

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 (KAJK) 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.

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.

On this SDM Varinder

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, Khilafwarzi 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.

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

informative and knowledge enriching competition for the participants.

Harpreet Kour student of semester V secured 1st position while five students bagged 2nd position & three students secured 3rd position.

The overall competition was organised under the able guidance of Principal, Dr. Surinder Kumar.

Delimitation Commission can't take demands outside its mandate: Task with DC is Unique & Challenging

► DC has to Delimit 90 Assembly Segments & mark Segments reserved for SC/ST as per Act 34 of 2019
► Modi lead NDA-III Govt. has cleared way to secure legitimate voice for common masses in legislature

In terms of Act No 34 the delimitation of single member 90 segments of the first legislative assembly of UT of J&K is to be done taking into consideration the population data of 2011 census data and some people have alleged that 2011 census data had been manipulated in favour of Kashmir valley and NDA government should have nominated census 2021 data for delimitation. Anyhow still it should be kept in view that for delimitation of individual segments population is not the only parameter but is one of the five parameters. No doubt census data does have very particular reference w.e.t. to calculating the number of seats to be reserved for SC & ST based on the population proportions of ST/SC and marking the individual seats to be reserved for SC & ST keeping in view the segments that have relatively higher SC or ST population. Still taking the broader numbers & deciding parameters it can be gauged that even with Census- 2011 data & Delimitation law truthfully applied most of the areas outside Valley (Areas like Rajouri, Poonch, Doda, Kishtwar, Kathua, Udhampur, Ramban, Reasi, Kupwara etc) can still get more MLAs than the Valley areas and still a reasonable extent of justice can be extended to the people of J&K by the present J.S.

Ranjan Prakash Desai Delimitation Commission (DC).

(So) The task with the Delimitation Commission (DC) appointed in 2020 is very pious but very challenging too. The task before the DC is of the class which has never been there before any other delimitation commission so far where the earlier like 'proportions' taken on regional basis could be reversed and some groups could misguide the innocent masses in the name of region and religion. Therefore, the Commission need be extended total support / cooperation by all sections of society, who want return of peace / stability in J&K, rising above considerations of simply focussing on 'self', religion, region and petty local political consideration.

No irrelevant or beyond the mandate of the Delimitation Commission & outside provisions of Act 34 of 2019 issues & demands should be made / nobody should be allowed to raise on the Commission like (i) demanding reserving or allocating some seats for 1947 POJK DP's (floating seats for Kashmiri migrants / (KPs (ii) attributing provision of reservation seats for ST & SC to the Delimitation Commission where as that has already been made through Act 34 of 2019 and DC has only to calculate the number in proportion to pop-

ulation of SC/ST in 2011 census and name the individual seats to be reserved keeping in view the segment wise population in 2011 census (iii) demands as recently made by Apni Party on January 15, 2022 asking for locating the SC/ST seats in segments where SC/ST population is minimum since DC has to go by the Act 34 of 2019 for locating the seats in segments with higher SC/ST population (iv) demanding the DC to decide only on the basis of 2011 census population since DC has to go by the deciding parameters as laid down in the act / law where population is only one of the 5 factors since in principle the asking consideration is to provide a representative on nearness in time & distance to the people one is to represent and not only the population number as is the case with Lok Sabha member where all Lok Sabha members carry same number of votes for presidential election where as the MLAs carry different votes state wise like presently UP MLA carried 208 votes / J&K MLA carried 72 votes / HP MLA carried 51 votes / Sikkim MLA carried 7 only votes. (v) Yes may be there have been some constituencies in the past where there was much larger population in comparison to other constituencies and that may need some correction but

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 qualifying 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:



there too before raising questions it has to be kept in mind that due consideration has to be paid to the area/ terrain/ communication links available to the population / representative of the constituency, to quote the district wise average population / area sq kms/ MLA that existed in the past could be seen as like Kishtwar 115348 /MLA/3868.5 sq km, Doda 204968 /MLA/1379.5 sq km, Udhampur 184995 /MLA/879 sq.km, Rajouri 165603 /MLA/657.5 sq km, Reasi + Ramban 119500 /MLA/ 613 sq km, Anantnag 179782 /MLA/595.7 sq km, Poonch 1,58,955 /MLA/558sq km, Pulwama 140110 /MLA/272.5 sq km, Baramulla 126005/MLA/523.7 sq km, Kathua 123287 /MLA/500 sq km, Kupwara 174070.8/MLA /476 sq km, Samba 159449 /MLA/452 sq km, Badgam 150749 /MLA/ 272.2 sq km, Srinagar 152439.5 /MLA/247.3 sq km, Jammu 139087/MLA/212.9 sq km, Bandipora 196166/MLA/ 172 sq km, Shopian 133107 /MLA/156 sq km, Ganderbal 148723 /MLA/129.5 sq km, Kulgam 106120.75 /MLA/102.5 sq km,

Div Com inspects ongoing works under JJM, flood protection schemes in border areas

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SAMBA: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Wednesday conducted a day long tour of district Samba and inspected ongoing mining activities and pace of development works.

The Div Com was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta; SSP, Abhishek Mahajan; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Vijaypur Vinay Kumar, District Mineral Officer, Executive Engineer PHE and other district officers.

During the inspection of leased out mineral blocks at Gurha Salathia (Devak River) and Pangdour (Lower Basanter), the Div Com directed concerned officers to ensure that boundary pillars are installed properly as per the approved site plan indicating all corner points. He laid emphasis upon display of mining rates, close vigil at check post to check illegal mining activities.

The Div Com interacted with locals at lower Basanter and listened to their grievances. The PRIs and locals put forth their demands and sought the redress of the same.

The Div Com gave a patient hearing and directed revenue officers to verify the land records to sort out private land acquisition issues. He visited mining



Div Com Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer inspecting ongoing mining activities at Samba.

block sites and inspected the sheds constructed and provision of dumping.

The Div Com directed mining officers to ensure that the leased out mining blocks are functional as per the site plan only and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the J&K Minor Mineral concession, Storage, Transportation of minerals and prevention of illegal mining rules.

Later, the Div Com visited Ramgarh area to assess the development works under Jal Jeevan Mission. He inspected improvement and augmentation of the water supply scheme Ramloo constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 4.67 crore which will supply tap water to 740 households. The project is 60% complete which includes the main building, Sump tank, Tubewell and 13 KM rising main pipeline, informed Executive Engineer PHE (Jal Shakti). It was informed that a total of 80 schemes have been approved and

Block Diwas: DC Kathua convenes Public Outreach Camp

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KATHUA: To listen and redress the grievances of common masses, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Yadav on Wednesday convened a Public Outreach Camp here at PWD Rest House Billawar.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Billawar, officers of line departments, members of District Development Council and Block Development Council, Sarpanches and panches of different halqas were present on the occasion.

During the camp PRIs projected the issues of public importance and sought immediate redress of the same.

The public representative sought immediate renovation and maintenance of Billawar-Phinter-Sukrala Road. They further demanded early restoration of Bakhatpur water supply scheme as inhabitants of the area are facing drinking water scarcity. They further demanded reduction of the power cuts in the tehsil.

The DC gave a patient hearing to the problems/demands of the people and passed on spot directions to the officers to resolve the grievances of the people at an earliest.

As many as twelve government departments had put up stalls displaying their schemes/programmes to spread awareness among the masses.

The officers interacted with locals and apprised them about the schemes/programmes of their respective departments and encouraged them to avail the benefits of the same.

work on 44 schemes was in progress.

The Div Com also inspected the forward post of BSF at Ballar gate and inspected the cutting due to Basanter. The DPR for flood protection scheme has already been prepared for the same. He directed officers to formulate a joint proposal for protection and restoration of the area with the department of revenue, mining and Flood Control.

COVID containment: Kishtwar Admn conducts market checking to curb overpricing of face masks, sanitizers

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KISHTWAR: To keep a check on the overpricing of the face masks, hand sanitizers and gloves in the market, an enforcement team on Wednesday conducted massive market checking in the main town markets.

Comprising Naib Tehsildar Shoaib parvez, Inspector legal metrology Arun Kotwal, Sub inspector Moon Khan and municipality officials, the team conducted raids at various medical stores.

The checking was conducted under public complaints of overcharging of these articles by the medical stores amid the increased demand due to surge in cases amid the 3rd wave.

During the checking, the team checked the price and the quality of masks besides the medical store owners were asked to display the price of the COVID related items including the masks, sanitizers and hand gloves outside their medical stores.

The team further warned the medical store owners that defaulters will be fined and dealt strictly as per the relevant sections of law.

legislature for the people of distant, backward nobody should push BJP in to controversies and unnecessarily put hurdles in the working of DC since process must be completed at the earliest so that democratic government takes over.

But no part corrections please, corrections have to be total and as due under law.

Even with Census- 2011 data & Delimitation law truthfully applied areas outside Valley can still get more than 45 MLAs. (See table-A).

Hope all Associate members (particularly MPs from outside Kashmir valley) will not fall back in providing the needed data and ground realities to the official members of Delimitation Commission.

Even the Valley MPs, particularly elder leader in Dr. Farooq Abdullah will have to render all assistance & cooperation to DC worth applying the needed corrections atleast now after 6 decades.

The associate members will have to take the test since if not now, then when it would be, will remain a big question.

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