

BJP committed to inclusive growth of all segments of society: Bhagat

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KATHUA: BJP is committed to the holistic development of all sections of the society transcending religious and caste lines, said Vice President SC Morcha Tilak Raj Bhagat in a programme organized at Kathua on Sunday.

On the occasion Kathua Bodybuilding Championship organized by Kathua District Amateur Bodybuilding Association, Bhagat, as the chief guest, said that BJP has the vision and mission to cater to the demands of all sections of society through various progressive develop-



Vice President SC Morcha, Tilak Raj Bhagat presenting trophy to winner wrestler.

mental schemes. Bhagat said that under the present BJP regime the country is emerging as a prominent player in the international arena where youth is making the country proud in different forms of sport, cit-

ing the recent achievement made by Srinagar girl Sadia Tariq who bagged a gold medal at Wushu Stars championship-2022 at Moscow.

The growing medal tallies of India at the Olympics is another example of how the youth is ready to endeavors into sports ventures.

Only a fit body and a healthy mind can bring out the full potential of an individual which leads to a better and more developed society.

The various centrally sponsored and UT sponsored schemes launched including distribution of free ration to the people, coverage under

Ranji Trophy: Ian's ton, Samad's 70 fail to save J&K from defeat

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir skipper Ian Dev Singh Chauhan displayed stellar grit and tenacity to notch up a remarkable ton and silence his critics, however his century coupled with magnificent batting displays by Abdul Samad and few other batters failed to save J&K from 117-run defeat against Karnataka in the Ranji Trophy Elite Group-C match at IIT Chemplast, Chennai.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 189/4, skipper Ian Chauhan and talented Abdul Samad who were unbeaten on 65 and 21

runs respectively, played aggressively and did all the hard work and were going great guns to make a big partnership of 143 runs while chasing a huge total, before both fell in quick succession. Samad was the first man to be dismissed at his individual score of 70 runs off 78 balls, studded with 6 fours and 5 massive sixes, while Ian scored a fabulous century, before being dismissed for 110 runs off 188 balls, studded with 15 delectable boundaries and 2 sixes. After their departure, Parvez Rasool (46) and Abid Mushtaq (43) tried their

best but that was not enough to script victory. Rasool scored 46 off 63 balls with 6 boundaries, while Abid contributed 43 off 35 balls, studded with 5 fours and 3 sixes.

Earlier, Fazil Rashid had scored 65 off 140 deliveries. The whole team managed to score 390 runs in 98.5 overs, thus lost the match by 117 runs.

For Karnataka, medium pacer, Prasad Krishna and spinner Shreyas Gopal bagged 4 wickets each, Krishnappa Gowtham claimed 2 wickets. With this win, Karnataka earned 6 points to top the table.

Jammu Athletics Championship held



Winners posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: One-day District Athletics Championship, organised by the Jammu District Athletics Association, concluded on Sunday at Padam Shree Padama Saachdev Government PG College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar grounds, here.

More than 250 athletes from district Jammu took part in this competition,

which took place under the guidance of technical panel. Earlier, the championship declared open by President of J&K Olympic Association (JKOA), Dr Ashutosh Sharma.

The competition held under the supervision of General Secretary of the Association, Vinod Bhatia. The technical panel comprised Reyaz Ahmed, Rajesh Kumar,

Danish Yousuf, Jai Kumar, Kewal Kumar, Ankit and Initiyaz Ahmed.

Prominent among others present were President District Jammu Athletics Championship, Ravinder Singh (Bubby) Sr. Vice-President J&K Amateur Athletics Association, Sharat Chander Singh General Secretary J&K Amateur Athletics Association.

Shri Ram Universal School felicitates meritorious students

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SAMBHA: The Shri Ram Universal School, Samba organized the felicitation ceremony for the Shri Champs in its school premises, where in 21 students of the school were awarded for their outstanding performance in various events at national level.

The former minister, Chander Prakash Ganga, was the Chief Guest and DDC member Vijaypur, Shilpa Dubey, was the Guest of Honour.



Ex-minister, Chander Prakash Ganga posing with faculty members and meritorious students.

Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Rajni Gupta, Director, Rajesh Rathore, Principal, Apurv Gupta Admin Head, Shivani Vaid Sharma and all the staff members were present along with the proud parents of the Shri Champs.

The programme started

with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries, followed by welcome of the guests by Mrinalini Sambyal, the Head girl and Lalit Indu, the Head boy of the school.

Principal Rathore delivered the welcome address, where

in he appreciated the distinguished guests and parents for sparing their valuable time and boosting the morale of children with their inspiring presence.

The meritorious students, namely, Aarush, Akarsh, Aman, Angel, Chitrakshi,

Darsh, Ebhanan, Garima, Harleen, Harshita, Janvi, Madhav, Mrinalini, Parbi, Saarang, Samarth, Samarthak, Simran, Tnish, Valin and Vatsila were given away the gold medals for their meritorious work.

The children also per-

formed various cultural activities to make it a memorable event.

Ganga appreciated the students for brining laurels to the institution and the district of Samba. He also conveyed his best wishes to the Institution, which has emerged as a model of excellence, imparting quality education to children.

He also appreciated the school teachers for providing holistic education to children so as to contribute their best to the nation building process.

Shilpa Dubey also lauded the endeavours of students and staff. She wished them innumerable milestones and glory ahead.

The vote of thanks was presented by Tirupati Balu.

EJCC Kashmir hails approval of recruitment rules for PDD Corporations

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JAMMU: Chairman, Employees Joint Consultative Committee (EJCC) Kashmir, Aijaz Ahmad Khan, who is also President of CAPD Employees Association Kashmir, has expressed happiness over decision of Lieutenant Governor led administration for approving the recruitment rules for timely regularization of casual and seasonal labourers, who had been working in PDD since long.

In a press statement

issued on Sunday, Khan said that with approval of these rules, a main demand of PDD employees has been fulfilled, which will result in regularization of almost 12,000 employees, which is an appreciable move.

Hailing Govt's decision, he said that the decision of Government is certainly a ray of hope for almost 61,000 other casual and seasonal labourers who are working tirelessly in various other departments.

Expressing gratitude towards Lieutenant

Governor of J&K UT, Khan hoped that UT administration is only ray of hope for all daily-wagers, seasonal labourers working in different Departments of J&K UT in general and Fair Price Shop dealers of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department Kashmir in particular, who are waiting for their regularisation since long. He hoped that LG's administration will also take care of future and sentiments of all daily-wagers, seasonal labourers etc and would take appropriate measures for their regularisation.

Rich tributes paid to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan



Kotli Mahajan Biradari and Akhil Bharatiya Mahajan Shiromani Sabha J&K members paying tributes to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan

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JAMMU: A programme was organised by Kotli Mahajan Biradari to pay tributes to Late Lala Hans Raj Mahajan under leadership of President Kotli Mahajan Sabha, Kamal Gupta, which was attended by a number of people. Lala Hans Raj Mahajan was a prominent social activist and founder of J&K Mahajan Sabha and Dogra Sadar Sabha. He was a

towering personality of J&K and had fought against social evils besides working upliftment of women and raising voice against caste system. A number of people led by Corporator Arun Khanna paid tributes to Lala Hans Raj Mahajan and observed two-minute silence in his memory. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Dr Ashok Kumar Gupta, Satish Jandyal, Rohit Gupta, Vinod Kumar, Pradyal Gupta, Rajan Gupta, Arun Arya, Ravinder Kumar, Dharamvir, Sudesh Gupta, Ashok Kumar, Sudesh Gupta, Ashok Kumar, Dr R C Gupta and Vijay Mahajan.

Meanwhile, a team of Akhil Bharatiya Mahajan Shiromani Sabha J&K also held a function to pay floral tributes to Lala Hansraj Mahajan under patronage of Rakesh Kumar Mahajan and

Preparedness for holding inter-Panchayat competitions in Doda reviewed

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma on Sunday chaired a meeting to review the preparedness for the smooth conduct of inter Panchayat competitions being held under Sansad Khel Spardha.

The DC directed the District Youth Services and Sports Officer to start the structuring of the tournaments, and publish the bulletin on each day so that people are well informed about the winning teams.

The DC also directed the DSWO to converge the schedule of the activities under 'Nasha Mukht Bharat' and 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' so that social message regarding these programs gets a wider outreach and rides on the mobilisation provided by the sports event. Further, the DC directed the ADDC Doda to take the meeting of all stakeholders on the coming Monday so that proper structuring of the event shall be ensured for the time bound and hassle free conduct of the event. The meeting was attended by ADDC Doda, DSWO Doda, DEPO Doda, DYSSO Doda, one nominated member, representatives of Mahila Shakti Kendra, One Stop Centre, Child line, and representative of DIC Doda.

Suman Gupta, which started with chanting of holy Gaytri Mantra.

Zonal President of Sabha, Mahesh Gupta highlighted achievements and contributions of late leader who was committed to the cause of Duggar community and nation. Expressing resentment over apathetic attitude of previous Governments of erstwhile J&K State which were reluctant to recognise contributions of Sher-e-Duggar and failed to give due honour to the noble soul, Mahesh urged UT administration to recognise contributions of great personality in an appropriate manner. The function culminated with vote of thanks by Ram Langar. Others present on the occasion included Rajesh Gupta Senior Vice President, Ranjan Gupta Vice President and Krishan Gupta, President Youth Wing.

India's 'Super Subs' ensure clean sweep against Sri Lanka

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DHARAMSALA: Making full use of the opportunities, Shreyas Iyer was breathing down Suryakumar Yadav's neck as India completed a clean sweep with consummate ease, beating Sri Lanka by six wickets in the third and final T20 International here on Sunday.

The Indian team's last three T20 home series against New Zealand, West Indies and now Sri Lanka have ended in identical 3-0 margins.

Chasing a target of 147, it was like a walk in the park for Shreyas, who smashed 73 not out off 45 balls to complete the chase in 16.5 overs after Avesh Khan and Mohammed Siraj enjoyed a brilliant run in the power-play overs.

Shreyas, whose game against the short ball was once found to be suspect, had a rubber to remember with a hat-trick of half-centuries, an aggregate of 200 runs that fetched him the Player-of-the-Series Award.

Come to think of it, Shreyas is fighting for one elusive middle-order spot with Suryakumar, who was the Player of the Series against the West Indies before sustaining a hairline fracture on his right hand.

Not only in the third match but throughout the series what was evident was that Shreyas was in control of the pull shots which he had been made to practice for hours in the nets.

He is getting in line to

keep the pulls down and now presents a happy headache for skipper Rohit Sharma, who became the most capped player in T20 Internationals with 125 games, one more than Pakistan's ageless wonder, Shoaib Malik.

It was a 'Super Subs' day out with India making four changes in the playing XI, including Ishan Kishan due to concussion. They came up trumps without breaking much sweat.

Avesh made amends for a forgettable debut as his scorching opening spell alongside Mohammed Siraj put the Sri Lankans on the back foot straightaway, as both made full use of the pace and bounce on offer on the Dharamsala track.

Even the two wrist spinners, Ravi Bishnoi (4-0-32-

1) and Kuldeep Yadav (4-0-25-0), did well enough to bottle up the islanders on a chilly night.

Strange enough, for two years Bishnoi has been only bowling googlies but with so much accuracy, that the batters in IPL and now in international cricket are yet to get a measure of him.

Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka was once again the saviour with a 74 not out off 38 balls that took his team close to 150-run mark. Shanaka hit nine fours and two sixes.

But it was Avesh (4-1-23-2) and Siraj (4-0-22-1), who just dismantled the Lankan top-order with pace and bounce, as they were reduced to 11 for 3 in the fourth over and there was no coming back from there.

SCOREBOARD	
Sri Lanka Innings	
Pathum Nissanka c VR Iyer b Avesh Khan	01
Danushka Gunathilaka b Mohammed Siraj	00
Charith Asalanka c †Samson b Avesh Khan	04
Janith Liyanage b Ravi Bishnoi	09
Dinesh Chandimal † c VR Iyer b Patel	22
Dasun Shanaka (c) not out	74
Chamika Karunaratne not out	12
Extras	24
Total	146/5
India Innings	
Sanju Samson † c †Chandimal b Karunaratne	18
Rohit Sharma (c) c Karunaratne b Chameera	05
Shreyas Iyer not out	73
Deepak Hooda b Kumara	21
Venkatesh Iyer c sub (P Jayawickrama) b Kumara	05
Ravindra Jadeja not out	22
Extras	04
Total	148/4

Parashu Brigade organises ex-Servicemen Rally in Leh



Participants of Ex-Servicemen Rally at Nimoo village.

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LEH: An ex-servicemen rally was organised by Parashu Brigade of Fire & Fury Corps at Nimoo village in Leh on Sunday.

The rally was organised with the aim to facilitate on spot redressal of issues of the veterans belonging to Nimoo, Basgo, Likir, Alchi, Rafta, Khalsi and Chilling villages.

During the rally different camps including banking, dental and medical were set up for the assistance of the veterans and their family members taking part in the rally. The ex-servicemen were also

informed about various rehabilitation and resettlement schemes, financial advice on post-retirement opportunities and health precautions.

Ashoka Chakra (Retd) Naib Subedar Chherring Mutup, Mahavir Chakra (Retd) Colonel Sonam Wangechuk, Vir Chakra (Retd) Hony Capt Tsepal Barcha, Vir Chakra (Retd) Hony Capt Tsering Stobdan and Shaurya Chakra (Retd) Naib Subedar Tshering Angehok were among the gallantry awardees were present on the occasion besides Veer Naris.

Commandant Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre Leh, Col Rinchen Dorje, thanked Brigadier Ranjeet Alva of the Parashu Brigade for organising the Ex-Servicemen Rally. He said that for the last three years such rallies couldn't be organised due to several issues including Covid-19 pandemic and the situation that was developed at LAC in 2020.

Expressing gratitude for their invaluable service to the nation, Brigadier Ranjeet Alva called Ladakhi veterans as real heroes, many of whom have sacrificed many

things to defend the nation during tough times. He assured that grievances of the veterans will be responded and addressed as early as possible. Station headquarters will help veterans to get issues with dependent cards, medical benefits, pensionary benefits and to claim other service quotas addressed in close coordination with the Zila Sainik Welfare Board, he added.

Col Sonam Wangechuk briefed veterans about different welfare schemes and assured them to get issues redressed through Zila Sainik Welfare Board.