

Inaugurates 23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship

# J&K Police has struck fine balance in policing, civic duties: LG

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday inaugurated the 23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship 2023-24 (Men & Women), at Srinagar.

The Lt Governor welcomed and extended his best wishes to all the sportspersons, organizers and sports enthusiasts for a very successful and memorable championship.

He congratulated the J&K Police for hosting the prestigious tournament and lauded its significant contribution in promoting sports and the holistic development of youth.

Over the last two decades, besides maintaining public



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha speaking after inauguration of 23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship 2023-24 at Srinagar.

order and tackling insurgency, the J&K Police has made a landmark as a host, for organizing 17 prestigious and high-profile All India Police Championships in a professional manner, the Lt Governor said.

"Sports, and in particular,

water Sports, embody the spirit of discipline, teamwork, and resilience. These qualities resonate with the principles that our law enforcement agencies uphold in their duty to safeguard our communities. The lessons learned during the competi-

tions are a testament to the values that shape our professional lives," he said.

I am confident the visiting players and team members will enjoy the warm hospitality and magnificent sights of Jammu Kashmir and return as a brand ambassador of

UT of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor further added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also paid homage to the brave hearts of Police and security forces for their selfless service to the nation.

A total of 30 teams (20 Men & 10 Women) comprising about 500 players and 60 Technical officials, Team Managers are participating in the tournament.

RR Swain, DGP; Vijay Kumar, ADGP; Armed, Law & Order, Aftab Malik, Chairman, District Development Council Srinagar, senior officials of Police, Security Forces and UT administration, eminent sportspersons and sports enthusiasts were present at the inaugural ceremony.

## Shiksha Niketan G'Nagar accords farewell to Class 10th

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan School accorded farewell to the outgoing Class 10th batch of 2023-24 with enthusiasm. The programme devoted to the year spent together with friends and teacher to remember the joyful memories and moments.

The programme begun with auspicious lamp lighting reciting Gayatri Mantra by staff members.

Principal Rameshwar Mengi, Director RMPS Rakshan Mengi, Director SNS Gandhi Nagar Rishiek Mengi, representatives of sister concern schools RMPS, PushpVatika, Sr Sec School Jeevan Nagar, and High School Jeevan Nagar were present on the occasion.

Alumni Palak Bakshi was the chief guest on the occasion, who applauded the students for their journey in the



Shiksha Niketan School faculty with dignitaries.

school and also shared her beautiful memories she spent at SNS Gandhi Nagar.

The highlight of the programme was the beautiful cultural presentation. The students of 9th Class put forth a several dance performances, entertaining acts and varieties of fun activities on the theme departure delight.

Students of both 9th And 10th classes danced to their heart creating new memories

for a lifetime.

Class 10th students also present a gift as a token of love to the school.

Interesting Titles were given to the students of class 10th. Ridham Mahajan was declared as the best boy and Saniya Kar was declared the best girl on the occasion.

The students who were considered best in academics, behaviour and co-curricular activities were awarded with mementoes.

## Huwaid Hamid secures distinction; qualifies for BCCI's Level-2 Coaching Course

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SRINAGAR: Hailing from Srinagar, J&K's former First Class Cricketer Huwaid Hamid has passed BCCI's Level-1 Cricket Coaching Course with distinction (securing 75 marks) and has qualified for Level-2 Coaching Course of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), conducted by National Cricket Academy (NCA), Bengaluru.

Huwaid's letter of qualification was sent to the Administrators of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) by former Test Cricketer VVS Laxman, Head of National Cricket Academy (NCA). Coach of J&K Under-19 Women's team for the last two seasons, Huwaid was the part of the Support Staff of Jammu and Kashmir U-25 team as Fielding Coach in 2020-21 season, besides being the Head Coach of U-19 Men's team for 2018-19 season. Apart from being a qualified Level-1 Coach now, Huwaid has the distinction of being a qualified NIS Cricket Coach from National Institute of Patiala. Hamid has represented Jammu and Kashmir in 7 Ranji Trophy (4-Day) matches, 4 List A Vijay Hazare (One-Day) matches and 3 T20 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy matches.

Playing as a right-handed batter, Huwaid had a reputation of hitting the ball with sublimity, elegance, grace, power and punch.



Not getting much opportunity at the Ranji Trophy Level, Huwaid has 41 runs as his highest score, however; he has the distinction of emerging among the top run-getters for J&K in one of the seasons of U-22 State A Trophy, scoring 269 runs in four matches, including power-packed 72 runs against formidable Delhi at Ferozshah Kotla ground, now Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium in 2001.

Huwaid has the distinction of representing his Club namely 'United Cricket Club Srinagar' as the youngest ever Captain at the age of 19 years, besides having the honour of hitting 6 sixes in an over in the prestigious 'Valley Cup' in the year 1998, when there was hardly any craze of T20 cricket. "The qualification for BCCI's Level-2 Coaching Course has added more responsibility on my shoulders and I firmly believe that I will deliver the job to the best of my abilities. I owe my success to JKCA Administrators for giving me the opportunity," maintained Mr Huwaid.

It is pertinent to mention here that Huwaid has been instrumental in honing and polishing the skills of a good number of budding cricketers. He has done a great job in fine-tuning the skill of U-19 women cricketers by understanding their psyche, showing his wisdom to go into the philosophy of the same.

## Vivek made patron of Jammu Mountaineering body

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JAMMU: Vivek Chauhan, Principal Oriental Academy Senior Secondary School, Jammu and a veteran member of Tawi Trekkers J&K was nominated as patron of District Mountaineering Association, Jammu.

The honour was conferred on Vivek Chauhan as a mark of gratitude, respect and recognition of his selfless service and the contribution made by him and his prestigious institution for the sustained promotion of adventure activities in Jammu.

The chief guest Ashwani Sharma, former MLA, greeted the Patron Vivek Chauhan in the presence of presiding guest Rahul Sharma, chairman, Sprawling Buds ICSE School and patron of Tawi Trekkers J&K; Rameshwar Mengi, chairman, Shiksha Niketan Group of Schools; Sanjeev Gupta, chairman, The Shri Ram Universal



District Mountaineering Association, Jammu members with MAJK office bearers.

School, Jakh and patron District Mountaineering Association, Samba; Gaurav Charak, Principal, Humanity Public School, Bari Brahmana; Rasheek Mengi, Director, Pushap Vatika, Kunjwani; Valvinder Singh, manager, DBN group of Schools and president District Doda Mountaineering Association besides Ram Khajuria, Sumit Khajuria and Shawetia Khajuria, president, vice president and general secretary of Mountaineering Association

of J&K.

Meanwhile, Rakesh Goswami, president; Sonam Sidharth, general secretary; Navneet Gupta, vice president; Shilpa Charak, joint secretary and Shashi Kant Sharma, treasurer of District Jammu Mountaineering Association and Anu Sharma, an executive member greeted Vivek Chauhan.

Imporant to mention here that Oriental Academy of Vivek Chouhan was the first institution which joined Tawi Trekkers, J&K 40

years back in 1983 and participated in the first short trek from Mansar to Jammu in the same year. The prestigious institution also has the unique distinction of deputing its students for the first rock climbing camp conducted by the club at Circular Road Jammu in 1984. Since then the institution has not looked back and has been regularly contributing towards the progress of the club in one way or the other by participating and patronising innumerable activities of the

club. Vivek Chauhan has personally sponsored many coaching camps for budding as well as senior climbers at Jammu and at Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi with the sole vision to produce international sport climbers and medalists from Jammu, she added. Shawetia further said that these contributions by Vivek Chauhan and his prestigious institution have paid rich dividends as Jammu has the produced top ranked national climbers led by Shivani Charak who has the distinction of being the first ever female athlete of J&K to participate in the Asian Games.

In the end, Vivek Chauhan expressed his gratitude to the District Association for bestowing him with the honour and promised his continued support for the promotion of adventure activities.

## YTS celebrates 23rd Annual Prize Distribution function

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JAMMU: Youth Talent Search (YTS), a Forum of prestigious Private Schools of Jammu, on Sunday celebrated its 23rd Annual Prize Distribution function at Polytechnic College Jammu.

Neeru Puri, Principal SD Tarapuri in her welcome note extended a welcome to all the guests.

Dr. Ritu Singh, Founding Chairperson FICCI, FLO, Director Hari Niwas Hotel and Resorts and Pro-Vice Chairperson-DPS Jammu was the Chief Guest at the occasion.

Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Polytechnic College, and Rajkumar HOD Polytechnic College, Ashok Kumar Raina Deputy CEO Jammu were the Guests of Honour.

Johnny William, former IGP Jammu, Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman JKMS, Gaurav Charak Principal Humanity Public School, D.S Jambwal Chairman



Ashok Dixit presenting Rolling trophy in the memory of late Geeta Dixit to HPS Bari-Brahmana faculty.

BHIMP, Ashok Dixit and Shakti Kohli were the special guests.

The participating students from the schools showcased their talent and put up dance performances, folk songs & skits.

The Annual Report of YTS was read out by Esther William Principal Alexander Memorial School.

The Annual Prize Distribution function was a moment of pride and honour wherever all the winners and achievers of the different schools were presented

mementoes by the Chief Guest Dr. Ritu Singh.

The Chief Guest appreciated the YTS for providing a platform to the budding young minds to display their hidden talent. She expressed her satisfaction with the measures adopted by the skilled teachers for guiding the young children and equipping them to face the challenges of life and achieving excellence in diverse fields of their interests.

She wished good luck to the teachers and the leaders of YTS to scale greater heights

in the Venture.

She said youth talent search is doing a commendable job that it should it highlighted at the national level.

Ashok Kumar Raina and Arun Bangotra also motivated the students with their pearls of wisdom.

Rolling trophy in the memory of late Geeta Dixit was presented by Ashok Dixit to Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari-Brahmana.

JKMS and Alexander school shared first runner up prizes. Lifetime achievement award presented to Prabha Jain, Director New Era Environmental school, Esther William, Principal Alexander Public School and Shashi Sharma Principal, Bikram Memorial School and

The Vote of thanks was presented by Rajni Gupta, Coordinator YTS and Director JK Montessorie School Talab Tillo.

## Army's Border Battle Hockey Tourney: A great initiative



Hockey team posing for a photograph at Poonch on Sunday.

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POONCH: Indian Army's recently organised Border Battle Hockey Championship was really a great initiative and will serve as an inspirational event for the budding hockey players, not from Poonch district only, but for the players of the entire State/UT.

The Indian Army, which is always catering to the needs of thousands of youth, organised this hockey extravaganza at picturesque Astroturf in Poonch and involved a good number of youth in it.

Apart from the hockey teams of district Poonch, the teams from other districts of the Union Territory took part in this mega event.

Organized under Operation Sadbhavana, seven boys and five girls teams participated, with three teams from outside J&K.

In the girls category, KK Hockey Club Jammu beat Stadium XI Jammu in the final, while in the boys category, Sonipat got the better of Poonch XI in the summit clash.

What was good for the health

of the tournament, was that the team from Sonipat was having some India Campers in it, who added colour to the success of the tournament and served as an inspiration for the youngsters.

For organising the tournament in a most befitting manner, the organisers had served letters to Hockey J&K and other stakeholders, well before the commencement of the tournament.

The technical panel of the tournament did a fabulous job to make the event a grand success.

"Encouraged by the presence of some top hockey players from outside the UT including a few India Campers, the local lads displayed extraordinary hockey skills to win the hearts of the spectators. Such tournaments serve as a launching pad in helping the players to blossom at the higher levels," Army Officer maintained.

The local populace was all praise for the Indian Army for holding this mega sporting event, which served a twin purpose of exploring young talent and helping the youth not to derailed from the mainstream.

## Khelo India Centre Shadipora expresses gratitude to PM, LG



Participating teams of Khelo India Kabaddi Centre Shadipora posing for a photograph on Sunday.

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SRINAGAR: The J&K Sports Council, Khelo India Kabaddi Centre Shadipora, Bandipora, celebrated the remarkable achievements of its trainees, who displayed dedication and perseverance during their training period and made it to different J&K Kabaddi teams during the 2023-24 cycle under different categories.

Eecstatic with the results, Coach Firdous Ahmad said that trainees express their gratitude to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha for providing opportunities and platform to them to showcase their talent.

While expressing gratefulness on behalf of players to Khelo India and J&K Sports Council for all facilities and opportunities, Firdous said that his entire centre is also thankful to Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull who has been very supportive all through.

On the occasion, Nuzhat Gull while appreciating the commitment of players said that though trainees of the centre hail from diverse

backgrounds, yet they are united in their passion for Kabaddi, showcasing exceptional dedication, discipline and sportsmanship.

The commendable performance of our players at the national level is a testament to their hard work and the affective training provided in the Khelo India Kabaddi Centre, Shadipora, she added.

Nuzhat Gull said that the achievements of trainees reflect the quality of training and the support system provided by J&K Sports Council.

The trainees Tabasum Mohi-u-Din hailing from Shadipora and Danish Ali Waza from Kawapora Bandipora were selected for SGFI Nationals in the U-17 category and represented J&K Team at Telangana Hyderabad in the National Kabaddi Championship. Similarly, Gazala Gulzar hailing from Mujkund of district Srinagar was selected for AKFI and represented the J&K Junior Kabaddi team at the same venue.

Arif Hussain Kawa hailing from Kawapora, Bandipora, and Shahid

Manzoor from Kachan Ganderbal, were selected for SGFI Nationals in the U-19 category and represented the J&K team at Mandiaya, Karnataka. Mehran Ali and Aakash Bashir hailing from the same place were selected for SGFI Nationals in the U-14 category and represented J&K at Ranchi.

Three more trainees, Shahid Zahoor, Nazia Lateef, and Minhar Mushtaq made it to the AKFI Sub-junior National Kabaddi Championship held at Patna, Bihar.

## ANNIZONE-Meadow of Angels celebrates Annual Day

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JAMMU: ANNIZONE 'Meadow of Angels' an exclusive and premier pre-school of Jammu located at Rehari and Domana, celebrated its 14th Annual Day with gaiety at Jammu Club auditorium.

Approximately 300 parents attended the cultural fest which was appreciated by all dignitaries, participants, visitors and parents.

Formal Minister and President Dogra Sadar Sabha, Gulchain Singh Charak, Thakur Pavitar Singh Bhardwaj (Ex-Session Judge), Brig. (Dr) Vijay Sagar Dhimman, Gourav Gupta, former General Secretary of Chamber of Commerce and Secretary Jammu Club, Raj Kumari Slathia, Col. S.S Pathania and Col. Jitender Singh graced the function.

The Chief Guest, Gulchain Singh Charak



A dignitary lighting ceremonial lamp.

complimented children and faculty for their efforts in preparing a wonderful cultural bonanza.

He stressed on the qualities of traditions, moral values, honesty, hard work and integrity which remain the focus area for the children to grow up as responsible citizens and contribute in nation's building. He also highlighted the importance of extra-curricular

activities, which keeps one mentally happy, gives a sense of fulfillment/joy and develop our mental and physical prowess.

Managing Director of ANNIZONE, Anuradha Pathania, Educationist earned valuable experience in teaching and Administrative field. She conveyed gratitude to all guests and parents for encouraging the children.