

LG felicitates young Chess Champion Arushi Kotwal

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday felicitated young Chess Champion Arushi Kotwal at Raj Bhavan.

The Lt Governor congratulated Kotwal for bringing laurels to Jammu and Kashmir by winning several national and international awards in Chess.

Arushi Kotwal who aspires to be a Grand Master was recently conferred with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for her achievements in Chess Championships.

While interacting with Ms Kotwal, the Lt Governor gave his best wishes for her upcoming Chess competitions and assured her all possible assistance from the Sports department of the UT administration.

Arushi was accompanied by her father and her sister.



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha felicitating young Chess Champion Arushi Kotwal at Raj Bhavan.

She hails from Bhaderwah area of District Doda.

Later, Mohd. Rafiq Balote, BDC Chairperson, Uri also called on the Lt Governor and projected various issues pertaining to the development of tourists sites in Uri area.

While interacting with the BDC Chairperson, the Lt Governor said that the UT

Government is giving dedicated focus on exploring full potential of J&K's tourism by developing various tourist circuits and identifying new, unexplored tourist spots.

The Lt Governor assured that the issues projected during the interaction would be taken up for consideration.

VFI partners with Eurosport India for Indian Volleyball League

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JAMMU: Volleyball Federation of India (VFI), the governing body for the Olympic sport of Volleyball in India, on Monday announced the inaugural season of the Indian Volleyball League (IVL) in partnership with Eurosport India, the Discovery Network's premium sports brand.

Volleyball, a fast-paced exciting sport enjoys popularity across India and with Eurosport India as the official global broadcasters of IVL, Indian Volleyball is set to make rapid strides both in India as well as the International markets.

The IVL, tentatively scheduled to kick-start around June-July 2022, will be the premier volleyball league in the country, sanctioned both by the Asian Volleyball Confederation and International Volleyball Federation (FIVB). The IVL also proposes to have six to eight new franchise's representing various cities across India. The teams will have a mix of top players from the Indian national team along with talented players from various states as well as a host of top international players in its roster for the inaugural season.

Ruchir Jain, Head of Eurosport



VFI representatives during signing MoU with Eurosport India representatives.

India and Distribution- South Asia, Discovery, Inc. said, "It's been our constant endeavor to build communities for all sports alike, and now to have Volleyball in our roster is a proud moment. We are delighted to be playing a role in popularizing the fast-paced exciting sport of Volleyball across India and helping Indian volleyball reach to sports fans across the globe. The League is definitely the future that the sport deserves, and we are not only excited to play our part in this but also would commend the VFI

for their vision in making Indian volleyball truly global in nature."

Also sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Prof Achyuta Samanta, president, VFI said, "It is a momentous occasion for Indian Volleyball, and we are thrilled to have a globally respected brand like Discovery on board with us. We are sure they will help us take the League to places and together we aim to uplift the sports standard in the near future as one of top international volleyball leagues globally".

Chairman DDC Poonch pats women hockey players

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POONCH: To pay tributes to former SAI Hockey coach, Sham Lal Sharma an exhibition between Sham Lal Hockey Club (Women) and Power House Hockey Club (Boys) to place at Sports Stadium, here on Monday.

The DDC Chairperson Poonch, Tazeem Akhter was the Chief Guest in this tribute paying event, who distributed prizes and gave away playing



kits, Sham Lal Hockey Club Poonch.

Speaking to the teams and distinguished gathering, the Tazeem Akhter was all praise for former SAI Hockey coach, Sham Lal for his dedication and contributions in taking Poonch hockey to new heights, especially women Hockey.

He mentioned that it was his

(Sham Lal) selfless efforts that Poonch hockey has earned a name in J&K with the result the Government decided to give the place state of the art Astro turf at Poonch. He assured for early completion of ongoing Synthetic Hockey Astro turf at Poonch.

He also appreciated the management of the club for organizing such events and motivating girls to participate in games and sports.

The BDC member, Lassana Noor Jahan, president Mahila Morcha BJP Poonch Sehwat Sharma, Narjeet Singh, retired ZPEO and Priyanka Singh (resident secretary Hockey J&K), were the guest

of honour. Other prominent present were Pervesh Kumar Rajput, Amita Sharma, Animesh Kumar (PEM) Ravinder Singh, Narinder Singh (PEM), Rajinder Singh Toofan, Sorab Sharma, Neeraj Sharma, Matinderpal Singh (Hockey Coach), Harmik Singh, Balvinder Singh, Sanjay Kumar, Davinder Sharma, Navjot Singh (Hockey coaches Khelo India Centre Poonch) and Sanjeev Sharma.

Meanwhile, Mukesh Kumar (hockey coach) thanked everyone the guests and participants for making this event a big success and promised more such events in future.

Samba: Sports Council activates rural sports clubs

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SAMBALI: A day long sports event was organised in Gurha Slathia, Samba.

The function was presided over by the Secretary, J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul who also distributed prizes among the Cricket, Chess, Kabaddi, Carom and Volleyball teams.

The event aimed at guiding and counselling potential youth for future challenges.

It was the first of its kind initiative for clubbing the sports activities with the welfare programme meant for the youth. The local youth of Gurha Slathia were apprised about the recently launched sports policy by the government of union territory of J&K.

While interacting with the players and sports enthusiasts, the Secretary J&K



Sports Council assured them of all the support and promised to provide them the right platform to hone their skills and carve their niche in the sporting circles of the country.

She also lauded the concern cell of Gurha Slathia, which rose to the occasion to channelize the energy of local youth.

While admiring her academic brilliance, Baldev Prakash wished the topper a successful career ahead.

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SAMBALI: Vijaypur team outplayed Samba Cricket Club by two runs and won the team cricket match organized by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Samba in the memory of Pulwama martyrs at

Smailpur Cricket ground, here on Monday.

Batting first, Vijaypur team scored 145 runs for the loss of six wickets. Brij was the top scorer with 37 run followed by Shubam and Ravi, who contributed 30 and 16 runs respectively.

ABVP organises cricket match in memory of Pulwama martyrs



Chief Guest presenting trophy to winner team.

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Srinagar: In recognition of her hard-work, MD & CEO, J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash on Monday felicitated Aroosa Parvaiz, who secured first position in the recently declared class twelve results.

During the felicitation ceremony, the MD & CEO

presented a memento and

Kashmiri Shawl to Aroosa

for her illustrious success

in presence of President

and Special Secretary to

MD & CEO, Karanjit

Singh, her close family

members and other officials

at the Bank's corporate

headquarters.

While admiring her academic brilliance, Baldev Prakash wished the topper a successful career ahead.

"While acknowledging

your industrious and ener-

getic attitude, I would like

to tell every diligent,

active and educated youth

of J&K that if you have

the will to fly, we are here

to provide you financial

wings to make you soar

high", said Baldev Prakash.

"Bank appreciates excel-

MD & CEO J&K Bank felicitates 12th class topper



MD & CEO, J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash felicitating Aroosa Parvaiz.

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JAMMU: The J&K Handball Association is going to conduct the selection trial for 37th Sub Junior Girls National Handball Championship which is schedule to be held at Lucknow (U.P.) from February 27, to March 3, 2022. Selection trials will be conducted at Playing Field Shastri Nagar Jammu from February 15 to 16, 2022. All the affiliated units of the association are requested to send their players along with their DOB at the venue. A player born on or after January 1, 2005 is eligible to participate in the selection trial.

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The CRPF pays rich tribute and cherishes the valiant contribution of Shaheed CT/GD Rashpal Dev and Shaheed CT/GD Mohd. Rafiq of 98 Bn, CRPF, who made supreme sacrifice for the Nation on 15/02/1998. Their courage and valour would continue to inspire generations to come. They will continue to abide in our hearts and the Nation would always remain indebted to them. Remembered by All Officers & Men of CRPF.

YSS organises Trekking Camp for Budgam youth

Involving youth in sports need of hour: Gazanfar Ali

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BUDGAM: To help youth not derail from the mainstream and not to fall prey to drugs and other social evils, involving youth in sports, cultural and other allied activities is the need of the hour. Speaking about the initiatives of the Youth Services and Sports Department, Director Sports, Gazanfar Ali said that every possible step is being taken to channelise the sports talent of J&K youth and



Trekkers at trekking camp in Budgam.

all such platforms are made available which could help them in achieving newer heights of success in the field of games and sports.

Giving details of various sports activities being carried

out by the Department throughout UT of J&K, Gazanfar said, "The field staff of the Department is leaving no stone unturned in channelising the energy and the sports talent of youth at the grass-root level.

Besides traditional sports school children are made to participate in different kinds of physical and recreational activities and one of such kind of activity was today organised by the at Budgam".

resolving all genuine issues of Plus Two lecturers. "Outcome of the recent meeting of the committee constituted to examine issue of Modified Assured Career Progression is very positive and encouraging. It is for the first time that the department under the guidance of B K Singh is taking concrete steps to address the problem of stagnation, considering demand as genuine. Elevation of principals, placement of 2,400 lecturers as senior lecturers,

implementation of Govt order No 743, regularisation of officers of school education department are some of great initiatives taken by department," said Chib adding, "Though teaching learning process is badly affected due to pandemic but trends are reflecting that teaching community is putting every possible effort to facilitate students, which is also a good sign towards excellence."

M A Katoch, General Secretary of the association

also hailed the initiative of ATD 2022 and said that it is a positive move towards maintaining transparency but what is important is to complete process before start of upcoming session. "Decision of Govt regarding the opening of schools is a welcome step and lecturers' community in general and association in particular is ready to extend every possible support in this regard as COVID 19 has badly affected two academic years of students," he added.

Lecturers' Association hails Education Deptt for resolving pending genuine issues

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JAMMU: Hailing Education Department for early redressal of core issues of lecturers, Plus Two PSC Lecturers' Association, under the leadership of its President, Manjeet Chib has expressed satisfaction over recent developments with regard to long cherished demand of Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP). In a press statement issued on Monday, Chib extended gratitude to B K Singh for

participate in the selection trial.

Tennis Ball Cricket trials from Feb 16

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JAMMU: J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association is going to conduct two days open selection trials for J&K UT under-19 (boys and girls) teams for upcoming 29th Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship to be held at Dharbangla in Bihar from March 6 to 9, 2022. The selection trials is being held at Green Fields Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on February 16 and 17, 2022. Interested players are advised to report Gulshan Rattan in proper cricket dress at 11:00 AM at Green Field Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The participants shall carry four passport size photographs along with Aadhaar card and date of birth certificate. A player born on or after January 5, 2003 is eligible to participate in the selection trial.