

DDC Doda reviews preparedness for launch of ‘Sansad Khel Spardha’

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DODA: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vikas Sharma on Thursday chaired meeting of key officials of different departments to review arrangements put in place for the launch of 'Sansad Khel Spardha' a national initiative to identify the local talent in different sports and facilitate them to find a place at national and next levels.

During the meeting, the DYSSO informed that the registration of teams and players would start from February 12 and last till February 20. From inter Panchayat contests will be held from February 21 to March 10 in the already finalised sports categories which includes Kho, kabaddi and Volleyball, he said. He added that the inter block matches would be held from March 11 to March 29 and this will be followed by constituting of district level



DDC Doda, Vikas Sharma chairing a meeting.

teams in each category of sports for the next round. In addition to this, DYSSO apprised the chair that after the completion of selection process of the players, they shall be trained for around 15 days at the district headquarter by the sports experts.

The DDC directed the DYSSO to

tie up with their counterparts to know whether any activity is scheduled to be organised on the day of launch in Doda. He further directed to issue a circular which shall mention the online link as well as offline numbers for registration of the participants.

With regard to winter sports event,

the CEO BDA informed that the Authority and district administration in coordination with Jawahar institute of Mountaineering will organise a skiing event for which the location of Jai valley has been finalized.

He said apart from skiing other activities including sledging, snow roping would also be part of the event.

The DDC directed the CEO BDA and SDM Thathri to give wide publicity about the activities on social and electronic platforms.

The DDC directed all the concerned to make concerted efforts to make the event a great success.

The meeting was attended by SSP Doda, CEO BDA, ACR Doda, SDM Thathri, Tehsildar Bhaderwah, DYSSO Doda, DEPO Doda. Besides, other concerned officials were also present.

Senior J&K Spikers draw blank in close contests

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir senior volleyball team could not register a single win in the league outings in Group-B but fought bravely performing well against the strong opponents in the ongoing Group 'B' in the 70th Senior National Volleyball Championship at the Biju Patnaik Indoor Stadium, KIIT Deemed to be University in Odisha.

In the opening match, Madhya Pradesh beat Jammu and Kashmir 3:2 (25-22, 26-24, 25-23, 25-21,15-13) in closely contested sets. It was followed by the second loss when hosts Odisha made it 3:0 (25-18, 25-23, 25-20) sets victory.

The J&K lost third league tie to Andhra Pradesh 3-0: (18-25, 22-25, 22-25). In fourth and last outing of the group, J&K suffered defeat in the hands of Bihar losing the game 17-25, 17-25, 22-25.

Notably, for the first time in the history of Indian Volleyball, KIIT University made history by hosting the Senior National Volleyball Championship for the third time consecutively after suc-



J&K Volleyball team posing with officials.

cessfully conducting 68th & 69th Senior National for the last two years.

The team accompanied by Mohinder Kumar (Kathua), Mohd Tariq (Poonch) and Wasif Ahmed Allayie (Budgam) as Manager, Head Coach and Assistant Coach respectively.

The Team: Shahid Majid (Captain, Baramulla); Sahil Sharma (Jammu); Rahul Verma (Kathua); Shakir Ashraf (Kulgam); Shabir Ahmed (Baramulla); Sachin Sharma

(Rajouri); Vipan Kumar (Jammu); Pankaj Sharma (Jammu); Varun Singh (Kathua); Mohd. Aris Khan (Poonch); Zahid Hussain (Poonch); Parvinder Singh (Doda).

"We have given chance to young boys this time and the experience is encouraging. In the next couple of years, these boys would certainly grow into a competitive side. In all the four league matches, the set score was so close," chief coach of the J&K team, Mohd Tariq said.

Gold medal to Junior Scientist Shivani

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JAMMU: Shivani Sharma of district Poonch has been awarded gold medal for being most outstanding student in Level-3 Modules for the Doctor of Philosophy.

Daughter of Romesh Kumar of Department of Youth Services and Sports, Shivani belongs to remote village Jhulass in district Poonch. She is among four such awardees, including two Senior Scientists.

The medal will be presented at the forthcoming commencement ceremony.

Meanwhile, chairman Elshaas Foundation, Pervaiz Malik Afridi congratulated Shivani and his father for the achievement.



Refresher courses integral to keep trainers abreast with latest skills: Alok

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Alok Kumar, on Thursday advocated refresher courses as integral towards keeping trainers, coaches and teachers abreast with latest skills and techniques of sports world.

"To remain updated with the latest know how of games in order to perform their jobs in a befitting manner, it is imperative to involve the field staff of the Department of Youth Services and Sports in such courses", maintained the Principal Secretary.

Principal Secretary was addressing a gathering after e-launching a training programme for field staff including PETS, PEMS and REKs at the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports.



Principal Secretary YSS, Alok Kumar e-launching a training programme.

Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali and other senior officers of the department were present on the occasion.

A total of 764 trainers drawn from 186 zones of 20 districts of J&K are taking part in this month long refresher course who will be imparted training in the disciplines of Taekwondo, Sqay, Fencing, Archery, Hockey and Soft Tennis by a panel of experts mostly

from the department.

The expert panel of resource persons including Atul Pangotra, Virander Singh and Gursharan (Taekwondo), Ujjwal Gupta and Shefali Gupta (Fencing), Pankaj Spolia and Sanjay Khajuria (Sqay) besides Vishal Malhotra and Indu Bhushan (Soft Tennis) were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion,

Poonch sports fraternity welcomes new sports policy of J&K UT

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POONCH: A meeting of sportspersons held at Sports Stadium Poonch under the chairmanship of Er. Saleem Bandey, General Secretary of Table Tennis Association.

Bandey thanked Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, Advisor Farooq Khan, Commissioner Youth Services and Nuzhat Gul Secretary Sports Council for introducing new sports policy first time in the history Of J&K for recognising the outstanding players and organisations for their performance.

Bandey said, "We welcome the step taken by the government for giving advance



Sports fraternity of Poonch during a meeting.

increments to the players who would brought medals for the UT. we also welcome scholarship and other incentives by the Youth Services Department for obtaining medals in school national games."

He appealed players to participate in sports tournaments which are being organised by recognised associations/federations.

He said there are many self styled persons who organise sports activities

without any authority and charging huge fee from the players.

He asked players not to participate in such unrecognised tournaments whose motto is only to earn money. He further requested the

administration to take action against such fraud persons who are playing with future of young generation.

Others present in the meeting include Nirdosh Sharma I/e Manager Sports Stadium, Mushtaq Ahmed boxing coach, Rajinder Singh taekwondo coach, Mukesh Kumar hockey coach, Waseem Raja cricket, Harbans Singh and Sorab Sharma both handball players, Manmohan Suri, Davender Dabur, Sanjeev Gupta, Sanjay Raina, Kewal Krishan, Sanjay Misri, mohd. Rafiq, Rauf Bandey, Jagjit Singh Nika and young budding players of different games.

DC Reasi felicitates sportsperson Sunaina Devi



DC Reasi Charandeep Singh felicitating Sunaina Devi, Compound Archer.

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REASI: An impressive programme was organized on Thursday by Department of

Youth Services & Sports in collaboration with District Administration Reasi to felicitate Sunaina Devi, Compound Archer of District Reasi.

Deputy Commissioner, Charandeep Singh felicitated the outstanding sportsperson of the district and appreciated her achievements. He wished her good luck for upcoming events.

Sunaina Devi has participated in National School Games SGFI in 2018 at Ranchi and Junior National in 2019 (Bhopal), Senior National in 2019 (Oddisa) and won a Gold Medal in 64th SGFI in 2019 (Madhya Pradesh) and 3 Gold Medals in 65th SGFI in 2020 (Jharkhand, Ranchi). She also bagged First rank in ranking round Khelo India Youth Games in 2020 (Assam) and 41st Junior National in 2021(Dehradun, Uttarakhand), 40th Senior National in 2021(Jamshedpur), respectively.

Kickboxing Association to hold coaching seminar

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JAMMU: Kickboxing Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold coaching-cum-training seminar for those senior players in near future.

As per a handout issued by the Association, the seminar shall focus on sharpening the skills of those senior and talented players.

Those interested and eligible players are advised to contact Irfan Choudhary (7006465520), Danish Padha (8492925212) and Sanjeev Jamwal (7006118060) for further details.

J&K UT Silambam C'ship to start from Feb 13

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JAMMU: Silambam Association of Jammu & Kashmir is going to organize J&K UT Level Championship at Shastri Memorial Higher Secondary School, Patoli, here from February 13 to 14, 2022.

The interested players have been advised to report to concerned coaches along with the Date of Birth (DOB) Certificate for participation and related information, a handout issued here on Thursday informed.

For any information regarding Championship players may contact Birinder Singh Charak (President) on 9419238548/9697644523.

DPS Udhampur organises vaccination drive phase-II for students

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UDHAMPUR: Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur on Thursday organized a vaccination drive phase II for students belonging to the age group of 15-18 years. A large number of students took their second dose of COVID vaccine at the camp.

Pro Vice Chairman of the School, Dr. J.C. Gupta said, "At DPSU, we always give priority to the well-being of our students. We are thankful to the local administration and happy to organize the vaccination camp for the children of the eligible age group." Principal, Dr. Kunal Anand was overwhelmed to see the participation of stu-



Health employee administering vaccination to a student.

dents and parents in joining this drive to stand for creating resistance against COVID-19.

All the team members of the Medical Department were felicitated by the school. The camp

was declared open by Vivek Gupta MD DPSU and Sucheta Gupta Director Academics along with the representative of Health Department and school staff.

Congress seeks total review of Delimitation report to reverse large scale discrepancies

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JAMMU: Congress has sought a major review of the Delimitation report to reverse the avoidable disruptions and disturbances in several constituencies on a massive scale, just to create seven constituencies in the order to save the public from undue inconvenience. In a statement JKPCC said that to avoid the undue and avoidable inconvenience to the public likely to be caused by massive overhauling and re-allocation of areas in most assembly constituencies, the commission has committed glaring irregularities which need to be reviewed before the draft report is made public. Questioning the re-allocation of areas in most constituencies on a massive scale just to create seven more seats, the party said that the ground situations and geographical realities, means of communication and connectivity and several other norms have been ignored. In the absence of legislative Assembly, the broader political repre-

sentation is missing in the commission so it would be in the fitness of things and all fairness that the commission undertakes a detailed exercise of taking views and inputs about the physical situations on ground and review the report before going public, said JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma. There is genuine resentment and unrest in several areas because of irregularities and neglect of their aspirations in their respective area and it will further deepen in the days to come. So a review of the proposed report would save the situation and address the genuine concerns, as the report in present form is not acceptable to the general public in most of areas of Jammu and Kashmir. He referred to the illogical and unjustified divisions of areas in District Rajouri especially in Sunderbani, Kalakote whereby unnatural division of Sunderbani has been done. The views of public of affected areas should be heard before any further action.

Women Commission will safeguard daughters, empower them: Priya Sethi

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JAMMU: Approving the Women Commission in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir will safeguard our daughters and empower them, stated Priya Sethi, Bharatiya Janata Party NEM & Headquarter Incharge.

Priya Sethi accompanied by J&K BJP Spokesperson Rajni Sethi, J&K BJP Mahila Morcha President Sanjita Dogra and Mahila Morcha General Secretaries Neha Mahajan & Urvasi Gupta was addressing a press conference at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Priya Sethi lauded the approval of Women Commission in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and thanked the Lieutenant Governor of J&K Manoj Sinha as well as Union Home Ministry, Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani for empowering the women folk.

While praising the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Sethi said that excellent medical and remedial steps were ensured for the Srinagar Acid Attack victim under his direct orders and added that approval of Women Commission will ensure proper legal and other remedial aids to such women also ensuring that such incidences do not repeat in future.

Priya Sethi also said that while the previous govern-



BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge, Priya Sethi talking to reporters.

ments never truly empowered this seat using this significant field for the political adjustments only, now in Modi government, this approval for Women Commission is going to benefit the women significantly.

Priya Sethi said that the newly approved Women Commission will have the powers to investigate and examine the matters related to protections provided to women under the Constitution and the other laws as well as other issues related to the protection of women's rights.

Sethi said that the Commission will help improve the condition of women in the Union Territory. She said that the Commission can review the existing provisions of the Constitution and other laws affecting women and recommend the amendments for remedial legislative measures to meet any shortfall in the legislation.

Sethi further added that the Commission will ensure the safety to the women in any

related to deprivation of women's rights, non-implementation of laws enacted to provide protection to women and achieve object of equality and development and non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions aimed at mitigating hardships and ensuring welfare and providing relief to women. Commission will also have the power to to recommend strategies for the removal specific problems faced by the women.

Manjula Das meets President Ram Nath Kovind



Chairman of CAT, Manjula Das calling on the President of India Ram Nath Kovind.

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JAMMU: Manjula Das, Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal met the President of India Ram Nath Kovind at Rastrapati Bhawan on Tuesday. She has the distinction of being the first person from the North East and the first woman in India to assume the office of Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal.