

JKOA presents Rangil Singh Awards for Sports Excellence



Fencing Coach Rachna Jamwal along with many sportspersons and officials being presented Sardar Rangeel Singh Award for excellence in sports by J&K Olympics Association in Jammu on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Olympic Association (JKOA) today presented much awaited Rangil Singh Awards for Sports Excellence for the year 2019-20 to outstanding sportspersons of the UT and those dedicated coaches in a well attended function held at Amar Singh Club, here.

Rangil Singh Award instituted after the sad demise of former JKOA president, who served Association as Association from 1972 to till his death in 2017.

Former Olympian Athlete and Asian Games Silver medal winner, Arjuna

Awardee Paramjeet Singh was star attraction of the event as special guest. Among those prominent guests from J&K were Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta, member administration J&K Cricket Association, Brig. Anil Gupta, former Member Legislature, Ashok Khajuria, who jointly did the honours..

In total, 14 players, nine coaches and a Sports Journalist were honoured with the prestigious Rangil Singh Award. The award carries a cash prize of 21000, memento, certificate, Olympic Cap and Olympic Necktie.

Earlier, General Secretary of the

AWARDEES	
PLAYERS: Rakesh Kumar, Para Archer Ram Singh, Mountaineer Radhey Kumar, International Athlete Rajesh Anand, International Roller Skating Abdul Samad International Cricketer Mohd. Shafi Nari, Football Arushi Kotwal, Chess Adil Mohi-ud-din Bhat, Kayaking-Canoeing Mohd. Tariq, Fencing Suvidha Sarin, Rollball	Tejpal Kour, Gymnastics Abhinav Kunda, Athletics Iqbal Singh, Basketball Gourav Sharma, Handball Sanjeev Sharma, Sports Journalist COACHES: Bhupinder Singh Tirthi, Kho-Kho Kuldeep Kumar Vedwan, Archery Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Athletics Om Parkash, Wrestling Rajesh Virdhy, Shooting Rachna Jamwal, Fencing Anil Gupta, Yoga Suraj Bhan Singh, Judo Pawan Kumar Sharma, Hockey

JKOA and international wrestler, Dushyant Sharma welcomed the awardees, coaches, special guests and members of the sports fraternity as also family members of the awardees at the glittering function.

Veteran sports administrator and president of the JKOA, Dr Ashutosh Sharma explained the functions and achievements of JKOA which came into existence way back in 1972.

Also vice president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOC), Dr Ashutosh explained the functions and achievements of JKOA of which Rangil Singh was first president.

He elaborated role of the JKOA and

introducing important SRO 349 and SRO 232 as also in the laying of state of the art turf at KK Hakhu Stadium. Dr Ashutosh gave a brief account of the life of Rangil Singh, a highly educated (Bar at Law from London) dedicated, sincere, helping hand and down to earth administrator who remained a Cabinet Minister J&K State.

Chief guest, Chander Mohan Gupta and guests of honour, Brigadier Anil Gupta, Ashok Khajuria and Parmajeet Singh also spoke on the occasion. Both distinguished guests, Chander Mohan Gupta and Paramjeet Singh were later honoured by Jaspal Singh (Palli), son of Rangil Singh.

J&K UT team selected for North India Power Lifting C'ship



J&K UT team posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Thirty seven players of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory have been selected for North India Power Lifting Championship (Men & Women) Junior & Senior held at Faridabad from March 20 to 22, 2022.

The officials of the Association namely Ajay Sharma General Secretary, Rahul Sawhney Senior Vice President and Suresh Pal Executive Member gave best wishes to the team.

The team was selected by All J&K UT Power Lifting Association on the basis of recently conducted J&K UT Powerlifting Championship.

The team is accompanied by Ajay Sharma (National Referee), Adil Ashraf Khan as team coach respectively.

WOMEN: Heena Naz, Sakshi Koul, Riya Mahajan, Rashika Handa, Samreen Kour and Diksha Kapoor.

MEN:- Kanav Bhagat, Sumit Thakyal, Harshul Sharma, Lakhan, Prem Kumar, Raghav Gupta, Kartik Balaria, Vikrant Goswami, Inuran ALam, Aditya Sharma, Dushant Bilorla, Shanavaz Ansari, Rahul Kumar, Nasir, Akshay Kumar, Balvinder Singh, Ankush Chib, Rahil Rajput, Robin Barna, Mohit Saini, Aman Sharma, Jaswinder Singh, Vikrandeep, Gourav Sharma, Udhaiveer Singh and Adil Ashraf Khan.

Samba District Athletics C'ship from Mar 19

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SAMBA: Samba District Athletics Association will organize Samba District Athletics Championship at Baba Santokh Singh Stadium Smailpur from March 19 to 20, 2022.

The Championship will be held under the aegis of J&K Amateur Athletics Association in different age categories for boys & girls.

The interested players asked to bring Aadhaar card, date of birth certificate, one passport size photograph with them and for any query, contact Rakesh Singh Charak (8825010618).

Kabaddi selection trials from March 21

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JAMMU: The selection trials for 16th Senior Circle Style Kabaddi Championship in men and women section are going to be held from March 21 to 23, 2022 at Kabaddi Field, MA Stadium, here at 4:00 PM.

This was stated by General Secretary of J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Surinder Mohan Gupta, who informed that there are no restrictions with regard to weight and age. Gupta asked all the affiliated districts and clubs of the UT to send their registered players for trials who will participate in 16th Senior Circle Style Kabaddi Championship which is going to be held at Chandigarh University, Gharuan near Kharar from April 1 to 3, 2022.

Gupta further stated that all the eligible players will have to bring two passport size photographs, photocopies of their Aadhaar Card, Domicile Certificate, Vaccine certificate and Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India registration Card.

Those who have not registered with the AKPI will not be eligible to participate in the trials, he added.

Inter-District UT Level Kabaddi Competition begins



A Kabaddi match in progress at Kathua.

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KATHUA: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kathua Rahul Yadav on Tuesday inaugurated Inter District UT Level Competition in the discipline of Kabaddi for under-19 and under-17 years boys, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua at Shivalik Resort, here.

The competition is being held on the direction of Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K UT, Gazanfar Ali.

Sunil Kumar, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua (Chairman) along with Nasib Chand, Joginder Kumar, Mohan Lal Dub and Field Staff also present on the occasion. U/17 first Kabaddi match was opened by DYSSO Kathua Sunil Kumar along with field staff of district Kathua. Today League Matches were played.

Today's Results
Under-17: District Jammu beat Budgam by 15 points; Udhampur beat Anantnag by 28 points; Kathua beat Kulgam by 16 points; Samba beat Ganderbal by 14 points; Kupwara beat Rajouri by six points; Poonch beat Pulwama by 46 points; Baramulla beat Kishtwar by 21 points; Srinagar beat Ramban by one point; Budgam beat Shopian by 29 points; and Jammu beat Anantnag by 37 points.

Ridhima of DPS Jammu excels in zonal-level singing competition

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JAMMU: Ridhima Bajpai (X-A) of Delhi Public School (DPS)



Jammu brought laurels to the school and her parents by clinching second position and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 in 'Chooona Hai Aasman Season-6' zonal level singing competition organized by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu at Gulshan Ground, Jammu on March 10, 2022. Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh was the Chief Guest on the occasion, who gave prize to Ridhima. She also received the Certificate of Appreciation. Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone was also present on the occasion. Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated Ridhima for the achievement and extended her best wishes. President RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro Vice Chairperson, Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi extended their best wishes to Ridhima and her parents.

Indian Hawks Roller Skating Club felicitates national medalists

Announces Vipul Patel as Club's 'Hall of Fame-II'



IHRSC felicitating national medalists in speed skating events held at New Delhi.

J&K in 59th national championship held in New Delhi.

Vipul Patel while felicitating the young skaters didn't shy away from sharing his wealth of knowledge about the game and traits to shine at national and international events. He said that inner confidence and handling pressure with calmness is the key to success.

K D Bhagat stressed on keeping the young lot away from drugs claiming that the scourge of substance abuse is eating up the vitals of society and ruining lives of youth in a

big way.

He asked the parents to keep in touch with their children at all times to ensure that no one can sway them on a wrong path.

Legend of roller skating Inspector Rajesh Anand laid stress on consistency in training sessions and continuous thought process to improve and hone skills on day to day basis.

He made it clear that there is no shortcut to success and it is only hard work that can trounce opponents and win medals. He congratulated

medal winners for the feat and gave best wishes to club members to continue to rule the rink in the upcoming tournaments and bring laurels to the UT and also the country by shining at international level.

Chief Patron IHRSC Ashok Gandotra patted the young achievers for their momentous performance and announced that from next year IHRSC will present cash prizes to the medal winners. He assured wholehearted support to promote roller skating in the UT of J&K and

anticipated that in upcoming tournaments the club members will perform much better and take the medals tally to the next higher level.

The mentor of the club Arjun Gandotra, State awardee, Sher-e-Kashmir awardee, former Captain India inline hockey squad, international speed skater and winner of scores of medals in national speed skating championships while addressing the gathering expressed gratitude towards President Jammu and Kashmir Roller Skating Association G S Khurmi and the members of the association for supporting the budding skaters by inspiring them at each step and sharing their wisdom and experience. He also acknowledged the role played by the J&K Sports Council in providing state of art edifice as the phenomenal performance which the skatets who train with IHRSC have given in the 59th nationals was impossi-

ble without aforesaid sports body's support.

President of IHRSC Dhruv Pant congratulated all the medal winners and motivated all the skaters of the club to train rigorously and club will support all the skaters of the club to achieve heights.

The national medalist skaters who were felicitated include Puneesh Puri (National champion after winning 2 gold medals), Udhay Narayan (National champion after winning 2 gold and 1 silver medal), Tamanna Saini- 1 bronze, Samarjot Singh- 1 silver, Kartikeya Puri 1 gold (58th national), Tarun Gandotra international speed and inline hockey player; former Captain of Indian inline hockey team and winner of bronze medal in 59th national inline hockey championship, and Dhruv Pant- international player and winner of bronze medal in 59th national inline hockey championship.

UT Level Inter District U-17 Kho-Kho Boys competition gets underway

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UDHAMPUR: UT Level Inter District Kho- Kho under-17 years boys tournament got underway on Tuesday at Subash Stadium Udhampur.

The event is going on under the patronageship of Principal Secretary Alok Kumar; co-operation of Director Youth Services & Sports UT J&K Jammu Gazanfar Ali, Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib, and under the supervision of Swaran Singh District Youth Services & Sports Officer Udhampur.

In all, 226 players and 92 officials of 20 districts reported.

ZPEO Majalta Kartar Singh and ZPEO Jib Poonam Sharma advised the players to



Teams posing for a photograph with officials.

follow the protocol of COVID-19 and play the game in fair way and wished them for their best performance in the tournament. The matches were officiated by Raj Kumar Gupta, Raj Kumar Dogra, Kanchan Sharma, Pushap Kumar, Raman Kumar, Sunil Dutt Khajuria, Rajesh Verma, Kulbushan Sharma, Rishi Sharma, Pooja Sharma, Jyotika Sharma and Surlbi Anthal.

Other officials of YSS present were Anita Goswami, Somdev Khajuria, Ramesh Chander, Anupama Sharma, Parshotam Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Deepika Manhas, Ajit Singh, Bikram Singh, Swaran Deep Singh, Rakesh Khajuria, Rajesh Sharma, Rakesh, Jai Karan, Abdul Qadir, Ghaneem Akhter, Sanjeev Khajuria, Bandna Sharma, Asha, Meenakshi, Vipran Photra, Sourab Pandit, Anshu Brat

defeated Budgam by 8 points; Srinagar defeated Jammu by 7 points and Turn; Kathua defeated Shopian by 4 points and Turn; Doda defeated District by 3 points; Doda defeated Kathua by 6 points and Turn.

Pool B: District Baramulla defeated District Kupwara by 1 points; Anantnag defeated Kishtwar by 6 points and Turn; Kulgam defeated Ganderbal by 9 points and Turn; Baramulla defeated Reasi by 18 points and Turn; Ramban defeated Anantnag by 9 points and Turn; Udhampur defeated Poonch by 5 points and Turn; Baramulla defeated Kulgam by 5 points and Turn; Udhampur defeated Ramban by 4 points and Turn.

Rajouri: Director YSS declares UT Level Volleyball Tourney open

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RAJOURI: The Department of Youth Services and Sports organised Inter Distt UT Level Tournament in the discipline of Volleyball for U19 boys here at Mini Sports Stadium.

The tournament was declared open on Tuesday by Director Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department, Gazanfar Ali who was accompanied by ADDC Rajouri Pawan Kumar Parihar and DYSSO Rajouri Sunil Singh Sanblyal. The inaugural ceremony started with a pledge by the participants to abide by the rules and regulations of the game. Addressing the participants, the Director YSS advised the young student players to take part in physical activities regularly for their sound mental and physical health. "Sports definitely inculcate a sense of discipline and brotherhood in the participants" he said. He appreciated DYSSO Rajouri for conducting this mega event in the most proficient way.

While talking about the benefits of planting trees, he stressed upon the participants to plant at-least one sapling this year as the Department has decided to launch a mega plantation drive across J&K. He also threw light on the new initiatives of the Department and said "We have a huge workforce and every possible step is being taken to achieve maximum from their efforts. Meanwhile, teams consisting of 210 young school boys drawn from all the 20 districts of the J&K UT are participating in the tournament. Twenty Eight Officials have been deputed for the successful conduct of the tourney. The tournament is being organised as per league cum knock out basis and shall conclude on 17th of the current month. ADDC Rajouri Pawan Kumar Parihar also addressed the players and appreciated the Department of YSS for conducting Sports activities in all districts involving maximum number of youth. He lavished praise on the employees of YSS for playing their role in eradicating the menace of drugs in the district.

The DYSSO Rajouri in his welcome address expressed gratitude to the Director Sports for gracing the event with his presence.