

68th NSG Wushu Championship concludes

J&K becomes overall Champion, Delhi lifts boys title; Suryansh, Ahilya sparkle

Time ripe to categorise sports; train teachers, coaches in specific disciplines: Tara

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JAMMU: Winning a total of 10 medals with 4 Gold, 5 Silver and one Bronze. Jammu and Kashmir became overall Champion in U-17 Boys and Girls Wushu Championship, which concluded at Indoor Sports Complex Bhagwati Nagar here on Tuesday.

The Championship was organised by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports J&K, under the auspices of School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

Director General Youth Services and Sports Rajinder Singh Tara was the chief guest on the Prize Distribution Function, who alongwith Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Ved Prakash; Deputy Director Youth Services and Sports Central Jitendra Mishra; Competition Director; Chief Wushu Coach of India and Dhronacharya Awardee Kuldeep Handoo and DYSSO Jammu Harvinder Kaur presented medals to the winners.

While Jammu and Kashmir emerged overall



DG YSS Rajinder Singh Tara presenting overall champion trophy to J&K team.

Champion in U-17 Boys and Girls category, it remained at the top in the Girls category with 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze medal, Maharashtra with 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals got the second place and Chandigarh with 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals remained at the third spot, while in the Boys category, Delhi won 1st place by clinching 3 Gold and 3 Bronze medals, J&K remained at the second spot, winning 2 Gold and 3 Silver medals, while Uttar Pradesh bagged the third place, securing 2 Gold medals.

The Gold medal winners from J&K included Suryansh Singh, Mohd Arham Parry, Jiya Manhas and Aliza Shah, while the Silver medalists

from J&K were Mehran Amin, Umaan Arif, Haseeb, Saliqa Parooq and Sadiya Gulzar and the Bronze medal was claimed by Anum Ajaz.

Earlier, in -60 kg boys category, Suryansh Singh of J&K toppled Rudraksh of Rajasthan to win Gold, in -70 kg category, Mohd Arham Parry of J&K defeated Laishram Puinaachandra of Manipur in final bout to bag Gold, in -75 kg category

Mehran Amin Bangoo of J&K lost to Vipul Khatri of Delhi in final bout and won Silver, in -80 kg category Umaan Arif of J&K lost to Prashant Kumar of CBSE in final bout and won Silver, in -85 kg category Mohd Haseeb Sohil of J&K lost to Prince Kumar of Delhi in final to

claim Silver medal. In the Girls category final bouts, in -45kg weight category Jiya Manhas of J&K beat Bhumiika of Chandigarh to win Gold, in -52 kg category Saliqa Parooq of J&K lost to Zureem Pegu of Assam in the final bout and won Silver, in -60 kg category, Aliza Shah of J&K trounced Riya Mishra of Rajasthan to claim Gold, in -70 kg category Sadiya Gulzar of J&K lost to Ahilya Lavate of Maharashtra in final bout and won Silver.

Suryansh Singh of J&K and Ahilya Lavate of Maharashtra were adjudged as the best Players of the Championship. Addressing to various media agencies on the occasion, the Director General

Youth Services and Sports Rajinder Singh Tara said that the time was ripe to categorise sports in order to yield better results.

He said J&K athletes were immensely talented and the only need was to catch them young and coach them, adding that the sports department was leaving no stone unturned in serving as a nursery to cater to the needs of young sportspersons.

Tara further said that to unearth the talent at the grass-root level, the fundamental need was to hold refresher courses in order to train Physical Education Teachers, Coaches and Trainers in specific sports disciplines, adding that the steps have already been taken in this regard.

Meanwhile, around 600 players and officials drawn from 21 States/UTs across the country took part in this mega event, which was as part of the historic series of 68th National School Games in the disciplines of Judo, Fencing, Wushu and Football, wherein around 4000 athletes and officials across the country are taking part.

Govt to ensure enhanced facilities for students, sportspersons: Satish Sharma

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JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Science and Technology and ARI & Trainings, Satish Sharma, on Tuesday flagged off Constitution Day Padyatra rally.

The rally was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, J&K, under the aegis of MY Bharat to commemorate the 75th Constitution Day, celebrating the adoption of Indian Constitution on November 26, 1949.

Present on the occasion were Director General, Youth Services & Sports Department, Rajinder Singh Tara, Transport Commissioner, Bhawani Rakwal, State Director, Nisar Ahmed Batt, RTO, Pankaj Bagotra and Principal GCW Parade, Ravinder Kumar Tickoo.

The Minister administered the "Read the Preamble" pledge to the participants before the flag off ceremony.

The rally commenced from Government College for Women Parade and proceeded towards Ambedkar Chowk through Parade, Indira Chowk and Gumat



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma flagging off Constitution Day Padyatra rally.

before culminating at Govt MAM College, covering a distance of more than 7 km. It was attended by more than 1000 participants including MY Bharat Volunteers, students, sportspersons and staff.

The Minister paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on the occasion.

The Padyatra then proceeded towards Government MAM College where it was received by Bharat Anand, Principal MAM College and others.

A cultural bonanza was also presented by the students of Government MAM College.

While speaking on the occasion, the Minister lauded the efforts of NYKS, YSS Department, NSS, Colleges and Education Department in successfully holding the mega padyatra.

Satish Sharma urged the youth to stay away from drugs while asking them to bring to his notice the incidents of drug abuse in their surroundings.

The Minister said that B.R. Ambedkar being the Chairman of the Drafting Committee was successful in drafting the longest written constitution of the world.

Satish Sharma, while highlighting government endeavours towards welfare and development of youth in J&K, said that enhanced facilities would be ensured for the sportspersons and students.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Principal MAM College. The proceedings of the valedictory ceremony were conducted by Dr Gurpreet Kaur, PO NSS GCW Parade.

Makhdoomi Volleyball Club clinches Jallian Volleyball Championship 2024 trophy

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POONCH: The Makhdoomi Volleyball Club emerged victorious in the highly anticipated Jallian Volleyball Championship 2024, held at Jallian, Poonch.

The championship witnessed participation from 11 teams across the Union Territory, and the final match proved to be a thrilling contest between Makhdoomi Volleyball Club and Loran Spartan.

In an exhilarating display of skill and teamwork, Makhdoomi Volleyball Club defeated Loran Spartan with a 3-0 set score, clinching the title. The set scores were 25-23, 25-21, and 27-25.

Makhdoomi's standout



Makhdoomi Volleyball Club receiving winner trophy from Chief Guest, Mohd Tariq.

players, Mohd Hafeez, Bilal Ahmed, and Nanna Makhdoomi, displayed extraordinary performance throughout the match, playing pivotal roles in

securing the victory for their team.

The grand finale was graced by Chief Guest Mohd Tariq, Chairman of Shaheed DySP Manjit

Singh Memorial Volleyball Club, Poonch, and Ex-MIA Shah Mohd Tantar, who attended the event as the Guest of Honour.

Other distinguished guests included social activist, Tanveer Ahmed Tantar, Billal Makhdoomi, and senior citizens, all of whom were present to witness the exciting final match and support the teams.

The victory marks another remarkable achievement for Makhdoomi Volleyball Club, further cementing their reputation in the sport. The event was a celebration of sportsmanship and unity, highlighting the growing enthusiasm for volleyball in the region.

22nd J&K UT Archery Championship Layakh, Manikarnika win Junior Archery gold



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Layakh Dhara and Manikarnika bagged Junior boys and girls gold respectively on the opening day of the 22nd J&K UT Archery Championship, organised by Archery Association of J&K (AAJK) at Green Fields grounds, here today.

Second place in Junior boys group went to Pranjot while Asank and Arshit finished third. Similarly, in Junior girls group, Aryadha Sohan remained second, followed by Pinki Sharma and Sambhavi

at third place.

Earlier, around 350 archers from 10 districts of J&K turned up for the three-day championship in different age groups of boys and girls.

The championship was declared open by member J&K Sports Council, Rajeev Sharma. Other distinguished guests present were Mohd. Haneef, Chief Sports Officer; Baljinder Singh, DySP Sharat Chander Singh, Vikram Singh (president AAJK), Sunil Sharma (general secretary AAJK) and Ajay Sharma.

The Results: Mini (Under-10): Boys: Hargovind Singh, Ist; Harjoot, 2nd; Stanzin and Nitya Sharma, joint 3rd. Girls: Hetal Rai, Ist; Charandeep, 2nd; Shanaya Sharma and Jas Jasnoor, joint 3rd. Sub Junior: Boys: Pranjot, Ist; Metansh, 2nd; Ashank and Jeet, joint 3rd. Girls: Manikarnika, Ist; Aradiya Sohan, 2nd; Jiya Salotra and Kalyani, joint 3rd. Sub Junior: Boys: Pranjot, Ist; Ashank, 2nd; Sam and Layakh, joint fourth. Girls: Manjarnika, Ist; Shambhavi, 2nd; Janvi and Mehroom, joint 3rd.

JKPPS Miran Sahib hosts opening ceremony of its Annual Sports Week



SSP Jammu, Joginder Singh inaugurating sport week events at JKPPS, Miran Sahib.

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JAMMU: J&K Police Public School (JKPPS) Miran Sahib Jammu hosted the grand opening ceremony of its Annual Sports Week in the school premises on Tuesday.

The event was graced by Joginder Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police

36th District Udhampur Volleyball Championship 2024 from Nov 30

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UDHAMPUR: The Volleyball Association of District Udhampur (VADU), under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of J&K, is organizing the 36th District Volleyball Championship for both men and women. The event will take place from November 30 to December 2nd, 2024 at SIKS Govt. Higher Secondary School Boys Udhampur and Mini Stadium Udhampur.

The Championship invites entries from registered volleyball clubs and institutions across the Udhampur district.

As per Ashok Padha, President of VADU, the last date for submission of entries is November 29, 2024.

Teams can submit their entries by contacting the provided numbers 9149 470556 and 9596 969007.

students, showcasing their diverse talents and enthusiasm.

In his address, Joginder Singh emphasized the importance of sports in fostering physical and mental fitness. He spoke about J&K Police's ongoing efforts to address the issue of drug addiction among the youth and advised students to stay away from drugs and excessive use of mobile phones.

He stressed that maintaining discipline, integrity, and a healthy lifestyle are essential for personal success and holistic development. He also praised the students of J&K PPS Miran Sahib for their achievements in both academics and sports, highlighting their success at national and international competitions.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Sharma, Headmistress of the school, who acknowledged the contributions of all those involved in organizing the event. She also expressed gratitude to Sarah Rizvi, DIG IRP Range Jammu, and the Administrative Officer of the school, who could not attend due to prior commitments.

Kuldeep made AKF Technical Director

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JAMMU: Man behind Kabaddi promotion in J&K, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta has been assigned with the important task as Technical Director of Asian Kabaddi Federation (AKF). An order in this regard has been issued by secretary general of AKF, Muhammad Sarwar Rana considering the working of Mr Gupta at his home state/UT of J&K and services rendered for the development of the game at the National level. Important to mention here that Kuldeep Kumar Gupta acted as technical director in the 19th Asian Games held at Hangzhou in China last year. Further, he was part of the 2019 China 16th edition of the Asian Games and 14th Asian Games that held at Busan in Korea-2002.

Presently Kuldeep holds top position of Chief Manager in The Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd. (CCBL) Jammu.

"Kuldeep's appointment shall go a long way in strengthening the technical wing of the game of Kabaddi at the Asian level," said Sarwar Rana in a message conveyed to the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association.

CEO LIC of India inaugurates All India LIC Games 2024

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JAIPUR: Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO and MD, LIC of India, on Tuesday inaugurated the All India LIC Games, 2024 at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.

This annual sports festival of Life Insurance Corporation of India, which will run for four days, will be conducted in six disciplines viz., Carrom, Chess, Table tennis, Badminton, Volleyball and Athletics.

Also present on the occasion were Salil Vishwanath, Executive Director (HRD), Aditya Gupta, Executive Director (Corporate



CEO and MD, LIC of India, Siddhartha Mohanty and other dignitaries at inauguration ceremony of All India LIC Games, 2024 at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.

Communications), LIC Northern Zone Zonal Manager J.P.S. Bajaj and Senior Divisional Managers, Jaipur Division.

While addressing the players, Mohanty said that sports enrich the mind and body of a human being in an integrated manner and also

emphasized the importance of participation and sportsman spirit.

The opening ceremony started with the march past

Jatin Kishore congratulates Gold Medalist Gagan Singh Jamwal

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JAMMU: Director Information, Jatin Kishore, on Tuesday congratulated Gagan Singh Jamwal, an employee of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations for clinching gold medal in District and J&K Roller Skates Hockey Championship and J&K Master Games Roller



Director Info, Jatin Kishore congratulating gold medal winner employee Gagan Singh Jamwal.

Hockey Championship recently held at Jammu.

Jatin Kishore termed the victory of Gagan and his team phenomenal and applauded them for clinching Gold medal. He appreciated the talent of Gagan while being optimistic about his success in upcoming National Roller Hockey Championship at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

Ranjit made observer for Asian Handball event

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JAMMU: Former India captain, Ranjit Singh Chib has been nominated observer for the 20th Asian Women's Handball Championship being held at New Delhi from December three to December 10.

"Your role as an observer will be pivotal in ensuring the smooth execution of the championship and maintaining the highest standards of fair play and transparency," said secretary general of the Handball Federation of India (HFI) in a letter addressed to Ranjit Singh.

The letter further read: We trust in your expertise and commitment to contribute to the success of this prestigious event. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the development of Handball in India.

Vishwa Bharati celebrates Constitution Day

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Akalpur Morh, Jammu celebrated "Constitution Day" with great respect and honor for the constitution of India and its framers.

A special morning assembly was organized in which students delivered speeches on the constitution and its role in the governance of Indian politics and maintenance of social balance in Indian civil society. In their respective speeches they highlighted the contribution of Mr. B.R Ambedkar and other members of con-



Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School students and staff celebrating Constitution Day.

stituent assembly in framing the vast and widespread constitution for India.

On this specific day a quiz competition was also organized in the primary wing of the school. Students from all the four houses participated

whole heartedly and answered the questions wittingly. The whole quiz was anchored by Tanmay Targotra and Sarvika Sharma from class 5th A.

The winners of Inter house quiz competition are Niles, Shivesh and Shivanya Sharma from Shivam House.

School Principal Annapurna Koul admired the students for their active participation and performance in the quiz.