

24 J&K Fencers selected for National championship



Selected Fencers posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: As many as 24 fencers in both boys and girls categories have been selected for the 33rd Senior National Fencing Championship 2022-23 after the screening was conducted on Wednesday here at Indoor Fencing Hall, Maulana Azad Stadium by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.

The Screening Committee of J&K Sports Council headed by Ashok Singh, DSO alongwith Satish Gupta, Manager Indoor Sports Complex and Coaches of

Sports Council conducted screening of the J&K fencing team who is going to participate in 33rd Senior National Fencing Championship (M&W) 2022-23 to be held at Pune, Maharashtra from March 24 to 28, March 2023.

Convener Adhoc Committee, Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, Adv Supriya Chouhan and Maninder Pal Singh, Members Adhoc Committee wished best of luck to the team for the event.

Shotu Lal Sharma and

Rachna Jamwal, both coaches of Sports Council will accompany the team as Men's and Women's Coach respectively while Ranchan Sabarwal and Rahul Sharma will accompany the team as Managers.

The Teams

BOYS: Vishal Thapar, Javed Ahmed, Amit Chib, Mayank Sharma, Sufyan Waheed Sohil, Ajay Kumar, Vir Sangram, Jasdev Singh, Prashant Chib, Mohd Tariq, Pranay Singh and Poorvak Suri.

GIRLS: Riya Bakshi, Suhani Singh, Ashu Rani, Mansi Sharma, Kritarthi Kotwal, Shreya Gupta, Ananya Sharma, Rishika Khajuria, Gazal Suri, Riya Manhas, Preeti Devi and Aditika Sahmat.

Units, duly registered with the Industries Department, working on the private Land adjoining to the Existing Industrial Estates and other areas having all the requisite permissions from the various Govt. Departments and providing employment to thousands of local Residents of J&K and it is unjustified on the part of Govt. to impose Property Tax on the such Industrial Units and we fear that in case the Property Tax imposed on such Industrial Units, the Unit Holders have no option but to close down their units resulting retrenchment of thousands of Industrial Workers in near future. "We wish to draw the kind attention of LG Manoj Sinha that to attract new Investment in Industrial Sector of J&K, the Government of India notified Central package of Incentive Scheme 2021 in Feb 2021 resulting massive Investment proposal in Industrial Sector received by Industries Department but due to non-availability of Land in Notified Industrial Areas of J&K SIDCO and SICOP, some relaxations has been given for establishment of Industrial units on private land within the Municipal Limits, additional burden shall be put on the prospective Investors," added Chairman FOIJ. The FOIJ urged LG for granting exemption to working Industrial Units of J&K on Private Land from purview of Property Tax which will provide a great relief to existing as well as prospective Investors.

While highlighting issue, Lalit Mahajan Chairman Federation of Industries Jammu submitted that FOIJ has already submitted the suggestions to Housing & Urban Development Department in response to Notice issued to General Public dated March 10, 2023 with the justification of Exemption to working Industrial Units on the private land from the purview of Property Tax. During the course of discussions with Jammu Municipal Commissioner few days back, it has been brought to our notice that Industrial Units working in the Notified Industrial Areas of J&K SIDCO and SICOP not falling under the purview of Property Tax where as the Industrial Units working or to be established on private Land falling under the Jurisdiction of Municipal Corporations and Municipal Committees of Union Territory of J&K fall under the category for the imposition of Property Tax. It is pertinent to mention here that prior to the notification of Property Tax issued on 21.02-2023, thousands of MSME

Ghobi Club Jhulas clinches Volleyball title

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POONCH: Ghobi Volleyball Club defeated Khanaither Club 3-1 (21-25, 25-23, 25-22, 27-25) to clinch the Nangi Tekri Dogra Battalion Volleyball Championship.

Sagir and Ashfaq played extraordinary game for the winning team. The event was organised by Nangi Tekri Dogra Battalion in collaboration with Sunil Kumar Sangeet Kumar and sons at Jhulas ground, here.

Retired Captain Pritam Singh, a war warrior of 1971 Indo-Pak war, was the Chief Guest while Colonel Dubey was the Guest of Honour.



Chief Guest presenting trophy to winner team.

Speaking to the gathering, the Chief Guest asked the youth to follow the footsteps of Saqlain Tariq, International volleyball player from district Poonch.

He also appreciated the efforts of Mohd Tariq, chairman Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club for the promotion of the game of Volleyball and involving youth in sports.

Among others present were Mohd Aziz, Incharge Police Post Jhulas; Javid Ahmed (MD), Maroof Ahmed, Ramiz Tariq, Ayaz Ahmad Madni and Farhat Jhangir and Sarpanchs of the adjoining areas.

4th UT-level Cycling Championship concludes



JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav flagging-off cycle race.

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JAMMU: 4th UT level Cycling Championship in which over 80 cyclists from different districts of Union Territories Jammu & Kashmir under different categories participated, was concluded at MA Stadium, here on Wednesday.

The Championship has been organised by Cycling Association of Jammu & Kashmir under the aegis the support of J&K Sports Council and Cycling Federation of India.

Jammu Municipal Corporation Commissioner/CEO Smart City Jammu, Rahul Yadav was the Chief Guest who distrib-

uted the medals, trophies and certificates to the winners of the championship under different categories.

Ravinder Singh President, S.S Gill General Secretary, Om Prakash Associate Secretary, Ravi Salgotra Treasurer, Dr Vikesh Sharma, Commissaries CFI of Cycling Association of J&K have also been present occasion.

The Chief Guest, while appreciating the efforts of cycling association in promoting cycling in Jammu & Kashmir, also congratulated the winners and the participants of the championship and extended his best wishes to all of them.

The winners of MTB competition U/14 (MTB) were Kirtan, Anurag, Iklakh, Yamnna,

Tamanna, Prageet Kour.

Under Sub Junior (MTB), Parvaiz, Tajamul, Ruhaan adjudged winners. Junior (MTB) winners include Sunil, Ayush, Rahul. U/23 (MTB) winner were Manav, Akash and Anish. Elite (MTB) winners were Waheed, Yawar Ali, Ram Rakha and Faisal. Elite Women (MTB) winners include Soliha, Tania, Arushi. Road Competition U/14 (Road) winners were Iklakh, Haseeb, Arslan Ahmad. Junior (Road) winners were Parvaiz Ahmad, Sunil Kumar, Rayaam Manzoor. U/23 (Road) winners were Mohmiss, Parvaiz, Faisal and Elite (Road) winners were Waheed, Arif, Shakat. Elite women (Road) winners were Yumna and Nabila and Farah.

FOIJ seeks exemption of industrial sector from purview of Property Tax

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JAMMU: The Federation of Industries Jammu has demanded for exempting Industrial Sector of J&K from the purview of Property Tax keeping in mind thousands of MSME Units already working on the private lands prior to the notification issued by J&K Housing & Urban Development Department on February 21, 2023 by the virtue of which Property Tax shall be imposed w.e.f., April 1, 2023 in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in all the areas falling under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporations and Municipal Committees.

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Parents' orientation programme for academic session 2023-24 held at Heritage School

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JAMMU: The Primary Wing of Heritage School, on Wednesday organized an Orientation Programme for parents of new student of Classes I - V with to ensure a positive atmosphere for learning as well as building a healthy relationship between parents, teachers and students.

The programme began with welcome address by the Headmistress, Vandana Jasrotia who expressed her excitement for the upcoming academic year and thanked all parents for entrusting their children to the school's care.



Heritage School faculty and parents during a programme.

She emphasized the school's commitment to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students and the importance of harmonious collaboration for desired result.

Following her address, the Incharge Hemmeet Kour familiarized the parents, who are our partners in progress, with the curriculum, rules and regulations of the school.

The School Counsellor

J&K body builders shine in North India Championship



Medal winners posing with BBAJK officials.

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JAMMU: Body Builders

Association of Jammu and Kashmir (BBAJK) excelled in

North India Championship 2023 which was organized by Pushkar, Ajmer on March 18 to 19. Ajit Singh won gold medal and most improved body builder of the year award whereas Vimal Jit clinched 4th place excelled in North India Championship.

All the body builders were trained by coach and trainers, associated with the association under the guidance of Rajesh Dutta, president BBAJK. Rajesh congratulated the players for bringing laurels to J&K in North India Championship.

Other officials present were Arun Sharma, Vinay Sharma, Naresh Gupta, Nand Kishore, Sanjay Bali and Rahul Bakshi.

Kashmiri Pandit Sabha holds function to celebrate Navreh

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JAMMU: Navreh was celebrated with traditional gaiety and fanfare by Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPS) at Amphalla, Jammu on Wednesday. The Navreh this year marked the commencement of Vikrami calendar year -2080 Bikrami Samvat and Saptirshi Samvat 5099. The function began with remembering innocent members of Kashmiri Biradari who lost their lives in recent target killings and two-minute silence was observed in their memory. Advisor to LG R R Bhatnagar was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The celebration commenced with

the lighting of traditional lamp by the Chief Guest and Sunil Sharma, former Minister and General Secretary BJP, J&K, who was the Guest of Honour: Deepali Watal, a renowned singer, enthralled the audience with Bhajans. The General Secretary of Sabha, S L Bagati read out the annual report and apprised the members regarding activities of KP Sabha. Chief Guest and Guest of Honour were presented mementos and shawls. Dr Sujata Sathoo, senior member of executive committee conducted the function. A K Braror, former senior vice president delivered an illuminating discourse on significance of Navreh celebration in Kashmiri culture and laid emphasis on following the age-old rituals and traditions by Kashmiri Pandits. K K Khosa, President of KP Sabha formally welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests and elaborated on significant role played by Sabha for past over a century in service of the community. He apprised the members of Biradari of positive and responsible role played by Sabha during eruption of recent crisis among Kashmiri youths. Khosa emphasized on the recent sufferings being faced by the youth of Kashmiri Biradari

and drew attention of the administration to hold the hand of KP community. On the auspicious day, he made an appeal, to all those, who are engaged in poisoning the atmosphere with nefarious designs, to build bridges between members of composite culture in the valley for peace and prosperity of the union territory. President KPS requested Kashmiri Pandit community, in general, and its leadership, in particular, to help in building new narrative especially in view of the fact that Union government has succeeded in checking the menace of terrorism in

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On the occasion Bisham Batra said, "We are trying our best to promote football culture in Jammu and give a chance to kids so they can enjoy the game, the finale will be on the 24th March kids can still come and participate."

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'Maa Chandi Paath', 'Shri Ramayan Path' commence at Haridwar Bhawan of JYB Trust

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JAMMU: On the occasion of 'Chaitra-Vasant Navratri Parav-2023', Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust Jammu President, Pawan Kumar Shastri informed that like previous occasions, this time also Trust is also going to organise 'Maa Chandi Paath' and 'Shri Ramayan Path' at Haridwar Bhawan on the auspicious occasion of 'Chaitra-Vasant Navratri' commencing from March 22 to March 30 amidst chanting of Vedic Hymns and other Hindu religious rituals for the welfare and prosperity of the families of all associates of Jammu Yatri Bhawan Trust in particular and public in general. The trust members invited all such devotees to take part in 'Maa Chandi Path' and 'Shre Ramayan Paath' and seek blessing of Maa Durga. "However, the devotees, who are unable to remain present for whole of the period can par-

ticipate only on commencement of Chandi Path or its culmination with Pooran Ahuti and seek blessing of Maa Durga," informed Shastri, adding that devotees who desire to take part in event, but due to unavoidable circumstances or domestic reasons are unable to visit Haridwar, can also become a part of it by sitting at home. "They have to fill up prescribed form and become a Yajman. However on culmination of 'Maa Chandi Path' with 'Pooran Ahuti' on March 30, 2023 Navratri Prasad will be sent at the provided addresses. For detail information please contact 0191-2574881, 01334-261790, 94196-62100, Helpline No. 70511-22990, 9596955663," he informed. Others present on the occasion included Gurdas Sharma (General Secretary), Ram Langer (Treasurer) and Jatinder Aggarwal (Trustee).

Bharat Raksha Yuva Manch performs Hawan for world peace



Bharat Raksha Yuva Manch members performing Hawan.

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JAMMU: Bharat Raksha Yuva Manch organised a Hawan Yagya for world peace and prosperity at Shri Hanuman Temple, Purani Mandi on occasion of Hindu New Year 2080 and holy Navratras. The members of Manch performed rituals and prayed for world peace amid chanting of Vedic Mantras. All the devotees vowed for protection of Cow and Geeta and prayed for Bharat Hindu Rashtra. Prominent among those present on the occasion included Mohinder Pal Gupta, Ranjana Gandotra, Rajinder Malhotra, Rohit Bajrang, Deepak Sharma, Sat Pal Hindu, Vidhya Sagar Sharma, Ricky Kumar, Uma

Satish Poonchi to stage daylong protest on March 28

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JAMMU: A social and political activist, Satish Poonchi has said that in order to awaken LG's administration out of deep slumber, he will stage daylong protest on March 28 from 10 AM to 5 PM at Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Chowk, Amphalla. While speaking during a press conference, Poonchi said that people's grievances have multiplied after the state was made a Union Territory. Expressing anguish over arbitrary actions of Govt, resulting into resentment and outrage among public, Poonchi alleged that people's representatives are scared by ED and other



Social activist, Satish Poonchi talking to reporters.

false cases framed to muzzle genuine voices. Major demands projected by him included restoration of statehood, regularization of all daily-wagers with release of pending wages, reviving old pension scheme (OPS) in

favour of Govt employees and implementation of 7th Pay Commission report in favour of leftout PSUs, timely disbursement of salaries etc. He further warned that in case, the issues would not be resolved, he would have no option but to sit on

hunger strike. He also expressed gratitude to other organisations and their leaders for extending their unconditional support to his daylong Dharna. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Suresh Sharma (Trade Union Leader), Munish Sharma (President Shiv Sena, Bala Sahab Thackeray) Thakur Hoshiar Singh (Chief Spokesperson Rajput Karni Sena), P L Khajuria (President J&K Ex-Servicemen Cell), S S Pathania (President, Sainik Samaj Party), Vijay Sharma (Chairman TMC) and Rajiv Mahajan (President Ram Sena).