

Satish Sharma inaugurates zonal conference of north zone AIWC, 21st UT Matsogi-do championship

Visits Dori Dager, listen to people's grievances

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Women Society, a branch of All India Women's Conference (AIWC) one of the organisation involved in the field of women education and development, on Thursday held a day long zonal conference of North Zone AIWC at Forest Information Centre, Bikram Chowk, Jammu.

The event was organised in collaboration with Department of Tourism in which about 100 women delegates from J&K and other Northern States participated in the conference.

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science nce & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports and ARI & Training, Satish Sharma, was the chief guest on the occasion where as Satya Devi, Jan Shiksha Sansthan, Banu Mahajan,



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma with participants and other dignitaries.

Former Corporator, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu were the Guests of Honour.

Kalyani Raj, National President, Manju Kak, Secretary General and Sumi Chopra, Zonal organiser of All India women's Conference from central body New Delhi, presided over the conference.

Nirmal Padha, President Jammu and Kashmir Women Society (Br. AIWC) welcomed the participants. Kalyani Raj, President

AIWC apprised the Minister of the functioning of society and women empowerment. She also highlighted the initiatives being taken by the Society for welfare of women.

While speaking on the occasion, the Minister highlighted the importance of women in nation building ,emphasising the need for greater empowerment of women in all sectors. "Women's contribution to India's socio-economic

growth is essential," maintained the Minister.

The Minister said that women of Jammu and Kashmir are capable of achieving great heights in every field and government is committed to provide all possible support to deserving as well aspiring women who are ready to work hard to achieve their goals.

The Minister also inaugurated 21st UT Matsogi-do Championship 2024 at the Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.

S Taranjeet Singh Tony, DDC Member Suchetgarh, who is also the President of Matsogi-do Association J&K presided over the event.

The event organized by the Matsogi-do Association of Jammu and Kashmir from November 28 to November 30, 2024, has drawn significant participation, with 950 competitors from across the region.

The Minister was informed

that medal winners from this championship will represent Jammu and Kashmir at the upcoming National Matsogi-do tournament, scheduled to be held in Chandigarh in December 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister exhorted that government is committed to encourage young budding talent by providing them best sports infrastructure and modern facilities so that they can represent the UT in national and international events.

Later, the Minister visited village Palel in panchayat Dori Dager and paid obeisance at birth place of Baba Mai Mal.

The Minister also interacted with local villagers who apprised him regarding their grievances/demands.

After listening their issues, the Minister assured them that all their genuine grievances will be redressed in a phased manner.

GCW Parade bags overall trophy in Judo



GCW Parade students posing for a photograph with dignitaries after receiving medals.

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JAMMU: Government College for Women (GCW) Parade bagged Judo tournament which was organised by the Directorate of Sports, University of Jammu (JU) as part of the annual calendar of activities on the campus, here on Thursday.

The events officiated by the technical panel including Danish Sharma, Rameshwar Singh, Jai Bharat, Tarun Singh and Vinod.

The Results: 52 kg: Palak Sharma, MIET Jammu, Gold and Nazia Akhter, GDC Reasi, Silver. 57 kg: Anshika Manhas, PG Department JU, Gold; Anjali Sharma,

GCW Parade, Silver; Sameerna, GDC Reasi and Tamana, GDC Akhnoor, Bronze. 63 kg: Akshana Thakur, GCW Parade, Gold; Qunat Alam, GDC Akhnoor, Silver and Karnail Singh, Bronze. 70 kg: Anshika Sharma, PG Department JU, Gold; Bahar Kalsi, GCW Parade, Silver. 78 kg: Nihanika Sharma, GCW Parade, Gold; Ishika Devi, GCW Parade, Silver; Janni Verma, GDC Akhnoor and Sonam Sharma, GDC Reasi, Bronze.

KHO-KHO In women's inter-college Kh-Kho competition reached quarterfinals stages today.

The semifinals and final have been scheduled for tomorrow on the JU Campus, here.

The Results: GCW Udhampur beat GDC Chenani by 12 points; GDC Reasi beat GDC Jindrah by eight points; GDC Rannagar beat GDC Hiranagar by two points; PG Department JU beat GDC Akhnoor by 14 points; GDC Mahanpur beat Dogra Degree College by two points.

The matches officiated by the technical penal including Dheeraj Sharma, Palbinder Singh, Pooja Sharma, Jagdev Singh, Anil Kumar and Gagan Kumar.

Karanveer's double century earns JKCA U-16 Spot

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JAMMU: Karanveer Sharma, the talented son of Dheeraj Sharma, a National medalist and renowned wrestling coach, and nephew of international wrestling player Dushyant Sharma, has been selected in the JKCA Under-16 team for the prestigious Vijay Merchant Trophy.

His selection comes on the heels of a stellar performance in the ongoing Balram Das Tandon Memorial Under-16 Tournament, hosted by UTCA in Chandigarh.

Representing J&K in the tournament, Karanveer showcased exceptional talent in the opening match against Mizoram. J&K registered a commanding victory, thanks to Karanveer's remarkable innings. He scored an unbeaten 200 runs off just 206 balls, a knock studded with eight sixes and 28 boundaries. With a strike rate exceeding 96, his double-century not only anchored J&K's innings but also highlighted his potential as a future star.

The Balram Das Tandon Memorial Tournament, an invitational event recognized by the BCCI, features eight competitive teams this year: Delhi,

Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, J&K, Mizoram, Tripura, and Chandigarh's A and B teams. J&K's strong start against Mizoram has set the tone for their campaign, with Karanveer's performance earning accolades from the Sub-Committee members and cricketing fraternity.

The members of the JKCA Sub-Committee, impressed by Karanveer's innings, expressed optimism about his future contributions to the sport. "His ability to perform under pressure and play such a mature innings at this level is commendable. We believe he will be an asset to the team in the Vijay Merchant Trophy," one member stated.

Karanveer's selection is not just a personal achievement but also a proud moment for his family, known for their dedication to sports. His father, Dheeraj Sharma, and uncle, Dushyant Sharma, have inspired many through their contributions to wrestling, and now Karanveer is carrying forward the legacy in cricket.

As J&K continues its campaign in the tournament, all eyes are on this rising star who has already begun carving his path to greatness.

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POONCH: The much-anticipated Krishna Ghati Premier League (KGPL) 2024-2025 officially began on Thursday at the Jhullas Cricket Ground, here under the aegis of the Nangi Tekri Battalion and the Krishna Ghati Brigade.

This inaugural season promises to be a celebration of sportsmanship, community spirit, and a tribute to the region's military history.

The opening ceremony was graced by Brigadier A.R. Singh, Commander of the Krishna Ghati Brigade, who



Army officers and other dignitaries at opening ceremony of KGPL at Poonch.

was the Chief Guest. Distinguished guests included

J&K UT Dance Championship 2024 Prekshi Sharma of JKPS Panjtirthi wins classical dance trophy

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JAMMU: Gurukul Dance Academy organised Jammu and Kashmir UT Dance Championship 2024 season-1 at Udhampur Police auditorium. Among various participants, Prekshi Sharma of Class 4th of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi got first prize under classical dance category. The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah congratulated the Jakiian and expressed, "Patience, persistence, and hard work makes an unbeatable combination for success."



Principal JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah felicitating winner Prekshi Sharma.

Tazeem Akhtar, DDC Poonch, Amrit Sharma, ZPEO Poonch, and international volleyball coach Tariq Khan.

The event attracted cricket enthusiasts and dignitaries from across the region, with the excitement palpable as the inaugural match kicked off.

The opening match saw Dhallan XI face off against Badshah Club. In a thrilling contest, Dhallan XI emerged victorious by six wickets, setting the stage for what promises to be an exhilarating tournament.

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KGPL 2024-2025 features 32 teams from the Poonch, Surankote, and Rajouri regions, with matches conducted in a knockout format. The league, which will run until the grand finale on Vijay Divas (16 December 2024), offers a prize pool of Rs 8.50 lakhs, including rewards for the winning team, runners-up, and outstanding individual performers.

The final match on Vijay Divas will also serve as a tribute

to the local heroes of the 1971 war who played a pivotal role in the capture of Nangi Tekri.

The tournament has attracted widespread attention with the participation of IPL and state-level players, adding star power to the event and inspiring local talent.

With cricket as a medium, KGPL aims to foster unity, community engagement, and youth empowerment, while honoring the sacrifices of the region's military history.

Badminton intra-mural competition organised in GDC R S Pura

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JAMMU: Badminton Intra-mural organized in the GDC RS Pura for men and women. One day intra-mural badminton tournament 2024 was inaugurated by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, with great zeal and enthusiasm under the supervision of Dr. Roopali Sathia Physical Director, GDC RS Pura.

The event has drawn participation from all semester students of the college. Competition was being held in both men's and women's categories.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, in her remarks, she motivated the players to participate with enthusiasm, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the true spirit of sportsman-



ship throughout the event. She also awarded the Medals to the winners and runner-up players. Results: In Women Category Kashish Sharma, Anika Sharma and Salvi Sharma won silver medal and Riya Sharma, Komal and Evenjot won Gold medal. In men Category Navjot Singh, Pankaj Kumar and Ansh

Singh won silver medal and Charanjit Singh, Jatin Sharma and Moksh Gupta won Gold medal. Convener Sports Committee Prof. Shifali Abrol, and other faculty members Prof. Priya Darshini, Prof. Rakesh Kalotra, Prof. Sanjeev Upadhiyay and Dr. Roopali Sathia were present during the event.

Trikuta College of Physical Education students shine in Judo, Thang Ta Championships



Students of Trikota College of Physical Education after winning medals at J&K UT Thang Ta and Inter-Collegiate Judo Championships.

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JAMMU: Students of Trikota College of Physical Education namely Gaurav Bhagat (81kg) and Kapil Singh (90kg),

both 1st Semester B.PEd students have brought honour to the College by securing the gold medals and emerging as overall Champions at the Inter-

Collegiate Judo Championship 2024-25 hosted by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu.

Their exemplary performance earned them 20 points, making them stand out among all competitors. Meanwhile, Aman Dogra, B.P.Ed 3rd

Semester student, clinched second position in the J&K UT in Thang Ta Championship 2024, organized by the J&K Thang Ta Association.

Balvinder applauds JKUT Govt for launching online RTI Portal

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JAMMU: Renowned RTI activist Balvinder Singh has commended the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT) Government for its progressive step in launching the online RTI portal.

This initiative is aimed at streamlining the process of filing and addressing Right to Information (RTI) requests, ensuring enhanced efficiency and transparency across various government departments.

The newly introduced portal enables citizens to submit RTI applications online, track their status, and receive timely responses without the need for physical visits to government offices. The platform signifies a significant leap towards good governance by leveraging technology to foster accountability and accessi-



bility. Speaking on the occasion, Balvinder Singh remarked, "This is a historic step by the JKUT Government towards empowering citizens with better access to information. The online RTI portal simplifies the process for the common man, reduces delays, and promotes a culture of transparency."

He further urged the public to make optimal use of this platform to hold authorities accountable and participate in the democratic process. The online RTI portal reflects the government's commitment to modernizing governance and upholding the citizen's right to information-a cornerstone of democracy.

Balvinder Singh expressed hope that other regions will emulate this initiative to further the cause of transparency nationwide.

J&K Archery C'ship concludes



Winner archers posing for a photograph with dignitaries after receiving medals and trophies at closing ceremony.

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JAMMU: Three-day long J&K UT Archery Championship concluded on Thursday at Green Fields Grounds, here. Winners were felicitated by the Secretary J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Nuzhat Gul along

with Chief Sports Officer of JKSC, Mohd Hanif.

Prominent among others present were Rajeev Sharma, Vikram Singh (president) and Sunil Sharma (general secretary) of Archery Association of J&K, Ravinder Singh,

Baljinder Singh, Kuldeep Handoo and Sharat Chander.

The Results: Recurve: Boys: Diyaansh, Ist; Nitten, 2nd and Vishal, 3rd. Girls: Feriha, Ist.

Recurve Junior: Boys: Niteen, Ist; Abhinav, 2nd

and Pariv, 3rd. Girls: Feriha, Ist.

Recurve Sub Junior Boys: Javardhan, Ist; Arush, 2nd and Pranav, 3rd. Girls: Feriha, Ist. Under 10: Lakshman Sharma, Ist. Mini: Satavya, Ist and Harshit Sharma, 2nd.

The dignitaries interacted with students, who confidently explained the applications and purpose of their projects. The chief guest commended the students and faculty, emphasizing the importance of such exhibitions in developing scientific temperament.

Dr. S.K. Koul and School Principal Annapurna Koul lauded the students and teachers for organizing the event and inspiring future generations of innovators.

The program, anchored by Cultural Coordinator Akshma Bakshi, concluded with refreshments for participants, dignitaries, and faculty members, leaving everyone motivated and inspired.