

# Sambo Association of J&K announces new leadership at AGB Meeting



Association members along with players during the meeting.

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JAMMU: The Sambo Association of Jammu & Kashmir convened its Annual General Body (AGB) Meeting on Saturday here, where it officially appointed its new leadership team unanimously.

The newly elected members include Dr. Amit Vaid as Chairman, Rajeev Sharma as President, and Priyank Sharma as Senior Vice President.

The meeting was attend-

ed by dignitaries, association members, and sports enthusiasts, marking a significant moment in the association's journey towards the development and promotion of Sambo in the J&K UT.

The welcome address was presented by Aruna Sharma Bhau, General Secretary Sambo Association of J&K, who briefed about the activities conducted by the Association and also ensure to conduct the

activities in near future to channelize the energy of youth in positive way.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Amit Vaid, Rajeev Sharma, Sankalp Kamal, Aman Sharma, Vikas Bhardwaj, Rajesh Thakur (District Association Reasi), Rakesh Kumar (District Association Samba), Neeraj Sharma (District Association Udhampur), Kaiser (District Association Baramulla), Dawood (District Association

Srinagar), Vinay Kumar (District Association Ramban), Gopal Dass, Amandeep Singh, Shakti Kumar, Honey Sharma and Anamika Sharma.

Rajesh Dutta also attended the meeting as Observer from J&K Olympic Association.

Addressing the gathering, the newly appointed Chairman Dr. Amit Vaid expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him and reaffirmed his commitment to fostering the growth of

Sambo across Jammu & Kashmir.

The new President Rajeev Sharma also highlighted plans to enhance training facilities, organize state-level championships, and encourage youth participation in the sport.

The Annual General Body Meeting also served as a platform to discuss the association's achievements, upcoming initiatives, and strategies to elevate the status of Sambo in the region.

The Sambo Association of Jammu & Kashmir remains dedicated to promoting this martial art and ensuring its athletes receive the best opportunities to excel at national and international levels.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks presented by Brijesh Bhau, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technical Director of Sambo Association of J&K.

# Doda Police organises football tournament under NMBA



SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta along with players during the tournament.

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BHADERWAH: In a significant initiative to promote sportsmanship and a drug-free society, a football tournament under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) was inaugurated on Saturday by Sandeep Mehta SSP Doda under the Civic Action Programme in presence of Vinod Kumar Sharma Addl. Superintendent of Police Bhaderwah and Shoket Ali SDPO Bhaderwah at Govt Degree College Bhaderwah.

The tournament, organized by the J&K police, aims to spread awareness about the ill effects of drug abuse and

provide a positive platform for young athletes to showcase their talent.

The initiative highlights the role of sports in channelizing youth energy constructively and keeping them away from social evils.

Addressing the gathering, SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta, emphasized the need for collective efforts to combat drug abuse and urged the youth to actively participate in sports for a healthier future. Addl. SP Bhaderwah and SDPO Bhaderwah also motivated the players, appreciating their enthusiasm and commitment to the cause.

The event witnessed overwhelming participation from local football teams, community members, and sports lovers. The tournament will feature a series of competitive matches, culminating in a grand finale where the winners will be felicitated.

This initiative under the Civic Action Programme reflects the commitment of the police department towards youth development and social welfare. By organizing such events, law enforcement agencies aim to strengthen community engagement and create a positive impact on society.

# HREF awards 558 scholarships on 28th Annual Day Function

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JAMMU: The Harbans Roshan Bhalla Educational Foundation (HREF) on Saturday celebrated its 28th Annual Day by awarding 558 scholarships to meritorious students from rural and financially weak backgrounds.

The event was attended by guests, dignitaries, students, parents, teachers, donors, and supporters.

The Chief Guest Dr. Ashutosh Gupta and Dr. Shelly Gupta accompanied by other dignitaries, presented scholarship certificates and medals of merit to the students.



HREF faculty and students during the event.

children and their families, encouraging them to make the most of the opportunities provided by the Foundation. They emphasized the importance of education in shaping their future.

HREF provides comprehensive educational support, including online tuition classes, evaluation tests, academic camps and

counseling sessions.

Additionally, the Foundation organizes free medical check-ups and treatments in collaboration with Bee Enn General Hospital (NABH) to children and their families.

Students and their families travelled from distant villages, including Hiranagar, Chak, Rattian, Doomi, Gajansoo, Arnia,

RS Pura, Birpur, Rehian, Jaurian, Dansal, Kangrail, Gurah Slathia, Ghou Manhasan, and Saruinsar to participate in the event.

The function featured a vibrant cultural program including traditional dances, songs, and poems performed by the children. The event concluded within a traditional Dogri meal called "Preeti Bhoj".

Managing Trustee, Kunil Bhalla, highlighted the Foundation's activities, history, and future vision.

He announced that every year, 100-150 new students are added to the scholarship program.

Managing Trustee also encouraged parents of bright and needy children who cannot afford but want to pursue education should apply to HREF for scholarships, emphasizing the Foundation's commitment to supporting education.

# KCIS organises superkids graduation ceremony



SSP Ramesh Chander Kotwal along with faculty members and students during the event.

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JAMMU: Graduation is an exciting time. It is both the completion and commencement.

Kindergarten Graduation is an exciting milestone for Pre-Primary Children as it's their first step towards a future full of hopes and possibilities.

To celebrate progression and development KCIS Superkids celebrated Graduation Day on Saturday. To bless the students and

encourage them to be great learners, the Chief Guest, Ramesh Chander Kotwal (SSP JK Police), Guest of Honour, Dr. Yashpal Sharma (Dean faculty of life sciences), Chaitanya Chowdhary (President KC International School), Special Guest Randhir Singh Slathia (Vice President of Rashtriya Rajput Kerni), Anupama Sinha (Principal KCIS) graced the occasion.

The programme com-

menced with lamp lighting ceremony followed by singing and welcome dance, Skit and Martial Art performances.

The children shared their heart out about the experiences of the whole year. Parents of Superkids also shared their thoughts. The tiny tots all dressed up in graduation gowns and caps proudly receives their graduation scrolls and trophies from the dignitaries.

Arti Raina Superkids

Group Leader administered the oath ceremony of Superkids, where they took the pledge to be successful and responsible citizen of the country with their hard work and dedication.

Ramesh Chander Kotwal, guest of honour and special guests complimented the graduates on their achievement and also congratulated the KC International School for its dedication towards imparting quality education to its students.

It was indeed a joyous and memorable day for the little ones and proud moment for the parents and teachers as they witnessed their children receiving their graduation scrolls and getting promoted to Primary Wing.

Principal KCIS, Anupama Sinha presented vote of thanks and congratulated the graduated students and their parents. The ceremony concluded with National Anthem.

# UIPS Gadigarh celebrates Kindergarten Graduation Day with enthusiasm

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JAMMU: Unique International Public School (UIPS), Gadigarh, Jammu, celebrated a momentous Kindergarten Graduation Day, marking a significant milestone in the lives of its young learners. The event was filled with joy, excitement, and heartfelt performances, reflecting the school's commitment to holistic education.

The ceremony began with a welcome by Randeep Kour, who extended her gratitude to all the distinguished guests, parents, and faculty members for their support in shaping the future of young



Tiny tots performing during the event.

minds.

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest, Narinder Singh Raina, MLA Jammu-South R.S Pura, shared words of encouragement and praised the efforts of the school in

providing a strong foundation for early childhood education.

He emphasized the importance of nurturing young minds with values, discipline, and creativity.

Guest of Honour, Deepak Kumar, Senior Regional Manager of HPCL, J&K, also addressed the gathering, appreciating the dedication of teachers and parents in fostering a positive learning environment for children. He encouraged students to dream big and strive for excellence in their educational journey.

The event featured a variety of mesmerizing performances by the kindergarten students, showcasing their talents and enthusiasm.

The highlight of the event was the graduation ceremony, where the tiny graduates proudly received their certi-

icates, marking their transition to the next phase of their educational journey. The beaming faces of students, parents, and teachers reflected the sense of accomplishment and joy.

The school Chairperson, Jasbir Singh expressed gratitude to the guests and parents for their unwavering support. He reaffirmed the school's commitment to fostering academic excellence and holistic development in students.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the National Anthem, leaving behind a day full of cherished memories and inspiring moments.

# DC Poonch inaugurates open Hockey meet

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Poonch, Vikas Kundal inaugurated the District (open) Poonch Hockey Championship under 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan' initiative at Synthetic Hockey Ground, here today.

The event is being organized by the district administration in collaboration with the Department of Youth Services and Sports and Department of Social Welfare.

The tournament aimed to promote a drug-free society while encouraging sportsmanship among youngsters. The initiative saw active participation of youngsters, spreading the message of 'Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan' and importance of Word Water Day.

In total, three teams in girls and five in boys category are taking part in this three-day event.

Earlier, in the opening girls match, Poonch Blue held Poonch Orange to a goalless draw. Similarly, in boys section, DYSSO XI and Poonch Green tie ended in a 5-5 draw.

Prominent among those present were Neeraj Sharma

(DySP) HQ Pooch; Mool Raj Uttam, DYSSO Poonch; XEN PHE Poonch, Waheed Bhat, DSW Officer Pooch; Narinder Singh, Amresh Kumar, Ravinder Singh, Manjeet Singh (all ZPEOs), Narjeet Singh, Mustaq Ahmed, Manager Sports Stadium Poonch; Pawan Kumar, Ram Prakash, Matinderpal Singh, Navjot Singh, Ranveet Singh and Saval Ahmed (all Hockey coaches).

Speaking at the gathering, Deputy Commissioner said, "The championship and other activities under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan speaks high about commitment of district Poonch in developing a healthy atmosphere in the society.

Today's matches officiated by the technical penal including Vikas Sharma, Rajinder Singh Toofan, Rajesh Sharma, Harmik Singh, Sunil Raina, Mohd Shokat, Ritika Sharma, Kavaldeep Singh and Mohd Tahir.

The event is being conducted under the overall supervision of Mool Raj Uttam and technically supervised by Narinder Singh, ZPEO Pooch and Pawan Kumar, PEL.

# J&K Squash championship begins

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SRINAGAR: Organised by J&K Squash Rackets Association (JKSRA) in support with J&K Sports Council, the 23rd J&K UT Squash Championship declared open by Mohammad Iqbal, Manager, Gindun Sports Centre in the presence of Tajinder Singh, general secretary (JKSRA), here on Saturday.

The three-day event shall witness competition in different age categories. Earlier, the chief guest highlighted the steps being taken for development and promotion sports in J&K.



Organisers along with players posing for photograph.

The events shall be held in Under -11, Under -13, Under -15, Under -17, Under -19, Under -21, Senior Men and Women categories.

In this competition, participants from 11 districts of J&K are taking part in this event under the guidance of technical experts and coaches.

# District Jammu Softball Championship 2024-25 concludes Domana Softball Club lifts men, Jammu Club women title



Organisers along with winner teams posing for photograph.

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JAMMU: District Jammu Softball Championship organized by District Jammu Softball Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the auspices of J&K Softball Association concluded with an appreciated participation at GGM Science, College, Jammu here on Saturday.

Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Deputy Mayor, JMC was the Chief Guest on the closing ceremony while office bearers of the

JKSA were also present in the concluding ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest congratulated the organizers for organizing the championship in a most befitting manner.

He said every athlete who is associated with the sport of softball should work hard to bring laurels for Jammu & Kashmir UT as this sports falls in the sports requirement quota of J&K Government which will be benefited for the softball athletes in future.

While lauding the tremendous efforts of Ms. Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council for uplifting sports & games in the Union Territory, the Chief Guest said that Sports Council is providing modern sports facilities to the athletes to blossom at the higher levels.

Later, the Chief Guest distributed medals and trophies among the winner, runner-up and third place teams. The Championship was sponsored by J&K Sports Council.