

4th edition of Khelo India Winter Games Day 03

Karnataka leads medal tally with 8 Gold medals; HP again sweeps medals in Snowboard event

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GULMARG: As the weather was sunny on Friday, the Khelo India winter games progressed smoothly as the scheduled events were held in all the four disciplines. The day witnessed some thrilling competitions and spectacular performances by the participants in various snow sports events.

Today, Nordic Skiing event was held at Golf Course while Alpine Skiing, Ski Mountaineering and Snowboard sports were organised at Kangdoori.

In overall medal tally, including phase 01 of Ladakh and phase 2nd Gulmarg, Karnataka is leading with eight gold and two silver medals followed by Maharashtra with six gold, eight silver and seven bronze medals. Showing consistent performance, Army is positioned at third position with a score of 4,3,3 of medals till today.

In the Nordic skiing event, Padma Nangial of the Indian Army clinched the gold medal in the men's 15kms run category, followed by Manjeet and Rameez Ahmad Padder, who bagged the silver and bronze medals respectively. The winners were felicitated by six-time Olympian Sheva Keshavan who congratulated the athletes for exemplary performance.

In Skii Mountaineering Relay at



Union MoS Youth Affairs and Sports, Nisith Pramanik and others dignitaries witnessing skiing event.

Kandoori of Mens Category Army bagged Gold, Uttrakhand Silver and J&K Bronze. In the same event of Womens category, Himachal Pradesh won gold and J&K achieved silver.

In alpine skiing of men giant slalom Baqir Hussain of army clinched gold, Pranav of Himachal scored silver while bronze also went to army as Debendra Gurgung got third position.

Similarly, in snowboard at Kangdoori of men category Kulvinder Sharma and Karan sing of army took away gold and silver medals respectively while Mehraj ud din Khan scored bronze

In the same event of women Himachal once again sweeps the

medals as Preeti Thakur, Pakarti Thakur and Deepika Thakur took away Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

Meanwhile the winners of yesterday's events were also felicitated today at medal ceremony at Golf Course, where the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and Youth Affairs and Sports, Nisith Pramanik, felicitated the winners and praised their achievements.

The winner while expressing the satisfaction over their performance gave credit to their hardwork and training they underwent to prepare the competitions. They expressed their satisfaction over the logistic support by the administration and

different associations who are organising the Khelo India Winter games.

Bhavan from Karnataka who has won two gold medals and is eyeing on the third medal in 10 KM event scheduled for tomorrow said, "I have been waiting for this movement for the entire year". "I wish to represent India in next Olympic winter games and bring first medal for the country", she said.

She also appreciated J&K Sports council for the arrangements and facilities enabling athletes to focus on the completions.

Rameez Padder, Nordic Skier from J&K, happens to have bright career as he had won two gold medals in 1st & 2nd edition of Khelo India Winter Games and bronze in 3rd edition again scored bronze today. He has also pitched hope to represent country at international level.

"I wish that foreign country athletes also participate here" he said. Inviting youth to engage themselves in sports activities and develop sports spirit, Padder said, "Sports act as antidote to save youth from drugs". He also emphasized for promotion of games and engaging youth in activities to utilize the potential of youngsters.

KPPL Edition-4: Spartans XI drubs Punchmukhi Cricket Club by 80 runs

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JAMMU: Spartans XI defeated Punchmukhi Cricket Club in an easy contest by a big margin of 80 runs in the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Premier League (KPPL) Edition-4, being organised by Lalitaditya Sports, Education and Health Organisation (LSEHO) at KC Sports Club, here.

The tournament in which 15 teams are taking part, is being held under the overall supervision of Anil Bhat, President LSEHO, who is being assisted by the Organising Committee including Vinay Koul, Ashish Kachroo, Ankur Bagati (Event Coordinator), Deepak Raina, PN Tickoo, Kamal Fotedar, Arvind Koul, Rocky Pandita and Sunil Jalla.

Dedicated to the martyrs of J&K, the tournament is being organised with a twin objective of promoting sports and the unity among the Kashmiri Pandit youth in exile.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, Spartans XI scored a fighting total of 147 runs in the stipulated 20



A player receiving Man of the Match award.

overs, losing 6 wickets in the process.

Anmol Wali top scored with unbeaten 31 runs off 24 balls with 3 fours and one six, while Sumit Raina contributed 30 runs off 25 balls with 4 boundaries.

For Punchmukhi Cricket Club, Kuldeep-Janwal, Vikas Dhar, Sunil Bhan, Rakesh and Sanju claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Punchmukhi Cricket Club bundled out for a paltry total of 67 runs in 17 overs, thus losing the match by a big margin of 80 runs. Kuldeep Janwal top scored

with 33 runs off 42 balls, studded with 4 fours, while no other batter gave any significant contribution.

For Spartans XI, Akshay Dhar was the pick of the bowlers, who captured 4 wickets by conceding 14 runs in his 4 overs, while Amit Bhat bagged 3/8 in his 4 overs and Sahil Pandita claimed one wicket.

For his superb bowling show, Akshay Dhar was adjudged as the man of the match.

He was presented the man of the match award by Sunny Mattoo.

Playway House Higher Sec School Pooni Chak celebrates Annual Day



Special invitee lighting ceremonial lamp.

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JAMMU: The Abhinav Theatre was abuzz with excitement and energy as Play Way House School celebrated its Annual Day with enthusiasm.

The event, themed "Ek

Bharat Sherasht Bharat," aimed to foster a sense of unity and excellence among its young learners.

Shakti Pathak, Director ACB, was the Chief Guest, while Rajesh Baru, Tehsilidar, was the Guest of Honour.

The event also welcomed Special Invitee Jai Dev Roy (Dada Ji) Akhil Bhartiya Chattrawasi Pramukh and a panel of Special Guests including Dr. Sindhu Joint Director SCERT Jammu, Avtar Bhat, Rajiv Mahajan, Dr. Jatinder, and Ajay Takoo.

The highlight of the evening was the kaleidoscope of performances presented by the talented little stars of Play Way House School. Anita Koul, the Principal, extended welcome to all attendees. Arun Ambardar, the Academic Director of the School, emphasized the importance of holistic education in shaping well-rounded individuals.

Brig Mudit inaugurates girls section matches of Border Battle Hockey Cup

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POONCH: Amidst the fervour of the ongoing Border Battle Hockey Cup 2024, Brig Mudit Mahajan, Cdr 93 Inf Bde alongwith Taizeem Akhter DDC, Chairperson inaugurated the girls section matches in an impressive, colourful and well attended Opening Ceremony, here on Friday.

A good number of civil officials of Government agencies and the members of civil society also attended the event.

The Hockey Cup is being welcomed by the locals as



Brig Mudit Mahajan, Cdr 93 Inf Bde posing with teams and officials at Poonch.

the event is harbouring young talent of the town and the clash of sticks resulting in spirit of Hockey.

A total of eight teams in boys category and six

teams in girls category are taking part in the mega event.

In the first match of girls category, KK Hockey Club Jammu beat Poonch XI by six goals to nil (6-0), while

in the second match, Stadium XI Jammu defeated Srinagar XI by eight goals to nil (8-0).

In the boys section, Poonch XI beat Sujanpur Hockey Club by four goals

to two (4-2), while in another match, HFB NCR Sonipat Hockey Club blanked

Bandurakh Hockey Club by five goals to nil (5-0). The matches were officiated by a panel of technical experts including Narjeet Singh, Narinder Singh, Vijay Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Mukesh Kumar, Jagjeet Singh, Amarjeet Singh, Sunil Raina, Harmik Singh, Rajinder Singh, Gurdev Singh, Navjot Singh, Ruchika Sharma, Ritika Sharma and Mohd Shokat.

ICSSR sponsored workshop held at TBS, JU Shubh International School celebrates Annual Day

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JAMMU: Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) sponsored a workshop on "From Idea to Impact: Boosting Startups through Stakeholder Intervention and Investor Sensitization" organized at The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu (JU) on Friday.

The purpose of the workshop was to deliberate on the findings and outcomes of the ICSSR Short Term Empirical Research project titled "A study of Financial Sustainability and Investor Perception of Innovative Businesses in Jammu and Kashmir (UT) supported by Atal Innovation Mission" awarded to Dr. Amisha Gupta, Associate Professor, TBS, JU.

Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director, TBS welcomed the and distinguished guests to the workshop.



A resource person speaking at workshop.

The Project Director, Dr. Amisha Gupta discussed the importance of Start-Up success, investor perception and financial sustainability in boosting economic development in UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof. Supran Sharma, Chief Coordinator, EDC, SMVDU was the Chief Guest of the occasion. He highlighted the need for official recognition of entrepreneurs and startups. He further stressed on demographic dividend and skill development.

The Guest of honour for the

occasion was Nazia Chowdhary, Project Manager, Directorate of Industries and Commerce who encouraged the potential and budding entrepreneurs to initiate and boost their startups by acquainting the audience with different Central Incentive Schemes.

This session was concluded by appreciating a specially gifted entrepreneur, Rashmi Jain, who beside her speaking and listening disability is a successful fashion designer running her own studio and setting examples for many.

Mementoes were presented to the dignitaries as a token of appreciation and gratitude.

The Session II was about the discussion on objectives, relevance and findings of the ICSSR Project by the Research Associate Shumalini Goswami and Field investigator Raies-Ul-Ehrar-Wani. Session -II focused on a panel discussion on "Conquering Challenges and Promoting Awareness through stakeholder intervention for startups" in which Arshad

Noomani, Functional Manager, DIC, Jammu; Dr. Dharitri Rath, Assistant Professor, IIT, Jammu and Director, AIC; Dr. Navneet Kumar, Assistant Professor, IIT, Jammu and Director, ACIC; Vishal Ray, Head-CIBM, JKEDI, Jammu and Ankush Varma, Coordinator TBI, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu were the panellists.

In session III Prof. Ashutosh Vashishtha, Coordinator, TBIC, SMVDU; Abhishek Baru, Manager, C&BO, J&K Bank; Atul Vinod duggal, AVD Motion pictures and Tahir Ahmed, Angel one ltd. Daing Stock Academy were the resource persons who discussed on "Boosting Startup Sustainability through Investor Sensitisation".

The sessions were coordinated by Shumalini Goswami, Stuti Mishra and Muskan Gupta.

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AKHNOOR: Shubh International School hosted its Annual Day celebration with fervour, marking yet another year of academic excellence and holistic development.

The event, held at the school premises, was graced by personalities including Principal Shilpa Mahajan, Chief Guest former Minister and senior BJP leader, Sham Lal Sharma, Special Guests Rohini Aima, Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Arshad Choudhary, Sandeepan Gupta, Dr. Atul Hans, Guests of Honor: Bhushan Baral, and KD Bhagat.

The evening commenced with a soulful rendition of Ram Vandana. Principal Shilpa Mahajan presented the annual report, highlighting the school's achievements, academic milestones, and extracurricular accomplishments.

The event was hosted by students Tarun Gupta (7th), Humar Gupta (8th).



Former Minister, Sham Sharma lighting ceremonial lamp.

The graduation ceremony added a touch of pride as students were recognized and celebrated for their academic accomplishments.

The cultural segment of the event showcased the rich heritage of the region with a captivating Dogri dance performance.

The grand finale of the evening left everyone awe-

inspired, creating memories that will linger in the hearts of the attendees. The event served as a platform to recognize the collective efforts of the students, staff, and parents in making Shubh International School a beacon of educational excellence. The vote of thanks was given by Anu Sharma the Academic Manager of the School.

Election of Student's Council held at KC College of Education



Selected students posing for a photograph with faculty members.

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JAMMU: As a part of usual practice, the student's council of semester - I of KC College of Education was elected on Friday.

The different positions for which the students contested were Class Representatives, Academic Secretary, Sports Secretary, Cultural Secretary, NSS Secretary and Environmental Club Secretary.

The aspiring students put forward their candidature for every position. Each one of them tried best to con-

vince the voters in their favour. The election process was carried out by making use of secret ballot and results announced after counting the votes properly.

Aman and Sakshi Chib were elected as class representatives while Riti Gadyal, Komal Bhau, Kuldeep Kumar, Tamana Chib and Deepak were elected Cultural Secretary, Environmental Club Secretary, NSS Secretary, Academic Secretary and Sports Secretary respectively.

This was followed by investiture ceremony where in the elected students were given badges and sashes pertaining to their duties.

A colourful cultural programme was also organized as a mark of welcome to the newly elected members.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo congratulated them and apprised them of their responsibilities as liaison between students and college. The programme was convened by Dr. Puja Sharma, Convenor Cultural Club.

Career building in agriculture through open and distance learning programmes of IGNOU

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JAMMU: Indra Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is admitting learners in various programmes in online mode through its website www.ignou.ac.in.

The School of Agriculture, one of the 21 Schools of Studies of the University, is mandated to build employable skills in various stakeholders such as farmers, rural youths, technicians, farm women etc. to improve their livelihood through Open and Distance Learning in agriculture and allied sectors. Currently, there are 16 programmes at various levels such as certificate (six months duration), Diploma (one year duration), PG Certificate, PG Diploma and Master Degree in the School.

One PG certificate programme on Agriculture Policy is also offered in online mode.

The certificate and diploma programmes are entrepreneurial and are capable of building employable skills in agriculture and allied sectors.

The educational programmes are offered in the emerging areas of Dairy Farming, Organic Farming, Beekeeping, Poultry Production, Sericulture, Agriculture Policy, Agricultural Cost Management, Water and watershed management, Dairy Technology, Meat Technology, Value Added Products from Fruits and Vegetables, Horticulture, Agribusiness, Food Safety and Quality

Management.

The school reaches its learners through various modes using multimedia Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). The courseware consists of print self-learning materials and audio/videos to transact knowledge and skills in the domain areas. Counselling sessions are organized offline at the designated Study Centers and also online through Radio/TV/Web counselling. Interested learners may visit the IGNOU website (http://ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/school/soa/programmes) or the Regional Centre Jammu for further information and admission to the programmes.

The learners may also write to the School of Agriculture at soa@ignou.ac.in for any information about the programmes and admission. The last date of admission has been fixed as 29th February, 2024. Regional Director, Dr. Jai Prakash Verma informed that IGNOU and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) have jointly developed a Diploma programme in Agricultural Cost Management (DACM) which is on-offer in the ongoing January 2024 admission cycle.

"The programme would pave the way for hands-on experience for the learners in Basics of Agriculture, Institutional Support for Agricultural Development, Cost Concepts and Techniques, Farm Cost Management, etc", Regional Director informed.

Department of Remote Sensing & GIS JU installs Advanced Hydrological Instruments in Jammu Region

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JAMMU: Taking a significant steps towards strengthening the hydrological research and monitoring capabilities, the Department of Remote Sensing & GIS, University of Jammu has installed state-of-the-art instruments, including a radar sensor for continuous water level measurement, near Katal Batal Bridge to Baba Pehar Devta in the Tawi Catchment area of Nagrota.

This initiative is a result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) established in March 2022 between the University of Jammu and the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), ISRO (DoS), Dehradun.

The collaborative three-year project titled "Monitoring and Assessment of Mountain Ecosystem and Services in North-West Himalaya (Phase-II): Monitoring and Modeling of Hydrological Processes in Glaciated and Unglaciated Watersheds of North-West Himalaya," awarded to Prof. A. S. Jasrotia, Principal Investigator, is aimed at advancing the understanding of hydrological dynamics.

The flood control & irrigation department has been actively contributing to this initiative by installing instruments at different locations in Chenab & Tawi to assess conventional water level records.

With the recent installation by the Department of Remote Sensing & GIS, University of Jammu, sensor-based instruments are now providing real-time water level data in the Tawi catchment area.

The gathered sensor data will play a pivotal role in monitoring flood hazards and assessing the impact of climate variability on the hydrological regime of the Jammu region.

