

» ‘9,076 teams registered; over 1 lakh athletes to hone skill’ «

Govt committed to raise infra, promote sports: Alok Kumar

► Declares open YSS Cup 2021 at Khel Gaon ◄

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, Alok Kumar declared open the already launched YSS Cup 2021 in an impressive, colourful and well attended function at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, near here on Thursday.

A total of 9076 Panchayat/Block teams drawn from all 20 districts of the Union Territory in four sports disciplines namely Cricket, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball have been registered for this historic rather first of its kind sporting extravaganza, which will make around one lakh and twenty thousand athletes to vie for the top honours.

While Alok Kumar was the Chief Guest on the occasion, Gazanfar Ali, Director Youth Services and Sports, J&K presided over the function,



Principal Secretary YSS, Alok Kumar and other dignitaries releasing balloons while declaring YSS Cup 2021 open at Khel Gaon, Nagrota.

which among others was attended by Joint Director Youth Services and Sports (K), Bashir Ahmed and Deputy Director, Jitender Mishra.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest served strict directions to the organisers

for ensuring mass participation of the Panchayati teams in this mega event.

He said sportspersons are the messengers of peace, prosperity and harmony and the big sports events like this, apart from helping youth to hone their sporting skill, also

helps them to not to derail from the mainstream and stay away from drugs and other allied social evils.

Alok Kumar said that Government was committed to promote sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory and enhance sports culture by raising infrastructure even at the village level.

He said that almost every available ground in the UT will be utilised for holding matches of this sporting gala.

The Principal Secretary further said that it is always a delight to watch young and budding sportspersons vying for the top honours, however, watching young athletes performing while bearing chill and inclement weather conditions in such events in Valley, speaks volumes.

He said such events serve as a launching pad for the youth to be ready for future endeavours and become nation builders.

Gazanfar Ali, while lavishing praise for all 20 District Youth Services and Sports Officers, who observed the opening ceremony on virtual mode and simultaneously started the event at their respective venues, said that all of them deserve appreciation for doing the job fabulously rather in a befitting manner.

In the end, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports gave brief report of activities and achievements of the Department and presented vote of thanks.

Earlier, the Chief Guest and other dignitaries lighted the ceremonial lamp which was followed by the March Past and Oath Ceremony by the players.

The ceremony ended with the declaration of YSS Cup open by release of balloons, toss of coin and playing a few balls by the chief guest.

JU Volleyball women team leaves for Kurukshetra



Director Poonch Campus, JU, Prof. Dipankar Sen Gupta and Director Sports JU, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba posing with Volleyball team and officials.

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education University of Jammu is projecting its Volleyball (Women) team for the participation in the forthcoming North Zone Inter-University Volleyball (Women) Tournament 2021-22 to be organized by the Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra from December 18 to 22, 2021.

Prof. Dipankar Sen Gupta, Director Poonch Campus, University of Jammu and Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU interacted with the players and flagged off the team at University Sports Stadium. The Team: Meenakshi, Kamlesh Kumari, Shivani, Champa Devi, Priyanka Sharma, Sunena Bharti,

Raavish Urooj, Arushi Sharma, Rifat Choudhary, Simran Bhagat, Rupali Bamotra and Harpreet Kour.

Neetan Sharma and Bhavna Sharma will accompany the team as Coach and Manager respectively.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Vikas Karlopiya, Padam Dev Singh and Jai Bharat.

J&K wrestler Dushyant Sharma felicitates Int'l grapplers Punia, Jatinder at Jammu



Veteran Wrestler Dushyant Sharma with others, felicitating International wrestlers Bajrang Punia and Jatinder Kumar at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Renowned wrestler from Jammu and Kashmir Dushyant Sharma felicitated International wrestlers including Olympian medalist Bajrang Punia, who paid a visit to his residence here on Thursday.

A handout issued here said that Olympics bronze medal winner in Tokyo Bajrang

Punia and Jatinder Kumar, 74 kg Asian Championship, Silver Medalist along with other wrestlers of national repute this morning visited the residence of Dushyant Sharma, who is also Secretary General, J&K Olympics Association and former President Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

Dushyant Sharma is also a

former international bronze medalist in the Takhti World Wrestling Championship.

The wrestlers discussed development and promotion of sports particularly wrestling in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Later, the handout said that both Bajrang Punia and Jatinder Kumar visited Bajrang Akhara situated at Shalamar Road in the heart of the Jammu City.

The professionals shared the latest techniques of grappling with the wrestlers at Bajrang Akhara.

However, Dushyant Sharma flanked by other wrestlers honored them by presenting a Shawl and a memento wishing them luck for their future endeavours especially 2024 Olympics to be held at Paris.

J&K Diviyang cricket team flagged off for Nationals

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JAMMU: General Secretary District Cricket Association Jammu and Chairman Jammu & Kashmir Diviyang Cricket Team, Sham Singh Langeh on Thursday flagged off Jammu & Kashmir Cricket team for participation in National Championship which is scheduled to be held at Satna, Madhya Pradesh.

In the National Championship, teams from Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh to be played each others.

Langeh advised all the players to play with discipline and sportsmanship like a good unit to achieve a win in the championship.

He also advised the skipper to motivate and boost every players during the match and try to give their best performance for the vic-



General Secretary DCAJ, Sham Singh Langeh posing with team before flagging off.

tory. He conveyed his wishes to the team for the success.

Others present were Dr. Tilak Gupta, owner of Trikuta Clinic Akhnoor who sponsored colour uniforms for the team and assured their sponsorship in the future too.

Jammu and Kashmir

Divyang Cricket Team: Sayed Shah Aziz (Captain), Ajeet Raj, Rahul Sharma (w.k), Gopal Sharma, Nayaz Ahmed, Aqib Malik, Ayaz Ahmad, Tarsem Lal, Tarseem Dogra, Tousuf Malik, Zahoor Wani, Romisar Wani, Shabir, Junaid, Ved Parkash and Ashwani.

Christmas Celebrations Cup Doda begins

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DODA: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Mumtaz Ahmad inaugurated the Christmas Celebrations Cup Doda at Sports Stadium, here on Thursday.

The opening event attended besides others by Raj Kumar (SP Operations), Rajesh Gill (ex-Ranji player), Rohit Gupta, Jaswant Singh (DySP), Showkat Ali (DySP), Koser Ahmad Natnoo and Amir Karim Wani.

The event is being organized by Doda Police Headquarters in collabora-



SSP Doda, Mumtaz Ahmad inaugurating the Christmas Celebrations Cup Doda at Sports Stadium.

tion with St. George Convent School Batote with the objective to celebrate the festival of Christmas through the medium of sports.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Doda appreciated the

organizing team for taking initiative for the youth of erstwhile district Doda under the guidance of DIG DKR, Dr. Sunil Gupta.

Earlier, Rajesh Gill coordinator of the tournament presented welcome address

and apprised the guests and participating teams.

Meanwhile, in the opening day matches United Doda defeated UK Club Doda by 45 runs.

Batting first, United Club scored 151 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the allotted 16 overs with Waqar Ashraf contributing 66 runs and Tahir Ashraf Wani 34. From UK Club Umar took three wickets.

In reply, UK Club Doda could not chase the target and bowled out for 101 runs. Arshad and Yasir were main scorers with 27 and 18 runs in their respective accounts. Burhan clinched most of the four

wickets from United Doda. Later, Waqar was adjudged as Man of the Match for his allround performance.

In other match, New Sairaj Doda defeated Combined Bhaderwah Club by four wickets. Batting first, Combined Bhaderwah Club made 109 runs in 15 overs for nine wickets which, in reply, New Sairaj Doda chased the total in last over of the game losing six wickets. Babar was named Man of the Match.

Fixture: Green Shaheen Doda to meet Doda Warriors at 9:00 AM while Sazan Club Doda shall take on Masud Bhaderwah at 1:00 pm.

GDC for Women Kathua felicitates Inter-collegiate Wrestling Competition winners



GDCW faculty felicitating winner players.

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KATHUA: An impressive function was organized in the premises of Government Degree College for Women, Kathua to felicitate the players,

who were part of the Inter-collegiate Wrestling Competition organised by University of Jammu in Jammu recently.

Anju Devi won gold medal, Rita Devi, Monika Devi, Tripta Devi, Pratiba and Nagma Chowdhary won bronze medals in the Inter-collegiate Wrestling Competition. College Principal, Dr. M.S Pathania in presence of Physical Director, Roshan Lal Sharma, Prof. Ashwani Khajuria, Prof. Ravinder Kour and Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Convener Sports Committee lauded the efforts of the students for this achievement. Principal appreciated the efforts of Physical Director of the College and the winners who brought laurels to the college. He added that the students of the college practiced under the guidance of Physical Director and with their hard work they won medals in the wrestling competition.

JSS Jammu presented SDG Hero Award



Harsha Mattu, Incharge SDG JSS Jammu receiving the award.

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JAMMU: Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS), Jammu has been awarded with State level SDG Hero-2021 for its immense contributions and relentless efforts in implementing

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) widely.

The Global Sustainability Awards-2021 was organized by Earth Day Network in collaboration with SDG Choupal and ARCedtech at Gurugram.

More than 150 schools were part of this competition from four continents and nine different countries such as Croatia, Canada, Argentina Honduras, India, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, UAE and UK.

The nominations were entirely merit based which was categorized into two rounds on which schools were evaluated. The 1st round was based on online questionnaire having 44 responses to submit, while the 2nd round was based on presentation and validation respectively.

Harsha Mattu, HOD S.St and Incharge SDG Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu received the award.

Five-day Residential Trekking Camp flagged off



Principal Secretary of J&K, YSS, Alok Kumar flagging off trekking team.

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AKHNOOR: Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Akhnoor is organising five-days Residential Trekking Camp at Samah for

boys and girls from December 16 to 20, 2021 under the chairmanship of District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Jammu Sukhdev Raj Sharma and overall supervi-

sion of Zonal Physical Education Officer, Akhnoor Tarsem Singh.

The Trekking Camp was flagged off by the Principal Secretary of J&K, Youth

Services and Sports Alok Kumar, Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali from Khel Gaon, Nagrota on Thursday.

About 130 trekkers (boys and girls) of different schools from Zone Akhnoor participating in the trekking camp.

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JAMMU: The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education University of Jammu is projecting its Boxing (Women) team for the participation in the forthcoming All India Inter-University Boxing (Women) Championship 2021-22 to be organized by the Lovely Professional University, Phagwara from

December 17 to 22, 2021. Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU interacted with the players and flagged off the team at University Sports Stadium.

The Team: Preeti Devi, Kajal Sharma, Narmita Katoch, Diksha Jasrotia, Bharkha, Rigzen Tsomo,

Avantika Bali. Hardest Singh, Anshuman Sharma and Avneet Kour will accompany the team as Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager respectively.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Dr. Mandeep Singh, Vikas Karlopiya, Ravish Vaid, Harinderpal Singh, Gagan Kumar, Rajkumar Bakshi and Jai Bharat.

Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi tournaments of CLUJ begin



Chief Guest, Prof. Suresh Bhat and Sports Coordinator CLUJ Dr. Vinod Bakshi, posing with men and women Kabaddi players.

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JAMMU: Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi (Men & Women) tournaments being organised by Cluster University of Jammu commenced at GCW Gandhi Nagar, here on Thursday.

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

In Men's section SPMR College of Commerce beat GGM Science College by 37-22. The real hero of the game was Mohd Asif of

SPMR College of Commerce who played very well.

In women section, SPMR College of Commerce beat GGM Science College by 41-36 in neck to neck fight.

In Men's section, final matches will be played between SPMR College of Commerce and MAM College and in Women's section SPMR College of Commerce will play the final match with GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu tomorrow.

The tournament was played under the supervision of Dr. Roopali Slathia, Physical Director GCW Gandhi Nagar and

under the overall supervision of Dr. Vinod Bakshi.

Prof. Yash Paul (Convener Sports Committee, GCW Gandhi Nagar), Prof. Varun Sharma, Prof. Isha Goel, Prof. Pooja Charak, Prof. Jagmeet Kour, Aijaz Malik, Physical Director SPMR College of Commerce, Neenu Sawhney, Physical Director Govt. MAM College along with media persons and participants of the Sports events were present on the occasion.

The matches were officiated by Aman Singh, Keshav Singh and Dheeraj Sharma.