

VAJK felicitates J&K UT Junior Boys Volleyball team



VAJK Patron-in-Chief, Raj Daluja, President, Sidharth Daluja and other office bearers posing with J&K team during felicitation function; J&K team Captain Mannat Choudhary being honoured.

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JAMMU: The office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) on Monday felicitated J&K UT junior boys volleyball team for creating historic victory by winning bronze medal for the first time in the recently concluded 48th Junior National Volleyball Championship (Boys and Girls) held at MA Stadium Jammu from December 14

to 19, 2022.

In a simple and impressive felicitation function held at hotel Lemon Tree Jammu, Raj Daluja Patron-in-Chief, Sidharth Daluja President and all others office bearers of VAJK honoured the team/coaches and manager by giving cash prize, shawls and bags.

Expressing happiness on behalf of VAJK, Raj Daluja stressed upon the

players/coaches to seal new heights and glorify the name of JK UT at national and international levels.

He also appreciated the role played by special organizing committee of the championship headed by Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu Zone (Chairman), Ramesh Kumar Divisional commissioner Jammu (Co-Chairman), Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Excise

Commissioner J&K UT, Nuzhat Gul Secretary J&K Sports Council and other members for their cooperation and support for hosting the week-long National Championship efficiently at Jammu.

He assured the players all out efforts would be made by the association to improve the standard of the volleyball game in J&K with their suggestions.

Giving the brief of the VAJK, Vijay Kumar Magotra General Secretary disclosed that the 48th year has been the luckiest year of the Volleyball Association of J&K in which our Junior Boys team created history by securing 3rd position defeating last year champion Tamil Nadu for the first time.

The team had all praise for President Sidharth Daluja

who also distributed cash prizes to J&K team for qualifying in the pool in the championship earlier.

The office bearers H.S Gill, M.L Toofan, Kuldeep Magotra, R.C Sharma, Mohd Tariq, Subash Shastri, Manmeet Singh Amn, Manpreet Kour, Balwinder Singh, Suresh Singh, Akbar Ali and Gurdev Singh also interacted with players and gave their valuable sugges-

tions for improvement of volleyball.

Naresh Kumar coach and Mannat Choudhary captain of the team also updated the dignitaries with their experience/scope for further improvement of volleyball game.

The J&K players and officials felicitated in the event include Mannat Choudhary (captain of the J&K team), Ayiaz Ahmed Madni

(Poonch), Shadab Shameen (Anantnag), Musharf Khan (Poonch), Sumit Singh (Kathua), Haroon Rashid (Pulwama), Arun Sharma (Jammu), Abinash Singh (Jammu), Ayoush Sharma (Rajouri), Mohd Hafeez (Poonch), Aarif Hassan Bhat (Kupwara), Danish Nazir Bhat (Baramulla), Naresh Kumar (Coach), Ramiz Tariq (Assistant Coach) and Akbar Ali (Manager).

Winter Cup T20 Cricket Tournament Narayana Club beats Patnitop Eagles by 90 runs in opening tie



Man of the Match Rahul Jamwal posing with winner team.

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JAMMU: Narayana Cricket Club defeated Patnitop Eagles convincingly by 90 runs in the inaugural match of Winter Cup T20 Cricket Tournament being played at MA Stadium Jammu. The tournament was inaugurated by Amit Gupta Corporator Wards 19 which is an initiative of SMVD Narayana Hospital Katra & J&K Sports Council under My Youth My Pride campaign.

Earlier, NCC captain Anshuman won the toss and elected to bat first and they scored 158 runs in stipulated 20 overs with fine batting display by Satish, Rahul & Anshuman

who scored 49, 27 & 19 runs respectively.

For Patnitop Eagles, Tilak Raj took 3 wickets whereas Shah Sahil, Ishtiyaz and Sahil Singh claimed one wicket each.

Chasing target, Patnitop Eagles, led by Amjad, kept on losing wickets on a regular intervals and they were bundled out for 68 runs. Shah Sahil and Riyaz scored 10 runs each. Rahul Jamwal was the wrecker-in-chief who took 4 wickets while Rahul Dutta grabbed 2 wickets and Nikhil and Surinder Sharma claimed one wicket each.

For his all-round performance, Rahul Jamwal was declared Man of the Match.

DYSS organises Taekwondo event under My Town My Pride campaign



Budding Taekwondo players posing with Visiting Officers of My Town My Pride campaign at Sports Stadium Poonch.

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POONCH: Department of Youth services and Sports (DYSS) organised Taekwondo and Hockey events under my Town My Pride to show the young budding talent of sports in Poonch District.

Secretary Social Welfare, Bhavani Rakwal was the Chief Guest on the occasion. She was accompanied by Dr Naseem Javid Choudhary Secretary Food Corporation.

Also present were Tahir Mustafa ADC, Dr Tanveer (IC ADDC), Zaheer Ahmed

Kaifi (ACR), Dr Zakir (GM DIC Poonch), Mohd Qasim (DYSSO Poonch) and ZPEO Poonch Narinder Singh.

Both the visiting officers interacted with players of Taekwondo and Hockey and gave their best wishes to all

the players.

On the occasion Few Taekwondo bouts were also held at Indoor Complex of Sports Stadium Poonch by the budding boys and girls.

Prominent others present were I/C Manager Sports Stadium Poonch Bashir Ahmed, Bachiter Singh PEM, Ashaq Hussain the Organising Secretary PDTA.

Fencing team named for Cadet Nationals



Selected fencing team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC) today screened the UT Fencing team for the forthcoming 17th Cadet (U-18) National Fencing Championship to be held at Nashik in Maharashtra from December 11 to December 13.

The screening of the selected team took place at MA Stadium here under the supervision of a team led by Divisional Sports Officer of the JKSC, Ashok Singh and comprised Satish Gupta

(Manager JKSC) and Rashid Ahmed (international fencer).

Earlier, 24 fencers, including 12 boys demonstration their skills before the screening penal so as to justify their selection. Also present were Fencing coaches, Shotu Lal Sharma and Rachna Jamwal.

Veer Sangram and Mokshi Sharma have been named men and women coach respectively while Anuradha Sharma shall accompany the team as Manager.

The Team: BOYS: Ranvir Jamwal, Aryan Sethi, Sohith Thakur, Sufyan Waheed Sohli, Harshit Kohli, Anubhav Sharma, Suryansh Sharma, Vatsal Gandotra, Rakshit Sharma, Dhruv Mahajan, Aadhar Khajuria and Poorvak Suri. GIRLS: Twinkle Gupta, Kalash Jamwal, Khushi Sharma, Diksha Rajput, Suhani Singh Raina, Shriya Sharma, Manshi Sharma, Simarleen Kour, Ananya Sharma, Subhanaya Sharma, Sarvagya Sharma and Chhavi Sharma.

16th Christmas Football Gold Cup Sainik Colony FC wins opening tie

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JAMMU: 16th Christmas Football Gold Cup Tournament, organised by All J&K Sports and Cultural Welfare Association, inaugurated by Director Batra Group, Bhisham Batra at GGM Science College Ground, here on Monday.

Yudhvir Sethi (Chairman Gold Cup Football Tournament, 2022) along with Anil Masoom (Corporator), Latif Ahmed (International Player), David Masih (NIS Coach), Ramesh Chander (International Player), Rajesh Sumbria, Kamaljeet, Sodagar Mattoo, Peter, Clint Mattoo, Ashok Sharma, Rajinder Singh (Poonch),

Yousaf Don (Organising Secretary), Vijay Kumar (General Secretary) were also present on the occasion.

The opening match was played between Sainik Colony Football Club and Kathua FC wherein Sainik Colony FC won the match by one goal to nil. The only goal was scored by Amritpal Singh in 58th minute of the game.

About 23 Football teams are participating in this tournament. Today's match was officiated by Aman Sudan, Madhav Sharma, Abhishek Chandan and Satnam Singh.

Young Star FC will lock horns with Poonch FC at the same venue tomorrow.

Jammu District Judo meet from Dec 26

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JAMMU: After holding competition in the senior group, Judo Association of J&K shall hold two-day Jammu District Championship in three age categories of Mini, Sub-Junior and Cadet at New Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here from December 26.

Those selected Judokas out of this competition shall represent the district in the upcoming J&K UT Championship, a handbook issued by the Association here on Monday informed.

Those eligible players have been advised to submit their entries, accompanied by the Aadhaar Card on or before December 24.

Inter-collegiate Kho-Kho Tournament begins at JU



Director Sports JU, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba interacting with players.

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JAMMU: Inter-Collegiate B Kho-Kho tournament for men, organised by Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, commenced at Kho-Kho Court, here on Monday.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical

Education, JU introduced the teams. Among other present on the occasion were Dr. Mandeep Singh, Dr. Vimal Kishore, Jai Bharat, Vikas Karlopiya, Raj Kumar Bakshi, P.D Singh and Ravish Vaid.

Today's matches were officiated by Dheeraj Sharma, Aminderpal Singh, Palbinder Singh,

Jagdev Singh, Anil Kumar, Pooja Sharma and Gagan Kumar.

In today's matches, GDC Paloura beat GDC Kaleryal by six points; GDC Akhnoor beats GDC Neeli Nallah by one point; GDC Kathua beat GDC Sunderbani by three points; and GDC Paloura beat GDC Doda by two points.

KC College of Education observes Soil Day



KC College of Education students and faculty during a programme.

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JAMMU: Environmental Club of KC College of Education on Monday observed World Soil Day which is held annually on 5th December as a means to focus attention on the importance of nutrient rich soil and to advocate for the management of soil resources.

In this contest, convener

of the club Dr. Puja Sharma organized a Soil Profile Making Activity for the students of semester 3rd.

The activity was conducted in the college premises just to make the students aware about the constitution and importance of soil in our lives. A good number of students participated in the activity and made

amazing social profile using waste containers.

The principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the efforts of the students and mentioned that the soil profile can be used as a teaching aid to teach the composition and formation of soil. The whole event was convened by the convener and the members of the club.