

# Secy YSS chairs preliminary meeting of Khelo India Winter Games

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JAMMU: Secretary Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez, on Thursday chaired the preliminary meeting of 4th Khelo India Winter Games, scheduled to be held in Gulmarg next year, held at Jammu.

The meeting was attended by the officers from J&K and Sports Authority of India team. While the J&K team was led by Sarmad Hafeez; Ekta Vishnoi, Deputy Director General Sports Authority of India led the SAI team.

Sarmad Hafeez highlighted the role of Khelo India Winter Games in recognizing Gulmarg as one of the main winter sports destinations globally.

Sarmad Hafeez said that the achievements of the J&K athletes speak volumes about the region's commitment towards promoting and excelling in sports. He also directed all the concerned to complete the tasks adhering strictly to the timelines and ensure that all the facilities put in place during the Khelo India Winter Games meet international standards. He



Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez chairing a meeting at Jammu.

also asked that the promotional campaign of the Winter Games be stepped up to generate enthusiasm among sports lovers.

Ekta Vishnoi, Deputy Director General SAI, while speaking on the occasion, said that it is an occasion to celebrate sporting excellence and the spirit of camaraderie among sportspersons and an opportunity to showcase J&K's culture and warm hospitality to the people from the other parts of the country.

Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull, apprised the Sai team that J&K is ranked number one in the country for sports initia-

tives held under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and briefed about the role sports has played in channelizing the energy of youth of J&K for the greater good.

Today's meeting came as a prelude to the comprehensive strategy for traffic management, sanitation, water supply, accommodation, transportation, etc of the participants during their stay in the Gulmarg where the event is being held.

Deputy Directors, Sibananda Mishra and Sachin from Sports Authority of India informed that this edition of Khelo India Winter Games is

expecting around 800 participations of players and officials, dignitaries, and media persons from across the country as the venue is being prepared to host the snow-related events only. The competitions in Nordic Ski, Ski Mountaineering, Alpine Skiing, Snow Boarding are being held, while the Ice related events like Ice Hockey, Ice Skating etc would be held in Ladakh.

It was also informed that for the first time during the past few years, SAI of India has registered the athletes on their portal and they will work in close coordination with the J&K Sports Council.

The deployment of experts and the assistance and support required from various coordinating departments and organizations to make the event a grand success were also discussed by the participants.

Among others present in the meeting included Kapil Sharma, Special Secretary YSS; Subash Chander Chibber, Director YSS; Dr. Zafar Iqbal CAO; Mohamad

Hanief, Chief Sports Officer; Muzaffar Hussain, Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir; Baljinder Pal Singh Divisional Sports officer Jammu; Sahil Gupta and Lalita Sharma, Executive Director; GTCC Chairperson; Amar Jyoti, Director, Khelo India; Manoj Awati, Assistant Director, SAI, Akash Mishra, Consultant, SAI.

The number of officials from state administration including the Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather; CEO Gulmarg Development Authority, Waseem Raja; SSP Security Faisal Qayoom; SSP Rural Traffic Kashmir, Ravinder Pal Singh; Regional Transport Officer Kashmir, Syed Shahnavaz Bukhari; Joint Director YSS, Waseem Raja; SDM Gulmarg, Altaf Musavi and other officers and officials attended the meeting through online mode from Srinagar.

The 4th edition of the Khelo India Winter Games is slated for the first week of February, next year.

# GDC Marh hosts Alumni Meet 'SangamII' 2023



GDC Marh faculty, alumni and students at a programme.

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JAMMU: IQAC, Govt. Degree College (GDC) Marh on Thursday organised Alumni Meet 'SangamII 2023' under the leadership and supervision of the Principal Prof. Rakesh Kumar Koul.

The programme commenced with lighting of the lamp by Surinder Kumar (BDC Marh), Manu Hansa (SDM Marh), Dr. Jyoti Bhau (BMO Marh), Kasturi Lal Kaithi (ZEO Marh), Prof. (Dr). Jasbir Singh (SKUAST), Amit Raina (Advocate J&K High Court), Atul Narayan Singh (President Alumni Assoc.) and staff members of the college.

All the guests were felicitated by Mementos and Planters. Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul in his keynote address welcomed the guests and wished the alumni all the success for their future endeavours and explained to them about the importance of reunification.

Prof. Madhvi Parasher presented the brief report on profile of the college and highlighted the curricular and co-curricular activities organised in the college and the progress

made in last one year including registration of Alumni in the Registrar Cooperatives, opening of bank account GDCMAA, UGC 2(f), Maiden Diksha aramb, Nipun (Scouts & Guide), maiden SSRB exam.

A powerpoint presentation highlighting achievements of different cells and departments of the college was also showcased to the audience. A Cultural programme featuring patriotic songs, folk dance and singing was also presented by the Ist, and 3rd semester students of the College on this occasion. The Alumnus shared their past experiences at the College and were felicitated by Mementos. The alumni meet ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Ramdayal. Plantation drive was also carried out by the NSS unit in the college campus.

The whole programme was organised and coordinated by the members of IQAC and Cultural Committee, GDC Marh.

Principal of the college appreciated and lauded the efforts of faculty and students. Lunch was served to the dignitaries, alumni, participants and students of the college.

# KCEAN selected for National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship



Selected student Viomini Dogra posing with KCPS faculty.

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JAMMU: Viomini Dogra of K C Public School has been selected to represent Jammu at the National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championship (Senior Category) in Bangalore.

Viomini Dogra, a class 12 student, has consistently demonstrated her excep-

tional gymnastic skills and dedication to her sport.

Viomini's outstanding performance during the selection camp at M. A. Stadium in Jammu on December 10, 2023, secured her position to compete at the national level in Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Viomini's success reflects the dedication of K C Public school in fostering a supportive and encouraging environment for all students to pursue their passions. Under the guidance of Ravinder Singh, the coach, Viomini has undergone rigorous training to perfect her techniques and routines.

Her tireless efforts, combined with her natural talent, have catapulted her to this incredible opportunity.

Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary, MD Arti Chowdhary, Principal A. K. Mishra, and Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey extended their heartfelt congratulations to Viomini and wished her the very best for the national championship.

# Sakandar's half century leads Star Club Skt Jnr to lift Chaar Sahibzaade T20 trophy

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POONCH: Sakandar Khan's half century guided Star Club Skt Jnr to lift trophy of Chaar Sahibzaade T20 Cricket Tournament organized by Sikh Youth of Poonch on the theme "Khelo India" at Sports Stadium Poonch, here on Thursday.

In the final match, Star Club Skt Jnr trashed Glamorous Club by eight wickets.

Glamorous Club began their innings but faced a tough challenge against the opposition's bowlers. Despite efforts from Deepak Sharma (23 runs off 27 balls) and Sachin (16 runs off 12 balls) they managed to put up a total of 101 runs losing all their wickets in 17.4 overs. Notable bowling performances from Adnan Fazali (2 wickets for 4 runs) and Imran Bracken (2 wickets for 11 runs) kept the pressure on Glamorous Club.

In response, Star Club Skt Jnr exhibited a splendid batting display reaching 106/2 in 15.1 overs. Sakandar Khan shone brightly with



Star Club Skt Jnr team receiving winner trophy from the Chief Guest at Poonch.

a remarkable innings of 51 runs off 43 balls steering his team towards victory. Kafeel Manhas also contributed significantly with 33 runs off 37 balls. Despite the efforts of Deepak Kumar (2 wickets for 29 runs) from Glamorous Club's bowling side, Star Club managed to secure a well-deserved win.

Sakandar Khan rightfully claimed the Man of the Match award for his outstanding all-round performance, excelling as both the Best Batsman and the Man of the Series.

Imran Bracken was recognized as the Best Bowler for his remarkable bowling efforts throughout the tournament contributing significantly to

his team's success.

Sandesh Kumar Sharma, ADDC Poonch was the Chief Guest in the final and Shah Mohammad Tantray ( Ex MLA ) was the Guest of Honour.

Other dignitaries present were Narinder Singh (Pardhan DGPC), Onkar Singh (Pardhan Gurudwara Sant Bhai Rocha Singh Ji Purani Poonch), Harcharan Singh (General Secretary DGPC), Jatinder Singh (ZPEO), Narinder Singh (ZPEO), Zafar Shah, Satish Kumar (Vice President Sanatan Dharam Sabah) and Prem Parkash Luthra.

The Tournament was organised with a motive to channelise the energy of youth Poonch in a positive path.

Gurvinder Singh, Imran Shah, Amandeep Singh Milky, Inderpal Singh, Tajinder Singh, Navjot Singh Moosa, Abhinav Sharma, Mumtaz Khan, Amandeep Singh, Jaspreet Singh and Kulwinder Singh were also present.

# District Reasi Athletics meet held

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KATRA: Organised by District Athletics Association, two-day Reasi district championship held at SMVD Sports Complex, here on Thursday under the aegis of J&K Amateur Athletics Association.

Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), Vipin Bhagat was chief guest in the closing function while Jatinder Sharma, Nodal Officer of SMVD Sports Complex was guest of honour.

Both special guests encouraged the athletes and appreciated the district athletics team for promoting the game among the youth of hilly district of Reasi.

Earlier, president of the district association, Manu Wazir welcomed the distinguished guests. In total, 106 boys and girls participated in district championship.

The event was coordinated by



Winner players posing with dignitaries after receiving certificates and medals.

Rahul Bakshi and officiated by coach, Rishi Kumar (SMVD), Jaydeep Kumar (SMVD) and Anandit Kumar (Vidya Bharati).

The Results:

Girls: 60 mts: Under-14: Neha (SMVD), gold; Nancy (SMVD) silver and Supriya (SMVD), bronze. Under-16: Sunakahi Thakur (SMVD), gold. Under-18: 100 mts: Renu (Aghar), gold. 200 mts: Renu

(SMVD), gold; Sonia (SMVD), silver. 400 mts: Sakshi (Reasi), gold. 800 mts: Sakshi Thakur (SMVD), gold. Under-20: Shivani Thakur (SMVD), gold. Open category: Tanvi (SMVD), gold.

Boys: Under-14: 60mts: Harish Mohd (SMVD), gold; Ayaz Ahmed (Reasi), silver and Hazufa (Reasi), bronze. 600 mts: Rahul Manhas, gold and Harish Mohd (silver).

Under-16: 60 mts: Gourav Roy (SMVD), gold; Tanish Singh (SMVD), silver and Bal Krishan (Reasi), bronze. 600 mts: Tanish Singh (SMVD), gold; Aryan Sharma (SMVD), silver and Ayushmaan Singh (SMVD), bronze.

Under-18: 3000 mts: Ajay Kumar (SMVD), gold; Amit Dubey (SMVD), silver and Shallu Ram, Bronze. 1000 mts: Danish (Reasi) gold;

Rajveer (Reasi), silver. 800 mts: Ajay Kumar (SMVD), gold. 400 mts: Dheeraj (SMVD), gold; Rajbir (SMVD), silver. 200 mts: Jatin Kumar (Reasi), gold; Sudesh Kumar (Reasi), silver. 400 mts: Dheeraj Kotwal (Reasi), gold. Open: 100 mts: Vijay Kumar (gold), Raman Kumar, silver. Long Jump: Boys: Under-14: Long Jump: Tanish Singh, gold; Gourav Roy, silver and Asif (Bronze). Under-16: Sonakshi, gold. Under-14: Girls: Neha (SMVD), gold; Nancy (SMVD), silver; Sonam (Katra), bronze. Under-14: Rahul Manhas, Seri Bangal, gold; Harish, silver and Manik, Katra, bronze. Under-18: Shotput: Sunil Kumar (Aghar), gold; Jasvinder Singh (Aghar), silver and Dheeraj (Reasi), bronze.

## Kishtwar Athletics Meet to begin on Dec 30

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KISHTWAR: One-day District Athletics Championship, organised by the District Athletics Association Kishtwar, shall be held on December 30 at Chowgan Ground, Kishtwar here. Being held under the aegis of J&K Amateur Athletics Association, the event is being sponsored by the J&K Sports Council. As per a hand-out issued by the Association here on Thursday, the interested eligible athletes have been advised to contact concerned coaches and organisers on the given date at the venue. However, the eligible athletes have been asked to report at 8:00 am along with original and photo copy of Aadhar-Card and Date of Birth certificate. "No player will be allowed in case of incomplete documents." it stated and asked players to contact the Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Athletic coach (70510 56570) and Arvind Kumar, (8803068132).

# Advik Sharma wins bronze medal in 17th UT J&K Wushu C'ship

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JAMMU: Advik Sharma made his parents proud by winning bronze medal in under-9 category in five-day long 17th J&K UT Wushu Championship at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar.

The Championship was organised by Wushu Association of J&K (WAJK) in support with J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

In the closing function,



Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul was the Chief Guest while Ritu Singh, Mona Gupta, Manesh Gupta and Umesh were Guests of Honour.

Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul gave bronze medal to Advik Sharma and appreciated his dedication and hard work in the championship for clinching the medal. Class 4 student Advik Sharma is son of Er Anil Sharma and Ela Choudhary.

# Jalandhar Sports Club, Lifecare Lucknow win in 12th Police Martyr's North Zone T-20



Chief Guest presenting Man of the Match award to a player at Kathua.

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KATHUA: Jalandhar Sports Club and Lifecare Lucknow registered wins in the ongoing 12th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship 2023-24 at Sports Stadium Kathua on Thursday.

2nd match was played in between Sandhu CC vs Lifecare Lucknow team of Group D.

In first match of Group C, Jalandhar Sports Club outplayed KKR Marheen by 18 runs.

Jalandhar Sports Club, batting first after winning the toss, scored 145 runs for the loss of ten wickets in 19

overs. Harshdeep Singh was the top scorer with 35 runs off 21 balls and Kamal made 24 runs off 11 balls. In reply, KKR Marheen failed to chase the target and managed to score only 127 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 20 overs.

Harshdeep Singh claimed two wickets and was declared as Man of the Match for his all-round performance.

In another match of Group D, Lifecare Lucknow defeated Sandhu Cricket Club by 59 runs.

Sandhu Club won the toss and chose to field first. Batting first, Lifecare Lucknow put a huge total of

253 runs on scoreboard at the loss of five wickets in 20 overs. Mayank played a beautiful knock of unbeaten 134 runs off 67 deliveries studded with 14 boundaries and seven sixes. In reply, Sandhu Club managed to score only 194 runs for the loss of seven wickets in 20 overs.

For his match winning inning, Mayank was declared as Man of the Match.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Amateur Karate Do Association of Jammu and Kashmir (AKDAJK) conducted J&K UT level Referee Judge and coach examination involving senior players.

Soon after the seminar conducted by Ritika

Rawat, Judge B AKF from Delhi concluded, the participants were declared for KIO (NF) and J&K UT level Referee Judge and coach license, a handout issued by the AKDAJK here today informed.

Qualified Officials: National level: Priya

Sharma, Rajan Jamwal (both Jammu), Raja Shababat (Pulwama), Anil Kumar (Reasi), Tajamu Khan (Budgam), Ajaz Ahmed Bhat (Kupwara), Rohit Ramotra, Vansh Samyal, Meenakshi Raina, Indu Devi and Munish Saini (Udhampur). J&K level:

Shivarpit, Neeraj Manhas, Vijender Jamwal, Asif Ameen Bhat, Aeeba Shafi, Abid Hassan and Madiha Sabzar. Meanwhile, Shihan Ambedkar Gupta EC member KIO Chairman OC KIO congratulated all the qualified officials.