

Gazanfar announces establishment of stadium, swimming pool at Samba

➡ **Director Sports, DDC Samba inaugurate annual athletic meet**
➡ **‘Sports best medium to save youth from social evils’**

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: While adhering to the SOPs and other allied government guidelines amid COVID pandemic, the Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali along with District Development Commissioner (DDC) Samba, Anuradha Gupta inaugurated annual athletic meet in an impressive, colourful and well attended function at Sports Stadium, here on Friday.

The dignitaries formally declared the event open by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The athletic extravaganza, in which 1008 student athletes, including 548 girls are taking part, is being organised by the District Youth Services and Sports



Director Sports, Gazanfar Ali being presented a memento during inaugural ceremony of athletic meet in Samba.

Office Samba, under the overall supervision of DYSSO Samba, Kiran Jyoti.

The budding athletes are being guided by a panel of experts drawn from the field staff of the Department of Youth Services and Sports.

Speaking on the occasion, both the dignitaries laid stress on mass participation to involve more and more youth in nation building.

The Director Sports said that sports and allied activities are the best medium to help youth not to fall prey to drugs and other social

evils, thus helping them not to derail from the mainstream.

He said to check the drug menace in the society holding such events are very much important.

Director Sports further said that sports builds camaraderie and provides opportunity to youth to make friends and exchange culture.

On the participation of girls, DDC Samba said that women empowerment is the need of the hour, adding the events like this is a step forward in this regard.

On the occasion, Gazanfar Ali announced establishment of one more stadium and a swimming pool at District Samba.

Chief Education Officer

Kathua, Omkar Sharma was also present on the occasion, who was instrumental in helping the organisers in mass participating athletes drawn from various institutions.

Earlier, Kiran Jyoti presented welcome address, and welcomed the dignitaries, guests and participating athletes for being part of this mega event.

She advised the young athletes to show discipline and play with sporting spirit.

Meanwhile, today on the inaugural day of the event, Siddharth Sharma clinched gold in Under-17 1500 meters race, while Sujal Chib and Charanjeet Singh claimed silver and bronze medal respectively.

33rd JK UT Junior Volleyball Championship to begin today

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Youth Services & Sports J&K, Alok Kumar to inaugurate the 33rd JK UT Junior Volleyball Championship (boys and girls) being organized by Volleyball Association of Jammu & Kashmir under the aegis of J&K Sports Council at MA Stadium, here tomorrow.

"Principal Secretary, Youth Services & Sports J&K, Alok Kumar will be the chief guest and Director Tourism Jammu J&K, Vivekanand Rai will be the Guest of Honour in the inaugural ceremony which will be presided over by the Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul," said Kuldeep Magotra, Chief Executive Officer of VAJK.

He added that as many as 30 teams drawn from all across JK UT in boys and girls sections are taking part in around 52 matches in the three-day Championship.

He said that besides the volleyball courts at MA Stadium, matches will also be played at Shastri Nagar Playfield Jammu. He added that some matches will be played under Flood Light for which volleyball courts have been designed.

The organizers have expressed their gratitude to key partners The STATE TIMES newspaper/ Department of Social Welfare, JKAP, J.K. Public School for extending their cooperation in making the championship a grand success.

"So far over 12 district teams from far-flung

areas of Kashmir Valley and Jammu province have been reported till 6:00 PM today," Kuldeep Magotra said, adding that all officials of VAJK, JK Sport Council and SAI worked hard to make the event colorful and successful.

In all, he said, 300 players and officials would interact and exhibit the volleyball skills during the championship which would go a long way in inspiring the youth towards sports in general and volleyball in particular.

JK UT Junior boys and girls teams after selection will participate in 47th Junior National Volleyball Championship scheduled to be held at Burdwan in West Bengal from December 25 to 30, 2021, Magotra said.

JU Volleyball team leaves for North Zone Tournament



JU Volleyball team posing for a photograph with Director Sports JU, Dr Daud Iqbal Baba.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education University of Jammu is projecting its volleyball (men) team for the participation in the forthcoming North Zone Inter-University Volleyball (Men)

Tournament 2021-22 to be organized by the Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra from December 12 to 16, 2021.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu interacted with the

players and flagged off the team at University Sports Stadium.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Raj Kumar Bakshi, Vikas Karlopiya, Ravish Vaid, Padam Dev Singh, Jai Bharat and Buneet Singh.

Kathua Volleyball teams leave for 33rd J&K UT Championship



Kathua Volleyball boys and girls teams posing with officials before leaving for Jammu.

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KATHUA: Kathua District Junior Volleyball teams (Boys & Girls) left for participation in 33rd Jammu & Kashmir UT Volleyball Championship being conducted at MA Stadium Jammu from December 11 to 13, 2021.

Earlier both the teams were given coaching by Mohinder Sharma, District

Secretary and veteran volleyball player from November 20 to December 10.

District Volleyball Association, Madan Lal Toofan, Vice President, Surat Singh Coach, Madan Lal, Physical Director, Women College Kathua, Roshan Lal and Joint Secretary Ram Lal besides Prince Sharma, Shashi Sharma

and S P Sharma were also present on the occasion and gave their good wishes for success of both the teams.

Swami Krishnanand Maharaj, Mahant Kali Mata Mandir Qila Jasmergarh also gave his blessings to all the players.

Other prominent persons present were O.D Attri (ret'd) BDO, Vyas Sharma and Maharma Sain Dass.

SPMR College of Commerce lifts inter-collegiate Table Tennis men trophy



Sports Coordinator CLUJ, Dr. Vinod Bakshi interacting with players.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: SPMR College of Commerce won the title of Inter-Collegiate Table Tennis Men Tournament organised by the Cluster University of Jammu at Govt. MAM College, here on Friday.

Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Sports Coordinator Cluster University of Jammu and Physical Director GGM Science College was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

SPMR College of Commerce beat GGM Science College in men's final. In 1st set, Maanay Mansotra of SPMR College of Commerce beat

Asif Mujtaba of GGM Science College by 3-0 and in 2nd set, Mustafa Kamal of GGM Science College beat Rishab Gupta by 3-2.

In 3rd set, Vishvardhan of GGM Science College beat Raghav Kochhar of SPMR College of Commerce by 3-1 and in 4th set, Mannay Mansotra of SPMR College of Commerce beat Mustaba Kamal of GGM Science College by 3-0. In 5th set, Rishab Gupta of SPMR College of Commerce beat Asif Mujtaba of GGM Science College by 3-0.

Like this, SPMR College of Commerce beat GGM Science College by 3-2.

The tournament was played under the supervision of Neenu Sawhney, Physical Director Govt. MAM College and under the overall supervision of Dr. Vinod Bakshi,.

Dr. Seema Jamwal (Convenor, Sports Committee MAM College), Prof. Anupama Kumari, Dr. Sonam Mehta, Romesh Malhotra, Ramandeep Kralia, Physical Director GDC Ramban media persons and participants of the Sports events were present on the occasion. The matches were officiated by Rekha Ratra, Vikram Dogra and Anil Dogra.

VC BGSBU flags off Volleyball team for North Zone Tournament

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RAJOURI: Vice Chancellor (VC), Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Prof. Akbar Masood on Friday flagged off volleyball team of the university for participation in North Zone Inter-Varsity Volleyball Championship 2021-2022. The volleyball tournament is being organized under the aegis of Association of Indian Universities to celebrate 75th Independence day Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav scheduled to be conducted by Kurukshetra University Haryana from December 12 to 16, 2021.

A 12 member volleyball (men) lead by Uzair Khan of B.Tech Civil Engineering will play their first match on December 12, 2021 against Punjab Agriculture University.

Prof. Akbar Masood congratulated the team members for their selection to participate in competitions and conveyed best wishes for their. Those who were present on the occasion included Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Iqbal Parwez, OSD Sports Mohammad Rashid Chowdhury, Joint Registrar Suneet Gupta and Deputy Director sports Mohammad Din.



VC BGSBU, Prof. Akbar Masood and other faculty members posing with Volleyball team.

Inter-zone Athletics meet of Poonch concludes

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POONCH: Hyka Bandy of zone Poonch and Taranam of Harni zone emerged fastest athletes in under-14 and under-19 age groups respectively in the inter-zone (boys and girls) athletics meet of district Poonch which held under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Pritam Stadium, here on Friday.

Earlier, before start of the concluding day events, a two-minute silence was observed by the participants and technical staff to pay tributes to CDS Bipin Rawat and other senior officers who lost their lives in a tragic helicopter crash.

The Detailed Results:
UNDER-14: 100 mts: Hyka Bandy, Pooch, Ist; Nighat, Nangali, 2nd. 200 mts: Sobia Kazmi, Nangali, Ist; Saira Bandy, Pooch, 2nd and Fozia, Poonch, 3rd. 400 mts: Shaishita Koser, Surankote, Ist; Samreen Koser, Surankote, 2nd and Tahira Altaf, Surankote, 3rd. Shot Put: Afsana Razzak, Harni, Ist;



Girls competing in athletic event.

Ruksana Koser, Kanuyian, 2nd and Nighat, Nangali, 3rd. Long Jump: Sobia Kazmi, Nangali, Ist; Hyka Bandy, Poonch, 2nd and Amreen Choudhary, Mendhar, 3rd.

UNDER-19: 100 mts: Taranam, Harni, Ist; Ruksar, Surankote, 2nd and Asia Nazir, Surankote, 3rd. 200 mts: Taranam, Harni, Ist; Anjum Pervaiz, Poonch, 2nd and Tabassum Zulfikar, Poonch, 3rd. 400 mts: Anjum Parvana, Pooch, Ist; Afsana, Surankote, 2nd and Taslim Akhter, Kanuyian, 3rd. 800 mts: Zaida Bi, Kanuyian, Ist; Farzana

Harmanjot of JPS wins Best App Idea Award

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JAMMU: Harmanjot Singh, a brilliant grade 9 student of Jodhamal Public School (JPS) won the Topper Best App Idea Award and was adjudged as Best Theme Award Winner for his new remarkable Internet of Things (IoT) Application Venture on Healthcare in the first ever National Youth Ideathon 2021 Competition, organised by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with CBSE and MEPSC (Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council) which comes under Skill India.

He has innovated a novel wearable biomedical device himself, which integrates both embedded hardware and software technology using smart unobtrusive sensors, advanced Machine Learning Algorithms and is controlled by a nano microchip.

The device is connected through wireless technology using the next gen Microchip ECC608 crypto chip to a cloud based mobile application developed by Harmanjot Singh which is already published on Play Store.

The device aims for a social cause to uphold the mental wellness of the people. Pertinent to mention, he was the only one selected from Jammu and Kashmir in the Top 10 Finalists amongst the 62000+ participants across India and Middle East after multiple rigorous rounds of tasks, challenges and long pitch interviews by the panel of experienced and seasoned judges.



Harmanjot Singh of JPS receiving award.

The Award Ceremony was held on 20th November at Convocation Hall, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi) where Harmanjot Singh presented his final pitch with his research paper published in International Journal of Advance Research, Ideas and Innovations in Technology, which is very unique and impressive.

Usually Research Scholars studying in Universities get their papers published in that exclusive Journal.

Harmanjot was thus awarded with Best App Idea Trophy and cash prize of Rs 25,000 along with incubation and mentor support.

Young Alankrita brings laurels in Chess

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Young Alankrita Sharma has made J&K feel proud after she topped the World Chess Federation's rating list among six years and below children for the month of December. Daughter of Poonam Makhotra and Mohinder Sharma, Alankrita was felicitated by the All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) president, Atul Kumar Gupta. The AJKCA president praised talented Alankrita and her coach, FIDE Instructor Ajit Singh for training the young girl for last two years.

"Little girl has worked very hard and practiced for 5-6 hours on daily basis to achieve the distinction. She achieved this Rating in European style Round Robin FIDE Rating Chess Championship which took place at Jammu recently, informed Atul Kumar. Important to mention here that chess is played in 195 countries of world and highly competitive game as about 80 Million people play chess all over the world.



AJKCA President, Atul Kumar Gupta felicitating Alankrita Sharma.