

Tara pushes for timely completion of sports infrastructure projects

Reviews progress of work on modern infra

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SRINAGAR: The Director General (DG) of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara, along with a team of senior officers, conducted an extensive tour of Anantnag, Ganderbal, and Srinagar districts to assess the progress of ongoing sports infrastructure projects. The visit aimed to ensure the timely completion of these facilities, which are set to significantly enhance sports development in the region.

During his visit to Anantnag, Tara inspected the construction of the District Youth Services and Sports Office building, which is being developed at a project cost of Rs. 138.00 lakh. Out of the allocated Rs. 97.50 lakh, Rs. 44.80 lakh has been released so far. The project, executed by the Public Works Department (PWD) Anantnag, is progressing steadily. The DG directed the concerned District



DG YSS J&K, Rajinder Singh Tara interacting with officials.

Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) to ensure the project is completed within the stipulated time-frame.

DG YSS also visited the proposed site for the construction of a hostel in Jablipora, Bijbehara, where land transfer is under consideration. The concerned Tehsildar and officials from the Revenue Department were present during the inspection. The DG instructed the DYSSO to expedite the land transfer

process with the Tehsildar to facilitate the project's commencement.

In Khimber, DG reviewed the construction of an open playfield, which includes leveling, fencing, and a gate. The project, with an estimated cost of Rs. 168.48 lakh, has already incurred Rs. 128.35 lakh as of March 2024. For the current fiscal year, Rs. 16.00 lakh out of the approved Rs. 20.00 lakh under the Capex Budget 2024-25 has been released. The remain-

ing work is expected to be completed by March 2025.

At the Government College of Physical Education (GCOPE) in Ganderbal, Tara inspected the construction of a Synthetic Athletic Track and a Synthetic Football Field. The athletic track, costing Rs. 582.00 lakh, and the football field, costing Rs. 478.00 lakh, are both 90% complete. These projects, executed by the Engineering Wing of the J&K Sports Council, are progressing at a rapid pace.

The DG also reviewed other ongoing projects at GCOPE with the Executive Engineer of the J&K Sports Council. In Srinagar, the DG visited the Sports Complex at Wazir Bagh to check the status of ongoing works, including the construction of a Youth Hostel, a conference hall, a warden office, and the repair and renovation of three rooms in the Directorate office. He emphasized the impor-

ance of completing these projects on time to provide better facilities for athletes and youth in general.

Rajinder Singh Tara was accompanied by the Joint Director Kashmir YSS&S, the Executive Engineer of the Sports Council, the Accounts Officer of YSS&S, District Youth Services and Sports Officers of all the three districts, the Planning Officer, and other field officers from the Department of Youth Services and Sports, J&K.

The DG expressed satisfaction with the progress of the projects and reiterated the Department's commitment to developing state-of-the-art modern sports infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir. He urged all stakeholders to work diligently to ensure the timely completion of these facilities, which will play a crucial role in nurturing young talent and promoting sports in the region.

Kuldeep, Surinder reach Mendhar

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POONCH: Top officials of Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association on Wednesday reached the venue of the 22nd Senior J&K Kabaddi (men and women) Championship to be held from February 7 to 9 at Mendhar in district, Poonch.

With the sole aim to make the event a success, both Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, general secretary of the Association and Surinder Mohan, Technical Director Yuva Kabaddi Series J&K and Ladakh visited the main venue of Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Mendhar and looked into the facilities being extended to the arriving contingents from the districts.

The mega event of UT Championship is being organised by Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association and under the aegis of J&K Sports Council. During their stay, the officials will assess the accommodation, playing area and Mess established by the host district. The last date of entry is on or before February 6.

Further, it will be during this championship that the J&K teams will be selected for the upcoming Nationals. The coaching camp for the team shall take place from February 10 at the same venue.



Akashvani Jammu, CUJ organize Youth Quiz on '75 Years of Indian Constitution'

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JAMMU: Akashvani Jammu, in collaboration with Central University of Jammu (CUJ), organized a Youth Quiz Competition on the theme "75 Years of the Indian Constitution." The quiz saw enthusiastic participation from students, who showcased their knowledge of the Constitution's history, key amendments, fundamental rights and

duties, landmark judgments, and the role of constitutional institutions in shaping India's democratic framework. Through this interactive platform, the participants not only tested their understanding but also deepened their appreciation for the guiding principles enshrined in the Constitution.

Senior academicians and eminent personalities

graced the occasion, highlighting the Constitution's role in upholding justice, equality, and liberty in the country. The event concluded with the felicitation of winners and participants. This initiative by Akashvani Jammu and CUJ reflects a commitment to promoting constitutional literacy and empowering the youth with knowledge of India's democratic foundations.

Satish interacts with KNVB Dutch Football Association coaches



Sports Minister Satish Sharma with KNVB Dutch Football Association members.

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JAMMU: Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, on Wednesday interacted with instructors from the KNVB Dutch Football

Association to discuss football development initiatives in the region.

Satish Sharma reiterated the government's commitment towards promoting grassroots football,

women's participation and expanding the sport in rural, tribal and border areas. He welcomed international collaborations to strengthen coach and referee education, youth exchange programs and football infrastructure in J&K.

As part of the initiative, a refresher course for coaches and referees is being conducted to enhance their skills and align with international best practices.

The Minister reaffirmed the government's support for structured training programs and global partnerships, ensuring better opportunities for young footballers in J&K.

NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur inaugurates week-long NSS Winter Camp

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MAHANPUR: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur inaugurated One-Week long "NSS Winter Camp" on Wednesday.

The aim of this Camp is to provide hands on experience to young NSS Volunteers in delivering community service. The Camp was organized by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS Programme Officer under the supervision and able guidance of Prof (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College.

The programme was started with lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The Chief guest of the Programme was Dr. Sunil Gupta, Principal GDC Basohli.

The Dignitaries were welcomed with Bouquet of



Students of GDC Mahanpur posing with faculty members during a camp.

Flowers. Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director, gave the keynote address.

In his address, he enlightened the students about the importance of such camps and programmes for the welfare of the society. Moreover, Principal and Chief Guest of the occasion

also addressed the audience. They emphasized on the need of creating awareness among masses about the importance of this programme in making society a better place to live.

The programme commenced with the singing of NSS Song. In addition to it, a dance performance was also

presented by the Volunteers. Monika, Nitika and Vanshika, NSS Volunteers, discussed in detail about the various aspects of National Service Scheme (NSS). The NSS Committee Members, Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Dr. Sapna, Dr. Nishu and Dr. Anju Bala worked hard and organised the whole event

and made it a successful Event.

The faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Nisha, Dr. Babli, Dr. Yograj, Namita Trogia, Divya, Dr. Suhail Ahmed Dar, Sameeksha Sharma, Monika Devi, Anuradha, Pooja Sambyal, Shivani Panooch, Kuldeep, Ramesh, Mangu Ram, Surinder Kumar, Sunny Sharma, Sewa Ram, Anuradha, Anu and Shibu Din.

The guest was honoured with memento. The entire event was hosted by Manju and Anshita and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Bishu Devi. The programme concluded with the singing of National Anthem.

District Level Sports Meet organised by NYKS concludes at Rajouri

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RAJOURI: The two-day District Level Sports Meet organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India, concluded on Wednesday at Mini Stadium Rajouri.

The program was held under the aegis of MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) an initiative of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The District Youth Services and Sports department provided necessary support and coordination for the Tournament. A total of 6 Sports Events were organised under the Meet in which the winners of 6 cluster level sports meets participated. The cluster level meets were held in December 2024 and January 2025 in Sunderbani, Dhangri, Kalakote, Budhal, Rajouri and Manjakote.

In the Volleyball Men's Group event, Rajouri Team, under the captaincy



Winner players posing with dignitaries at prize distribution ceremony.

of Saqib Shabir Choudhary, emerged victorious while the Kalakote team emerged runner up. In the Kho Kho Women's Round, Rajouri Team emerged victorious while Manjakote Team was the Runner Up.

In the Badminton Singles Women Round, Monika Sharma and Aushi Sharma from Sunderbani secured

First and Second Spot while Neha Sharma from Kalakote bagged third place. In the Skipping Rope Women Round, Arushi Sharma from Sunderbani secured the top spot while Neha Sharma and Tineha Sharma from Kalakote were the runners up. In the 100 Metre Men's Event, Sachin Sharma from Kalakote, Varun

Sharma from Sunderbani, Ramandeep Singh from Budhal secured first, second and third prize respectively. In the Men's Shot Put Event, Randeep Singh, Waseem Akram and Azad Khan from Budhal secured first, second and Third prize respectively.

Adv. Naseem Liaquat, Chairman District Development Council was

the chief guest at the closing ceremony, while Ashiq Rafiq Malik was the Guest of Honour. The Chief Guest congratulated the winners and lauded the organizers for hosting the mega event. The program was held under the guidance of DYO NYKS Nitin Hangloo.

Among others present in the Event were DYSSO Sukhdev Sharma; I/C DYSSO Gulzar Ahmed; ZPEO Wali Mohd; Activity Incharge Idrees Wani, officials and staff of YSS. State Level Resource Person NYKS Vikrant Sharma coordinated the event. At the end, Sports Kits were distributed among the youth clubs. The winners shall now participate in the UT Level Sports Meet at Jammu.

Microbiology Society of India honors top Biotechnology students of GGM Science College



Microbiology Society of India members honoring top Biotechnology student of GGM Science College.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Microbiology Society of India has recognized the outstanding academic achievements of five top-performing students from the Biotechnology Department of GGM Science College, Jammu. In a prestigious ceremony, these meritorious students were honored for their dedication and academic excellence.

The students who

received this honor are Rishabh Banotra, Sudhanshu Sharma, Tanisha Choudhary, Diksha Jangral and Vanshika Gupta. The recognition highlights their exceptional academic performance and commitment to scientific innovation.

The Principal of GGM Science College extended his heartfelt congratulations to the students and faculty, stating, "It is a

moment of immense pride for our institution. This recognition by the Microbiology Society of India is a testament to the dedication of our students and the excellent mentorship provided by the faculty. I encourage our students to continue striving for excellence in research and innovation."

The Head of the Biotechnology Department, Prof. Kiran

Bala, also expressed immense pride in the students' accomplishments. She also extended heartfelt gratitude to the Microbiology Society of India for recognizing and encouraging young scientific minds.

The event was graced by the presence of Ankit Sharma, Student Coordinator, Microbiology Society of India (MBSI), who commended the students for their dedication to microbiological research and innovation.

The event was attended by faculty members Dr. Neha Mahajan, Prof. Gourav Gupta, Dr. Richa Sharma, Dr. Nancy Gupta and Kirti Sharma. The Biotechnology Department of GGM Science College remains committed to academic excellence and research-driven learning, preparing students for impactful careers in microbiology and biotechnology.

Exhibition hockey match held at Poonch



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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POONCH: An exhibition match between players of Sham Lal Hockey Club, Narinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Mushtaq Ahmed, Manjeet Singh, Narinder Singh, Kewal Krishan, Others present were Gurdev Singh, Narjeet Singh, Nirdosh Kumar, Janak Singh, Narinder Singh, Rajinder Singh, Mushtaq Ahmed, Manjeet Singh, Narinder Singh, Kewal Krishan, Rajinder Singh, Toofan, Ravinder Singh (Pamma), Neeraj Sharma, Sorab Sharma, Ramprakash, Narinder Singh, Harmik Singh, Vikas Sharma and Intaiz Lone.

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Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Barui, Nardival, Mandrian, Kha, Maira, Thatar Mundli, Payan and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 5 and 07 from 8 am to 2 pm. Meanwhile, SE (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua informed that the power supply to Chandwan, Balhar, Seswan and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 6 from 10 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Badhori and its adjoining areas will remain affected on February 9 from 9 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Meen and its adjoining areas will remain affected on February 7, 8 and 10 from 9 am to 3 pm.