APS Miran Sahib celebrates LG Sinha, Anurag Thakur launch 3rd Khelo India **Annual Sports Day National Winter Games Anthem, Mascot & Jersey**



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Sports Minister, Anurag Thakur during launch of 3rd Khelo India National Winter Games Anthem, Mascot and Jersey.

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and I&B, Anurag Thakur launched 3rd Khelo India National Winter Games Anthem, Mascot and Jersey at Raj Bhavan on Saturday.

The launching ceremony marked the beginning of the biggest sporting extravaganza at Gulmarg starting from 10th February. More than 1500 sportspersons from 29

participate in 11 different winter sports disciplines. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister Anurag Thakur congratulated the Lt Governor-led UT Government for promoting sports in J&K.

The participation of more than 1500 sportspersons in the Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg will encourage the youth towards winter sports and also boost the tourism in Jammu Kashmir. The sportspersons States/ UTs/ Boards will joining the games from

Republic Day Cricket Cup 2023

across the country will be the brand ambassador of the new Jammu Kashmir, he added.

"Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have revived the sports culture. The increased sports activities and the greater participation of youth in sports is having transformative impact on the society," said the Union Minister. Governor Lieutenant

Manoj Sinha, in his address, conveyed his best wishes to

all the players, officials associated with the grand event. J&K is all geared up to host the players, sports lovers and officials participating in the National Winter Games. Gulmarg, the world-renowned winter tourism destination has been developed as a sports city to host the largest ever contingent of 1500 players from across the country, said the Lt Governor.

With the successful conduct of earlier winter games, Gulmarg has achieved its

much deserved place on the global map of Winter Games. This year's mascot the Snow Leopard depicts the vibrant heritage of the Himalayas. It also reiterates the administration's $\operatorname{commitment}$ towards their conservation, added the Lt Governor.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and with the support of the Union Sports Ministry, world class sports infrastructure and facilities are being developed in J&K for the sportspersons, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also spoke on the transformation taking place in the sporting ecosystem in the UT.

Sportspersons from J&K are bringing laurels to the nation at national and international events. Development of sports infrastructure is in full swing. Our Sports budget is at par with the bigger states. Today every district, every panchayat of the UT has sports facilities. We have already surpassed the target of engaging 50 lakh youth in sports activities, the Lt Governor noted.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the government to encourage the youth and provide them a platform to showcase their talents.

Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Tourism and Youth Services & Sports; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; Ranjeet Kalra, Member J&K Sports Council; Subash Chander Chhibber, Director, Department of Youth Services & Sports and senior officials were present.

and Jharkhand, besides

Sikkim and Mizoram, while

Sandhya also took 14 wick-

ets by spinning web around

the rival batters with her



Sports Day celebrations at APS Miran Sahib.

school.

houses.

The Annual School Report

read by the Principal, Ritu

Sharma, brought to the fore,

the achievements of the stu-

dents and the Principal's

vision for the progress of the

The highlight of the pro-

gramme was carrying of the

athletic flame followed by the

march past of all the four

The Best House trophy for

the session was won by

Zorawar House in the Senior

Wing and Somnath House,

The meritorious teachers of

in Primary Wing.

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JAMMU: Honouring and appreciating the achievers with accolades, the Annual Prize Distribution cum Sports Day for session 2022-23 was held with great zeal and enthusiasm at Army Public School (APS) Miran Sahib on Saturday in the

school ground. The programme included a series of performances ranging from Ganesh Vandna, Yogic exercises, dumbbell exercises, aerobics, Bhangra and many more. A galaxy of dignitaries graced the occa-

the school were also felicitat-Col. Priyank Priyadarshi, ed by the School CO 12JAK Rif was the Chief Management in the occasion. Guest. The programme com-The Chief Guest, in his menced with the lighting of address lauded the efforts of the lamp by the Chief Guest, the school students and staff for the enthralling function. Principal and Coordinators.

magical spin bowling. It may be recalled that

Sandhya and Sarla were top two performers for J&K in the Senior Women's One-Day and T20 tournaments last season also.

Sarla had taken 22 wickets and scored 112 runs, while Sandhya had taken 14 wickets in the Senior Women's One Day Trophy last year. Susheel Pajnu, who is a famed Video/Performance

Analyst has been appointed as the Video Analyst of North Zone squad. The Sub Committee mem-

bers of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration and cricketer Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations JKCA have congratulated the players for this achievement.

Majid Dar, Incharge Cricket Development Activities Kashmir; Roopali Slathia, Member CAC JKCA and Surabhi Dadheechi, Senior Selector (Women) JKCA have also congratulated the players for this landmark achievement.

begins at GDC Kathua



Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Incharge Principal GDC Kathua posing with participating teams and faculty members.

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JAMMU: A Tennis Ball Republic Day Cricket Cup 2023 kick started at Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua on Saturday. This District Level Cricket Tournament was presented by the Sportz India, a sports promotion organization in a joint collaboration with Department of Physical Education, GDC Kathua.

The tournament was inaugurated by Prof. Anirudh Sharma, Incharge Principal GDC Kathua in the presence of senior faculty members Prof. Raj Kiran Sharma, Convenor Sports, Prof. 100 runs. In reply, GDC college

Jasvinder Singh, HOD Physics, Prof. Rakesh Singh HOD Chemistry. Coordinator IGNOU GDC Kathua, Dr. Shamsher Singh, HOD Urdu, Dr Kamaldeep Singh HOD Punjabi, Romi Sharma, President, Sportz India and Dr Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director GDC Kathua. In the opening match, GDC Senior Boys outplayed GDC Junior Boys by 20 runs. While batting, GDC Seniors scored 100 runs in 10 overs for the loss of nine wickets. In the second inning,

Juniors scored only 80 runs for the loss of ten wickets. Manni was declared as Man of the Match for scoring 33 runs and also for taking three wickets. Romi Sharma said that overall 32 teams from different areas of District Kathua will be participating in the tournament. He thanked the Physical Director GDC Kathua for providing collaboration to organize this Republic Day Cup 2023. Prof Anirudh Sharma

appreciated the efforts of Dr. S Soodan, Physical Director for giving impetus to while chasing the target of the Sports Culture in the

Sandhya, Sarla in North Zone team; Pajnu to accompany as Video Analyst

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JAMMU: Fabulous show with the ball in the recently held Senior Women's One Day Trophy has helped J&K's skipper and promising right-arm off-spinner, Sandhya Sayal and talented left-arm seam bowler Sarla Devi to earn a place in the North Zone squad for the Senior Women's Inter Zonal One Day Tournament to be played at Hyderabad from February 12 to 21, 2023. Batting all-rounder Anju Tomar has been kept as a standby.



Sandhya Sayal Sarla Devi

Sarla took 14 wickets with her seam and swing in the tournament against the formidable sides like Railways. Saurashtra, Kerala, Odisha

APS Samba celebrates Annual Sports Day

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JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Samba celebrated Annual Sports Day in the school premises, here

The opening ceremony was graced by Brig DKR Gautam. Cdr 168 Inf Bde and Chairman APS Samba as the Chief Guest and Ashu Gautam, First lady of the brigade as Guest of Honour. Principal, Sanjeev Pradhan in his school report highlighted the importance of games and sports in students' life. The meet began with a synchronized march past by all the four houses. Students participated in various races and sports activities. Winners of various competitions were awarded with medals and certificates by the Chief Guest. More than 800 students took part in different events.



GDC Kunjwani organises cancer awareness programme



STATE TIMES NEWS Super Speciality, was the style activities to follow in chief guest. He delivered a their daily lives detailed lecture on cancer cancer. disease and also spoke The welcome address about various causes, was given by Prof. Shamshad Bibi, Convener, symptoms and remedies to RRC, GDC Kunjwani and prevent and curable treatments availability for canvote of thanks was presented by Prof. Bushra cer. RJ Chaitnaya and RJ Nizami, Co-convener, RRC Rohit from 98.3 FM also and programme was coorinteracted with the studinated by Dr. Manjeet dents regarding health Singh.

APS Damana accords farewell to class XII students

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Damana organized farewell ceremony for Class XII on The pro-Saturday. gramme began with the traditional lighting of lamp by Pushpinder Kaur,

senior teachers and the titles of Mr. Versatile and Ms. Versatile were given to student council members of class XII. The extrava-Rajvansh ganza of cultural items Deepanjali Rajput respecexhibited by the students tively. The Principal of of Class XI included dance school presented $_{\mathrm{the}}$ performances and symmementos to the class XII phony of songs besides students and blessed the presenting titles to the students for their upcom-Principal APS Damana, outgoing students. The ing Board Exams.

Chief Guest and faculty members.

Ribh Club of GDC Kunjwani Jammu organised cancer awareness programme on the occasion of World Cancer Day on Saturday in collaboration with Shri Vaishno Devi Mata Narayan Super Speciality Hospital, Katra.

Dr. Abhinav Choudhary, surgeon oncology SMVD

Karthik Singh Bajju, Navdeep

Singh and Kartik Saini won sil-

ver medals, Antriksh Singh,

Avinandan Sharma, Aarha

Bhat, Kalpana Sharma, Kartik

Saini, Krish Mehra and Prince

Other participants include

Sharma, Kunal Surya, Viraj

Lakhotra, Arihant Saini,

Lovish Kumar, Aman Malwal,

Partap Singh, Pranav Sharma,

Shantng Nagotra, Vaibhav

Bandralk, Harshit Kharoo,

Mehak Mehra, Himani Rajput,

Tejswi Sharma, Garvita and

Sharma, Sushant

Mehra won bronze medals.

Kritesh Khajuria,

Nikhil

Lehar.

J&K beats Manipur in Volleyball

J&K team posing with officials after winning the match.

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JAMMU: The home team of volleyball 71stongoing National

As per report reaching In a message sent to team.

Spikers Shahid Majeed,

played their magnificent

outplayed Pondicherry and Manipur and lost to Gujarat in the leagues matches of the Championship held at

here, in its opening match, J&K men team outplayed Pondicherry by 3-2 (25-23, 25-22, 11-25, 20-25, 15-09). In second match, J&K lost to Gujarat by 2-3 (15-25, 25-21, 26-28, 25-21, 09-15). Bouncing back after the defeat, J&K team played well and won the third league match outplaying Manipur by 3-0 (25-13, 25-16, 25-23).

Amir, Pankaj Sharma, Shabir Shaid and Romi dis-

Vishwa Bharatiyans bring laurels in sports

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STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Students of Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School brought laurels for school by winning 18 medals in 10th J&K UT Rope Skipping Championship organised by Rope Skipping Association J&K (RSAJK) at Indoor Sports Complex Bhagwati Nagar, here February 2 and 3, 2023.

In all, 30 students both boys and girls from school participated in this competition and achieved seven gold, three silver and eight bronze medals. The players were trained by sports teacher of school Joginder Singh.

Medal winner students posing for a photograph with dignitaries. The school principal, Annapurna Koul congratulated the students and admired the sports teacher for his diligent

efforts to prepare the students for such marvelous performanc-

Saini, Krish Mehra, Sushant Sharma, Prince Mehra, Jagriti Rakwal won gold medals and Medal winners include Kartik Manjeet won two gold medals.

Chirag bags Jammu Tennis trophy **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chirag Dogra emerged champion of the District Jammu Lawn Tennis Championship which was organised by J&K Lawn Tennis Association at Lawn Tennis Courts, MA Stadium, here today. In the Singles final, Chirag defeated Amar Jyoti Sharma 6-3, 6-4. Earlier, in the semifinals, again decided today, Chirag beat Naman Luthra 2-0 (6-3, 6-3) and Amar Jyoti trounced Ranveer Choudhary 6-3, 6-4. The Doubles title won by the pair of Chirag Dogra and Amar Jyoti Sharma, who beat the duo of Balbir Singh Jaggi and Hanumant Singh 2-0 (6-3, 6-4). Semifinals: Balbir Singh Jaggi and Hanumant Singh bt Manav Vashishat and Arun Gupta 6-4, 6-3; Chirag Dogra and Amar Jyoti Sharma bt Naman Luthra and Shivansh Kohli 6-4, 6-4.

In the valedictory function of the three-day championship, president of the J&K Lawn Tennis Association presented the title trophies and medals and appreciated the talent and was all praise for the Association for involving youngsters in the beautiful game of Lawn Tennis

Heritage School bids farewell to class XII students

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JAMMU: Heritage School on Saturday accorded farewell to the outgoing batch of Class XII. Students of Class XI created a memorable event for the seniors.

The events of the day started with a warm word of welcome delivered by the Vice Head Girl, Anika Gupta and the Vice Head Boy, Sidh Mahajan.

They reminisced about the days spent with their seniors and wished them good luck for their future endeavours. To show their love, gratitude



Title holder students posing with faculty members.

and respect for the outgoing answer round in which the batch, the students of class XI shortlisted contestants comput forth a mix of scintillating peted to win various coveted dance performances. melodititles. Samridhi Lamba was ous songs and pulsating crowned Miss Heritage and Divyadeep Singh was music that rocked the venue. crowned Mr Heritage. Hashir The highlight of the day was Mohd was adjudged Mr the ramp walk and question

faith in the children and wished them triumphs and contentment as they embark upon their new journey into the world. The Head Girl Divyanshi on behalf of her counter-parts, presented the vote of thanks. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude towards her alma mater and mentors who played a big role in getting them to this point in their lives and giving them a wonderful platform for their overall development.

Charming & Arunima Gulati Guwahati. Miss Eve. The Principal Akash Pradhan expressed his

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proceedings to achieve victories in two games. Placed in group-E, J&K shall now meet opponents from Odisha and Tripura in Senior the next outings. Volleyball The J&K team left under

the banner of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir is playing under the guidance of UT volleyball coaches.

skills and dominated the

Patron-in-Chief Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja and President Sidharth Daluja congratulated the men team and officials for their brilliant display in the national championship and exhorted them to continue their efforts in achieving further success in the championship.