

JK Public School Panjtirthi celebrates World Water Day

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JAMMU: JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi celebrated World Water Day with much enthusiasm.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah remarked, "Water is essential for day-to-day activities and its appropriate usage plays a crucial role in managing freshwater reservoirs."

"We must realize that water is not only a resource to be used and competed over-it is a human right, intrinsic to every aspect of life," she said.

She added, "On average, a person in a day unintentionally wastes up to 45 litres of water; hence, making a few changes in the daily water usage practice can save a significant amount of water for future use."

Jakians highlighted the theme of World Water Day 2024 'Water for Peace'.

This theme focuses on promoting activities that swiftly implement the required changes to preserve water for upcoming generations.

Jakians also presented a skit to convey a message that "It is necessary to understand that natural resources are important for sustaining life on earth. With climate change, the environment and ecosystem have got affected



Glimpses of World Water Day celebration at JK Public School Panjtirthi.

and that resulted in the water crisis. Due to floods, droughts, and water pollu-

tion; vegetation, soil, rivers, and lakes are degrading."

Jakiian further recited a

poem on the theme "Each one of us must have equal access to affordable and

clean water."

The celebration Incharge Sindu Kohli addressed the

jakians and added," We all must contribute to improve the Quality of the water by

Minimizing pollution and Reducing the hazardous release of industrial waste."

Laith August of JKCA selected as full time trainee at MRF Pace Foundation Chennai

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JAMMU: Laith August of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) has been selected as a full time trainee at MRF Pace Foundation, Chennai.

Laith is a promising fast bowler of JKCA and was part of the U19 Team in the last season.

He is a prolific lower order batsman also.

Laith has been selected from among 44 fast bowlers from across the country who underwent selection trials at Chennai from March 13 to 14.

Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration, while complimenting Laith, stated that his selection is recognition of his talent and potential.

The Association hopes that he would emerge as a genuine fast bowler under the watchful eyes of the coaches at Chennai.

He will join the coaching camp on March 30.



Police organises Kabaddi tournament under CAP



Police officers posing for a photograph with participating teams.

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JAMMU: A Kabbadi match under Civic Action Programme (CAP) was organised by Police Station Miran Sahib at Indoor Hall of Bana Singh Stadium.

The match was played between Saheed DBP Sports Club and Tanda Tigers.

On this occasion, SDPO R S Pura Nikhil Gogna along with SHO Miran Sahib Inspector Bopinder Singh and Incharge BPP Kullian were present.

The match was organised to give an opportunity to the youth to showcase their talent, to enhance synergy between police and inhabi-

tants and enhance their sports skills.

Upon conclusion of the event the players were sensitized to keep away from drugs, and spread the message of sportsmanship, leadership and co-operation, to channelise the energy of the youth on the productive side.

MA Stadium Jammu braced up for J&K Volleyball Championship

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JAMMU: The play courts of volleyball have been braced up in MA Stadium to host three-day 35th J&K UT Junior Volleyball Championship for boys and girls commencing from March, 29, 2024.

Three-day championship, organised by the Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, would provide an opportunity for sports lovers to witness the excellence of 400 budding players who are participating in this championship from all across JK UT.

According to Kuldip Magotra, Chief Executive Officer VAJK, as many as 30 teams, 20 in boys section and 10 in girls section, have confirmed their participa-



tion.

Keeping in view the magnitude of work for the conduct of total 60 matches to be played with in the stipulated time of three days during the championship, he said adding that two flood light volleyball courts have been setup at MA Stadium Jammu whereas one play court for girls has been

setup at Play field Shastri Nagar Jammu to accomplish the task efficiently.

A meeting of office bearers/ members / national referees/ coaches was held today to finalize the arrangements of the championship.

In the meeting various committees such as control committee, age screening committee, technical committee, food committee etc. were constituted to facilitate the smooth conduct of the championship.

H.S Gill, Executive Vice President VAJK has been nominated as Chairman of the Control Committee. Rajiv Dogra (Rtd.) SAI

Volleyball coach as Chairman Technical Committee. Anarjeet Singh National volleyball Referee has been nominated as Chairman Referee Committee. Ramesh Sharma Treasurer VAJK, Mohd Tariq Joint Secretary VAJK, Akbar Ali Office Secretary VAJK, Suresh Chib have been nominated as members of Age Screening Committee.

The women members of the VAJK Veena Kumari, Manpreet Kour, Seema Sharma have been nominated as members of the opening and closing ceremony of the championship.

General Secretary of VAJK Vijay Kumar Magotra disclosed in the meeting that Chenab Valley Power Project (P) Ltd. - a joint venture of NIIPC Ltd. (A Govt. of India Enterprise and Govt. of J&K Enterprise) engaged in construction of Hydro Power projects in Kishtwar district of J&K has joined hands as partners in this championship to engage the energies of youth in Nation

building including strengthening of vibrant Indian Democracy to promote the concepts of My Vote My Youth besides highlighting the issues of My Youth My Pride, FIT India, Drug Abuse, Save Water etc. among the participants.

The VAJK with cooperation of the Department of Higher Education, Youth Services and Sports, Sports Authority of India, J&K Police, Directorate of Health, Jammu Municipality Corporation and media fraternity is committed to achieve the desired goals of the championship.

President VAJK Sidharth Daluja welcomed players and officials on the arrival at Jammu and wished them best of luck for the championship, assuring them all of their comfortable stay at Jammu popularly known as City of Temples.

The three-day championship is all set to be inaugurated by Anand Jain, ADGP J&K Police, Jammu Zone on March 29, 2024 at 2:30 PM at M.A Stadium Jammu.

Secretary Sports Council declares open Softball/Baseball 5 championship 2023-24

Sports best medium to eradicate drug menace from society: Nuzhat Gul

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JAMMU: Sports and games are the best medium to eradicate drug menace from the society and help youth not to derail from the mainstream.

This was stated by Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council while declaring open Softball/Baseball 5 Championship 2023-24 at Football Ground, GGM Science College here on Thursday.

The event witnessed a huge participation of athletes from 14 districts of J&K Union Territory.

While Secretary J&K Sports Council graced the grand opening ceremony as the Chief Guest, Baljinder Pal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu was the Guest of Honour and Vikas Mangotra was also present as the Special Guest while a



Secretary JKSC, Nuzhat Gul inaugurating Softball/Baseball 5 Championship at Jammu.

galaxy of reputed sports personalities, district unit heads, sports promoters, sports lovers and International Softball athletes were also present in the opening Ceremony.

The 3-days Championship is being organized by J&K Softball Association with the support of the apex body for promotion of games and

sports in Jammu & Kashmir namely Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council.

The Chief Guest, Nuzhat Gul while speaking on the occasion highlighted the tremendous steps taken by the Jammu and Kashmir

Sports Council and J&K Softball Association for development & promotion of Softball in particular and

other recognized Sports in general as Softball is a recognised and regular event in the Olympic Games and Asian Games.

She said from a few years Softball sport is gaining momentum and achieving great heights in Jammu & Kashmir, besides making inroads in every nook and corner of the Union Territory.

She further said the involvement of youth in sports and games helps them not to fall prey to drugs and other social evils, otherwise, the drug menace is spreading alarmingly nowadays.

Terming sportspersons as the messengers of peace and harmony, Ms Nuzhat lauded the efforts of the organisers for uplifting sports & games in Jammu & Kashmir.

Over 400 athletes from 14

districts of UT J&K are participating in Sub-Junior (Boys & Girls), Junior (Boys & Girls) and Senior (Men & Women) categories.

"The 3-day Championship, which is being sponsored by J&K Sports Council, will conclude on March 30, 2024. Tremendous support for the successful conduct of the Championship by the Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, Baljinder Pal Singh and Manager Football Ground GGM Science College Jammu, Vikas Mangotra and the team of technical officials from Sports Council, is worth appreciation. 14 matches in both the sections were played till now in Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior categories in both sections," said General Secretary of J&K Softball Association.

Great Warriors CC lifts Martyrs Cup Season-II trophy

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JAMMU: Great Warriors Cricket Club (CC) lifted the championship trophy of Martyrs Cup Season-II T20 Cricket Tournament in a nail biting finish defeating Teacher's XI CC on the last ball of the Match by a thin margin of 2 wickets.

The tournament was organised by Veteran Cricket Association J&K under the aegis of Board for Veteran Cricket in India.

Arun Manhas, Director Industries & Commerce Jammu was Chief Guest at the presentation ceremony and gave away trophies to winner and runner-up teams. He greeted both the finalists' teams and said that winning or losing in games is not at all important, but the happiness originating from the participation in sports is



Winner and runner-up teams posing with Arun Manhas, Director Industries & Commerce.

a highly cherished trophy. He appreciated the Executive Body of Veteran Cricket Association J&K for conducting the 2nd season of Martyrs Cup T20 Cricket Championship for the senior cricketers by involving play-

ers from Srinagar, Anantnag, Kathua, Jammu.

Earlier, Raj Captain of Teacher's XI CC won the toss and elected to bat first. His team started on a steady star, but bowlers of Great Warriors CC bowled on test-

ing line and length and kept the pressure, resulting in Teacher's XI losing wickets on regular intervals . They were all out on 122 runs.

Rajinder Bajwa & Saranjeet scored 49 & 22 runs respectively for the team. For

Great Warriors, Rohit took 3 wickets, Sandy took 2 wickets, whereas Captain Imran and Sunil shared 1 wicket each.

Chasing a modest total of 122 runs, Great Warriors started on a disastrous note, losing 2 quick wickets, but Imran, along with Amit Wali, steadied the innings. But Teacher's XI CC bowlers kept the pressure, and wickets started to tumble. Mohit Bali & Hardev kept their cool as the team needed 11 runs in the last over. Mohit took the team to the thrilling victory on the last ball. Rohit was declared as Man of the Match for his brilliant bowling spell.

Rajinder Bajwa was adjudged as Best Batsman and Player of the Series, Kuldeep Dalotra was declared Best Bowler.

She congratulated all states and UT's for the participation in the said event, she appreciates Wushu Association of India for allotting 23rd Sub-Junior National Wushu championship to UT J&K.

She further said these events fulfils our Prime Minister vision Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Abhiyan.

She requested everyone to be the ambassador and share the hospitality, arrangements of the people of UT J&K.

She applauded Wushu Association of J&K for the prominence of Wushu sports in the UT J&K and bringing laurels for the country at the highest level of podium.

She appealed youth to join sports and educate the youth of the country to make the nation Nasha Mukht.

She also thanked

Arnia police organises volleyball tournament under CAP

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JAMMU: Police Station, Jammu has organised a volleyball tournament at Government Higher Secondary School Allah, Arnia under Civic Action Programme (CAP).

Respectable citizens of the area were also present on the occasion. The teams which participated are, Allah A, Allah B, Fatehgarh and Marhol. Currently the volleyball tournament is going on.

The players were sensitized by SHO Police Station Arnia Inspector Rouf Ahmad to keep away from drugs, and spread the message of sportsmanship, leadership and co-operation, to channelise the energy of the youth on the productive side.

People of the area appreciated the efforts of Jammu Police in organising such tournaments and engaging youth in positive activities.

23rd Sub-Junior National Wushu Championship begins

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JAMMU: Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, on Thursday inaugurated six days 23rd Sub Junior National Wushu Championship (Boys & Girls), organized by Wushu Association of J&K at Gymnasium Hall Jammu University, here.

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Pradeep Dutta (Bureau Chief) Times Now lighting ceremonial lamp.

Directorate of Sports and Physical education for the cooperation and supporting all the times for the betterment of sports in the UT J&K.

Earlier, Pradeep Dutta (Bureau Chief) Times Now who was the Guest of Honour on the occasion, congratulated Wushu Association of J&K for bringing laurels to the UT J&K at the highest level and also appreciated Nuzhat Gul for bringing revolution in the sports.

Vijay Saraf, General Secretary Wushu Association of India presented welcome speech and briefed about event.

He said that more than 1500 boys and girls from

across the country are participating in the event.

Kuldeep Handoo (Dronacharya Awardee) presented vote of thanks.

Guests who were present on inaugural function included Daud Iqbal (Director of Sports and Physical Education Jammu University), Rajiv Sharma Member JKSC, Suhel Ahmad Observer from Wushu Association of India, Bhavneet General Secretary Wushu Association J&K, Sharat Chander-DySP, Sajad Hussain-DySP, Jai Bharat (Jammu University) and Insp. Ram Singh Everester besides all the secretaries from different states and UTs.