

# 6th National Snowshoe championship concludes at Gulmarg

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GULMARG: The 6th National Snowshoe Championship concluded here on Sunday.

The championship that was organised by J&K SnowShoe Association in collaboration with Directorate of Tourism Kashmir and under the auspices of Snowshoe Federation of India concluded with conduct of sprint events and medal ceremony held at IISM Gulmarg.

Director Tourism Kashmir Dr GN Itoo was the chief guest on the occasion while as Director, Tourism, Kashmir Dr Alok Kumar, CEO, Gulmarg Development Authority, Ghulam Jelani Zargar, Dy Director, Tourism, Kashmir Dr Ahsanul Haq Chishti, Assistant Director, Tourism, Gulmarg, Dr Javid Ur Rehman, Assistant Director



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Tourism Kashmir Zeeshan Khan, President, Snowshoe Federation of India (SSFI) Mir Mudassir and its J&K head, Tariq Zargar were also present.

The championship witnessed participation of around 100 athletes representing 10 State teams, HAWS and ITBP teams.

Terming this as a great initiative in the adventure

tourism of Kashmir, Dr GN Itoo congratulated all the teams and organisers.

"I am happy to see this event turning out as great success and for that I congratulate everyone associated with it from organisers to players and all the tourism staff that was associated with it," Dr GN Itoo said.

"This is a new beginning and the future of this sport

and activity is bright with a lot of potential," he said.

He said the Tourism department is promoting adventure sports on a wide scale and this was part of that step.

Earlier SSFI President Mir Mudassir, said that with help from the Tourism Department this event has turned out as a great success.

"We are happy to see this event turning out as great success. We will try to conduct and host bigger events in coming years," he said.

Assistant Director Tourism Zeeshan Khan termed the participants who have come from various parts of India for participation as ambassadors of Kashmir Tourism.

Meanwhile Uttarakhand emerged as overall winners of the championship while Maharashtra second and J&K third.

## Budgam Boxing meet concludes



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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BUDGAM: Organised under the aegis of J&K Amateur Boxing Association (JKABA), the Budgam District Boxing Championship concluded at Indoor Sports Stadium, Budgam in Kashmir. In the concluding function, chairman DDC Budgam, Bashir Ahmad Bhat was the Chief Guest, who distributed the medals and certificates to the winner boxers. Manager Indoor Stadium, Altaf Ahmad was Guest of Honour. The event took place under the supervision of veteran Boxing trainer of JK Sports Council, Farooq Ahmad.

The Detailed Results: **SUB-JUNIOR BOYS:** 34 kg: Abid Mushtaq, gold; Mouhsin Amin, silver; Mouhsin Zahoor, bronze; 40 kg: Faisal, gold; Rouf Ali, silver and Farhan Aziz, bronze; 49 kg: Hafiz Ramzan, gold, F Rehman, silver and Adil Bashir, bronze; 43 kg: Showkat Salam, gold, Aqeel Aziz, silver and Faisal Ahmad, bronze; 46 kg: Sakib Manzoor, gold; Owais, silver and Kamran, bronze. **SENIOR MEN:** 81 kg: Mohd Younis, gold; Rouf Ahmad Ganaie, silver. **WOMEN:** 34 kg: Hadiya Zahoor, gold; Aayat Muxifa, silver; 46 kg: Faizan, gold; Hamira Hilal, silver and Muzaffar, bronze.

## Inter-District Taekwondo competitions get underway



DYSS Officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma declaring open Taekwondo competition.

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JAMMU: The Union Territory level Inter-District competitions in the disciplines of Taekwondo under-17 and under-19 boys got underway at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, near here on Sunday.

The competitions were

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JAMMU: The Scar Music partnered by TATSA Motors (Benelli Jammu) on Sunday launched the teaser and poster of its most awaited Song Naam Gunjda, track 10 from its album Loyal at Benelli Jammu Greater Kailash.

Tarun Sharma, Founder & President Nat Manch, youth leader, actor, director and renowned karate personality; Raj Bhagat, acclaimed Cartoonist of STATE TIMES & Actor and Hitesh Mahajan, Sr. Journalist STATE TIMES & Actor were the special guests on the occasion while prominent personalities of the Jammu city were also present during the launch ceremony.

The Scar Music is an independent Music Label and a group of music enthusiast founded by Nitish Sarmal in 2014 and

## 'The Scar Music' launches teaser of song 'Naam Gunjda'



Special guests Tarun Sharma, Raj Bhagat and Hitesh Mahajan being honoured by the cast and Organisers during the launch ceremony in Jammu on Sunday.

Managed by Sutteet Sangral.

LOYAL is the debut album of Nitish Sarmal having 35 Tracks Naam Gunjda is the 10th track of the album which is written by Akky & Additional lyrics by Nitish Sarmal it is a Collaboration between Nitish Sarmal, Akky & Sumeet Sangral Female lead is done by Surashi

Sharma. Casting Team is Sahil Bloria, Mohit (Rahi), Arun Jamwal & Affukohli.

The song is one of its

kind produced in Jammu with finest video and audio quality.

It has a very catchy music

and videography that

would enthrall the youth

and music lovers across

Country and abroad. The

Song will be released on

## Ashok Angurana conferred with Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award 2021



President Dogri Sanstha, Prof. Lalit Magotra presenting Prof. Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Award to Ashok Angurana.

and Er. Ajit Khajuria, eldest son of late Prof. Ram Nath Shastri.

The award includes a momento, a certificate, a shawl and a cheque for rupees twenty-one thousand.

Prof. Magotra said that

Dogri.

He also complemented Angurana, who after his retirement, has surprised all by writing exquisite poetry in his mother tongue Dogri. He has raised high expectations by his maiden book, that has been deservedly chosen for this prestigious award.

Ashok Angurana, in his acceptance speech, expressed his gratitude to Shri Ram Nath Shastri Memorial Trust, Dogri Sanstha and the jury members who considered his book for this honour.

Angurana also recited some of his poems which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

## Carrom meet from March 25

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association shall hold four-day Open J&K UT Championship in both boys and girls sections at New Indoor Sports Complex, Polo Ground, Srinagar from March 25 to 28. The interested players have been advised to register themselves on website jkcarrom.in before March 25. No spot entry shall be accepted, a handout issued by the Association here on Sunday informed.

## 48th J&K UT Badminton Championship begins

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JAMMU: The 48th J&K UT Badminton Championship being organized by Badminton Association of J&K commenced at Badminton Hall, Indoor Sports Complex, MA Stadium, here on Sunday. The Championship was inaugurated by Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General Police Jammu. About 250 players from different parts of Jammu & Kashmir are participating in the tournament.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest underlined the need of more sports in the J&K UT as well as in the country, and appealed everybody to involve more people in sports, for the upliftment of sports in J&K.

Others present were Dr. O.D. Sharma, Chairman BAJK, Ashok Singh (DSO), Satish Gupta (Manager), D.V. Sharma (Vice Chairman BAJK), Balbir Jamwal (General Secretary BAJK), Dushyant Sharma, Treasurer, Rahul Sharma (Chief Referee), Subash Sharma (treasurer) and Ajaz Qureshi (Secretary Ganderbal Distt. Association), Ibseef Ahmed and Vikram Saini (SAI Badminton Coaches). Others present were Son Raj Gupta, Vijay Dewan, Basanti Bhat, Sultan Mirza and a large number distinguished guests.



ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh interacting with players.

## 11th UT Level Tennisball Cricket C'ship concludes



Winner teams posing with officials.

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ANANTNAG: Baramulla District lifted the trophies both in Senior Boys and Girls sections in the 11th UT Level Tennisball Cricket Championship organized by J&K Tennisball Cricket Association in association with J&K Sports Council, which concluded at BHSS Groundn Bijbehara, here.

On the concluding ceremony ACD Anantnag while Anantnag got second place.

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KATHUA: Amargarh Club Punjab won trophy of the second Shaheed Memorial Volleyball Tournament organized under the guidance of Kathua Volleyball Association at Ramlila Ground in Kootah, here.

in the final match, Amargarh Club Punjab defeated the Haryana team by straight 3-0 (25-21, 25-23, 25-17).

Kaka Rajat and Sunil showed excellent game for Haryana.

DCC Hiranagar, Advocate Abhinandan Sharma was the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony.

BDC Ghagwal Vijay Tagotra, SHO Rajbagh, Inspector Amit Sangra,

Rakesh Sharma of Kootah village, Ex-Sarpanch Kant Kumar on behalf of Volleyball Association Kathua District President Madan Lal Toofan, Vice President Surat Singh Jasrotia, General Secretary Mohinder Sharma, Joint

Secretary, Madan Lal, Executive Member and President of Vasta Paliwal Club, Chuni Lal Mela Baliwal Club President Kamal Sharma, Rajiv Thapa, Keshav Sharma of Organizing Committee, Sub Inspector Vikram Manhas,

Ashok Sangra and a large number of volleyball fans were present. The final match was officiated by Roshan Sharma and Amit.

The chief guest gave away a cash prize of Rs 31000 to the winner team and Rs 21000 to the runner-up team.

make it one stop shop for the ladies to fulfill all their needs under one roof.

The exhibition is consisting of dozens of stalls comprising apparels, handbags, Juttis, jewellery, cosmetics, nailart, food stalls, kids corner, books, home décor and much more which are managed by talented women entrepreneurs where handmade and hand crafted things are on display.

## Modi Govt transformed lives of women: Priya Sethi

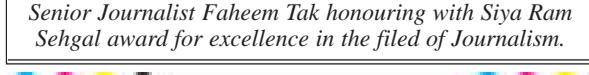
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JAMMU: More than seven years of Modi Government at the Centre have transformed the lives of women in the country by augmenting their social and political rights besides ensuring them financial security, judicial strength and other rights at par with men.

This was stated by Priya Sethi, National Executive Member, BJP, and former

minister. Both former minister Priya Sethi and J&K BJP Mahila Morecha President, Sanjita Dogra inaugurated Spring Fiesta, an exhibition on lifestyle, organized by Divya Abrol at Hotel Zone By the Park in Jammu. They were accompanied by BJP MM leaders Geetanjali Mahajan, Neha Mahajan, Urvashi Mahajan, Anita Gondotra, Savita Anand & others. Priya Sethi

said that the basic principle of women's empowerment is that there should be no bias based on gender which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ensured to a large extent. She highlighted the role played by the PM Modi in upliftment of Muslim women by way of reforms made by the BJP Government. The former Minister lauded the efforts of organizer Divya Abrol to



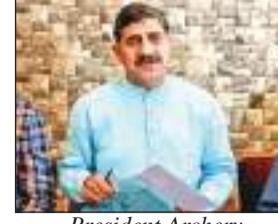
Senior Journalist Faheem Tak honouring with Siya Ram Sehgal award for excellence in the field of Journalism.

## First Archery Championship to start today

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JAMMU: First Archery Championship in collaboration with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Archery Association of India (AAI) and J&K Sports Council is going to be held from March 21 to 30, 2022 at MA Stadium, here.

This was stated by Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament (MP) Lok Sabha Jammu-Poonch and President Archery Association Jammu & Kashmir in a press conference here on Sunday.



President Archery Association J&K, Jugal Kishore Sharma talking to reporters.

Sports for promoting archery games in India.

Archery Associated of Jammu and Kashmir came into enforcement in 1989 for promoting Archery in Jammu and Kashmir but ignored by the previous Governments.

Member of Parliament & President (AAJK) said that under the stewardship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi promotion in games and sports has been keenly promoted and morale of the players have been boosted.

He said that in recent

National and International tournaments Indian Players have shown their best performances and brought laurels to the Country and spread its fame all over the world. President AAJK feel pleasure to announce that this historical Archery Championship bringing laud to the Jammu & Kashmir is going to be held in three rounds Recurve, Compound

and Indian Round & more than 1000 players at national and international levels are going to take part in this Championship and with staff and trainers.

Jugal Kishore said that in the championship, the international Archery Players (Star Players) from India will participate in this mega championship.

In recurve category Deepika

Kumari-Padma Shri, Arjuna Awardee and Olympian, Antuan Das Arjuna Awardee and Olympian, Tarundeep

Rai Padamshree, Arjuna Awardee and Olympian, Jayant Taluk Dar Arjuna Awardee, Parveen Jadhav Olympian & in compound category Abhishek Verma Arjuna Awardee, Aman Saini Asian Games Medalist, Rajat Chauhan Arjuna Awardee, Rakesh Kumar Para-Olympian will also be taking part in this championship.

## Punit Balan group signs Kashmir cyclist

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JAMMU: Ace cyclist of Jammu and Kashmir, Mohammad Saleem has been able to fulfill his long cherished dream of buying a costly imported cycle, after Punit Balan group came forward?

Saleem, who is currently top cyclist of the UT, had a dream of buying imported cycle. But financial constraints always came in his way. He approached several people for sponsorship but did not get any. Finally this year, the Punit Balan group come forward to sign him in their sports division by giving him an imported bicycle worth 4.9 Lakh. "If today my dream has come true it is because of Punit Balan. He

five years," said Saleem.

Saleem disclosed that he also approached J&K Bank and J&K Sports Council for the sponsorship, but they denied. Cycling is an European game which is very expensive and the new competition cycle cost more than Rs 4 lakh.

Col. Raz Manawari, a well-known scholar and literary critic, presented a paper on the awarded book, highlighting its outstanding features.

He also stressed on the significance of Angurana's works in modern Dogri literature.

The program was anchored and conducted by exceptionally talented stage personality Rajkumar Bahrupia. He lauded his presentation generously with the verses from the poetry of Angurana.

Prof. Veena Gupta, Senior Vice President of Dogri Sanstha Jammu thanked the audience and the media at the conclusion of the programme.