

J&K Kalarippayattu C'ship concludes



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries after prize distribution at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Two-day long J&K UT Kalarippayattu (Kaipporu) Championship for the year 2021 concluded at international Delhi Public School (IDPS), Sunjwan, here.

The event was organized by Kalarippayattu Association of J&K in collaboration with IDPS. Around 90 participants from various districts of J&K participated in this championship. These participants were divided into two parts following the Covid-19 protocol.

In the closing function, for-

mer Legislator, Balwant Singh Mankotia was Chief Guest while General Secretary Ju-Jitsu Association of J&K, Tarsem Sharma was Special Guest.

Swaran Singh Choudhary (MD IDPS), Suminder Singh (MD IDPS), Randeep Wazir (Principal IDPS), Yashpal Choudhary (Director IDPS), Vivek Gupta (Director Udhampur), Madhu Abrol (School Manager IDPS), Rachita, Arshad Aziz (member KAJK), Shabir Ahmad Lone (member KAJK), Rohit Thakyal and Deepak

Dogra were among other prominent present.

The competition took place under the supervision of Danish Sharma (General Secretary KAJK). Other members, who part of the technical and other committees included Rudrakshit Gupta, Appu Jamwal, Summayah, Sanjay, Ramesh, Rajat Bhagat, Sarfaraz Khan, Tajamul Khan, Anirudh Verma, Rishika Sharma and Sameena.

Earlier, the championship declared open by MD, IDPS, Suminder Singh.

World University Games We played for J&K only, say players

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JAMMU: All six players, who have made it to the World University Games in the past one decade or so asserted that they have played for Jammu and Kashmir only at the National level in their entire sporting career.

They have categorically refuted that seeking higher education in the better sporting environs beyond the boundaries of the home state/UT of J&K does not qualify that a player has represented that particular state.

"Our entire sporting career of domestic, national and international competitions has got the sealing of our State/UT sports associations and the sports governing body of J&K Sports Council (JKSC). Even for the World University Games, we got selected through open trials at the National level with every medal winner college student allowed irrespective of his/her participation at the zonal or national university games," said one of the World University Games player from J&K. Since majority of these players belong to the disciplines of Fencing and Judo have been students of India's top sports institution of Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), they represented J&K in the National Championships organised by the National Sports Federations and played for GNDU in the Inter-University Games held under the banner of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). "At the time of selection for the World University Games, only medal winners at the college or university level and those at senior National Championships are allowed, so there is hardly any scope for manipulation. The University Games is a truly world event in terms of competition that was why only seven players from J&K could take part till date," said qualified referee and former international fencer, Rashid Ahmed. When asked about the new sports rules, Rashid said, "The Government should have explained the University Games also like other events. For me, a player having domicile and registration as a player at National level from J&K could be a student from any part of the country."

AYUSH Ramban distributes 400 immunity boosting medicine kits among people

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RAMBAN: Free immunity boosting medicine kits were distributed by Department of Indian System of Medicine, AYUSH, Ramban amongst the people here at Kanthigali, Chareel, Chambalwas, Tangar, Paristan, Ganote, Koli and Shagan villages. The Department also sensitized them about the importance of following Covid Appropriate Behaviour. As per the District Nodal Officer AYUSH, Dr. Sanjay Chadha, over 400 immunity boosting kits of 6 Medicines were distributed among people in the wake of surge in Covid cases across the district. While making people aware, the Medical Officers and paramedical staff gave a detailed briefing on the importance of strong immunity for fighting against COVID-19. They also informed about the initiatives and measures taken by the ISM, AYUSH to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. The people were urged to wear face masks, wash hands regularly and maintain physical distance. The Doctors also urged people to get their children in the 15-17 years age group vaccine dose in their nearest Covid Vaccination Centres which is the only option to prevent them from deadly infection.

Republic Day arrangements finalised at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: The arrangements for Republic Day celebrations were finalized here at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Ashok Kumar Sharma.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Kishtwar Shafkat Hussain Bhat; Additional District Development Commissioner, Sham Lal; GM DIC Khalid Hussain Malik; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Akhter Hussain Qazi, besides other concerned District and Sectoral officers. It was decided in the meeting that the venue for the celebration of Republic Day 2022 will be at DC Office Complex Mini secretariat Kishtwar, where the chief guest would unfurl the Tricolour and inspect the Parade.

The full dress rehearsal of Republic Day shall be conducted on 24th January 2022 at the venue of the function and all district and Sectoral officers were asked to remain present.

Further, it was decided in the meeting that the celebration will be held amid strict adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

Deputation of Abrol Biradri calls on SDM, highlights issues



SDM Akhnoor Varinder Gupta visiting site of Dev Sathan/ Thakur Dawara land at Jia Pota Ghat Akhnoor.

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AKHNOOR: A deputation of Abrol Biradri (Gold Smiths) met Sub District Magistrate (SDM) Akhnoor Varinder Gupta and apprised him about issue of illegal encroachment of a

Dev Sathan/ Thakur Dawara land at Jia Pota Ghat Akhnoor.

The deputation was led by General Secretary of Abrol Biradri Suresh Abrol and other members.

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Gupta constituted a team under the supervision of Tehsildar Akhnoor Surinder Singh, other officials of Revenue Department and Municipal Committee Akhnoor including Naib Tehsildar Ashok Kumar Chibber, Khilafwari inspector Kuldeep Raj Sharma which visited the site and found that diggings at the site which led damage to property.

Later SDM Varinder Gupta also visited the site along with revenue team and took first hand appraisal. Gupta directed officers of revenue department and Municipal Committee Akhnoor to take the necessary action against it.

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GDC Nowshera organises quiz competition on Lohri festival

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NOWSHERA: Department of Punjabi, Govt. Degree College Nowshera, organised a quiz competition on the topic 'Lohri Festival' on Wednesday to commemorate 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' through virtual mode.

The students actively and enthusiastically participated in the Quiz contest and showcased their inherent talent. It was very

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