

Director Sports presents sports-kit to Sangarash Vidya Kendra

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JAMMU: To encourage the students of slum areas and motivate them to take part in sports, cultural and other allied activities, the Director Youth Services and Sports, J&K, Gazanfar Ali presented sports kits to the students of Sangarash Vidya Kendra, Maratha Colony, Sector-5 Extension Trikuta Nagar, here on Wednesday.

The Director Sports was accompanied by the Joint Director Youth Services and Sports, Bashir Ahmed; Administrator Bharat Scouts & Guides and District Youth Services and Sports



Director Sports, Gazanfar Ali presenting sports kits to Sangarash Vidya Kendra.

Officer Jammu, Sukhdev Raj Sharma during his visit to this unique Primary School, run by a retired Government Lecturer and social activist, Kanchan

Sharma, giving free education to the poor and down-trodden kids of the labourers from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar etc. Addressing the children,

Mr Gazanfar Ali encouraged and motivated them to take part in games and sports from the primary classes only for yielding better results in future.

"Sports and games help children not to derail from the mainstream and not to fall prey to drugs and other social evils. Moreover, sportspersons are always the messengers of peace and harmony," said Director Sports.

He further said that promoting such institutions, which provide free education to the students of slump areas is the need of the hour.

Gazanfar termed Kanchan Sharma's service a yeoman's job and lavished praise on her for this noble initiative.

Kanchan Sharma informed that there are 108 students in this Government recognised primary institution, which she has started way back in 2009.

She said that she doesn't charge any fee from the students and imparts teaching free of cost and manages the expenses out of her own pocket.

On the occasion, Director Sports also honoured the scouts and guides of the school.

J&K Wrestling C'ship begins at JU

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JAMMU: Two days 28th Men Free Style, Greco Roman Style and 14th Women Senior J&K Wrestling Championship-2021 and Cadet (Under-17) Sub Junior J&K UT Wrestling Championship, organized by Wrestling Association of J&K, started on Wednesday at Indoor Hall on University of Jammu campus, here.

Principal Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Alok Kumar was the Chief Guest while Dr Ashutosh Sharma, President J&K Olympic Association (JKOA), Kuldeep Singh Jamwal, President J&K Rifle Association were Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Alok Kumar encouraged the



Wrestlers posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

young talent and wished them success in the upcoming competition.

Earlier, the chief guest and other distinguished gathering welcomed by president of the Association, Dushyant Sharma amidst brief of the activities held during the sports season.

Also present were Vijay

Pahalwan, Raju Sharma, Dheeraj Sharma, Sajad Ahmed, Nisar Ahmed, Om Parkash, Krishan Singh, Ravinder Kumar and Anil Kumar.

A total of 110 wrestlers have confirmed their participation including those from J&K Police and district units of the Association.

Reasi Police organises Volleyball tournament

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REASI: To provide platform to the youth of far flung areas of District Reasi, District Police Reasi organized Volleyball tournament at Arnas under Civic Action Programme 2022.

Eight teams of Mahore and Arnas area participated in the event and played league matches on knock out basis.

The final match was played on Wednesday between Mahore and Arnas at Volleyball ground Thapal Arnas in which team Arnas won the match by defeating team Mahore by a margin of 3-1 sets.

Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi, Amit Gupta was Chief Guest of the occasion and witnessed the final contest.

Besides SDPO Arnas Pritpal Singh, local Sarpanches, Panches, SHO Arnas and huge crowd of the area witnessed the final match. Trophies and refreshment was distributed among the players.

SSP Reasi praised the sportsmanship of the players. He conveyed that sports activities are must for a healthy youth, and Jammu Kashmir Police is providing opportunities, platform for such sports activities to the youth.



Winner team posing with police officers and others.

J&K Fencing meet gets underway



Dignitaries witnessing Fencing match at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Organised by the J&K Amateur Fencing Association and its Adhoc Committee constituted by the National Fencing body in J&K, the J&K Fencing Championship got underway at New Indoor Complex, MA Stadium, here on Wednesday. The event was declared open by Sports Officer of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Ashok Singh while MJ Sharma of the Association presided. Fencing coach of the J&K Sports Council, Shotu Lal Sharma welcomed the distinguished gathering.

Later, convenor of the Adhoc Committee of the Fencing Association in J&K,

Rashid Ahmed Choudhary thanked the JKSC for the support. Also present were Maninder Pal Singh, Supriya Chauhan.

The Results: Sabre Girls (U-20) Individual: Gold: Mehriish (Srinagar), Silver: Saiqa (Srinagar) 1st Bronze: Nancy (Doda) and 2nd Bronze: Shaishita (Srinagar). Senior Epee Individual: Gold: Ajay Kumar (Reasi), Silver: Vishal (Jammu), 1st Bronze: Ranveer (Jammu) and 2nd Bronze: Parvinder (Reasi). Girls Sabre (U-12) Individual: Gold: Shrija (Jammu), Silver: Eknoor (Jammu), 1st Bronze: Harnoor (Jammu), 2nd Bronze: Mahi Jamwal

(Udhampur). Sabre Girls (U-17) Individual: Gold: Chavi (Jammu), Silver: Ananya (Jammu), 1st Bronze: Akshita (Samba), 2nd Bronze: Harleen (Jammu). Foil Boys (U-17) Individual: Gold: Rakshit (Jammu), Silver: Chanakye (Jammu), 1st Bronze: Rashid (Ramban), 2nd Bronze: Shresth (Jammu). Sabre Boys (U-17) Team: Gold: Jammu; Silver: Jammu; 1st Bronze: Samba and 2nd Bronze: Anantnag. Epee Boys (U-20) Individual: Gold: Aditya (Jammu), Silver: Mubashir (Jammu), 1st Bronze: Aryan (Jammu) and 2nd Bronze: Vansh (Samba).

Badminton Tournament concludes in Poonch

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POONCH: Two days Badminton Tournament organized by Jammu and Kashmir Police, District Poonch under its Civic Action Programme concluded on Wednesday with prize distribution function held at Indoor Hall Sports Stadium Poonch.

In the closing ceremony, Commander 93 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier Rajesh Bisht was the Chief Guest



Winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

and Jahangir Mir Secretary General Badminton

Association was the Guest of Honour. The closing event

was attended by large number of students, coaches and

members of civil society.

A large number of players of different age groups and of different areas of district Poonch participated in the event and winners and runners up were presented with trophies and cash rewards.

Badminton Association of District Poonch appreciated this gesture of Jammu and Kashmir Police for encouraging youth towards sports and keeping them away from drugs.

J&K UT team shines in North India Power Lifting Championship



Medal winner powerlifters posing with officials.

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JAMMU: Powerlifting players of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory brought laurels by winning nine medals including three

gold, five silver and one bronze in the recently concluded North India Power Lifting Championship (Men & Women) Sub Junior, Junior & Senior at

Faridabad. The team was welcomed and honoured by Dr. Narinder Singh, National Secretary BJP, Dalip BDC Chairman Miran Sahib, Om Parkash, Vijay Sharma, Sushil Sharma, Social Activist and Ajay Sharma General Secretary of the J&K UT Power Lifting Association.

In this championship Gourav Sharma, Samreen Kour and Heena Naz won gold medals while Vikramdeep, Kartik Baloria, Diksha Kapoor, Rashika Handa and Sakshi Koul won silver medals and Harshul Sharma won bronze medal.

J&K Handball team leaves for nationals



J&K Handball team posing with official.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Handball team left for the participation in the 44th Junior Boys National Handball Championship being held at Vijayawada from March 31 to April 5, 2022. The Team: Nakul, Rahul Boora, Aman, Sankit Boora, Monu, Bhupender Sharma, Naveen Kumar; Umar Gulzar, Nadeem Ahmed, Varun Sharma, Jatin Manhas, Shubam Gupta, Ridham Sharma, Aamir Bashir, Ifran Mir, Udhayveer Singh Jaiswal, Vikash and Prajwal Atri. The team is being accompanied by the Ravi Singh as coach.

Rana lauds collective, individual initiatives to promote Dogri language

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NAGROTA: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday called for collective efforts to promote Dogri, saying use of the language in day to day interactions is the most viable and effective mode of sustaining it in a big way.

"We can't remain complacent towards promotion of Dogri and bequeathing the language to generations with a sense of pride", Devender Rana said at the 24th Foundation Day of Dogri Sahitya Sabha at Kupad, Panchayat Pargalta, adding that onus lies on the intelligentsia to work out a multi-pronged strategy to restore the sweet language of the Duggarland to its pristine glory.

President of the Dogri Sahitya Sabha Ashok



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and others during a programme.

Sharma, Advisor, Ram Rattan Sharma, Janak Raj Bhagat, Vice President, Subash Sambhoria, Narayan Dutt, Sansar Chand, Vishal Dogra, Anju Bala were present on the occasion.

Rana observed that the death of language amounts to the death of the soul and therefore it is incumbent upon everyone-the artists, the folk singers, the schol-

ars, the writers to play their designated role in preserve their glorious linguistic heritage in the larger interest of bringing Dogras together, irrespective of religion, region and caste".

"For all of us it may be perhaps easy to deliver sermons but there is need for a collective and individual effort to work in this regard", Mr Rana said and regretted that most of the

people are shying away from making use of Dogri in homes. He lamented over the growing trend of ignoring the mother tongue in the mistaken belief of English and other languages seen as a sign of modernity. Of course, there should be an intense urge to learn other languages but not at the cost of a mother tongue, he said.

However, he noted with satisfaction that the writers, intellectuals and artists were lately taking the lead role in promotion of Dogri, as a result of which the lovers of Dogri are getting master piece writings that not only depict the richness of Jammu's glorious heritage but also unfold the essence of this language. He said languages are essentially to bind the people together.

He hailed the efforts of the Sabha in promoting the Dogri language, saying there can be nothing laudable than holding of over 20 events every year for taking the language to next level in terms of encouraging people to sustain it through the mediums of theatre, music and literary pursuits. Being rich in content and lucid in delivery, Dogri has huge potential of bringing communities together, he added.

Among others present on the occasion were Ch. Rehmat Ali, BDC Nagrota, Sarpanch Darshana Devi, Dr. Himani Bhatyal, Dr. Ajay Sharma, Yograj Sharma, Gita Devi, Saraswati Devi, Baldev Singh, Sarpanch Sanjeev Singh, Rekha Langeh, Mohan Lal, Darshan Kumar, Sudinder Singh Gili and others.

UT Boxing Championship: Khelo India Center Poonch wins title

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POONCH: Sub-Junior and Junior players of district Poonch performed their best and won medals in the UT level Boxing Championship held under the aegis of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council at Jammu.

The Championship was held under the supervision of Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul and Divisional Sports Officer Ashok Singh.

Complete guidelines of boxing coach Khelo India, center Poonch in Junior category, Arun Sasan won gold in 70-



Medal winner Boxers of Poonch posing with coach.

75 Kg, Zafar Iqbal won silver in 57-60 Kg whereas Mohd Sameer and Zaheer Ahmed won bronze medals in 54-57 and 60-63 Kg categories respectively. In Sub-Junior category of 43-46 kg, Sohil

Ahmed won bronze medal.

Coach Rohit Sharma said that the youngsters of Poonch have a great talent and besides lack of facilities in Poonch they are performing their best at UT level.

Hans Raj of JKP emerges winner in Men's 10,000 mtrs



Girls competing in athletics meet.

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JAMMU: Hans Raj of Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) won gold medal in 10,000 meters men's race in the ongoing 20th UT level Athletics Championships 2021-22 being organized by J&K Amateur Athletics Association at Hargobind Bhatnagar Stadium BSF Paloura, here on Wednesday.

The championship is being organized under the aegis of Athletics Federation of India, J&K Olympic Association and sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

Today's results MEN 10,000 mtrs: Hans Raj (JKP), 1st, Abhishek (Udhampur), 2nd and Bhagwan Singh, 3rd. 1500 mtrs: Ashwani Kant

(Jammu), 1st, Barkat Ali Wani (JKP), 2nd and Mukesh Kumar (JKP), 3rd.

WOMEN Open 1500 mtrs: Shamshad Bano (Jammu), 1st, Bharti Devi (Jammu), 2nd and Pooja Devi (Udhampur), 3rd. 400 mtrs: Sonali Dogra (Samba), 1st, Monika Langeh (Jammu), 2nd and Anu Devi (Jammu), 3rd.

BOYS U/201500 mtrs: Vishal Sharma (Jammu), 1st, Pankaj Kumar (Kathua), 2nd, Ghari Kumar (Samba), 3rd. GIRLS U/20 1500 mtrs: Simran (Kathua), 1st, Kanchan Bharti (Udhampur), 2nd and Kiran Chib (Jammu), 3rd. 400 mtrs: Shivani Thakur (Reasi), 1st, Pragatee Abrol (Jammu), 2nd and Marjan (Jammu), 3rd.