

# Implementation of Sports Policy greatest thing to happen in J&K sports: Shreya Gupta

Says hardwork is the only mantra to succeed in life

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JAMMU: The implementation of J&K's own Sports Policy 2022 has been the greatest thing to happen in the sports history of Jammu and Kashmir as the policy apart from having the provision of government jobs, also provides outstanding sportspersons with a healthy cash assistance and other incentives to help them shape their sporting careers.

This was stated by Shreya Gupta, J&K's ace International fencer while addressing certain media agencies here today.

Shreya, who was presented with a cash award of Rs 1,00,000 by Lieutenant Governor Sh Manoj Sinha on the other day for her outstanding contribution in the field of fencing said that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir was committed to



promote sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory, adding that the sports sector has observed a sea change as the professionalism and transparency is a buzzword, helping young sportspersons blossom at the national and international scene.

Recalling her journey from Taekwondo to Fencing, young Shreya, who is currently a Junior and Senior National Champion said that after starting the sporting

career with Taekwondo and learning basics from Atul Pangotra Sir, I as a young kid used to watch my brother and other young fencers training like warriors and got motivated and inspired to shift to the sport of Fencing, where I learnt basics from Ujjwal Gupta Sir, got advanced training from Shotu Lal Sir, Rashid Sir and Vikram Sir and did not look back.

The State, Sher-e-Kashmir and S Rangil Singh Awardee, till now has the honour of winning 3 international medals, with two in Commonwealth and one in Asian Games, besides 18 national Gold medals, 5 Silver and 7 Bronze.

Giving credit to Sh Manoj Sinha led UT Administration and Nuzhat Gul led J&K Sports Council, young Shreya said that the infra-

structural and other allied facilities provided by the Government to the sportspersons helps them to do better at the higher levels and even at the highest level.

In a message to the budding sportspersons, Junior, Senior Nationals and Khelo India Youth Games Champion said that hard work is the only mantra to succeed in any field, not to talk of the sports or educational field only.

"If you aim high and work hard to achieve the same, you will surely make it, because hard work is the only mantra to succeed in life. Young sportspersons need to focus on their goals and work hard to achieve the same," said Shreya.

While emphasising on the gender equality, Shreya said the mindset of the parents about sending their female

wards to academics and other training centres, needed to be changed, adding that in the present era women are at par with men in every field.

"Women show excellence in every field and are at par with men. In our fencing, we have just one Olympian in India and that too is a woman. She is Bhawani Devi," Shreya maintained.

Three time Olympic Sabre champion Aron Szilagyi is Shreya's favorite fencer, while the cricketing icon, MS Dhoni is her favourite sportsperson.

"Watching MS Dhoni in the cricketing field I have learnt a lot of things, especially how to hold nerves in the crunch situations and how to remain calm in any kind of situation. I neither get delighted by the win nor get frustrated by the loss," added Shreya.

# Hammer Ball Association of Jammu and Kashmir established

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JAMMU: In order to promote and grant recognition to Hammer Ball, one of the traditional games at the brink of becoming extinct, the Hammer Ball Association of Jammu and Kashmir was established. Manish Kumar Srivastava, National General Secretary of Hammer Ball nominated Arvind Singh Kotwal as the State General Secretary of Hammer Ball Association of Jammu and Kashmir.

Hammer ball is a team game played on a grass field. In this there are 15 players in a team. This game has been played since ancient times in almost all the regions of the Indian subcontinent under different names like Guechi Danda, Gola, Laal Eint, Lupo, Ball Tonk, etc. But it could not get a place among the recognized sports. Keeping this in mind, a two-day meeting of the National Executive of Hammer Ball Association of



India was organized in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. About 45 representatives from 22 States and Union Territories of the country participated in this meeting in which Jammu and Kashmir President Vivek Kotwal was also present. The rules and equipments, etc of the game have already been registered by the Government of India, President of the Association informed. The meeting was presided over by Senior Vice President Sabal Rintu Mitra. In the meeting, it was also decided to organize the National Hammer Ball

Competition in Orissa this year, which will be played from June 2nd to June 5th 2024, Arvind Kotwal, General Secretary, JKHBA, informed. Finally, various posts of the executive were also announced in the National Executive meeting, in which J&K State President Vivek Kotwal was given additional charge of President of the Education Cell and State Secretary General and Arvind Singh was additionally made a member of the Information Technology Cell of Hammer Ball Association of India.

# Rudrakshi gets Indian Junior Selectors' nod for NCA Camp

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JAMMU: Talented batting all-rounder of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), Rudrakshi Chib has got the Indian Junior Selectors' nod for undergoing National Cricket Academy (NCA) Camp, scheduled to be held at Ranchi in Jharkhand from April 19, 2024. Rudrakshi has scored 184 runs in the Women's U-19 One-Day Trophy this season including two magnificent half-centuries against formidable Punjab (54) and Hyderabad (54) and has taken 6 wickets with 2 each against Chandigarh and Saurashtra as her best. The right-handed top-order batter and right-arm off-spinner, Rudrakshi has the distinction of representing Jammu and Kashmir in U-19, U-23 and Senior Women's One-Day and T20 Trophies, besides having the honour of being a part of NCA Camps, more than once before this Camp. Rudrakshi has also got the reputation of scoring big runs and taking wickets in Senior Women's Trophies, which she has been representing from the last four years.



Rudrakshi has also the honour of being part of the Senior Women's One-Day Team, which had qualified for the historic knockout stage in 2020-21 season.

She is a graceful batter, gutsy bowler and has sharp reflexes, motor-a ilty, anticipation, besides having a pair of safe hands in business while fielding.

Describing Rudrakshi as a special talent, the Sub Committee members of JKCA including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration, Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development and Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA, have congratulated the youngster for this achievement.

# J&K Wrestling Championship on March 23

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JAMMU: Wrestling Association of J&K is organizing two-day J&K UT Wrestling (Senior Men Freestyle, Greco Roman and Women ) Championships at Gymnasium Hall of University of Jammu from March 23 under the aegis of Wrestling Federation of India, J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association.

"The eligible wrestlers of the UT of J&K have been advised to report the venue at 8 am bringing along photocopy of Aadhaar Card for weighing, followed by the competition," informed General Secretary of the Association, Jai Bharat.

For further clarifications, wrestlers can contact Jai Bharat (8899790423), Om Parkash (9797596802), Ravinder Sharma (9149826972) and Krishan Singh (9419148770).

# Jodhamal Juniors celebrate 'Graduation Day'

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JAMMU: To mark the significance of schooling in the lives of toddlers, Jodhamal Public School acknowledged each one in the form of Graduation Day, a gracious passing out ceremony of class UKG students of Jodhamal Juniors.

The Chief Guest for the function was Dr Manu Bhatnagar and Guest of Honour was Anoop Sinha, Assistant Inspector General, CISF while Amit Sharma, LAS joined in as the Special Guest.

Little toddlers were very excited to receive their passing out from Pre-Primary to Grade-I certificates, in their black gowns and smart caps.

The programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest. The School Principal, Girish Kumar, extended a welcome to all the guests and parents and congratulated all the parents.

Neetu Johri, Coordinator



Chief Guest with faculty members and students at Graduation ceremony.

Pre-primary Wing, presented the Annual report, highlighting accolades and laurels notched by the students.

More than 200 Prizes were distributed to the winners in the English Play with a message to love animals were the highlights of the show.

In her address, the Chief Guest Dr Manu Bhatnagar motivated all students and appreciated the roles that the School and the parents play together in ensuring a holistic education of their children.

A cultural bonanza was presented by students to mesmerize the audience staring with Ram Vandana which was

followed by captivating dance performance on Bollywood and Hollywood numbers. The Dance on Skates by the Kindergarteners and the English Play with a message to love animals were the highlights of the show.

Children who were felicitated were: Avnit Malhotra, Hargun Kour, Zorica Malhotra, Neil Bajaj, Saahir Gandral, Samkit Jain, Gursangad Kour, Veeraj Thakur, Kaavish Gupta, Kanishtha Puri, Ethan J Pankaj, Ronisha, Kainaaz Beri, Ahmed Ibrahim, Sarvaaye Pratap Singh, Aarika Gupta, Hargobind Singh, Akshaj Koushaland Shahryn Anayah Bhat.

# Senior Kabaddi team leaves for National



Senior Kabaddi team posing with dignitaries before leaving for national.

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UDHAMPUR: Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Kabaddi Association on Monday flagged off the UT team for participation in the 70th Senior National Championship to be held at Ahmednagar in Maharashtra from March 21 to 24, 2024.

The team was given send off by General Secretary of the Association, Kuldeep Gupta, who encouraged the players and wished them improved performance.

He informed that the team is sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) as part of the annual calendar of activities.

Gupta expressed his thanks

to the District Udhampur Kabaddi Association for hosting the first ever coaching camp for the senior team at Indoor complex of the Subash Stadium.

Before the formal send off, the team underwent screening which was conducted under the guidance of Divisional Sports Officer of the JKSC, Baljinder Pal Singh and concerned officials at the district.

Earlier, the team presented the sports kit by former Director Sports at SMVD University and SMVD Sports Complex Katra, Ashok Kumar in the presence of Vikas Dogra, Manager Subash Stadium;

former General Secretary of the Association, Surinder Mohan; District Udhampur president, Tanveer Ahmed and Vishal Banotra.

Meanwhile, president of the Association, Anil Gupta conveyed his warm wishes to the team and officials for improved performance.

The Team: Sanjeet Kumar (Captain), Aamir Hamidwani, Irfan Ahmed Mir, Parman Ali, Akshay Singh, Abhishek Gupta, Vikas, Rohit, Nishant, Krishnaveer, Rajan Singh Manhas and Amrit Dev Singh. Manik Sharma, Chief Coach; Ram Kumar, Assistant Coach and Ashok Kumar, manager.

# IIM Jammu inaugurates Leadership Training Program for College Principals of J&K

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, known for its commitment to academic excellence, has initiated fourth batch of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) titled, "Education Leadership Development Training Program" for College Principals of Jammu and Kashmir at its Srinagar Campus.

The program, organized under the aegis of the Executive Education and Consultancy Division, commenced from March 18 to 22, 2024.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, illuminated the transformative journey of the Education Leadership Development Training Program, aligning it with the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). He emphasized that this program transcends mere coursework; it symbolizes a



Participating principals posing for a photograph.

deep-rooted commitment to educational excellence and innovation. He urged participants to articulate their expectations, ensuring fulfillment by the program's conclusion.

Furthermore, he motivated college principals to encourage students to take competitive exams such as NEET, GATE, JEE, and CAT.

During his address, he provided detailed insights into the IIM system, emphasizing the realization of

responsibilities and the importance of active participation in classroom sessions.

He expressed optimism that such initiatives would contribute to a brighter future in education, aligning with national priorities.

He urged faculty members to actively participate in NIRF Rankings and collaborate on joint research programs with IIM Jammu. He assured full support from the institute, emphasizing its dedication to nation-

building.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, emphasized that the program signifies our commitment to fostering educational leadership, empowering college principals to steer academic excellence in the U.T of Jammu and Kashmir. I would like to urge that educational institutes work together and collaborate for nation-building and global progress.

Dr. Muqbil Burhan, Chairperson, Srinagar Campus, IIM Jammu, addressed the participants, shedding light on IIM Jammu and its dynamic activities. He emphasized the institute's commitment to excellence in education and leadership development, underscoring its role in shaping future leaders.

He highlighted the innovative initiatives undertaken by IIM Jammu and their impact on the educational

landscape. He encouraged program participants to engage actively with the institute's offerings and contribute to its growth and success.

The inaugural session commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, setting a symbolic tone for the enlightening journey ahead. Dr. Parvathy. B, Program Director, IIM Jammu, extended a warm welcome and provided insights into the program's objectives.

Key objectives include the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) in colleges, enhancing instructional leadership, fostering effective communication, promoting cultural competence, encouraging innovation and adaptability, and instilling data-informed decision-making skills. The inaugural event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rambabu Lavuri, Program Director, followed by the national anthem and a group photo.

# Rollball trails from March 28

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JAMMU: Rollball Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold three-day selection trials from March 28 at MA Stadium Skating Rink, here to pick up probable for the upcoming 16th Sub-Junior (Under-14 year) Rollball National Championship scheduled to be held at Dehradun in Uttarakhand from April 25 to 28, 2024.

The interested eligible players are advised to report to Ashraf Dijo (9419179740) for Kashmir) and Madhu Sharma (9419148556 for Jammu) regarding selection trials.

The players need to bring along necessary documents at the time of registration for the selection process, the handout mentioned.

# KPT Pipes (U-14) Cricket Tournament organised



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: Luxmi Cricket Club organized cricket tournament of U-14 players at MAM stadium on Monday.

The tournament was sponsored by KPT Piping Solutions Pvt. Ltd Dehradun and supported by Khana Khazana Restaurant and J&K Sports Council.

The tournament was inaugurated by Chief Guest Divisional Sports Officer J&K Sports Council,

Baljinder Pal Singh. The players were introduced to the chief guest, who appreciated the event being conducted by the club and told them to work hard and achieve their goal in future. He also said that such event will definitely enhance the cricketing skills of the young budding cricketers.

The match was played between Green Field Star Blue and Green Field Star Green in which all the

young budding players showed their talent.

# Seema Kharyal to participate in AICS Athletics C'ship

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JAMMU: Seema Kharyal from Labour Department in J&K is going to participate in All India Civil Services (AICS) Athletics Championship 2023-24, scheduled to be held at Sports Complex, Sector 7, Chandigarh from March 19 to 21, 2024.