festival, held from November 6 to November 14, 2024, saw vibrant participation from students across 25 unique activities, highlighting their creativity, talent, and competitive spirit.
In his address, Sr. Professor Chandrasekar applauded the collaborative efforts of students and staff from the University's colleges and PG schools.
He noted that the festival not only celebrated talent but also fostered unity and cultural exchange among the diverse student body.
The Vice Chancellor further provided insightful suggestions for future editions of Yuvtarang, emphasizing the importance of embedding Dogri cultural heritage more prominently within the festival. Ideas such as introducing Dogri-inspired award names

and incorporating traditional elements were proposed to strengthen the event's cultural resonance with the region.
He further added that the University needs to play a lead role to promote the Dogri language as well as Dogri Culture.
In addition to Deans and Principals of various constituent colleges; and other distinguished faculty members, the event was also graced by Ankur Mahajan, Registrar, CLUJ and Nagesh Jamwal, Financial Advisor, CLUJ. The success meet concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Monika Sharma, Dean, Student Welfare, CLUJ, who reiterated the University's commitment to enriching Yuvtarang's legacy and enhancing its inclusivity and cultural relevance in the years ahead.

Dr Achyuta Samanta honoured with FIVB Grand Cross Award

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BHUBANESWAR: The Founder of KIIT and KISS, Dr Achyuta Samanta has been conferred the prestigious 'Grand Cross Award', the highest honour from the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB). This recognition was bestowed upon him during the 39th FIVB World Congress, a three-day event held in Porto, Portugal, from November 15 to 17, 2024. This award acknowledges his outstanding contributions to the development of sports, particularly volleyball. FIVB President Dr. Ary Graca presented the award to Dr Samanta in a grand ceremony attended by representatives and presidents of volleyball associations from 222 countries. Earlier, during a visit to KIIT and KISS, Dr. Graca had announced that Dr Samanta would be honoured with the FIVB Grand Cross Award for his exemplary efforts in promoting sports. Following this, Dr Samanta was specially invited to the World Congress, where he received the prestigious recognition.
The Grand Cross Award is FIVB's highest honour, given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the growth and development of sports, particularly volleyball. Representatives from 222 countries praised Dr Samanta's remarkable achievements in sports and education during the event.
In his acceptance speech, Dr Samanta expressed his gratitude, saying, "Out of representatives from 222 countries, I have been chosen for this highest honour by FIVB. I am deeply indebted to Lord Jagannath for this



FIVB President Dr. Ary Graca presenting Grand Cross Award to Dr Achyuta Samanta.

recognition and dedicate this award to Him. I also dedicate it to all sports enthusiasts and sportspersons of India, especially those from Odisha, as well as KIIT and KISS." This award further highlights the impact of Achyuta Samanta's work in promoting sports and fostering talent at both national and global levels. The Patron in Chief, Raj Daluja, President Sidharth Daluja, Chief Executive Officer Kuldeep Magotha, General Secretary V.K. Magotha, Treasurer R.C. Sharma, Joint Secretary Mohd Tariq and all office bearers of the Volleyball Association of J&K conveyed their congratulations to Dr Achyuta Samanta for this achievement.