

36th Jammu District Volleyball Championship begins



Chief Guest, Raj Singh Gouria, Commandant IRP 18th Bn posing with team and VAJK officials.

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JAMMU: SAI Jammu to meet Border Lions Pallanwala in boys final while Trikuta Senior will face off against Trikuta Junior in girls final of the 36th Jammu District Volleyball Championship, organized by the Jammu District Volleyball Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council and under the aegis of the Volleyball Association of J&K, here tomorrow at 1:00 PM onwards at MA Stadium, here.

Earlier, the championship was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Raj Singh Gouria, Commandant IRP 18th Bn Jammu at MA Stadium, here on Saturday.

The championship, taking place over two days, has drawn a total of 14 teams-10 in the boys' section and four in the girls' section-representing various far-flung

areas of the district, including Pallanwala, Pargwal, Marh, RS Pura, Nagrota, and Jammu.

These teams are competing for the title, with the ultimate goal of securing a place in the upcoming 36th JKUT level championship, scheduled to be held in Jammu from December 13 to 15, 2024.

During his address, Raj Singh Gouria emphasized the importance of maintaining both physical and mental health by incorporating sports into daily life.

He also urged the players to steer clear of social evils, including drug addiction, and to focus on building a positive, healthy lifestyle through their involvement in sports.

H.S. Gill, Secretary of the Jammu District Volleyball Association, provided an overview of the championship's significance, high-

lighting that the event would serve as a selection process for the Jammu district boys' and girls' teams for the forthcoming JKUT championship.

The event saw the attendance of several dignitaries, including Manmeet Singh, President of the Jammu District Volleyball Association, Kuldeep Magotra, Chief Executive Officer of the Volleyball Association of J&K, RC Sharma, Treasurer, Rajiv Dogra, Senior Volleyball Coach, Prateek Kumar, SAI Coach, and Mulkhraj Sharma.

During the inaugural function, the Chief Guest was honored with a memento by the office bearers of the Jammu District Volleyball Association. The championship drew a large number of spectators, including enthusiastic volleyball fans, who were treat-

ed to an exciting day of competitive matches.

A panel of referees, including Anil Kumar, Mulkhraj, and Rasiq, officiated the matches, ensuring that the competition was conducted fairly and professionally.

The Results: Boys: Pargwal defeated Stadium XI 2-0 (25-19, 25-21); Aghore defeated Nagrota 2-0 (25-19, 25-20); Border Lions Pallanwala defeated Aghore 2-0 (25-20, 25-21); SAI Jammu defeated Marh Warriors 2-0 (25-19, 28-26). Semifinals: SAI Jammu defeated Prayal 2-0 (25-17, 25-21) and Border Lions Pallanwala defeated Pargwal 2-0 (25-16, 25-22).

Girls: Trikuta Junior defeated APS Domana 2-0 (25-18, 25-17); Trikuta Senior defeated Army Children Club 2-0 (25-13, 25-14).

Haroon Rashid qualifies PhD

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JAMMU: Haroon Rashid Hakla, son of Rashid Mohd Hakla and Seema Begum, resident of House No. 313, Mohalla Baba Jeewan Shah, Residency Road, District Jammu has been declared qualified for the award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Botany by the University of Jammu. He worked on the topic, "Studies on the morpho-physiology and root architecture adaptations in t o m a t o (Solanumlycopersicum L.) under altered P and Zn conditions" under the supervision of Dr. Sikander Pal.



Singh Soorma lifts 1st 5s Hockey League trophy

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JAMMU: The 1st 5s Hockey League Simbal 2024, organized by the MBS Hockey Club Simbal, concluded in spectacular fashion.

In an exhilarating final, Singh Soorma triumphed over Simbal Warrior with a commanding 6-2 victory. The match not only showcased the brilliance of local hockey talent but also attracted a host of dignitaries, further elevating the event's prestige.

The final was graced by several guests, including the Chief Guest, Narinder Singh Raina, MLA RS Pura-

J&K Sabre Fencing Team wins bronze in National C'ship

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JAMMU: J&K Sabre Fencing Team won bronze medal in recently concluded 32nd Junior National Fencing Championship (B&G) at Patna, Bihar. The team comprised of Harshit Kohli, Amish Sharma, Vatsal Gandotra and Vaibhav Abrol.

J&K team defeated Telegana by 15-10 in the round of 16. In the quarterfinal J&K beat Manipur by 45-25. However, in the nail biting semifinal, J&K lost to Maharashtra by 45-42 thereby settling with a bronze medal.

Gourav Thakur, former National fencer and Anuradha Sharma accompanied the team as Coach and Manager respectively.

The team has been cleared



Bronze medal winner J&K team posing with officials.

by the Screening Committee of the J&K Sports Council. Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzat Gul congratulated the medal winners and wished them best of luck for future competitions.

J&K Fencing Association (JKFA) alongwith Senior

coaches of Sports Council Rachna Jamwal and Shotu Lal Sharma and Senior Fencers including Adarsh Salathia, Adv Supriya Chouhan, Maninder Pal Singh, Ujjwal Gupta and Ajay Khatrol congratulated the team.

Heritage School organises 20th Annual Sports Day

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JAMMU: The Heritage School Primary Wing marked a significant milestone on Saturday by organising its 20th Annual Sports Day around the theme 'Sampoorna Shakti - A Celebration of Strength & Skill'.

The event, hosted in the school ground, brought together a vibrant display of strength, skill, passion and determination. The theme emphasized holistic growth, celebrating not just physical prowess but also mental resilience, teamwork and the indomitable spirit of young Heritagesans.

The occasion was graced by Shiv Kumar Sharma, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, as the Chief Guest and Ritu Mahajan, Additional Secretary, School Education, UT of J&K, as the Guest of Honour.

Other dignitaries present were Radhika Sharma, Sunil Gupta, Chairman of the School and Members of Board of Trustees of Dhanwanti Memorial Trust Sunita Gupta, Vishal Gupta and Monika Gupta.

The guests were warmly welcomed with saplings, presented by the four Junior House Prefects as a token of gratitude and admiration. Junior School Prefect, Ashwika Sambyal,



Students of Heritage School performing culture programme during a programme.

delivered the welcome address.

The Sports Day commenced with the lighting of the Heritage Torch and hoisting of the school flag by the Principal, Akash Pradhan with the Primary Sports Achievers.

The Heritage Torch, symbolizing excellence and achievement, was carried by the Primary Wing's sports achievers Prashasti Sharma (Roller Hockey), Yashaasvin Singh Reen (Roller Skating) and Pratyaksh Vir Parmar (Aquatics).

The March Past by the students of the four Houses of the school - Culture, Tradition, Dignity and Legacy, each led by their respective Junior House Captains, displayed discipline and synchronization, epitomizing the spirit of teamwork. Junior School Prefect Vivaan Bhardwaj administered the

sports oath even as the lilting notes of the symbolic Heritage School song by the school choir-the Minstrels of Melody, permeated the entire school ground setting the motivating tone for the Day. The Chief Guest then declared the Sports Meet open, as balloons soared into the sky, symbolizing limitless aspirations while invoking the almighty's blessings.

The day featured a plethora of activities, including track events like Rainbow Relay, Serving Water, Shape sorting, Lemon & Spoon, Hula Hoop, Hurdle, Step Along and Roll Along races, which filled the air with excitement and enthusiasm.

Spectacular performances such as the Welcome Dance by Class I, Yoga Display by students of Class II, Dumb-Bell Drill by students of Class III

and exhilarating Aerobics by students of Class IV showcased the students' skill and fitness.

The grand finale by class V students -a powerful fusion of Zumba and Durga Dance - captured the essence of Sampoorna Shakti, symbolizing unity, energy and grace. The rhythmic beats of Zumba reflected vitality and fitness, while the Durga Dance embodied courage and empowerment.

The event concluded with the prize distribution, recognizing the young achievers for their outstanding performances.

It was a proud moment for students as winners of the track of classes III, IV & I received their medals from the Guest of Honour -Ritu Mahajan, while the winners of the track events for classes II

& IV received their honours from the Chairman of the School Sunil Gupta.

The school ground reverberated with jubilant clapping as the Chief Guest, Shiv Kumar Sharma felicitated - Inessa Chandel (I E), Muhammd Affan Sheikh (I C), Kiana Gupta (II B), Gurvansh Singh (II B), Banat Kaur (III B), Swastika Choudhary (IV E), Yuvika Bansal (IV C), Aayat Tariq (V E), Kaavisha Singh (V B) (Sessions 2023-24) with All Rounder trophies, to Tradition House for Best in March Past and to Legacy House for Best in Co curricular cum Sports activities. In his address, the Chief Guest commended the students and staff for organizing a phenomenal event filled with energy and enthusiasm praising the school's commitment to holistic education and nurturing talent. He emphasized on some vital aspects like cyber crime and cyber bullying specially against children, women and senior citizens that civil society must be careful about. He also spoke about the need for women empowerment and girl child education in fostering a progressive and inclusive community for building a brighter future.

Headmistress Vandana Jasrotia extended a heartfelt Vote of Thanks.

GST Enforcement Team realizes Rs 2.62 Cr penalty for violations

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SRINAGAR: In a record achievement vis-a-vis tax violations, the GST Enforcement Team South Kashmir has imposed penalties worth Rs. 2.62 crore against tax violators during the ongoing financial year 2024-2025. It is important to mention that the penalties have been realized from erring traders transporting goods in contravention of GST Act and Rules. The tax impositions have witnessed 26% increase, compared to previous financial year till date.

Significant increase has been witnessed with 46%, 18% and 25% growth during 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarter as compared to the previous financial year. April, July and October 2024 witnessed growth of 182%, 113% and 28% respectively. The enforcement drives held under the supervision of Commissioner State Taxes, P K Bhat were led by Deputy Commissioner State Taxes Enforcement South Kashmir, Waseem Raja. Raja revealed that in future the drive against tax violations will be intensified to achieve further deterrence. It was given out that high-risk commodities such as Metal Scrap, Cement, Marble, Plywood, Timber, TMT bars, Hardware Items, Motor Parts, Electrical Goods, and Readymade Garments were targeted during the drives.

In round the clock enforcement activities conducted across the four districts of South Kashmir over two lakh e-way bills were verified which shows an increase of 45% compared to previous financial year 2023-2024 from April to November.

MVD Challans 367 vehicles for violations, recovers Rs 4.75 lakh as fine across Jammu Div

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JAMMU: Continuing vigorous enforcement drive against the instances of overloading of Passenger vehicles and other major violations under the Motor Vehicle Act and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, teams of Motor Vehicles Department launched special enforcement drives across Jammu Division.

The drive was conducted on Saturday under the guidance of Transport Commissioner J&K Bhawani Rakwal and overall supervision of RTO Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra. The MV teams laid Nakas in their respective districts with special focus on checking overcharging and overloading in passenger vehicles, besides urging the drivers to strictly follow traffic regula-

tions for the safety of their own and on-boarded passengers.

During the Enforcement Drive, nearly 5130 vehicles, including Buses, Tipplers, School Buses, Mini-Buses, Tourist Buses, Goods Carriers, Tractors etc were checked for Route Permit violations, Overloading, Over speeding, without Seat Belt, without SLD.

As many as 367 vehicles were e-challanled under sections viz a viz 194D- (Without Helmet), 66/192A- (R/P Violations), 190(II)- (Without Pollution), 194A- (Overload Passengers), 179-(Disobedience), 194B- (Without Seat Belt), 177- (General Offence), 146/196- (Without Insurance), 56/192- (F i t n e s s Violations), 184-(Dangerous

Driving), Wrong Parking, SLD violations, Unauthorized Alterations, 194 C Triple Riding, 39/192- (R/c violations), 1941A Overhang, Passenger in Goods Vehicle etc.

A fine of Rs. 4.75 lakh (four lakh seventy five Thousand only) was imposed on the violators. Besides 10 Driving licenses were recommended for sus-

pension under various offences. In addition to this, 137 notices were also served to the violators to provide them an opportunity of being heard and initiate subsequent action under rules after completion of notice period.

The enforcement team comprised ARTOs, MVIs and SMVIs besides MVTA of the respective districts.

DG Sports flags off 100-member contingent for National School Games



DG YSS, Rajinder Singh Tara with officials at flagging off ceremony.

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JAMMU: Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara flagged off 100-member contingent for 68th National School Games 2024 to be held at Delhi from December 9 to 15, 2024.

Tara was accompanied by Sunil Kumar Sharma and the officers and officials of the Activities Section of the Department.

The contingent includes Badminton U-14 Boys and Girls, Karate U-17 Boys & Girls, Wushu U-19 Boys & Girls, Weightlifting U-19 Boys & Girls and Boxing U-17 Boys & Girls.

The officials of the department who will be accompany-

ing the teams include Dara Singh, Syed Showkat Indrabi, Nazeera Akhter, Raja Shababhat, Khalida Bano, Yashpal, Wajida Bano, Anit Sharma, Anita Bhat, Willam Kapoor and Alka Manhas.

Tara while giving good wishes to the athletes and the officials, encouraged and motivated them to give their best during the games.

The DG Sports while hoping for a good show from the J&K athletes, said that Jammu and Kashmir possessed immense sporting talent and the need was to provide them requisite facilities and ample opportunity.

He said the Department of

Youth Services and Sports is serving as a nursery to tap the talent young at the grass-root level and explore the same at the national scene.