

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 infra-structural 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 8.70 lakh athletes which saw a 600% increase from the financial year 2017-18. The Council also inaugurated a state-of-the-art Gymnastics Academy at M.A Stadium Jammu which is fully equipped with world-class and international federation-approved apparatuses. It is the first-ever such academy in the country which has international standard facilities

for artistic, rhythmic and trampolines 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 Centres 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, korfbal, 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 carrom, 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 Shuza Zaffar President, Tarsem 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, Adil Farooq Mir, Mussaib Bin Fayaz, Mubasir Hamid Mir beside Rahul Vansh and Ashina 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. Neyan Kangayan (180) and Nitin Pranaav (84) were the main contributors, while from Jammu and Kashmir, Ranjot Singh took 4 wickets, while Mohammad Manzir bagged 3. Yasir Rasheed, Sarvashish Singh and Mani 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), Gursinran (30) and first innings centurion, Shivansh Sharma unbeaten (12) were the other contributors. Moomin, in particular was in awe-inspiring touch, hitting the ball with ease and comfort.

For Pondicherry, Jyothi Swaroop B, Akash Pugazhanti, S Saichetan 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 Neyan Kangayan, one gets a feeling, the match is still 70-30 in favour of Pondicherry.

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JAMMU: JCC defeated Dolphin Cricket Club in an easy contest by a big margin of 66 runs in the ongoing Nagrota Premier League T20 Cricket Tournament being organised by Team Jammu at Khel Gaon Nagrota, near here.

The slogan of the tournament is "Say no to drugs, yes to sports".

Earlier, batting first, JCC scored a good total of 288 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Shivia Naraina top scored with 65 runs off 43 balls, studded with 8 fours and 2 sixes, while Arhit Mahajan contributed 50 off 31 deliveries with 5 boundaries and 3 sixes. Sachin Bhatti also contributed 25

Nagrota Premier League T20 Cricket Tournament

JCC drubs Dolphin Club by 66 runs



Winners posing along with Chief Guest Tarun Uppal at Khel Gaon Nagrota on Wednesday.

runs to the total. For Dolphin CC, Waqar Younis took 2 wickets, while Rashid Khan and Altaf Ahmed claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Dolphin Club was bundled out for 122 runs, thus lost the match by 66 runs. Sahil Najar top scored with 40 runs, while Sajid

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

being organised with an objective to serve a twin purpose of promoting sports in the Union Territory and involving more and more youth in sporting activities to save them from falling prey to drugs and other allied social evils.

He said Khel Gaon has become a sports hub in Jammu and organising mega events in its arena provides ample opportunity to the budding sportspersons to showcase their talent.

The match was officiated by Sachin Singh and Anil Langeh as Umpires, while the tournament is being held under the overall supervision of chief organiser Naveen Koul.

Khelo India names Pankaj as Kho-Kho icon

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JAMMU: Khelo India, a subsidiary organisation of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has named Pankaj Malhotra of Jammu and Kashmir among top Kho-Kho players of the country, who have contributed to the indigenous game.

Aiming at motivating youngsters towards the game of Kho-Kho, the Khelo India recently mentioned top three players on their official web page under the caption, "Know Your Sport Event".

Other three are Praveen Kumar and Sarika Kale of Maharashtra and Mandhakani Majhi of Odisha.

International player from Jammu, Pankaj son

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



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:

UNDER-17 year: 100 mts: Harmanpreet Singh, Poonch, Ist; Mohd Ashraf, Mankote, 2nd and Zulfikar Ahmed, Mendhar, 3rd. 1500 mts: Nazakat Hussain, Kanuyian, Ist; Sohail Aslam, Nangali, 2nd and Majid Gulzar, Mendhar, 3rd. 3000 mts: Nazakat Hussain, Kanuyian, 2nd and Basharat Hussain, Mandi, 3rd. Shot Put: Usman Ali, Mendhar, Ist;



A boy competing in an event.

3rd. 400 mts: Abdul Rahim, Mendhar, Ist; Mohd Shahjan, Kanuyian, 2nd and Zaheer Ahmed, Kanuyian, 3rd. 800 mts: Mohd Kalim, Kanuyian, Ist; Javed Iqbal, Mankote, 2nd and Sohail Abbas, Mendhar, 3rd. 1500 mts: Nazakat Hussain, Kanuyian, Ist; Sohail Aslam, Nangali, 2nd and Majid Gulzar, Mendhar, 3rd. 3000 mts: Nazakat Hussain, Kanuyian, 2nd and Basharat Hussain, Mandi, 3rd. Shot Put: Usman Ali, Mendhar, Ist;

Mohd Sami, Mandi, 2nd and Mohd Tanveer, Poonch, 3rd. Discuss Throw: Mohd Shahjan, Kanuyian, Ist; Nahiem Aslam, Balakote, 2nd and Amraz Ahmed, Mendhar, 3rd. Javelin Throw: Zagum ul Islam, Mendhar, Ist; Imran, Mankote, 2nd and Hamid Nadeem, Poonch, 3rd. Long Jump: Azar Mehmood, Kanuyian, Ist; Mehmood Ahmed, Poonch, 2nd and Taswarveer Hussain, Poonch, 3rd.

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

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RAJOURI: Department of Civil Engineering, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University lifted Volleyball trophy by defeating Department of Arabic in the interdepartmental Volleyball championship organised by Directorate of Physical Education and Sports, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University Rajouri.

In the final Match, Department of Civil Engineering thrashed Department of Arabic by (3-1)



Participating teams posing with dignitaries at BGSBU Rajouri.

sets. 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 celebrations.

15th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament

Vijay Club, Young Rovers register wins

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JAMMU: Vijay Club defeated Sainik Colony FC while Young Rovers outplayed Christian United in the ongoing 15th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament being organised by All J&K Christian Welfare Association at GGM Science College Football Ground, here on Wednesday.

The first match was played between Sainik Colony FC and Vijay Club wherein Vijay Club won the match by 6-5 goals via the 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, Rizvan scored first goal at 35th minute followed by Dushant Sharuf 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 Nanjot Singh at 32nd minute followed by Amanjot (43rd minute), Vinash (45th minute) and Sahil 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; Anan 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 Bikanraj Singh were also present. Tomorrow fixtures: Param FC Vs SFA; Young Hero's Vs Kathua FC.

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