

Wushu gold medalist Sadia Tariq calls on DGP J&K

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JAMMU: Gold medalist Wushu sports star Sadia Tariq called on Director General of Police (DGP) J&K, Dilbag Singh here on Friday at Police Headquarters. She has won a gold medal in the recently held Wushu Star Championship-2022 held in Moscow Russia.

The DGP while praising her achievements at such a young age said she is making the nation proud.

He said that winning gold medal at international level, she has brought laurels to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. He added that Sadia has become a role model for many young budding talented children of J&K.

The DGP advised Sadia Tariq to continue hard work with dedication and with the



DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh felicitating Gold medalist Wushu Sadia Tariq.

practice in her game to keep shining.

He said that J&K Police will provide all possible assistance and support. He wished her best of luck for her future assignments.

Sadia thanked the DGP J&K for the encouragement, support and good wishes.

Dronacharya Awardee Insp: Kuldeep Handoo who

is Chief Coach of India in Wushu and Shri Vijay Saraf President Wushu J&K were present on the occasion.

Pertinent to mention that Sadia Tariq Sadia defeated opponents from Russia and Kazakhstan and bagged the Gold Medal in the Wushu Star Championship-2022 held in Moscow, Russia on February 22, 2022.

Ranji Trophy: Mushtaq takes fifer as Railways gain vital 1st innings lead

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JAMMU: J&K's left-arm spinner Abid Mushtaq captured 5 important wickets but that was not enough to stop Railways batsmen from taking vital first innings lead in the ongoing Ranji Trophy Elite Group-C match at IIT Chemplast, Chennai.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 0/0, Railways lost opener Vivek Singh early in the 10th over of their innings as wicketkeeper Fazil Rashid took a brilliant catch behind the stumps after the bowling of Parvez Rasool. Another opener Pratham Singh was in sublime touch, who in the company of number-3 Shivam Chaudhary took the score to 139 runs in 35.2 overs, before former was dismissed at his individual score of 75 runs off 139 balls, studded with 10 fours and one six. Soon after his dismissal, Railways lost Shivam Chaudhary (47) and Arindam Ghosh (09) in quick succession at the team's total of 161/4 in 43.4 overs.

With brief but good contributions by Karn Sharma (36), Mohammad Saif (31) and Yuvraj unbeaten (22), Railways managed to gain a vital first innings and were 297/8 at the draw of stumps today.

For Jammu and Kashmir, Abid Mushtaq was the wrecker-in-chief, who took 5 wickets by conceding 72 runs in his 25 overs, while Anqib Nabi took 2 wickets by giving away 46 runs in his 11 overs and Parvez claimed one.

The match hangs in balance. Though, Railways has gained a first innings lead but it is not sizeable at the moment. If J&K manages to take two early wickets on day-3 tomorrow and then set a target of around 200 for Railways, they can make a match of it as Railways will have to play 4th innings of the match on spin friendly track.

Inter-Block events of YSS Cup begin at Poonch



SSP, Rohit Baskotra speaking after inaugurating sports events at Poonch.

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JAMMU: The inter-block district level competitions in four events of Volleyball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Cricket for YSS Cup, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) got underway at Poonch on Friday.

The competition declared open by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Rohit Baskotra amidst interactions with the participating teams and officials as also officers of the

DYSS.

The main event took place at Government Degree College ground and the distinguished gathering witnessed the matches in discipline of volleyball.

In total, 88 teams, representing 11 block of the district, are taking part in this event under the overall supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Mohd Qasim.

Among those present were Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs) and fields staff of the DYSS.

All the matches conducted under the technical supervision of Mohd Tariq (PEM) and venue Incharge, Narinder Singh (ZPEO).

The Results: Volleyball: Bhera beat Mangar 2-0 (25-12, 25-12); Kossalian beat Sehri Khawaja 2-1 (25-20, 21-25, 15-06); Bedar Bedar beat Uehlad Lower 2-1 (25-22, 16-25, 16-18); Ari Plaser beat Kehnu Kulani 2-0 (25-21, 25-21); Bhera beat Kossalian 2-0 (25-12, 25-14); Ari Plaser beat Bedar 2-1 (22-25, 26-24, 15-13).

DYSS holds events under 'Sansad Khel Spardha' at Udhampur



Participating teams posing with officials and other dignitaries.

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Udhampur organized Sansad Khel Spardha at block level for Jaganoor, Narsoo and Parlidhar in district Udhampur. The competition took place under the guidance of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Jib, ZPEO Chenani and ZPEO Ramnagar under the supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Swaran Singh. Block Parli Dhar: The Results: Volleyball: Panchayat Rang bt Panchayat Pinger 2-0. Kabaddi: Panchayat Rang bt Panchayat Pinger 24 -18. Wrestling: Sachin Bhandral of

Rang won 60-70 kg bout. Athletics: 800 meters: Sat Paul (Panchayat Rang), Ist. 400 mts: Rahul Singh (Rang), Ist. 100 mts: Akshay Sharma (Panchayat Pinger), Ist. Shot Put: Anil Kumar (Panchayat Pinger), Ist. Long Jump: Keshav Singh Sambyal (Panchayat Rang), Ist. Block Narsoo: The Results: Volleyball: Panchayat Kither bt Panchayat Moud 2-0. Kabaddi: Kabaddi Panchayat Moud bt Panchayat Balli.

Block Jaganoor: The Results: Volleyball: Panchayat Barta bt Panchayat Jaganoor 2-1. Kabaddi: Panchayat Jaganoor bt Panchayat Barta.

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JAMMU: NSS Units of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. P.G. College for Women Gandhii Nagar Jammu concluded seven day-Special Winter Camp, here on Friday on the college campus.

The camp was held from February 26, 2022 to March 4 2022 under the guidance of the College Principal Dr. Sangita Nagari.

As many as 30 NSS volunteers participated in different activities during the weeklong camp conducted under the supervision of NSS Program Officers-Prof. Mala Bhasin and Dr. Monika Hans.

On the first day of the camp, a Lecture cum Demonstration on Self



NSS volunteers and faculty during plantation drive.

Defence was organised. Coach, Department of Physical Education, University of Jammu, Harinderpal Singh along with his team demonstrated various techniques for Self Defence to the volunteers.

On the second day, a Lecture on the topic "Integrated Approach on Science and Technology for

Sustainable Future" was organised. The resource person for the event was Dr. Ashaq Malik of Government PG College, Rajouri. He spoke on the contribution of top Indian Scientists, Noble Prize Laureates in the field of Science and Technology.

A Cleanliness Drive in the College premises was conducted on the third day of

the camp. The volunteers actively participated, cleaned the campus and collected the waste in paper/cloth bags and disseminated the message of saving the environment by reducing the plastic use in our daily routine.

A Seminar on the topic - 'Healthy Body and Importance of Healthy Diet' was organised virtually on March 1, 2022, whereat volunteers shared their views for healthy living.

On the fifth day of the camp, the event of Plantation Drive was conducted in the college premises.

The Principal of the College, Dr. Sangita Nagari along with NSS PO's -Prof. Mala Bhasin and Dr. Monika Hans; NSS

Committee members- Dr. Harjeet Kour Sodhi and Prof. Abhinav Sharma along with NSS volunteers planted medicinal and flowering plants.

The volunteers also visited A Heritage Place- Dogra Art Museum followed by a Heritage walk to Mubarak Mandi Palaces on March 3, 2022.

The aim of this particular activity was to make the volunteers aware about the Dogra Heritage. The seven days Special Winter Camp concluded today with an Awareness Rally on cleanliness.

Dr. Sangita Nagari congratulated NSS volunteers for their commendable work during the camp and also acknowledged the efforts of NSS Programme Officers.

Shriya, Lakshya, Rashid receive rousing welcome at Jammu

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council on Friday arranged a warm welcome to bronze medalists Shreya Gupta, Lakshay Sharma and Rashid Ahmed Chaudhary of Junior National Asian Fencing Championship held at recently Uzbekistan, on their arrival at Jammu.

Secretary, Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, while felicitating Shreya Gupta, conveyed best wishes on behalf of Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan, and Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Alok Kumar, for her outstanding achievement and winning bronze medal in the Asian Championship.



Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul felicitating Shreya Gupta and Lakshay Sharma.

In the Championship, the gold medal won by Hongkong, Kazakhstan clinched the silver while Indian players bagged the bronze medal for the country in women category.

Lakshya Sharma also represented the country and

remained at 6th position with a narrow margin of 43: 45 from Iran.

Rashid Ahmed Chaudhary, who accompanied the Indian team as coach, expressed gratitude to Sports Council for their support. He said this is golden era of sports devel-

opment with tremendous support of the government for the athletes. The transparency in selection process of the athletes can be gauged by the increase of medal tally for the UT.

Secretary reiterated the support of government for athletes and requested the media, parents and society as a whole to come forward in making J&K hub of sports.

On the occasion, she conveyed best wishes and assured all possible support to youth of J &K in future so that the players are able to give their best in future competitions. She also expressed special gratitude to the coaches of fencing centre Shotu Lal and Rachna Janwal for their con-

tribution towards making fencing centre at Jammu as Nursery of the champions.

She also appreciated the role of media for promotion of sports in every nook and corner of the UT.

Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Chief Accounts Officer, Sports Council, appreciated the winning players and Coach, Rashid Ahmed Chaudhary.

Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer, presented vote of thanks.

S P Singh, Satish Gupta Shakti Chopra, Managers of Sports Council, coaches and officials and staff of the Sports Council besides fencing association members were present during the felicitation function.

DIPR hosts Symposium at GGMHSS Mubarak Mandi

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JAMMU: Cultural Wing of Department of Information & Public Relations today organised a symposium on the topic Azadi ka Anrut Mahotsav here at Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi.

As many as 13 students participated in the competition. The first position was bagged by Manyata while second and third positions were secured by Samreen Asgar and Manyata, respectively.

The principal of the school and the chief guest, Poonam Sharma lauded the efforts of DIPR for providing students the platform to express their views. She urged the department to organize more such events in the future. She congratulated the winners and participants for taking part in the programme.

The symposium was judged by Sr. Lecturers Monika Khajuria, Jyoti Patial and Sheefa, while proceedings were conducted by Manyata and Manyata Pandoh.

Among others, Drama Instructor, Vijay Anand, Sr. Cultural Assistant, Mohinder Panchareve, staff members and students were present on the occasion.

Vote of thanks was presented by Sr. Lecturer Monika Karhupia.

'New WagonR' launched at Peaks Auto Jammu

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JAMMU: Peaks Auto launched New WagonR, in a new Avatar, in Jammu on Friday. One of the most iconic and highest selling cars in country, continues to be 'Dil se Strong' and rule Indian roads for over past two decades. As per a press statement issued here, the New WagonR is powered with Advanced K-series Dual Jet, Dual VVT Engines with Idle Start Stop Technology and comes in 1.0L and 1.2L Power-train options. Its sporty exterior design, premium dual tone interiors, new-age safety and convenience features is poised to impress customers with its practical yet modern appeal. Over years, Wagon R has become the choice of over 2.7 million families. The



Officials of Peaks Auto launching New WagonR at Jammu.

New WagonR is geared up to take that legacy forward with its robust and energetic performance, dual-tone exterior, enhanced interiors, 12+ safety features, convenient features and higher fuel efficiency.

Available in both petrol and S-CNG fuel options, 1.0L engine delivers a stellar fuel efficiency of

25.19 Km/l in petrol (VXI AGS). The 1.2 L Advance K-Series Dual Jet, Dual VVT engine with ISS delivers 24.43 Km/l (ZXI AGS /ZXI+ AGS), higher by approximately 19 per cent from outgoing model. Powered by cutting edge technology, the New Wagon R is available in both Manual and Automatic Gear Shift

options (AGS is available in VXI and above Petrol variants only).

Safety Reinforced New WagonR promises enhanced safety for its occupants with proven HEARTECT Platform. Safety features including dual airbags, Antilock Braking System (ABS) with Electronic Brake Force Distribution (EBD), front seat belts reminder, high-speed alert system and rear parking sensors are standard across variants.

New WagonR also comes powered with the Hill-Hold Assist in AGS variants and provides superior safety.

It prevents vehicle from rolling back on inclined slopes and in stop-start traffic condition to ensure maximum control of the car.

YSS Cup: Gran Brotrain Panchayat emerges overall champion in Block Level competition



Participants posing with Parveen Begum BDC Chairman Reasi and other officials.

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REASI: Gran Brotrain Panchayat emerged overall champion in the ongoing YSS Cup Inter-Panchayat Block Level Competition in the disciplines of volleyball, kho-kho and kabaddi organized by Department of Youth Services & Sports Department Reasi at General Zorawar Singh Stadium, here.

The competition was inaugurated by Parveen Bagum BDC Chairman Block Reasi.

while addressing, BDC member applauded the

effort of Youth Services & Sports Department for organising grass root level talent identification tournaments and also stressed upon the need of an hour to keep the youth away from drugs.

A total of 102 players drawn from different Panchayats viz Mari A, Gran Barotrain A, Mari B, Sirla Bhaga, Panassa and Seela participated in the competitions.

Final Results: Volleyball: Gran Brotrain beat Sirla Bhaga by 3-1. Kabaddi: Gran Brotrain beat Mari A by 3-1.

Kho-Kho: Gran Brotrain beat Mari A by 16-7.

Today's matches were officiated by Ashoka Kumari, Kiran Devi, Ram Asra, Goutam Kundal, Rajan Kumar, Arun Dev Singh, Shamim Akther and Ankush Sharma.

1/c ZPEO Reasi Asha Devi and Incharge Tournament Ashoka Kumari was also present. The tournament was organised under the chairmanship of District Youth Service & Sports Officer Reasi Swarn Singh and coordinated by Jagdev Singh and Kuldeep Kumar.

Spin legend Shane Warne dies of suspected heart attack in Thailand

■ AGENCY

MELBOURNE: Former Australia spinner Shane Warne, who redefined the art of spin bowling to become one of the greatest in international cricket, has died of a suspected heart attack in Thailand, his management said on Friday.

He was 52 and is survived by two daughters and a son.

Warne's management released a brief statement to the Australian media, saying that he passed away in Koh Samui, Thailand and the reason could be a suspected heart attack. Koh Samui is popular among tourists and is the second largest island in Thailand.

"Shane was found unresponsive in his villa and despite the best efforts of medical staff, he could not be revived," the statement reported by various media outlets here said.

"The family requests privacy at this time and will provide further details in due course."

An iconic name in international cricket, Warne, since making his debut in 1992, played 145 Tests for Australia, picking up 708 wickets with his leg-spin. In his 194 ODI appearances, Warne snared 293 scalps.

He immortalised himself with the 'ball of the century' in 1993 when as a 24-year-old, he deceived Mike Gatting at Old Trafford with a delivery that landed on the leg stump and, as the



Englishman tried to defend, turned viciously to clip his off bail. Gatting was left in disbelief by the big leg break, a craft that was dying before Warne revived it with his guile.

He was the second highest wicket taker in Test history and only Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan has more wickets than him with 800.

In 2007, Cricket Australia and Sri Lanka Cricket named the Test series between the two sides the Warne-Muralitharan Trophy in the duo's honour.

Warne, who made his Test debut against India at the iconic Sydney Cricket Ground, was named as one of Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Century for his unparalleled achievements in a 15-year career between 1992 and 2007.

In 2013, the year he retired from the game completely, he was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. His international retirement happened much before that in 2007.

Warne helped Australia win the World Cup in 1999 and took more wickets than any other bowler in Ashes cricket, the tally standing at 195.

After retiring, Warne added to his legend by doubling up as captain and coach of IPL team Rajasthan Royals and guiding them to a remarkable title triumph in the event's inaugural edition.