

## Jugal inaugurates 41st NTPC Senior National Archery Championship

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JAMMU: 41st NTPC Senior National Archery Championship inaugurated in Jammu by Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament (MP) & President Archery Association J&K at M.A Stadium. Jugal accompanied by Chander Mohan Gupta Mayor Jammu, Pramod Chandurkar General Secretary AAI, Dr. Ashutosh Sharma President J&K Olympics Association, Dushyant Sharma Gen. Secretary JKOA, Sunil Sharma Organizer & Senior Member of AAJK Association, Satya Narayan Andra AA, Shyan Husaini AA, Sakteesh Chopra



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma inaugurating 41st NTPC Senior National Archery Championship at Jammu.

Manager J&K Sports Council (Stadium), Raman Suri. The Championship is being held in collaboration with NTPC, Archery Association of India and J&K Sports Council. Jugal said that this

women and 86 officials will take part, in compound round 146 men, 106 women and 86 officials & and in Indian round 144 men, 101 women and 75 officials will take part in this championship.

He said that these teams are arrived from all over the India will boost sports, tourism and spread culture of Jammu and Kashmir all over the India.

Jugal said that this archery game is played since ancient times from Mahabharata and Ramayana in many forms.

Now new technology has been arrived and form of playing has been changed but still these bows and arrows remind us about our history.

Championship is going to be held in three rounds Recurve, Compound & India Round and more than 42 teams including national & international players will take part in it. He said that in recurve round 152 men, 118

## J&K Bank Football Academy graduate makes it to national team

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Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Bank football ecosystem continues to produce talented players in Indian football circuits with its academy graduate Danish Farooq making it to the Indian football team slated to play against Bahrain and Belarus in international friendlies later this month. Once donning the Team India jersey in the midfield, 24-year old Danish - with a footballing nom de guerre 'Kashmiri Ronaldo' - will join galaxy of stars associated with J&K Bank who went on to play for their country.

The lanky tall midfielder from Srinagar caught attention of J&K Bank football scouts in 2011 at an age of 13, picking him for its academy, where he got to chisel his footballing skills under the close watch of J&K Bank coaches. With his playing skills and commitment, he fast-tracked to senior side in 2014 and soon captained the team.

"J&K Bank has played a key role in shaping up my career. From its academy to senior side, Bank has been supportive all the while and allowed me to play for various football clubs



Danish Farooq of J&K Bank.

to rub shoulders with the best in the business which eventually made me a better player," said Danish - a member of J&K Bank family - who is among many new faces picked by All India Football Federation (AIFF) for its senior side.

Expressing pleasure on Danish's selection, MD & CEO Baldev

Prakash said, "I am very delighted to know that our boy has been selected for the national football team. He has earned laurels in local and national tournaments already and we are sure he will prove his mettle at international level as well."

Bank's President, Culture and Sports Department, Syed Rais Maqbool expressed his happiness saying that call-up to the national side for a J&K Bank player testifies Bank's contribution towards football and shaping up careers of many good players by providing them opportunity at the right time.

"Danish has made all of us proud. We always knew his talent and we are happy that Bank has played its part well to help him don the jersey for his country", said Syed Rais.

Pertinently, with his heroics coinciding with the Bank team's dominance in J&K football circuits, he exercised his skill for Real Kashmir Football Club in I-League. His speed and goal scoring ability earned him a contract with Bengaluru FC in 2021 which proved to be a shot in his arm culminating in a call-up to Team India.

In this regard, all the state units have been advised to depute their teams and best players for the championship and trials. The three-day event shall bring all the states, athletes, coaches together in one place thus making it a water feast.

Meanwhile, the J&K Dragon Boat Association of Jammu and Kashmir has decided to depute the teams for the upcoming event.

### Col CK Nayudu Trophy

## Bengal comfortably placed at 331/4 against J&K on day-1

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir lost the advantage of winning the toss and early breakthrough as Bengal after losing their first wicket early in the innings, were comfortably placed at 331/4 at the draw of stumps on day-1 of the CK Nayudu Trophy match against J&K at Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium, New Delhi, today.

Put into bat by J&K skipper, Shubham Singh Pundir, Bengal lost the wicket of opening batsman Shakir Habib Gandhi at his individual score of one and the team's total of 9 runs in 4 overs.

However, another opening batsman Ankur Paul and centurion Sudip Kumar Gharani made a brilliant partnership of 163 runs, thus taking the score to 173 runs in 43.2 overs

before Paul was dismissed at his individual score of 87 runs off 138 balls, studded with 15 delectable boundaries. Gharami continued his brilliance and alongwith his skipper Kazi Junaid Saifi and took the score to 233/3 in 65.2 overs before his dismissal after slamming a magnificent ton (115 runs off 188 balls), studded with 17 fours and 2 massive sixes.

Skipper Saifi was unbeaten on 64 runs off 135 balls with 10 fours, while wicketkeeper batsman, Abishek Porel was at the crease on 41 runs off 37 balls including 8 boundaries at stumps today.

For Jammu and Kashmir, Aqib Nabi, Lone Nasir Muzaffar, Abid Mushtaq and Shubham Singh Pundir shared one wicket each.

## GGM Science College organises Blood Donation Camp

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JAMMU: NSS unit of Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College organized a blood donation camp under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav observing Shaheedi Diwas.

23rd March is remembered as the day when three brave freedom fighters namely Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and



Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar were hanged

by the British. They are the source of inspiration for the youth of India. So, to pay homage to these three revolutionaries a blood donation camp was organized in the college campus. The camp was inaugurated by NSS volunteer President

Award Winner Vikas Pandita, who himself had donated blood 28 times Founder and Chairman at Seva Foundation and Atish Parihar running a state level NGO Jammu Kashmir blood donors; donated blood ten times.

The team from GMC Jammu arrived under the supervision of Dr. Salve Sharma accompanied by Soma Sharma Counselor, Savita, Sunita Staff Nurses and Badal.

The mementos were presented to NSS Volunteers Vikas Pandita, Atish Parihar and Dr. Salve Sharma.

About 30 NSS volunteers and the students of GGM Science College donated blood.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Sujata Slatia, Prof. Mamta Gupta, Dr. Nisha Bhagat, Dr. Ashma Gupta, Dr. Sandeep Kour and Dr. Basharat. Programme ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Geetika Goswami, Assistant Prof. of Geography.

In all 12 students expressed their views about the significance of

water in general and groundwater in particular. They discussed various issues like distribution of water on earth, access to safe drinking water, water quality, conservation of water, groundwater harnessing etc. The quality as well as quantity of this precious resource on which all forms of life depends is needed to be improved.

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Students presenting a dance item during farewell function.

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School organised a farewell party for 12th Class students of 2021-22 Batch.

The Function entailed cultural activities performed by the students. The management had invited the prominent alumni of the School Assistant Prof. GDC Kathua Kanchana Mala and KAS Officer Suhil Randhawa in a bid to exhort the students to imbibe the traits that helped alumni to achieve the success. Both the Alumni had guided the pupils to inculcate them-

selves with discipline, perseverance and responsibility towards the welfare of the society.

Veteran Swimming, Snow Ski coach dies

JAMMU: Kashmir has lost a veteran noted swimming and Snow Ski coach, Mohammad Yousuf Mando who left for his heavenly abode after a brief illness. Adventure sport icon and former Kashmir University swimming coach, Mohammad Yusuf was known for his passion for sports and love for adventure sports. "Mohammad Yousuf Mando will be remembered for his friendly and helpful nature and love for sports," expressing shock over the demise, president J&K Dragon Boat Association, M S Purnoo said. Meanwhile, a meeting of the Association held wherein governing body expressed condolence to the family of Mohammad Yousuf and prayed to the God for rest the soul in peace.

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A symposium was organized under the patronage of Prof. Dr. Sangita Nagari, Principal of the college. The theme of the symposium was Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible.

The programme started with the formal welcome by Prof. Kamlesh Salathia, HOD.

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## Poonch excels in UT-Level Taekwondo tournament



Jubilant Poonch Taekwondo team posing after receiving runner-up trophy in UT-Level Taekwondo Tournament.

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POONCH: Poonch District team excelled in UT Level Taekwondo Tournament organised by Department of Youth Services and Sports at Khar Gaon, Nagrota.

A total of 18 boys represented Poonch District in under-17 and 19 boys age category in the tournament and displayed excellent performance and won runner up trophy.

All players were imparted training by Rajinder Singh NSNIS Taekwondo Coach

from Department of Youth Services and Sports.

The team will escort by Rajinder Singh and Gurpreet Singh PETs,

Gold: Akarshit Sudan, Vishwas Sudan, Manmeet Singh; Silver: Zahid Naz;

and Bronze: Amakesh Kumar, Shafait Ahmed, Karan Bhagav, Mohd Asad,

Wasif Javed, Toseef Tahir, Qasim Hussain, Rizwan Hamid.

## J&K Fencing teams to leave for Nationals today



Selected Fencers posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Young fencing teams of Jammu and Kashmir shall leave for the 23rd Sub-Junior National (boys and girls) Fencing Championship scheduled to be held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh from March 26 to March 28. Earlier, the teams underwent screening conducted by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at MA Stadium, here today. The committee was led by Sports Officer, Ashok Singh and comprised Manager Satish Gupta. Also present were convenor of Adhoc Committee of J&K Fencing Association, Rashid Ahmed, Shotu Lal Sharma, Maninder Pal Singh and Supriya Chouhan. Rachna Jamwal and

Anthony Mattoo will accompany the team as coaches while Puja Nanda and Abdul Qadir have been named managers.

The TEAM: BOYS: Rohan Prasher, Dhananjay Pandit, Harshvardhan Singh, Saidur-Rehman, Athary Gupta, Harsha Dubey, Ranvir Jamwal, Pratyaksh Gupta, Rinku Manhas, Sayam Sharma, Harman Singh and Raghav Choudhary. GIRLS: Antalya Jamwal, Kalash Jamwal, Subhamanya Sharma, Stuti Mathur, Sarvagya Sharma, Vanya Gupta, Anima Sharma, Samiksha Jamwal, Bhavya Jamwal, Mayra Rajput, Anab Qadri and Jaizel Mattoo.

adding a goal each to the tally thus made it a 5-3 win.

Retired Chief Engineer, Gurmeet Singh was the chief guest, who presented the title trophies and other individual prizes. President of the Hockey J&K, Rajeev Sharma announced cash prizes of worth Rs 31000 and Rs 21000 for the winner and runners-up teams respectively.

The final officiated by the technical panel including Tanveerul Haq, Brijesh Kumar, Salim, Sunil, Anjali Thakur and Minakshi Khajuria.

## J&K Wushu team leaves for Nationals



Selected Wushu team posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Under the banner of Noorul Islam University, Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu from March 25 to March 31.

The 35-member young contingent was led by Ashi

Jamwal, Irfan Ahmed and

Sher Bhadur as coaches. Earlier, the selected boys and girls teams were screened by the officials of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at New Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here.

## KC College of Education observes Global Recycling Day

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JAMMU: The Environmental Club of the K.C. College of Education on Tuesday celebrated Global Recycling Day (which is celebrated across the globe every year on 18th March).

Global Recycling Day is a global recycling initiative recognized by the United Nations in 2018, encourages everyone to look at their trash and reusable items in a new way.

Club organized a workshop on eco bricks formation. Students participated in the workshop enthusiastically and made eco bricks which are plastic bottles packed with used plastic to set density.

Eco bricks serve as

renewable building blocks. Students then used the eco bricks to form various items such as furniture, garden walls and other structures.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the College, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo appreciated the efforts of the club convenor, Puja Sharma and other members and also motivated them to organize such events in the future as well.



Students of KC College of Education after making eco bricks.