

► '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 ▶



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 Panhayati 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.

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.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

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 Champion, 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).

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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.

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Christmas Celebrations Cup Doda begins



SSP Doda, Muntaz 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.

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 Doda 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 elinched 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.

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, Tousif Malik, Zahoor Wani, Romisar Wani, Shabir Junaid, Ved Parkash and Ashwani.

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

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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.

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