

J&K Bank MD felicitates Football team

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash on Tuesday felicitated Bank's football team for its title winning streak in season 2021-22. MD & CEO also commended Bank's forward Danish Farooq for representing India in recently concluded international friendlies in Bahrain.

The winner's trophies were handed over to MD & CEO during the felicitation ceremony held at Bank's Corporate Headquarters that was also attended by President Sports & Culture Syed Rais Maqbool, Vice-President Sajad Hussain Malik, Incharge Culture & Sports Rafi Ahmad Mir, Manager Football Team Tariq Ahmad Bhat and other Bank Officials.

A title triumph in prestigious Police Martyrs Memorial Football Tournament 2022 capped the fruitful season for Bank's football team that saw the



J&K Bank MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash posing with Bank's Football team and other officials.

team pocket as many as seven tournaments and emerging runners up once. Bank's academy graduate and senior team member Danish debuting for India turned out to be a cherry on the cake as Bank continued to dominate at domestic circuit.

Congratulating the team and Danish for the stellar performances, MD&CEO said, "I am happy to be

amongst you all. You are our stars. All of you and associated officials deserve appreciation for continuously delivering winning performances. Winning seven tournaments is no mean achievement. Seeing your passion and talent, I am sure our shining stars will perform across the globe. One such example is Danish. He is our real ambassador"

He assured the players that Bank would do whatever possible to support the football team. "We are mulling to have our own football ground for Bank's team. Work hard, play with passion and make efforts to keep the Bank's flag aloft," he said.

President Syed Rais Maqbool hailed the team for taking the Bank's rich legacy forward and living up to the

expectation of its fans and colleagues alike.

"Our football team's history is filled with title triumphs across the country and it is most sought after and cheered side in the domestic circuit. More importantly, since the inception of football side way back in 1987, it has produced number of players that rose through ranks to exhibit their talent for big clubs and some of them achieving the ultimate dream of representing their country. The latest product of our football academy, Danish Farooq has made us proud debuting for India recently. The Bank has groomed Danish since his U-15 days and we hope he keeps shining as a star at the national level too," he said.

Hilal Rasool Parray, coach J&K Bank football team, presented welcome address on the occasion and apprised the MD & CEO about Bank's performance in the previous season.

Students of DPS Jammu shine in open TT championship

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JAMMU: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by clinching first position and trophies in J&K Police Open Table Tennis Championship organized by Jammu District Police Department under the Civic Action Programme in collaboration with J&K Sports Council and J&K Table Tennis Association at MA Stadium, Jammu from April 5-8, 2022.

SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In U-13 boys and girls, Ayaan Gupta (VIII-D) secured first position and won Trophy, Pranit Gupta (VI-D) got second position and trophy and Yashashree Sharma (VI) bagged first position and trophy.

In U-15 boys and girls, Rudraksh Sharma (IX-I) got first position and trophy,



Winner students posing with faculty members.

Gurshaan Singh (IX-H) bagged second position and trophy, Mishti Aggarwal (X-C) won first position and trophy and Niharika Sharma (VIII-D) secured second position and trophy.

In women's category, Ragini Gupta (IX-D) got first position and trophy and Mishti Aggarwal (X-C) bagged second position and trophy.

Consolation prizes were bagged by Alena (III-J), Ahaan (IV-K) and Bhavin

Kour (IV-E). Meenu Ragesh, School Table Tennis Coach also received a trophy.

Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated all the winners, their parents and School Table Tennis Coach, Meenu Ragesh. Headmistress, Mennu Gupta also encouraged the team.

President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro Vice Chairperson, Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi also extended their best wishes to the winners and their parents.

India to host National Delphic Games for Arts & Cultures in 2023

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NEW DELHI: The International Delphic Council, based in Berlin, Germany on Tuesday announced to host the National Delphic Games in India in 2023; encompassing arts and cultures from 36 States and Union Territories to celebrate the vast diversity of India's cultures and their artistic expressions.

25 Indian States have already come together with State Delphic Councils to represent their unique cultures and arts and eminent personalities including Classical Dancer, Film actor and Parliamentarian Hema Malini, Actor and parliamentarian Paresh Rawal, Film Actor Bhagyashree Padma Shri Mukund Nayak and Padmashri Shri Bullu Imam (Jharkhand), Nari Shakti Award Winner Ruma Devi (Rajasthan), Prof. Dr. Lalitluangliana Khiantge (Mizoram), Shri Sanjoy Roy of Jaipur Lit Festival, Padmashri Patricia Mukhim (Meghalaya) have come on board as Delphic Ambassadors and members.

The National Delphic Games in India will showcase competitions, presentations and exhibitions in 6 categories of the arts namely; Musical Arts and Sounds (vocal, instrumental, electronic), Performing Arts and acrobatics (dance, theatre, circus, puppetry), Language Arts and Rhetoric (prose, poetry, moderation), Visual Arts and Crafts (painting, graphics, sculpture, installation, fashion, photography, Crafts), Social Arts and communications (communications, internet, media, pedagogy, didactics), Ecological Arts & Architecture (urban planning, landscaping, preservation and conservation of Nature, preservation of monuments).

The Delphic Games in India will call for

entries in the above-mentioned categories shortly from various States. The winners will represent India at the International Delphic Games which will be hosted in an International Destination 2026. Along with the National Delphic Games planned in 2023, all the states in India covering Kashmir to Kanyakumari will host regular engagements across the six categories at the state and National level to continue the essence of Delphic Games throughout the year. Elaborating the spirit of the Games, Christian Kirsch, Initiator & Founder of the International Delphic Council said, "The Delphic Games carry forward humanity's enduring and universal desire for peace, understanding and collaboration. Perhaps at no other time in recent history have the Games been more relevant, more topical or had greater immediacy than the present time. Our world is beset with existential threats, unless we come together to co-opt each other and co-create our future, we will not know peace. India is Cultural powerhouse and is well positioned to do wonders for the world"

N.N. Pandey, Interim Chairperson, India said, "We are very enthused with our International Parent entrusting us with the National Delphic Games in India in 2023. The Delphic Games are a unique phenomenon as they are the only such platform to scale globally. The salience of these Games lies in fostering and promoting the oneness of humanity through experience, understanding, appreciation and collaboration. India is a country which believes in Vasudeva Kutumbukam (the world is one family) - a credo which lies at the core of what Delphic Games are and must be the mantra of our age."

My Youth My Pride: Competitions in various sports continue in many Panchayats of J&K

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SRINAGAR: In the ongoing competitions being held under the 'My Youth My Pride' initiative of the government, many more panchayats were added to the talent hunt programme.

In the Kashmir division, the Spring Shield tournament entered round two. Today Nanil Sports clashed with Young Islamia Anzola which was won by the latter by two wickets. The top performers of the match remained Rouf with a personal score of 34 and Talid with 3 wickets for Nanil Sports while the winning performance came from Tariq with 54 and Shakir with 3 Wickets.

Similarly, a wrestling event was held in Sports Stadium Pulwama in which many wrestlers participated and a large number of spectators reached the venue as a wrestling competition was being held for the first-ever time in the district. Around 30 wrestlers participated in the event.

The grand clash of the knockout Football Tournament is scheduled for today evening. The match is



Tug of war competition in progress.

expected to draw a large crowd as it is slated to be played under floodlights at Synthetic Turf Football Stadium, Srinagar. The tournament commenced at Anantnag in which 8 teams participated from Ramban, Anantnag, Pulwama, Kulgam, and Ganderbal districts.

The finalists of today's big game are Football Academy Ganderbal & Sports Council Football Academy, Pampore Pulwama. The tournament organized by J&K Sports Council under 'My Youth My Pride-2022' special activities was also supported by Guru Tegh Bahadur Sports Foundation.

The main attraction for today's grand final is the special arrangement for Iftar by the Guru Tegh Bahadur Sports Foundation during

the interval of the match. The match is expected to start by 6:00 PM followed by a break for the second half which also coincides with Iftar during the interval of the match.

Terming this as a message for communal harmony and brotherhood through the medium of sports, Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir, Nuzhat Farooq said, volunteers of Tegh Bahadur Foundation shall distribute special Iftar packets to all present.

In the ongoing JKSC Youth Football League being played at Gani Memorial Football Stadium Shehr e Khaas Srinagar, Real Kashmir FC will take on Sopore Football Academy in the 8th match of the league which is scheduled to kick off at 5:00 PM on 12th April,

2022. Real Kashmir lost their previous match against Bandipora and they will be desperate to open their account in the points table while Sopore Academy will be playing their first match of the league.

Meanwhile, in village Palli of district Samba in Jammu, competitive events were held in wrestling and other games but the main attraction for the day remained tug of war. Rakesh Kumar emerged as the winner in the men's wrestling event while "Team Palli C" won the Tug of War competition for women.

In the Wushu event, Gurmeet defeated Mohit in a close fight while Raghav and Sourav were placed in 1st and 2nd position in their respective weight category.

Interacting with the partici-

pants, Divisional Sports Officer, Ashok Singh said that our main aim is to educate the players about the welfare associated with sports, as well as to explore the unexplored treasure trove of talent. He also motivated the youth to pursue education and sports and make their presence felt not only in their area but in the country as well.

He also briefed the audience about the benefits encompassing the new sports policy and appealed to the local Panchayat bodies to mobilize youth towards active participation in games and sports.

The Sarpanches present on the occasion expressed their gratitude to the government for the 'My Youth My Pride' reach out programme. They also appreciated the Sports Council for organizing such a colorful function in their village and engaging more than 140 players in three games.

The others present on the occasion included Panchayat and civil society members, Mukesh Sharma, Nakesh Sharma, Rajinder Singh and other officials of Sports Council besides a large gathering of the adjoining villages.

Sports competitions under My Youth My Pride held at Ramnagar

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RAMNAGAR: A day long sports competitions were on Tuesday organised by Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council Udhampur here at Indoor Sports Hall Ramnagar under the supervision of Incharge Manager Nalish Kumar.

As many as 105 participants from different educational institutions participated in the Table tennis and Tug of War competitions

Dr. Arvind Kumar was the chief guest, while Manager Sports Council, Subash Stadium Udhampur, Naveen Sharma was the guest of honour and District Youth Services & Sports Officer, S. Swarn Singh was the special guest on the occasion.

The matches were officiated by Vishal Modi, Vinod Sharma & Ankit Sharma.

NCC volunteers of GGM Science College participate in adventure trekking



NSS volunteers of GGM Science College during trekking.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: NSS volunteers of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and supervision of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan participated in one day Adventure Camp trekking at the Dev Pindian trek organized by Tawi Trekkers.

Keeping its policy of promoting heritage sites and lesser frequented beauty spots of Jammu, Tawi Trekkers J&K organized a day long trek of Devi Pindian for NSS volunteers of GGM

Science College under the leadership of Ram Khajuria. The group of participants flagged off from Kala Kendra Jammu by Shweta Khajuria.

President of the Club Ram Khajuria and along with others office bearers also accompanied the trekkers.

The adventure trip could have not possible without the support of Sunil Chakharria. The forty five young trekkers were thrilled to learn so much about mountaineering and mountains. The trekkers started journey from

Panthal, nearly seven kilometres from Katra.

The young students were enchanted by the beauty of the serene place and fully enjoyed the 10 km to and fro trek amidst the pines and along a stream of gushing transparent water.

Devi Pindi is an ancient Hindu temple located in the hills of Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. It is around 40 km far from Jammu city.

About 5 km trek to the temple starts from a narrow stream flowing throughout the trek route. On this adventurous trek, there are a variety of flora and fauna making every sight delightful. Huge peaks and hillocks on the way promise to keep the journey magnificent. The surroundings are a visual treat, particularly for nature lovers. The NSS PO and students thanked the Tawi Trekkers team for this wonderful adventurous experience.

Govt PG College for Women GN celebrates Ambedkar Jayanti

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JAMMU: The Department of Political Science, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev, Government PG College for Women Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with IQAC celebrated "Ambedkar Jayanti" by organising an Intra-College Declamation Competition on the theme "Different facets of Dr. B.R Ambedkar's life Journey" under the banner of 'Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav' in the College Premises (Smart Class Room) on Tuesday.

The Principal of the College Dr. Sangita Nagari was the Chief Guest at the event. In her address, she congratulated the department for organising this event and encouraged the students to follow the social and political thoughts of Dr Ambedkar.

The programme started with the welcome address by Prof. Paramjeet Singh, who presented a detailed description on 'The Anarchy of Grammar' by Dr.B.R. Ambedkar and rules of



Students and faculty of college posing for photograph.

Declamation competition to the participants.

Dr. Harmeet Singh delivered a lecture on the life and Philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a Social Reformer.

Dr. Pooja Charak, HOD Political Science & Convenor of the event, appreciated the participants' efforts. She said that such activities keep the students engaged and help to explore and encourage them to follow the ideas of great leaders of the Nation. The judges for this competition were Dr. Sujata Slathia (HOD Economics); Prof. Mala

Bhasin (HOD Botany) and Prof. Anuradha Choudhary. (Department of Education).

Around 20 enthusiastic students from the Department of Political Science participated in the Declamation. The speakers highlighted the multitude facets of Dr. B.R Ambedkar's life Journey. His contributions as a Social Reformer, Democrat, Economist, Constitution Maker, Political Activist, Intellectual, leader of downtrodden etc. were well stated by the speakers.

Simran Janwal, student of B.A semester 1 was adjudged

first, while second and third positions were bagged by Lakshita B.A semester 1 and Ritika Choudhary of B.A semester 5, respectively. The emphasis of the event was on the hardships and struggle faced by Dr. B.R Ambedkar since his childhood till his political career.

The Participants were encouraged to take inspiration and lessons from his life journey. They were told that despite facing so much oppression and deprivation, he excelled in all domains and attained huge stature across the globe. The program ended with the vote of thanks presented by Dr. Harmeet Singh.

Present on the occasion were Dr. Renu Sehgal, Associate Professor Department of music, Prof. Eisha Gohil, (HOD Psychology), Prof. Suraj Mohini Janwal (HOD Sociology), Prof. Nisha Bhagat (HOD Environmental Sciences) Dr. Varun Sharma (HOD Philosophy) and others.

Avaapya wins gold medal in National Dance Sports Championship

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JAMMU: Children and youth from various districts of J&K shine at national level dance competitions in Haridwar. About 50 children and youth from various districts of J&K participated in National Dance Sports Championship 2021-2022 held at Haridwar, Uttarakhand from April 9 to 10, 2022. Avaapya Kak, one of the participants from Jammu district, performed brilliantly and stood first and won gold medal in Contemporary solo (junior) category. These children and youth were selected by Dance Sports Council of J&K on the basis of their performance in UT level competitions. Parents of Avaapya Kak, Ashwani Kak and Puspanjali Kak, appreciated the performance of their child.



Avaapya Kak after receiving gold medal.

VC JU interacts with Inter-University Wushu Medalists

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu Wushu (Men) team showed its high performance and grabbed the gold, silver and bronze medals in the All India Inter-University Wushu (Men) Championship 2021-22 organized by the Punjabi University, Patiala. An Interaction-cum-Photo session with the medal winners was organized in the VC secretariat wherein Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor University of Jammu interacted and congratulated the Wushu team members for winning one gold, one silver and one bronze medal for the University. Prof.



VC JU, Prof. Umesh Rai posing with winner team and faculty members.

Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar JU and Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports and Physical Education were also present on the occasion.

While interacting, the Vice-

Chancellor thoroughly listened to various issues raised by the players and assured them that every possible efforts will be made to uplift the standard of University Sports, as the NEP

2020 is also emphasising on the Sports, Yoga and other extracurricular activities.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, introduced the team members to the Vice-Chancellor and

briefed him about the various sports activities organized and to be organized by the Directorate.

The Jammu University Wushu (Men) Team comprises

of Hrithik Charak (Gold Medal), Gurmeet Singh (Silver Medal), Rohan Sharma (Bronze Medal), Vinod Pal, Kunal, Vikas, Arjun, Anwar, Pratham Singh, and Ankit Sharma. Haqeeq Ahmad and Mohit Sharma have accompanied the team as Coach and Manager respectively. Others present on the occasion were Dr. Komal Nagar, Dr. Mandeep Singh, Dr. Vimal Kishore, PadamDev Singh, Jai Bharat, Raj Kumar Bakshi, Ravish Vaid, Gagan Kumar, Vikas Karlopia, Harinderpal Singh and Sanjeev Sharma.