

77th Poonch Link Up Day Taekwondo C'ship concludes

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POONCH: 77th Poonch Link Up day Taekwondo championship organised by Indian Army Poonch Brigade in collaboration with District Poonch Taekwondo Association which is affiliated with Jammu and Kashmir Taekwondo Association (Regd) concluded here at Shaheed Manjeet Singh Memorial Boys higher Secondary School Poonch.

More than 200 young budding boys and girls from all over District Poonch participated in this mega event.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Rajinder Singh, Taekwondo coach from Department of Youth Services and Sports.



Army officer honouring player with medal.

The Chief Guest of occasion was Commanding officer of 5 JAKLI. The chief guest interacted with the young budding taekwondo players and congratulated all the winners and participants.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajinder Singh said that

Poonch link UP Day honours the bravery and sacrifice of Indian army soldiers who defended Poonch during 1947-48 war.

He thanked Army Poonch Brigade for giving excellent platform by organizing this wonderful event for the taek-

wondo players of Poonch on the occasion of 77th Poonch Link UP Day 2024.

These kind of events definitely motivated the youth to do better in upcoming events of taekwondo at national level, he added.

Later Army officers along the District Youth services and Sports officers, Zonal Physical Education officers, Civil Society members of Poonch distributed medals, certificates, trophies, along with cash prize among the winners and runner-up players.

The championship was technically supervised by Rajinder Singh Taekwondo Coach and (National Referee) along with his team Vishvas Sudan,

Jatinder Paul Sharma PET, Sandeep Kumar REK, Toseef Tahir, Akarshit Sudan, Qasim Hussain, Vishnu Raina, Kernail Singh REK, Wajid Iqbal, Hassan.

Sana Chouhan, Ranajay Gupta and Noreen Kouser, adjudged as best players in Sub Junior, and Cadet age categories.

In last, Taranpreet Kaur, General Secretary PDTA thanked Indian Army commitment to empower youth and fostering community development. She also thanked Department of Youth services and Sports and Poonch District Taekwondo for providing technical Support during the championship.

J&K dominates day one against Mizoram in U-16 Cricket Tournament

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In the opening day of the two-day match against Mizoram at the Balram Das Tandon Memorial U-16 Tournament, hosted by UTCA in Chandigarh, J&K showcased a stellar performance. They bowled out Mizoram for a mere 85 runs, with the standout player being Waqas Nisar, whose exceptional leg break bowling delivered figures of six wickets for just 17 runs.

In response, J&K ended the day at 198/4. The highlight of their innings was a brilliant unbeaten century by Karanveer, who scored 124 not out. He received solid support from the stylish right-hand batsman



Smagey Khajuria, who contributed 48 runs.

Overall, it was a fantastic display by the J&K team, setting them up for a strong position in the match.

Shaheed Manjit Club encourages border youth

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association is organizing two days of Selection Trials at M.A. Stadium, Jammu, on November 6 and 7, 2024, to form the Senior Men's and Women's teams for the upcoming 35th Senior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship, set to take place at the same venue from November 18 to 21, 2024.

Trials will commence at 10:30 AM, supervised by Gulshan Rattan and B.K. Tickoo (Mob. 7006763920).

Participants wishing to take part must arrive in proper cricketing attire and bring their Aadhaar Card, Domicile Certificate, a physician-issued physical fitness certificate, and six recent passport-sized photographs. Personal cricket bats should also be carried. Those selected will attend a 10-day coaching camp in Jammu before the national championship.

STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: One of the top sports clubs of J&K, Shaheed DyaSP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club on Monday presented sports kits to the young men from border areas of the district.

"The Club works hard to identify and then encourage the talent at young from the remote parts of the district. To attract them towards the grounds, the Club presented sports kits and other support material," said Chairman of the Club, Mohd Triq Khan.

Shaheed Manjit Volleyball Club holds fee training sessions at Government Degree College grounds and support those needy trainees. "Shaheed Manjit Club express thanks to everyone, who help support the activities of the Club in the district," added Tariq.

GGM Science College shines at Inter-College Kho-Kho Tournament

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: GGM Science College emerged as the Champion in the Men's category and Runner-up in the Women's category at the Inter-College Kho-Kho Tournament organized by Cluster University of Jammu for the session 2024-2025.

The spirited event, held at GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, brought together dynamic teams from various colleges, with supervision provided by Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Director of Physical Education & Sports, CLUJ, and Kajal Premi, Physical Director, GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

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Principal of GGM Science College, Dr. (Prof.) Romesh Kumar Gupta and faculty felicitating winner teams.

(Prof.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, extended heartfelt congratulations to both the Men's and Women's teams for their remarkable performances.

Dr. Gupta highlighted that the college's success in this prestigious tournament underscores its commitment to fostering ath-

letic excellence and nurturing talent in sports.

He further commended Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Physical Director and Dr. Sunil Dutt, Convener Sports, for their dedication to the students and their instrumental role in this achievement.

In the Men's final, GGM

Science College faced off against Govt. SPMR College of Commerce in a gripping match, ultimately emerging victorious with a lead of 4 points. The standout performances of Manav Singh and Rahul Singh were pivotal to the team's success, showcasing their skill and strategic play.

The Women's final saw GGM Science College going head-to-head with GCW Gandhi Nagar. After a tie in regular time, GCW Gandhi Nagar clinched the win in extra time by a slim margin of just 1 point. Gouri and Manisha from GGM Science College demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, representing their college with pride.

GGM Science College looks forward to achieving continued success in future competitions, not only in sports but also across academic endeavours, and remains committed to empowering students in all aspects of their education and development.

DBP boys, MA girls bag Junior Kabaddi titles



Winner teams receiving trophy.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu District Kabaddi Association, under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association and in support with J&K Sports Council organized Junior District Championship at Kabaddi Stadium, here.

The boys title trophy went to DBP Sports Club beating Vimal Vidhyalya in the final. National Sports Club finished third. The formidable side of MA Sports

Club trounced National Sports Club Nagrota for the title trophy. K.V. Universal Tigers remained third. Boys semifinals: D.B.P Sports Club beat National Sports Club by 12 points; Vimal Vidhyalya beat Glacier Club by 15 points.

Anil Gupta, president Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association was the chief guest in the final and valedictory function, who along

The event was also supported by Naresh Raina of Raina Builders. He encouraged the teams.

The technical panel for the event comprised Rasvinder Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Radha Bakshi, Surinder Mohan, Mohan Lal, Bupinder Singh, Ajay Gupta, Anil Sharma, Manik Sharma, Dharamjeet Singh, Vishal Jamwal, Jasdev Singh, Sanjeev Gupta, Maink Sharma and Ajay Wadhwa.

Azgar Club bags Kulgam Volleyball trophy



Chief guest presenting trophy to winner team.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Azgar Club Kulgam clinched the title trophy of the two-day District Volleyball Championship, organized by Volleyball Association of Kulgam in collaboration with Volleyball Association of J&K at Government Higher Secondary School Chowgam.

In the final, Azgar Club defeated Kund Warriors Club 3-2 (25-20, 21-25, 25-

19, 23-25, 15-12). The girls title trophy went to Government IISS Chowgam defeating Maroofa Volleyball Club Kulgam 3-1 (24-26, 25-20, 25-18, 25-23).

The MLA Devsar, Ferooz Ahmad Shah was the chief guest, who presented the title trophies. He encouraged the participants and appreciated the organisers for making it an event thus providing opportunities to the young spikers.

GCW Gandhi Nagar celebrates Vigilance Awareness Week 2024

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, a vibrant Painting and Slogan Competition was organised today at the Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Under the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity," this event sought to engage students in creatively expressing their commitment to honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct.

The competition was a collaborative effort between the college's Internal Vigilance Committee and the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO). Organised by the Internal Vigilance Committee of GCW, the event was led by Convenor Dr. Rabia Javed, along with committee members Dr. Anju Koul, Dr. Iqbal Qasim, and Prof. Paramjeet Singh.

50 students demonstrated their understanding of integrity and vigilance through striking paintings and impactful slogans, each reflecting their commitment to the nation's moral and ethical growth.

Distinguished HUDCO officials, including Bhomik Jain (AGM), Dipinder Kour (AM), Sukhdev Singh (Senior Transport Assistant), and Parveen Kumar (M.T.S.), graced the occasion with their presence, underscoring

HUDCO's commitment to promoting integrity and transparency as fundamental principles within society.

Prof. Rakesh Singh, Head of the Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Samriti Agarwal, Head of the Department of Zoology, served as the judges for the competition, evaluating the entries based on creativity, relevance to the theme, and the power of the message conveyed.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. S P Saraswat, Principal of the College praised the students' artistic and rhetorical talent, noting how their contributions reflected a deep understanding of the importance of integrity in building a prosperous and corruption-free society.

The prize winners were announced at the end of the competition, and certificates were awarded to all participants in recognition of their enthusiasm and dedication to the cause. Abida Kousar of Sem -5, Anjali Choudhary of Sem - 1, Manvinee Kour of Sem - 1, Sheetal Bhudval of Sem -1and Bavneet Kour of Sem - 5 bagged 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively.

The Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 will continue with various activities aimed at fostering a culture of transparency and ethical conduct, reinforcing the message of integrity as a cornerstone for national prosperity.

District Pulwama Volleyball championship to start from Nov 9

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The District Volleyball Association Pulwama is excited to announce the District Volleyball Championship for the 2024-25 season. This event will be conducted under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir UT, with sponsorship from Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council. Scheduled to take place at the Islamic University, Awantipora Pulwama, the championship will run from November 9 to 10, 2024.

Participants can compete in various age groups, including Senior Men/Women, Junior Boys/Girls, and Sub Junior Boys/Girls.

The association invites entries from regis-

tered volleyball clubs, private teams, and departmental institutions. Interested teams can obtain the official entry forms from the designated office bearers by contacting 9906746602 or 6006663652.

The deadline for submitting completed entry forms is November 7, 2024. Following this, the championship fixtures will be published. Matches will be conducted on a league cum knockout basis, and all participants are required to wear proper uniforms in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI).

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Akemjot, Navjeet shine at Punjab Dance Competition

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In an outstanding display of talent and dedication, Akemjot Singh, a second-grade student, and Navjeet Singh, a third-grade student, both from Unique International Public School, emerged victorious in the recent dance competition held in Punjab. Their remarkable performances secured them the coveted first prizes in their respective categories, showcasing the vibrant cultural spirit of the region. The competition, which featured participants from various schools across Punjab, aimed to promote the arts and encourage young talents. Akemjot captivated the audience with his ener-



Faculty members felicitating winner students.

getic dance routine, demonstrating not only skill but also a passion for performance. Similarly, Navjeet's graceful moves and expressive style left a lasting impression on the judges and attendees alike.

"We are incredibly proud of Akemjot and Navjeet for their hard work and commitment," said Jasbir Singh Ji, Chairperson of Unique International Public School. "Their achievements are a testament to their talent and the supportive environment we foster at our school."

Both students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to showcase their skills and for the encouragement received from their teachers and peers. Akemjot remarked, "Winning this prize means a lot to me. I love dancing and sharing my passion with others." Navjeet added, "I am so happy to have won. I want to inspire others to dance too!"

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IPL auction set to be held in Riyadh at end of November

STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: The Indian Premier League's high-profile auction will be held in the Saudi Arabian capital city of Riyadh in the last week of this month, sources in the BCCI confirmed on Monday.

"The IPL auctions will be held in Riyadh and it has been notified to the franchisees.

The likely dates are November 24 and 25," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

This year's auction is a mega one with high profile India stars like Rishabh Pant, KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer and Arshdeep Singh are going to go under the

hammer.

The 10 franchises will collectively have around Rs 641.5 crore to spend for 204 slots that are available.

Out of those 204 slots, 70 are earmarked for overseas players.

As of now, 46 players have been retained by the 10 franchises with cumulative expenditure of Rs 558.5 crore.

Vigilance Awareness Programme held at SPMR College

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: NSS Unit of the college in collaboration with Department of Computer Applications, SPMR College of Commerce Jammu organized Vigilance Awareness programme in order to inculcate the values of honesty and integrity among youth.

Students from various semesters prepared posters and slogans on the theme "Vigilant Society leads to Developed Nation."

A signature campaign was also carried out in the college campus to disseminate the concept of transparency and honesty in the society, in which Principal, staff and students of the college participated with great enthusiasm.

An awareness rally was also organized to sensitise the students and general public.

Principal, students and staff also participated in e-Pledge taking ceremony conducted by Govt. of

India.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh said that transparency, honesty and integrity were the hallmarks of progress in society, and urged the students to play their part in ensuring that corruption is rooted out in the society.

He appreciated the efforts of the organisers and participants and hoped that all present would benefit greatly from

the event.

The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. Deepshikha Sharma (NSS PO), Prof. Monika Mahajan (HOD BCA), Dr. Deepak Pathania (NSS PO) and Dr. Anu Sharma.

Among those present on the occasion included Prof. Pawan Gupta, Prof. Mohd Azam, Prof. Ashraf Nawaz, Dr. Chetna Gupta, Prof. Rekha Gupta, Prof. Binny Kumar, Dr. Jagmeet Kour, Prof. Shaji Khan and others.

Other office bearers elected included Ravinder Singh (senior vice president), Taranvir Singh (vice president, Jammu), Zameer Thakur (vice president, Kashmir), Prof. Vinod Bakshi (associate secretary), Amit Singh (joint secretary, Jammu), Mohd. Iqbal (joint secretary, Kashmir) and Sunil Sharma, chairman.

The Association also nominated executive members including Vikas Gupta, Vinod K. Bhatia, Raj Kumar, Tarsem Sharma, Ravi Salgotra, Sahil Raina, Anil Khajuria and Tejinder Singh.