

CS directs establishment of multi-purpose indoor stadium, in each district by March 2022

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JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Youth Services & Sports Department and take stock of achievements registered so far in the current financial year.

The Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department, Director Youth Services and Sports Department, Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council, and other senior officers of the Department attended the meeting.

It was informed that the Department is organizing various sports activities and undertaking several infrastructural projects across Jammu and Kashmir to promote a sporting culture in the Union territory.

During the current financial year, the J&K Sports Council



Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

organized various UT, Divisional, and District level competitions and engaged

for artistic, rhythmic and trampoline gymnastics in one place.

The Department will be organizing 15 national-level events in the next quarter including the National Snow Rugby Championship at Gulmarg, Sub-Junior National Soft Tennis Championship, National Thang-Tha Championship at Srinagar, Junior National Volleyball Championship at Jammu, and Federation Cup Wushu Championship at

Srinagar.

Under Khelo India Scheme, 2 Centres of Excellence have been established- one for fencing in Jammu and another for Kayaking & Canoeing at Srinagar. Similarly, 40 Small Khelo India District Level Centers are coming up across Jammu and Kashmir which will be completed by March 2022. These Centres will provide sporting facilities for at least 2 disciplines per district from badminton, basketball, boxing, football, handball, hockey, judo, kabaddi, karate, korfball, penchak silat, table tennis, taekwondo, thang-ta and wushu.

Further, to promote sports among people with disabilities (PwDs), the Department is organizing various tournaments including Blind National Cricket Tournament, wheelchair race and carom, among others, under the theme 'Know me for

my Abilities, not my Disabilities'.

Under the Prime Minister's Development Package, the Sports Council has completed 22 projects so far at an estimated cost of Rs. 175.04 crore. It will be completing another 8 projects by March 2022.

Additionally, the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports organized various school games and extra-curricular activities to engage 5.60 lakh students and players in sporting activities.

The Department will be organizing YSS Cup Tournaments in 4 disciplines of kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, and cricket at block, district and UT levels with an expected participation from 11,500 registered players.

The Chief Secretary directed the Department to complete all high-standard sporting facilities under PMDP

and ensure their functioning in every district by March 2022. So far, 14 such multi-purpose indoor halls have been completed and the remaining 8 are under progress. Besides, the Department was also asked to ensure functioning of at least one floodlit stadium in all districts to allow for evening tournaments and events.

Emphasizing the quality of training and guidance being provided to the aspiring athletes and players, Dr. Mehta asked the Department to work towards ensuring greater participation of UT's youth in various national and international events. It was informed that Arif Mohammad Khan, an athlete from Kashmir, has qualified for the winter Olympics in Beijing and is currently being provided financial assistance of Rs. 10 lakh for training in Austria.

TVA team leaves for All India event



TVA players posing with officials before leaving for nationals.

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JAMMU: Tennis Volleyball Association (TVA) Jammu and Kashmir conducted a selection trial for the upcoming Tennis Volleyball Championship which is going to be held in Dhabra in Madhya Pradesh from December 10 to 12, 2021. The selection trial was held on 4th of December 2021.

The team comprising of eight men and three women besides one coach and one national level referee has been given warm departure from Indoor Stadium

Jammu by the members of the J&K UT Tennis volleyball Association including Shuzra Zaffar President, Tarseem Sharma, Sunil Kumar Sawhney Vice President, Dr. Navneet Gupta General Secretaries and other officials of the Association. The team comprising of Vansh Dev Singh, Ankush Manhas, Shonit Gupta, Rajan Rashid Dar, Addil Farooq Mir, Musaib Bin Fayaz, Mubasir Hamid Mir beside Rahul Vansh and Ashima Pathania are coach of the Team.

Cooch Behar Trophy: Moomin sparkles as J&K batsmen show resilience

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JAMMU: From U-19 Vinoo Mankad One Day Trophy to the ongoing Multi-Day Cooch Behar Trophy, on Wednesday, the penultimate day of the ongoing match, was the only day dominated by Jammu and Kashmir Under-19 boys team so far in the season, as the batsmen led by gutsy Moomin Muzaffar showed resilience and the bowlers hit the right areas against Pondicherry, thus enabling their team to make a match of it at Kandukuri Cricket Academy ground, Vizag on Wednesday.

Earlier, resuming from overnight score of 320/7, Pondicherry added just 14 runs and lost all their wickets to make 334 runs in 134.2 overs and gain a vital first innings lead of 129 runs.

KG Shree was the only batsman to show resistance today scoring 19 runs. Nayan Kangayan (180) and Nitin Pranaav (84) were the main contributors, while from Jammu and Kashmir, Ranjot Singh took 4 wickets, while Mohammad Manzoor bagged 3. Yasir Rasheed, Sarvashish Singh and Manit shared 1 wicket apiece.

Trailing by 129 runs, J&K openers began the

second essay cautiously and confidently before Arya Suvansh Thakur was dismissed for his individual score of 19 runs and the team's total of 34 runs. Then came in Moomin Muzaffar, who applied to a perfection and faced 212 balls for his unbeaten 95 runs, helping Jammu and Kashmir reach 208/4, gaining a lead of 79 runs, with 6 wickets in hand at stumps on day-3 today. Yuvraj Saini (35), Gursimran (30) and first innings centurion, Shivan Sharma Moomin, in particular was in awe-inspiring touch, hitting the ball with ease and comfort.

For Pondicherry, Jyothi Swaroop B, Akash Pugazhanthi, S Sajeevan and Rohan S shared 1 wicket apiece.

With final day's play left and J&K having a lead of 79 runs with 6 wickets in hand, there are all three possibilities in the match- it can be a draw, Pondicherry's victory or even J&K's win, however, going through the nature of the surface/strip and devastating form of dangerous Nayan Kangayan, one gets a feeling, the match is still 70-30 in favour of Pondicherry.

Khelo India names Pankaj as Kho-Kho icon

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JAMMU: Khelo India, a subsidiary organisation of the Sports



of Deepak Kumar Malhotra has already been honoured with 'Jija Bhai Award' by the Kreed Bharati.

Important to mention here that Pankaj Malhotra has done a lot to promote the indigenous game of Kho-Kho around

the globe with more than 100 interviews through world famous 'Sunday Kho-Kho Series' besides other articles on the game through his blog 'khokhokpankaj.blogspot.com', which is quite popular in over 30 countries.

His work has already been appreciated by other Kho-Kho playing nations of Ghana, Kenya and Sri Lanka.

International player from Jammu, Pankaj son

Harmanpreet fastest athlete in Boys' U-17

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POONCH: Harmanpreet Singh of zone Poonch on Wednesday emerged as fastest athlete in the under-17 boys' category in the ongoing inter-zone athletics meet of district Poonch, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), here.

Second place went to Mohd Ashraf of Zone Mankote while Zulfikar Ahmed of Nangali zone finished third in the 100 meters event.

The ongoing athletics meet in both boys and girl sections is held under the supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Mohd Qasim.

The Detailed Results: UN-17 year: 100 mts: Harmanpreet Singh, Poonch, 1st; Mohd Ashraf, Mankote, 2nd and Zulfikar Ahmed, Nangali, 3rd. 200 mts: Toheed, Nangali, 1st; Shahid Sharif, Poonch, 2nd and Azhar Mehmood, Nangali, 3rd. Shot Put: Usman Ali, Mankote, 1st;

3rd. 400 mts: Abdul Rahim, Mendhar, 1st; Mohd Shahjan, Kanuyian, 2nd and Zaheer Ahmed, Kanuyian, 3rd. 800 mts: Mohd Kalim, Kanuyian, 1st; Javed Iqbal, Mankote, 2nd and Amraz Ahmed, Mendhar, 3rd. Javelin Throw: Zagum ul Islam, Mendhar, 1st; Imran, Mankote, 2nd and Hamid Nadeem, Poonch, 3rd. Long Jump: Azar Mehmood, Kanuyian, 1st; Mehmood Ahmed, Poonch, 2nd and Taswarveer Hussain, Poonch, 3rd.

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Khan, Sumair and Nahiem Sheikh contributed 13, 12 and 11 runs to the total respectively.

For JCC, Ankush Charak and Sachin Bhatti took 3 wickets each, while Abhi Charak, Rocky and Rahil Singh claimed 1 wicket each.

Tarun Uppal, Chairman Nirbhay Bharat Foundation was the Chief Guest on the occasion, while former State cricketer Amit Billowria was the Guest of Honour and Lavdeep Pathania was the Special Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Uppal said that the event is

Vijay Hazare Trophy

Rasool's brilliance goes in vain as Gujarat outplays J&K by 5 wkts

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JAMMU: Parvez Rasool's brilliant innings of 76 runs off 77 balls, after J&K's top and middle-order collapse, went in vain as formidable Gujarat, even without the services of their batting mainstay, Priyank Panchal (who is presently on South Africa Tour) defeated Jammu and Kashmir by 5 wickets in Vijay Hazare Trophy at Cricket Club of India (CCI), Mumbai, on Wednesday.

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In reply, Gujarat chased the target easily in 36.5 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process, thus won the match by 5 wickets. BI Merai top scored with unbeaten 57, while Ripal Patel and Het contributed 33 and 22 runs to the total respectively. Speedster Umar Nazir was the pick of the bowlers for J&K, who bagged 2 wickets by conceding 33 runs in his 8 overs, while Auqib Nabi and Mujtaba Yousuf claimed 1 wicket each. Parvez Rasool, in particular, was in sublime form and hit some crispy boundaries and massive sixes in his 77 ball knock. J&K, finally managed to score 171 runs in 42.1 overs, losing all their wickets. For Gujarat, CT Gaja captured 4 wickets, Hemang Patel bagged 3, while RB Jakarta, SA Desai and Piyush Chawla shared 1 wicket apiece.

J&K will take on Himachal Pradesh in their next outing at Dodoji Konddev Stadium, Thane tomorrow.

Govt MAM College lift men, women badminton inter-collegiate trophies



Winner team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Government MAM College won the men and women Championship in Inter-Collegiate Badminton Tournament organised by the Cluster University of Jammu at Govt. MAM College, here on Wednesday. Prof. G.S. Rakwal, Principal Govt. MAM College was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In men's final, MAM College beat SPMR College of Commerce by 3-1. Nakul Vaid of MAM College and Ravdeep Singh of SPMR College of Commerce played very well and made an impression to the other players. In women's final, Govt. MAM College beat GCW Gandhi Nagar by 2-0 like this Govt. MAM College remain champion in men as well as in women section. The tournament was played under the supervision of Neeta Sawhney, Physical Director Govt. MAM College and under the overall supervision of Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Physical Director GGM Science College of Jammu and Sports Coordinator Cluster University of Jammu.

Dr. Seema Jamwal (Convenor, Sports Committee MAM College), Dr. Ranjith Jamwal, Ajaz Malik, Physical Director SPMR College of Commerce, Dr. Roopal Sathia Physical Director GCW Gandhi Nagar College, Ramandeep Kralia, Physical Director GDC Ramban media persons and participants of the Sports events were present on the occasion.

The match was officiated by Sanjay Khajuria, Devinder Singh and Smt. Rajni Jamwal.

B.Tech Civil lifts inter-departmental Volleyball title at BGSBU



Participating teams posing with dignitaries at BGSBU Rajouri.

Prof. Akbar Masood Vice Chancellor of the University was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Prof. Akbar interacted with the players and appreciated the efforts of the Directorate of Physical Education and Sports.

for organising the sports event. The tournament was organised as a part of nationwide Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration.

The first match was played between Sainik Colony FC and Vijay Club wherein Vijay Club won the match by 6-5 goals via tie breaker wherein Karan scored first goal at 20 minute followed by Brij, who scored second at 27th minute for Sainik Colony FC. For Vijay Club, Rizwan scored first goal at 35th minute followed by Dushant Sharaf at 40th minute of the game. In another match, Young Rovers defeated Christian United by 4-1. For Young Rovers, first

goal was scored by Nainjot Singh at 32nd minute followed by Amanjot (43rd minute), Vinash (45th minute) and Suhil at 62nd minute. Aditya Gill scored a lone goal for Christian United at 55th minute. Shivam Kumar, Romesh Kumar, Vinay and Raju Khokhar were the referees of the match. Rahul Sharma, Dheeraj Meenia, Abhishek, Aman Sudan, Romesh Sethi, Dil Bahadur, Aman Banathia and Madhav were the referees of the match while Mohinder Kalsi acted as Physio. Ishfaq, Incharge Police Post Canal and Narinder Gupta, Member Sports Council were the Chief Guests of the event while David Masih, Yousuf Don, Charan Dass, Peter, Moon Stephen, Romesh Chander, Chetan Sharma, Ashok Kumar and Bikramjeet Singh were also present. Tomorrow fixtures: Par Young Rovers, first

Wrestling team leaves for Nationals



Wrestling team posing with officials before departure.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Wrestling Association on Wednesday

flagged off the Boys' under-15 Greco Roman Style and Girls National Championship to be held at Ranchi in

Jharkhand from December 15 to 17. The team was given send off by the officials of the Association from MA Stadium, here. Earlier, the team underwent screening conducted by the senior officials of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC). The Team: Kanav Chib, Surya Udhay Partap Singh, Mohd. Aslam, Varinder Kumar, Bag Hussain, Mashoor Ali, Ankit Singh, Abdul Mannaan and Ansar Khan. Ravinder Kumar and Ajay Bharti accompanied the team as coach and manager respectively.