

JKPS Kunjwani organises camp for 2nd dose of COVID vaccination for students



A vaccination drive in progress at JK Public School Kunjwani.

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JAMMU: JK Public School in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi Hospital organized a camp for second dose of COVID Vaccination to the students between 15 to 18

years of age. The first dose was given on 7th of January 2022.

Almost 300 students from classes IX to XII were vaccinated. All COVID precautions were observed and the stu-

dents got their second jab in fully sensitized atmosphere.

The Team of Doctors from the Rajiv Gandhi Hospital was highly appreciative of the arrangements made by the School.

Mast Qalander team lifts Poonch Tennis Ball Cricket C'ship trophy



Winner team posing for a photograph after receiving trophy.

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POONCH: Mast Qalander lifted the District Poonch Tennis Ball Cricket Championship organised by the Poonch Tennis Ball Cricket Association under the banner of J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association at OP Hill Stadium, Sagra in Mendhar.

In the final, Mast Qalander Club defeated Dream Eleven.

Batting first after winning the toss, Dream Eleven set a target of 78 runs in eight overs.

In reply, Mast Qalander team batted superbly and

successfully chased the target making 79 runs on the last ball of final over by scoring a boundary.

Earlier in the semifinal matches, Mast Qalander defeated FCC Sagra and Dream Eleven defeated Sakhi Maidan Club.

Iqbal Khan of Mast Qalander was declared as Man of the Match for scoring unbeaten 36 runs.

BDC member Mendhar, Amanullah Chowdhary was the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony and awarded trophies and medals to winner and runner-up teams.

Ian Dev led J&K Ranji team to leave for Chennai today

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JAMMU: J&K Ranji Trophy team, led by experienced Ian Dev Singh, shall leave for participation in the Ranji Trophy Championship 2021-22 Elite Group-C starting from February 10 at Chennai tomorrow.

Divided into eight Elite Groups and one Plate Group, comprised of four teams in Elite Group and six in Plate group. In Plate Group-C, J&K has been pitted against Karnataka, Railways and Puducherry. The League phase shall finish on March 15.

One team from each Elite group will qualify for the quarterfinals while the lowest ranking qualified among the Elite Groups will have to play a pre-quarter final match with the winner of



J&K Ranji team posing for a photograph with JKCA members and other officials.

the Plate Group.

Member Administration, Brig. Anil Gupta and Member Legal Affairs, Sunil Sethi addressed the members of the team and motivated them to put their best efforts so that J&K can qualify for the quarterfinals at GGM Science College Hostel ground, here.

Keeping in view the extreme hot weather at

Chennai, the management has taken a decision to dispatch the team to Chennai four days in advance so that the players can acclimatize and practice on the wickets therein.

The support staff, led by Head Coach Sanjeev Sharma, comprises of Sandeep Singh (Manager), Irshad Hassan (Assistant Manager), Nishanta

Bordoloi (Head High Performance, Strength and Conditioning Coach), Pawan Kumar (Trainer), Darshan Singh(Side Arm Throw Expert), Chirag Pandya (Physiotherapist), Idrees Danish (Video Analyst), Naresh Kumar (Masseur).

The Team: Ian Dev Singh (Captain), Abdul Samad (Vice Captain), Qamran

Iqbal, Suryansh Raina, Parvez Rasool, Shubham Pundir, Fazil Rashid (Wicketkeeper), Henan Malik, Abid Mushtaq, Ram Dayal, Anqib Nabi, Umar Nazir, Umran Malik, Rohit Sharma, Mujtaba Yousuf, Jatin Wadhawan, Shivansh Sharma, Sahil Lotra, Akash Choudhary, Taizeem Tak and Yudhvir Singh Charak.

Para-Athlete Chandeeep Singh calls on Lt Governor



Para-Athlete Chandeeep Singh calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: Para Athlete Chandeeep Singh on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

The Lt Governor congratulated Chandeeep Singh for bringing laurels to J&K by winning a silver medal in the Men's plus 80 kg event at the 9th World Para Taekwondo Championships held in

Istanbul, Turkey on 11th-12th December, 2021.

During his meeting, the Para Olympic expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for approving J&K Sports Policy 2022.

While interacting with the young Para Athlete, the Lt Governor observed that J&K Sports Policy 2022 aims to further promote sports in the UT by developing sports infrastructure and incentivizing

sportspersons with special emphasis on meeting the needs of specially-abled sportspersons.

The Lt Governor appreciated the performance of the Para Athlete at 9th World Para Taekwondo Championships and assured him all support from the UT administration. He asked him to continue his training for delivering his best performances in future events.

NSS unit of GGM Science College organises Save Wetlands awareness workshop

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan as a part of Azadi Ka Amrut



Mahotsav under Clean India campaign observed World Wetlands Day with theme Wetland's action for people and nature showing the actions required to ensure the conservation and sustenance of wetlands. Every year, World Wetlands Day is observed on February 02 to create awareness

of the need for the conservation of wetlands for the betterment of the ecosystem and climate change problems. NSS volunteers made posters showing that the wetlands play a significant role in the ecosystem as they are the biodiversity hotspots, being the habitat for many aquatic flora and fauna.

Hockey players pay tribute to Sham Lal Sharma



Players and members of Sham Lal Hockey Club and Power House Hockey Club Poonch paying tributes to former SAI coach, Sham Lal Sharma.

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POONCH: Players and members of Sham Lal Hockey Club and Power House Hockey Club Poonch on Saturday paid tributes to former SAI coach, Sham Lal Sharma on his fourth death anniversary.

The tributes paying event took place at Sports Stadium,

here in collaboration with Hockey Poonch under the aegis of Hockey J&K.

Players lit candles to remember their patron and coach Sham Lal Sharma, who was instrumental in taking the game of Hockey to the new height in border district of Poonch.

Players from other games of Handball, Boxing, Volleyball and clubs of KI Centre, RDC Academy attended the ceremony and paid rich tribute to the departed soul. The management of both Sham Lal and Power House Clubs thanked everyone for remembering their coach.

J&K Sports Policy 2022 accords importance to vibrant incentivised sports ecosystem

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JAMMU: In order to make the sports lucrative for youth, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has sanctioned the implementation of Jammu & Kashmir Sports Policy 2022 with the institution of several sports awards, incentives, scholarships, appointment of outstanding sports persons among other features.

This first ever policy document has been created with the vision of 'games & sports for all' and is designed to be in conformity with the National Sports Policy of the country.

The policy document lays the thrust to create vibrant incentivized sports ecosystem through strategic interventions for sports in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The basic canons of the policy are to 'Scout', 'Engage', 'Facilitate', and 'Recognise'.

Awards & Incentives to Sports Persons

The Awards and incentives are provided to encourage and motivate the outstanding sportspersons for even higher achievements and to attract the younger generation to adopt sports as a career. These awards are also the expression of appreciation and nation-wide gratitude to winners. The Policy institutes various annual awards like Sher-i-Kashmir Award for Excellence in Sports for 10 sportsperson, J&K Khel Protshahana Award for Sports Association, and two veterans/ experienced sportspersons/ organizers or referees, Parshuram Award for five best Coaches in different disciplines. To further motivate the UT's sporting talent, the Sports Policy announces special cash awards to the winners in Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Championship (Seniors/ Juniors), World Cup/ Championships, Youth Olympic

Games, South Asian Games, and World University Games/ Championships; in the range of Rs one lakh to Rs 1 crore. LG/Chief Minister's Gold Rolling Trophy for Sports Associations, this trophy (Replica) shall be presented to one best recognized UT Sports Associations of the J&K UT for having organized its activities at different District of the UT & participated in large number of recognized competitions outside the UT with medals. In order to motivate the youth of J&K to excel in sports, the Government shall provide jobs to 30 outstanding sportspersons per calendar year (05 in gazetted cadre and 25 in non-gazetted cadre) for winning medals at the national or representing/winning in international games/ competitions/ championships as per the rules notified by the General Administration Department, J&K.

In the case of a player exceeding the age of participation in specific events or on account of injury limiting participation in events, their expertise would be used to impart specialized training to players.

In-service sportspersons who excel in sports during their service career; shall be considered for grant of advance increments, as per the rules notified by General Administration Department. The Government also proposes to grant out of turn promotion to outstanding sportspersons for medal winning performance in Olympic games, Common Wealth Games and Asian games.

UT Award to Outstanding Sportspersons

This will be highest award of the UT Government for the outstanding players of J&K. The award shall be announced every year on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations. Such award will enhance prestige of sportspersons and motivate them to perform better at national and international

level. The scope of award shall be suitably increased/modified and notified by the UT Government from time to time.

Special Cash Award to Outstanding Sportspersons

Special cash awards shall be given to the sportspersons of J&K who win first, second and third position in National and International competitions conducted by authorized international / national sports bodies To give further impetus to the sports activities, the winners in all recognized National competitions and National School Games in various sports disciplines will be granted specified scholarships from the Directorate of Youth Service & Sports.

One among the key highlights of this Sports Policy is the progressive mechanism for scouting, grooming talent and leading it to the level of creating qualified world-renowned sportspersons who will make Jammu & Kashmir and the Nation proud. Underscoring the creative initiatives taken to create a flourishing sports culture at the grassroots level, the J&K Sports Policy focuses on the development of the state-of-the-art infrastructure and providing world class coaching. With the focus on strengthening the spirit of camaraderie and the development of esprit de corps, this sports policy envisages to render support to sportspersons to strive to create a mark on the international platform and stand strong as medal winners. This sports policy presents the guideline to provide better job opportunities and support to renowned sportspersons. This policy promotes the adoption of robust & transparent governance mechanisms to bolster implementation policy. Developing the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir as a sports tourism destination by promoting winter and adventure sports along with trails and events in

the lap of nature will give the impetus for the socio-economic development of the Union Territory through sectoral convergence and public private partnership ventures. Co-ordination between the government, the J&K Sports Council and the Directorate of Youth Services & Sports will ensure that the implementation of this policy will be exemplary for times to come.

The vision for the Policy is to have, in the next 10 years, a dynamic and innovative ecosystem that promotes and celebrates participation and excellence in sports inculcating a sense of harmony, where all citizens can participate according to their abilities and interests, performing at the highest competitive levels. This will enable sports and games deliver benefits to individual health and well-being, and in turn contribute to nation building and socio-economic impact. The broad contours of the document is i) to kickstart 'Sports for All & Fitness for All', a result-oriented mechanism that promises and delivers physical, social, as well as economic development of the youth; ii) to identify and nurture talent at the grassroots level and provide them world-class sports infrastructure for achieving excellence in sports and iii) to create a sports-centric ecosystem for all stakeholders through improved job opportunities and creating revenue avenues by making J&K as a sport tourism destination.

Policy Principles, Goals & Objectives

The Policy, in detail, discusses of creating a sports ecosystem through strategic interventions by the Government of J&K which would encompass the five levels of progression in a pyramidal structure, which rise from a broad base of Foundation Level to the highest point of Human Performance Index Development (HPID), with ethos of 'catch them young, train them well and keep

them active till the end, for youth & 'include all' for the general populace. Identification, engagement, facilitation & recognition will form the operative principles for this pyramidal structure, the document envisages. Each goal has a set of clear objectives which the policy envisages to achieve through a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-Bound) strategy. Elaborating further about the sports governance system, the sports policy is to realize the goals associated with strengthening the governance, legal and administrative system for the management of sport, games & fitness related initiatives in the UT-J&K. The sports governance system of the UT-J&K will work on the four cornerstones namely, Transparency, Ethics, Professionalism and Accountability.

The sports resource & knowledge within the UT of J&K will be divided into a two-pillar system: a) Sports Education & Coaching and b) Sports for Excellence.

Other Initiatives

The Policy proposes an array of new initiatives which primarily are going to benefit games and sports by convergence of the resources of different departments. In the light of this, there will be reallocation of infrastructural resources (hard & soft) amongst all stakeholders in accordance to the quantum of initiatives executed by them.

Sports Tourism

Policy encourages promotion of the UT's natural resources such as lakes, rivers, canals and mountains to promote sports tourism. The policy accords special focus to golf, winter sports and adventure and water sports activities, besides hubs and sports tourist centers will be created which would in turn provide additional job opportunities. The Department shall accord top priority

in procuring equipment and establishing supporting infrastructure (soft & hard) facilities. According to the policy document the 'public private partnership' (PPP) along with foreign mission support for knowledge and technology transfer will help take sports and adventure tourism to the higher level. The Department of Youth Services & Sports would encourage PPP mode to promote winter sports and adventure tourism.

Winter Sports - Skiing

The existing skiing facility for training as well as leisure games at Gulmarg etc will be developed to international standard. Apart from this, specific focus for skiing infrastructure development should be a thrust initiative at Pehalgam and Sonamarg as these are also a high snowfall receiving regions.

Adventure Sports

Regions like Gurez and other smaller villages with very scenic spots may be developed as nature walk/ trails/rock climbing with single focused sport activity. This will enable the creation of experience destinations and boost the economy alongside providing employment opportunities.

Mountain Hiking & Biking/ Tourism

Up-gradation of the training facility and curriculum in mountaineering related courses using upgraded techniques, infrastructure and methodology.

Golf Tourism

JK Sports Council shall in collaboration with the tourism department encourage international golf competitions so that golf tourism is given a spurt. Other districts in the UT would be explored for developing golf as a sport. The Directorate of YSS in collaboration with the Golf Development Authority and tourism department shall strive to involve school children as well.