

J&K all set to host Senior National Table Tennis Championship in Jammu: Hafeez

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JAMMU: Emerging as a most sought after sports destination, Jammu and Kashmir is all set to host the 84th Senior National Table Tennis Championship from 20th of this month.

"It is a matter of great honor and privilege to be hosts of yet another major event in the sports calendar of the country", Secretary Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Sarmad Hafeez said while briefing the media about the upcoming event, here on Saturday.

The Championship is being organized by J&K table Tennis Association in coordination with J&K Sports Council.

Flanked by Sanjay Wahi, President J&K Table Tennis Association and N.Ganeshan, Competition Manager of the event, Secretary said that successful conduct of Veteran Masters National Table Tennis Championship in Srinagar last year has consolidated the claim of J&K to be one of the most sought after sports destinations in the



Secretary YSS Sarmad Hafeez briefing the media at Jammu.

country and the allotment of 84th Senior National Table Tennis Championship-2022 by Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) only substantiates the claim.

He said that J&K is hosting Senior National Table Tennis Tournament after a gap of almost 25 years and all the stakeholders especially the J&K Sports Council and J&K Table Tennis Association deserve all accolades for making it possible, adding that in past one year J&K has hosted 22 National level tournaments in various sports disciplines. Attributing the rise in sports activities across the Union Territory to the boom in sports

infrastructure, Sarmad Hafeez said that in the days to come sports activities will amplify manifold.

Many former International stars and Arjun Awardlees like Monalisa Mehta, S.Raman and Kamlesh Mehta are going to witness the event and this in itself should be a biggest motivation and inspiration for our Table Tennis stars waiting in wings to realise their potential, Sarmad Hafeez added.

President J&K Table Tennis Association, Sanjay Wahi, said that many prominent and paddlers of the country shall take part in the event which includes star players like Sharath Kamal, Manika

Batra and Sathiana Ganaesekaran who collectively bagged 6 Gold medals in recent Commonwealth Games.

N. Ganeshan, competition manager of the event who hails from Kerala, appreciated the growing sports culture in the union territory of J&K. Recalling his first visit to J&K in 1997, Ganeshan said sports infrastructure has not only improved but increased in number too and the facilities put in place during his recent visit last year during Masters Table Tennis Championship motivated him and other participants to frequently visit J&K and contribute towards sports in whatever capacity they can.

The event is all set to begin from 20th of this month and shall extend over a period of eight days in which more than 750 players and officials from 34 States, Union Territories, Sports Boards and Institutions are taking part. The championship carries a total cash prize of sixteen lakh rupees and for the first time

the reward shall be equally distributed among the winners from women and men categories also setting a standard to curb the gender bias in sports also.

Around 33 men and 32 women teams besides 65 technical officials from all over the country are going to take part in singles, doubles, mixed doubles, and team championship events.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull, said that the championship will provide healthy competition to the participating athletes and send a good message of J&K hospitality for which is known world over. She said that J&K Sports Council is for the upliftment of sports in the union territory and it shall leave no stone unturned to change the sports landscape of Jammu & Kashmir.

The championship will provide a platform to the Youth of J&K to showcase their talent and rub shoulders with the reputed players of the country and shall be an

opportunity for them to hone their skills, said Ajay Sharma Organising Secretary J&K table Tennis Association. He also said that adequate arrangement for boarding and lodging and local transportation has been put in place for all the participants. Ajay Sharma, while addressing the locals through media, requested all in and around Jammu to visit the venue and support the participants.

Among others present on the occasion included Rakesh Mangotra, Special Secretary YSS, Rajeev Sharma Member J&K Sports Council, Dr Zaffar Iqbal Chief Accounts Officer, Parul Khajuria Under Secretary YSS, Sheikh Riyaz Ahmad Administrative Officer J&K Sports Council and office bearers of J&K table Association including Rajan Sharma Secretary, Satbir Singh Senior Vice-President, Narinder Singh Treasurer, IP Singh and Saleem Bandy Vice-Presidents, Vasu Dewan and Hanumat Sharma Joint Secretary.

Community Mobilisation Programme for school committees organised in Marh

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JAMMU: A community mobilisation programme for School Management Committees (SMCs), School Management and Development Committees (SMDCs), Village Education Committees (VECs) and PRI members was organised on Saturday under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha by the Zonal Education Office in Marh. The event took place at Government Middle School Dhateryal in Zone Marh.

During the programme, community members were informed about the roles and responsibilities of SMCs/SMDCs/VECs and PRI members in the development of government schools.

They were encouraged to come forward and help revive the education system for the future of children.

They were also made aware of government schemes such as the MDM programme, free textbooks, free uniforms for

classes 1st to 8th, scholarship schemes for SC/ST/OBC/disabled students and National Means cum Merit Scholarship (NMMS).

Community members were urged to promote enrolment by encouraging the general public to send their children to government schools to receive quality education from highly qualified teachers and avail a range of facilities.

Speakers from different school committees gave valuable suggestions for the welfare of students and to improve the education system.

The vote of thanks was presented by Zonal Education Officer Ram Rakha from Marh.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Principal GDC Marh, Dr Rakesh Kumar Koul; Principal HSS Gajansoo, Namarata Khajuria; Principal HSS Marh; Sarsa Ram; Headmasters, committee members and staff from government schools.

Rajat completes Ph.D

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JAMMU: Rajat Gupta, son of Pawan Kumar Gupta, resident of Bhaiddu, Tehsil Billawar, District Kathua have completed Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Physics from University of Jammu. He has worked on the topic "Study of high spin structure of some deformed nuclei lying in the heavy-mass region" under the supervision of Prof. Arun Bharti.



Khelo India 10 Ka Dum Women Judo Championship held

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JAMMU: One day Khelo India 10 Ka Dum Women Judo Championship held at Bhagwati Nagar here on Saturday by Judo Association Jammu & Kashmir under the banner of Department of Sports Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, SAI-Jammu and J&K Sports Council.

The tournament features 10 sports items that will be held across 10 cities in the country. Near about 150 women Judokas participated in the championship.

Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K UT Waqf Board, was the Chief Guest who gave away



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi posing with players, officials during prize distribution ceremony.

medals and trophies to the winners.

Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer J&K Sports Council and Rajeev Dogra from SAI were the Guests

of Honour. Vikas Gupta Sr. Vice President JKDA was the organizer Secretary.

Prominent among others present were Suraj Sharma Hony General Secretary, Manish Chatwal, Bhanu Partap, Danish Sharma, Avinash Sharma, Vikas Sharma (Manager), Rajesh Singh.

Bouts were officiated by Chief Coach Suraj Bhan Singh, Ritika Slathia, Rameshwar Singh, Rohit Sadhotra and Akshay Choudhary.

Chief Guest also honoured Rakshinda Mehak who won bronze medal in World Deaf Judo Championship and Manita Saproo who received Best Judoka award in CBSE Judo Championship and Coaches Suraj Bhan and Rameshwar Singh.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organises painting competition

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JAMMU: To celebrate India's G20 presidency, Government Polytechnic Jammu on Saturday organised a painting competition with the theme "Green Development, Climate and Lifestyle for Environment".

20 students participated and the event was coordinated by faculty members. Principal Er Arun Bangotra praised the teams and emphasised India's G20 theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", focusing on sustainable lifestyles and honest conversations about climate change.

Yamana Kotwal won first



Winner students posing with faculty members.

place while Kavita and Vaneta Sekhri shared second place and Suhani and Harpreet Kaur shared third place.

Others present at the event

included Workshop Superintendent, Er IJ Singh; HoD Automobile Engineering, Er Rajesh Gupta besides faculty members and students.

Inter-Panchayat block level competition of block Bhoond held

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KATHUA: Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua organized the "Mission youth" inter Panchayat block level competition of block Bhoond under the direction of Director Youth Services and Sports J&K UT under the overall supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua, Sunil Kumar and under Incharge Zonal Physical Education Officer Kathua Tara Singh.



Winner team receiving trophy from the Chief Guest.

While addressing to participant, Anchal Singh and Kalyan Singh Sarpanch of Sandhar advised the participants during the competition.

He instructed the participants to stay away from drugs. Organizers included Kalyan Singh Sarpanch of Sandhar and Ritu Kapoor. Gushau Ram, Mahadev Singh social worker of Sandhar Panchayat were also present.

Final result
Volleyball: Sandhar Panchayat beat Draman by 2-1sets.
Kabaddi: Hutt Panchayat beat Bhoond Panchayat by 19 points.

Veer Sangram emerge as Champion in Epee Individuals in senior category

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JAMMU: Two days UT of J&K Fencing Fencing Championship concludes here at Indoor Fencing Hall, M.A stadium Jammu organized by Adhoc Committee of J&K Amateur Fencing Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council wherein more than 260 fencers from various districts participated.

Rajiv Sharma, Member J&K Sports Council was the Chief Guest on the closing ceremony while Prof Yash Paul Sharma, was the Guest of Honour.

Other present were Satish Gupta, Manager Indoor Hall, Col Vikram Singh Jamwal, former International Fencer, Anil Gupta, Ajay Gupta, Kabaddi Coach, Adv Supriya Chouhan and Maninder Pal Singh, Member Adhoc Committee.

In this Championship, Bhisham Singh Slathia acted as Competition Director and Adarsh Slathia as Organising Secretary.

The Championship held under the supervision of



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Shotu Lal (Fencing Instructor JKSC) and Rachna Jamwal (Fencing Coach JKSC).

The matches were conducted by Mokshi Sharma, Ajay Khartol, Maninder Pal Singh, Tony Mattoo, Suniya Mattoo, Javed Ahmed, Mohd. Tariq, Ranchan Sabarwal, Rahul Sharma, Vir Sangram, Teja Singh, Abdul Raffiq, Ankush Gupta and Vishal Thapar.

On his opening remarks, Rajiv Sharma congratulated all the medal winners and their parents and motivated them for future participation in sports and distributed medals to the winners.

Convener adhoc Committee

J&K Amateur Fencing Association thanked Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council for providing excellent fencing infrastructure and modern fencing equipment.

Final Results
BOYS Under-12 Foil: Rohan (Udh), gold, Vihan (Jmu), silver and Aarav Salaria (Jmu) and Amogh (Udh), joint bronze. Epee : Sheikh Mohammad (Ang), gold, mohd. Arahon (Ang), silver and Rayaan Verma (Jmu) and Maahin Manzoor (Pulwama), joint bronze. Sabre: Aaryaveer Varinder (Jmu), gold, Arindam Manhas (Jmu), silver and Ranvir Lakhotra (Jmu) and

Mohammad Moieen Ud Din (Pulwama), joint bronze. Under-17 Epee: Sohil Thakur (Reasi), gold, Yuvraj Singh (Jmu), silver and Ranvir (Jmu) and Rinku Manhas (Reasi), joint bronze. Under-20 Foil: Aadhar (Jmu), gold, Dhruv (Jmu), silver and Rashid (Ramban) and Anzar (Ramban), joint bronze. Epee: Sufian (Ramban), gold, Aditya (Jmu), silver and Jasdev (Jmu) and Aryan Sethi (Jmu), joint bronze. Sabre : Harshit Kohli (Jmu), gold, Sachin (Jmu), silver and Taran Salaria (Jmu) and Vatsal (Jmu), joint bronze. Senior Foil :

Under-17 Foil: Vanya (Jmu), gold, Shriya (Jmu), silver and Samiksha (Jmu) and Vanshika (Jmu), joint bronze. Sabre: Chavi (Jmu), gold, Subhanaya (Udh), silver and Palvi (Samba) and Bhavya (Jmu), joint bronze. Under-20 Foil: Suhani (Jmu), gold, Simarleen (Udh), silver and Mansi (Jmu) and Renu (Udh), joint bronze. Epee: Samreen (Poonch), gold, Preeti (Reasi), silver and Twinkle (Jmu) and Nill, joint bronze. Sabre: Shreya Gupta (Jmu), gold, Ananya Sharma (Jmu), silver and Palak (Reasi) and Simran (Samba), joint bronze. Senior Foil: Riya Bakshi (Jmu), gold, Vanshika Bandral (Reasi), silver and Mansi Spolia (Kathua) and Ashu Rani (Jmu), joint bronze. Epee: Gazal Suri (Jmu), gold, Pihul Rajput (Jmu), silver and Aditika Salamat (Jmu), bronze. Sabre: Rishika (Kathua), gold, Roshani (Reasi), silver and Mokshika (Doda) and Mokshi Sharma (Kathua), joint bronze.

J&K UT Kabaddi Team leaves for Nationals



Women Kabaddi team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: J&K UT women Kabaddi team left for 69th Senior National Kabaddi Championship for Women which is going to be held from March 23 to 26, 2023 at Mahendergarh, Haryana. The UT team will participate under the banner of J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association and J&K Sports Council.

Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer, Jammu distributed sports kits among

the selected players in the presence of Dr. Jagandeep Singh, Physiotherapist of Sports Council, Surinder Mohan-General Secretary, Ajay Gupta, Incharge, Kabaddi Stadium, Kajal Devi, Kabaddi Coach, Archana Kaushal and Joginder Kumar of Sports Council.

Ashok Singh, Divisional Sports Officer and his team also screened the team.

Anil Gupta, President,

J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association also blessed the UT Kabaddi teams for Championship.

The Team: Sunita Devi, Dinakshi Sharma, Suman Kumari, Sonia Devi, Sweety Devi, Siya Saini, Rajni Rani, Anita Sharma, Muskan Majeed, Aisha Hameed, Ilfa Majeed and Taniya Choudhary. Archana Kaushal and Kajal Devi accompanying the team as manager and coach respectively.

71st B N Mullik Memorial AIPF Assam Rifles to meet SSB in women Women final today

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SRINAGAR: Assam Rifles shall meet SSB in women's final of the ongoing 71st B.N Mullik Memorial All India Police Football Championship, here tomorrow at Synthetic Turf Ground where ADGP

Kashmir will be the Chief Guest.

Earlier, in women semi-final matches played at Bakshi Stadium on Saturday, SSB outplayed Odisha by four goals to nil and Assam Rifles trounced CRPF by five goals

to one. DIG Armed Kashmir Shahid Mehraj and Commandant IRP 6th Bn Shaqfat Ah as the chief guests witnessed the matches. They wished both teams the very best of luck for final.

In quarter finals of the men

played at Synthetic Turf Ground, Assam Rifles outplayed CRPF by nine goals to eight via tie breaker in sudden death and Kerala Police defeated CISF by one goal to nil and entered the semi-finals. In another quarter final

matches played at Kashmir University, Punjab Police beta Rajasthan Police by three goals to nil and Mizoram Police team trounced BSF team by two goal to one and secured their place in the semi-finals.

Science Club, Utsaah JU organise two-day workshop

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JAMMU: Science Club, University of Jammu, organized workshop on "How creative brain works?" hosted in the department of Zoology.

The Chief Guest of the function, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai interacted with the gathering detailing about various aspects of creativity and how the University is planning various activities and courses which will be outside the four walls of a classroom and how these various activities in the campus will enhance creativity aligning with main goals of NEP 2020.

The Convener, Utsaah-the clubs, JU Prof. Satnam Kour gave detailed



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai along with students and faculty members at a workshop.

about the workshop by Science Club as a part of the 10-day multi-arts festival Duggar Darpan in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for Art.

Topics covered in the workshop were

the neuroscience of creativity, understanding the creative process, techniques for enhancing creativity and overcoming creative blocks, and applying creativity to problem-solving and decision-making.

The Creative Brain workshop was facilitated by Dr Chinmoyee Maharana, a Neuroscientist; Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology and Coordinator, Science Club, UoJ as she spoke about the "Ponderings on Creative Brain".

Among the dignitaries, Prof. Shashi Manhas, Prof. Namrata Sharma, Dr Arti Sharma, Dr Parvinder Kumar; Dr Rakesh Panjajiyia, Dr Garima Gupta, Dr Sadaf Shah, Dr Shashi Prabha, Dr Suvidha Khanna, Dr Pritam Singh, Dr Pankaj Chibber, Dr Surinder and Rakesh Sharma were also present.

The inaugural function was completed by Dilpreet kour and a Vote of thanks was delivered by Gurjeet Kour.