

Yash Pal Memorial Volleyball tourney begins



Participating Volleyball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Poonch.

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POONCH: Sher -e-Poonch Yash Pal Sharma Memorial Volleyball Tournament, organised by Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch, got underway at Government Degree College (GDC) ground, here today.

In total, eight teams from across the district have enrolled for the event which is being held under the guidance of chairman of the host Club, Mohd Tariq.

"The event is being organised to recall the contributions of Sher-e-Poonch for the development of the masses of the border district," speaking to the gathering said chief guest, Advocate Sanjay Raina, president Degree College (GDC) People from Poonch.

He appreciated the efforts being made by Mohd Tariq in recalling the contributions of tall leaders of Poonch, including Yash Pal Sharma.

Those present on the occasion were Pardeep Khanna

(social worker), Saleem Bandey (AEE), Nirdosh Kumar (Manager Sports Stadium), Parvaiz Malik, Asrar Khan, Ramiz Tariq and Mushtaq Ahmed.

Earlier, the opening match of the day won by Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club beating Poonch Club 3-1 (25-19, 21-25, 25-09, 25-20).

The technical panel for the event comprised Ramiz Tariq, Nazarat Hussain, Anjum Mehatab and Irfan Ahmed.

Rollball trials today

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JAMMU: Rollball Association of Jammu and Kashmir has decided to conduct selection trials for the upcoming 15th Junior National Championship to be held at Balgavi in Karnatka from February 1 to 4.

The selection trial shall be held at Skating Rink MA Stadium, here on January 12 from 6.30 PM onwards, a handout issued by the Association here on Wednesday informed.

The interested players may contact Madhu Sharma (9419148556), Sudhir Singh (9419109609) and Ashraf Dijo (9419179740), the handout added.

Only players who are registered with the Rollball Association and had participated in recently held UT Rollball Championship will be allowed to participate.

Vijay Puri dedicates her Lifetime Achievement Award to Jammu Sahodaya

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JAMMU: Vijay Puri, the Academic Director, Shemford Futuristic School, Birpur Jammu has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award, hosted by CED India at their 8th Annual Star Rating Conference held at Hotel Radison Blue Udyog Vihar Gurgaon recently .

These Honours are conferred by CED to Top Most Educational Institutions and outstanding Educationists of India every year.

Vijay Puri received this Award for the year 2022 in recognition of her Outstanding contribution on Leadership in Education and Empowerment. She has been serving significantly and relentlessly in the field of Education for the past 49 years and her Contribution in the field of School Education is noteworthy and highly acclaimed. Earlier also she



Academic Director, Shemford Futuristic School, Birpur, Vijay Puri receiving Lifetime Achievement Award during 8th Annual Star Rating Conference.

has been conferred with many Awards and Honours both at State and National Level for her immense contribution in the field of Education. Vijay Puri is an educationist par excellence.

Her tryst with education continues unabated even today. Her undaunted commitment to the cause of Education and its spread makes her an exceptionally acclaimed educationist who enjoys the love and respect of large number of people across Country who are

associated with the field of Education.

With a formal note, she dedicated her Life Time Achievement award to Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex (JSSC) for its meritorious services & for creating various creative platforms to children of Jammu Sahodaya member schools to showcase their innate talent & acquired skills.

Applauding the prestigious honour conferred on Vijay Puri, Rajesh Rathore, President, Jammu Sahodaya & Principal

Tenshinkan North India Karate Do C'ship held

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JAMMU: J&K Tenshinkan Karate Do Association, an affiliated unit of the Tenshinkan Shotokan-Ryu Karate Federation of India, organised two days Tenshinkan (Kata/Kumite) North India Karate Do Championship at Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, here.

The event was declared open by Kyoshi Hasrat Khan, India chief Tenshinkan Karate Do and president Karate Association of India (KAI, who was Chief Guest. Jatinder Choudhary, Vice President of the Association was Guest of Honour while Shihan Brijesh Bhau was Chief Technical Director of the event.

Around 275 participants from various North Indian states took part in this competition which held under the overall supervision of Kyoshi Hasrat Khan, president KAI and 8th DAN Japan.

The organising committee com-



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu.

prised Shihan Brijesh Bhau, Chief Technical Director of Jammu & Kashmir and the members of the association namely Sensei Arun Sharma Bhau, Sensei Aman Sharma, Sensei Sankalp Kampal, Sensei Gopal Sharma, Sensei Shakti Kumar, Sensei Amandeep Singh, Sensei Honey Sharma, Sensei Avneet Kour, Sensei Pankaj Choudhary and Yogesh Kumar. Meanwhile, Dr. Amit Vaid, president

J&K Tenshinkan Karate Do Association appreciated the participants and officials for making the event a success.

Brijesh Bhau also appreciated the players for winning the medals. He said it is proud moment for them that they have hoisted such tournament in Jammu. He also asked the youth to take up sports to lead a healthy and disciplined life.

Ranji Trophy: J&K 176/6 against Punjab as bad light delays, stops play

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir were 176/6 against Punjab on day-2 of the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-D match as bad light first delayed and then stopped play at IS Bindra Cricket Stadium, PCA, Mohali on Wednesday.

Earlier, resuming their first innings from an overnight score of 146/6, J&K added 30 runs in 11 overs of play today to reach 176/6 before bad light stopped play, forcing the umpires to call off the day.

Fazil Rashid who was unbeaten on 26 runs

added 20 more runs to his overnight score to make 46, while Auqib Nabi who was not out on 6 added 10 more runs to score unbeaten 16 runs.

Sidharth Kaul was the pick of the bowlers for Punjab, who took 3 wickets by conceding 58 runs in 10 overs, while Baltej

Singh bagged 2 wickets by giving away 35 runs in his 10 overs. Mayank Markande also claimed one wicket.

Earlier, the match delayed for around three hours due to bad light and after just 11 overs of play, bad light again stopped play.

CCIT Amritsar Akhtar honors prodigy Onkar Batra

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JAMMU: Chief Commissioner Income Tax (CCIT) Amritsar, Jahanzeb Akhtar on Wednesday honoured child prodigy Onkar Singh Batra of Jammu in an event organized at Aayakar Bhawan, here.

Speaking at the event, Akhtar said that she was delighted to meet such an inspiring young boy who has made such a commendable contribution in the field of science and technology.

She expressed hope that the achievements of Onkar Batra will encourage children from around the globe to excel in their fields of interest and nurturing talent and promoting excellence is a universal quest worthy of pursuit. While appreciating him, Jahanzeb emphasized that every child on this planet is special in his own way and the right guidance and the right environment helps them recognize their inner abilities.



Chief Commissioner Income Tax Amritsar, Jahanzeb Akhtar honouring prodigy Onkar Singh Batra.

Pertinent to mention that Onkar Singh Batra was awarded National Bal Shakti Award by the President of India for creating social web based platform during COVID pandemic. He is also creator of India's first open-source satellite 'InQube' using Nano technology.

Batra also became the youngest Webmaster in the world when he launched his first website at the age of seven, earning him a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records. He also set a record

for being the youngest theoretical author at the age of 12 for his book 'When The Time Stops'. He is also a student ambassador at Jet Aerospace Aviation Research Center, Senior Director for India at Swiss Space Tourism and also the goodwill ambassador of the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces Council - Southeast Asia. Besides other officers, the function was attended by the family members of Onkar Singh Batra and Baljeet Kaur, Commissioner of Income Tax.

JKPS Kunjwani said, "Recognition of meritorious services is the earnest need of the hour! Though great Eduleaders work tirelessly, selflessly & silently, yet it's the duty of the conscious society to give due recognition to the passionate endeavours of Eduleaders. Hats off to Team CED for conferring the coveted Trophy of Excellence on Madam Vijay Puri".

"We salute the Leader extraordinary for her indomitable spirit, unflinching self-belief & her phenomenal contributions made to every nook & cranny of her life voyage. Her vision, dedication, determination and humongous efforts inspire one & all and establish her credentials as a worthy role model to countless people around!", he further added.

"Rising like a phoenix after her fatal accident, wherein she received several spinal injuries & brain hamorrhage, Vijay Puri established her credentials as a born fighter, who never accepted defeat at any point in life & emerged a VICTOR every time. She stands out as a lighthouse to show direction to meandering seafarers during tumultuous sea. She is a born fighter, inspiring mentor & an incredible role model", he summed up.

Lalita Devi qualifies JKSET

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JAMMU: Lalita Devi, daughter of Balwant Singh and wife of Parveen Kumar

Sharma, resident of Nai Basti, Raipur Goupar Basti, R

S Pura, Jammu has been qualified Jammu and Kashmir State Eligibility Test (JKSET) in Hindi, the result of which was declared recently. She is presently pursuing Ph.D from Department of Hindi, University of Jammu.







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