

Volleyball coaching camp in full swing at Jammu

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JAMMU: To selected boys and girls volleyball teams for 23rd National Youth Volleyball Championship to be held at Rudurpur, Uttarakhand from April 11 to 16, 2022, the 10-day coaching camp, organized by the Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir is in full swing at MA stadium, here.

The Volleyball Association of J&K have shortlisted 20 spikers out of total 65 boys for 23rd National Youth Volleyball Championship appeared in selection trials held on March 28 and 29, 2022 at MA Stadium Jammu.

"The 10-day coaching camp commenced from March 30, 2022 is going on in full swing under Ramiz Tariq VFI recognized



Organisers along with players and other dignitaries during the camp.

Volleyball coach level 1 & 11 daily in morning and evening sessions," CEO VAJK Kuldip Magotra said. In the selection trials, he added, unprecedented number of spikers from far off places namely Kupwara, Baramulla, Anantnag, Kulgam, Budgam,

Pulwama, Poonch Rajouri, Doda, Udhampur, Kathua, etc, are being participated and showed their skills of game.

The contingent of the coaching camp is being supervised by Kuldeep Magotra Chief Executive officer, H.S Gill Executive

Vice President, Vijay Kumar Magotra General Secretary, R.C Sharma Treasurer, Subash Shastri Executive Member of Volleyball Association of J&K regularly.

The final selection of volleyball players is scheduled to be held on April 7, 2022 at MA Stadium Jammu prior

to their participation in the 23rd National Youth Volleyball Championship.

The players/office bearers of Volleyball Association of J&K have hailed the initiatives of JKUT in promoting sports to shun the menace of drug addiction among youth.

J&K Police Open TT Championships Cadet U-13 Boys, Girls matches held



A match under progress in Jammu.

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JAMMU: First day of the J&K Police Open Table Tennis Championships 2022 marked the beginning of the Cadet (under 13) category for both boys and girls with all the future champions giving their hundred percent.

Cadet Boys first Round: Pranit Mahajan beat Samarth 3-2; Ahaan beat Daksh 3-1; Hrideshwar beat Satyam 3-1; Kritim beat Saiyam. Cadet Girls First Round: Yasha beat Srishiti 3-2; Gunjan beat Bhavin 3-1; Sneha beat Ira 3-2.

Sub Jr Girls finals: Gunjan beat Mavi 3-2; Yasha beat Sneha 3-2; Bhavin beat Ira 3-1; Shrishta beat Alina 3-1. Matches were officiated by Gurvinder Singh Sasan (NIS Table Tennis coach), Vasu Devan, Meenu Rajesh and Asad Sharma.

Construction of Gabion Check-dams

HC refuses to quash Challan in case regarding misappropriation of Rs 35 lakh

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Srinagar Wing refused to quash a Challan presented by the Vigilance Organization (now ACB) in a much publicized misappropriation case of Rs 35 lakh for construction of Gabion Check-dams.

While dismissing the petition, Justice Sanjay Dhar observed that it is clear that it is not necessary that every participant in a criminal conspiracy should have knowledge of the part that is being played by other co-conspirators or that his participation should be from very inception of the conspiracy to its actual execution i.e. commission of actual offence. Contention of the counsel for the petitioners that the petitioners were disassociated from the entire process long before actual works were executed and payments were made to the beneficiaries and, as such, they cannot be booked for offence of criminal conspiracy, is without any merit, the Court observed.

The petitioners have challenged charge-sheet arising out of FIR No.25/2010 for offences under Sections 5(1)(c), 5(1)(d) read with Sections 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and Sections 120-B, 467, 468, 471, 409, 420 and

109 of RPC registered with Police Station, Vigilance Organization, Kashmir.

A Joint Surprise Check was conducted by officers/officials of Vigilance Organization, Kashmir; into allegations of abuse of official position by the officers/officials of Water Shed Management (LAWDA), Srinagar; regarding construction of Gabion Check-dams at Khimber Talqa Sangh Reshi, Srinagar. It was revealed during a joint surprise check that accused Mehraj-ud-din Shah, the then DFO, MA Chisti, the then DFO, Wiqar Ahmad JE, and others, under a well-knit conspiracy and in connivance with contractors, abused their official position and misappropriated lakhs in construction of Gabion Check-dam which was erected in shape of stone beds covered with crate wire for treatment of Sangh Reshi Nallah at Khimber Talqa Srinagar. Accused public servants including the petitioners herein had resorted to manipulation of records and misappropriated a sum of Rs 35.04 lakh. After investigation of the case, the aforesaid allegations were found established against as many as 17 persons, including 11 contractors and 06 public servants. The offences were also found established against petitioners as well.

BJP leadership has taken care of aspirations of citizens: Randhawa



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa during party's foundation day celebrations in Jammu.

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working day and night to make the people aware about the schemes initiated by the Central Government for them.

This was stated by Former Legislator and senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa while addressing the BJP leaders and workers during 42nd Foundation Day celebration of BJP.

On the occasion, the leaders and workers of BJP hoisted flags at roof tops of each and every house in Booth Number 190 of village Langar of Gandhi Nagar Assembly Segment.

"BJP leadership has taken care of the aspirations of country's citizens their empowerment, faster con-

nectivity, more jobs, better education and improved quality of life," he said, adding that the Good Governance model of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, encompasses these broad themes into simple take-aways which have the potential of transforming India in the near future.

"BJP is committed to India's unity and integrity, its intrinsic identity and the social strength", Randhawa said, adding that the party believes in the principle of "justice for all and appeasement of none", that why it attracted large masses into its fold and has become the world's largest party in terms of primary membership.

Former MLC said that various flagship schemes were launched by the Central Government led by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi including Ayushman Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJ-BY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, etc for the benefit of the common masses.

"Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of great Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the theme of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' and is committed for the overall development of the areas of Jammu", Randhawa said, adding that no ward will be deprived of basic amenities and development of every citizen is our main motto. He said that many projects are in pipeline for Jammu which will change the face of the city.

Among others present were Darshan Grover, Captain Jameet, Subash Sharma, Ajmer Chib, Prem Dass, Sapurn Lal, Som Dass Dogra, Ramesh Lal, Capt Bhajan Sandhu, Capt Joginder Paul, Sub Bhajan Lal, Bahadur Choudhary, Kuldeep Verma, Gagan Kumar, Mandeep Choudhary and Pawan Kumar.

Inter-Block Chess, Carrom tournaments conclude at Doda

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DODA: The final day of inter block tournament under the aegis of Sansad Khel Spardha, witnessed a series of U17 girls and boys Chess and Carrom competitions here at community hall Doda.

The matches and the competitions were officiated by the District Youth Services and Sports department, under the overall supervision of District Development Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma.

Today's event was inaugurated by the International Chess player and Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puruskar awardee Arushi Kotwal and DYSSO Doda.

While speaking on the

occasion, Arushi said that her achievements are the result of continuous struggle and her dedication to the sports. She advised the players not to get disheartened with the results and asked them to keep pushing themselves forward for a better future.

She also applauded the district administration for organising such a grand event to identify the local sports talent and hoped that such events would be held in future also to provide youth a platform to excel as a sportspersons.

DYSSO Jaffar Haider Sheikh informed that after the successful completion of the Panchayat level event under Sansad Khel Spardha

around 800 players were selected under different categories to compete at the block level which is going to culminate today. He said that local talent who have excelled at National and international platforms were nominated as brand ambassadors of this event which includes Mithun Manhas, Ace shooter Chain Singh and Chess Grandmaster Arushi Kotwal.

During today competition Nadeem and Sarfaraz of Marmat won gold and silver in single carrom event, whereas Sharik of Dali Udhyanpur won the bronze.

In chess girls of Bhaderwah, Khellani and Bhalla won the medals.

Dr Arya gets Best Research Poster award in North Zonal Convention

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JAMMU: Dr. Vivak Manohar Arya, scientist of SKUAST-Jammu got best research poster presentation award in first north zonal convention on Natural Farming: A National Priority for Human Health and Ecological Restoration organized by Agrivision. The convention was attended by more than five hundred delegates from across the country. Few of the eminent experts who had chaired different sessions of conference are Prof. J.P Sharma, VC, SKUAST-J, Prof. R.K. Sinha, VC, SMVDU, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, VC, SKUAST-Kashmir, Prof. N.S. Rathore, VC, MPUAT, Udaipur; Prof. B.R. Kamboj, VC, HAU, Hissar,



Dr. Arya receiving award from VC, SKUAST-J, Prof. J.P. Sharma and Dinesh Kulkarni.

Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, VC NEHU, Shillong, Prof. Bechan Lal, VC, Cluster University of Jammu, Dinesh Kulkarni, Padam Sri, Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, A.K Sood, CGM, NABARD, Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Central

University, Dharamshala, HLP, Gajendra Tomar, statutory officers of the University, Heads of Divisions, staff members. The two days convention was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The work presented by Dr. Arya and coauthors studied the use

of leaf color chart for real time nitrogen management. The scientific work revealed that with the use of LCC there is saving of 25 kg of urea in coarse variety of rice and 7 kg of urea in Basmati rice per hectare of land. Dr. Arya have cautioned farmers against using urea

excessively in paddy as it causes adverse effect on soil, crop quality and overall eco-system besides leading to pest and insect attacks. The leaf color chart (LCC) is an easy-to-use and inexpensive diagnostic tool for monitoring the relative greenness of a rice leaf as an indicator of the plant N status. Dr. Arya has been awarded with various best research paper awards and other distinguished awards by societies & organizations of national & international reputations. Dr. Arya is working with many prestigious universities, organizations and societies viz. DST, DBT, HESCO, ICAR, NABARD, PAU, HPKV, IGKV, MIDH, ISSS, IES, SCS, ANRCM & SKUAST-K.

Efforts on to make J&K top Golfing destination: LG

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated Golf Training Academy for students here and said his endeavour is to make the union territory one of the top golfing destinations of the country in coming days.

The administration has already established a Golf Academy at Kashmir Golf Course, Srinagar, to popularize golf among youth and students.

"And, now within a year, the first batch of 100 children is starting their basic training at Jammu Tawi Golf Course and after 15 days, Phase-2 of this training will commence. More students from government established schools in different districts would be provided golf training, the Lt Governor said.

The newly inaugurated Golf Academy at Jammu Tawi Golf Course aims to train the students and youth and to support them to turn into professional golfers so that the youth of J&K is able to showcase their talent in the professional domain, an official spokesman said.

He said the academy will run a program of continuous education for the general public including kids, adults, and amateur golfers, besides certifying the individuals participating in the program.

It will also be a training centre for the national and state-level players, the spokesman said.

The Lt Governor said international level golf courses have been built all over Jammu and Kashmir and it is our endeavor



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating Golf Training Academy in Jammu.

our that UT emerges as one of the top golfing destinations of the country in the coming days.

Sinha said J&K is a powerhouse of sporting talent and the UT administration is committed to provide both opportunities and resources to advance coaching.

He said the Golf Academy started at Jammu Tawi Golf Course is a symbol of that spirit. "The UT administration is making efforts to make this game inclusive and accessible to common masses."

Further, the Samasar Golf Course will also be revamped, he said.

Prime Minister has ended the decades-old practice of discrimination in J&K by establishing a citizen friendly, accountable and responsible governance system post August 2019. We are making relentless efforts to ensure every person in the society feels connected to the mainstream, the Lt Governor said.

He said in the last one year, appointments to 11,000 government posts have been made where youth, especially girls

Students back to school at Junior DPS

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JAMMU: April 6, 2022 marked the first day of Junior DPS (JDPS), Trikuta Nagar for students entering grades Pre-K and Kindergarten.

The students received the traditional welcome by the teachers followed by fun filled sessions for every child.

The well-planned day had story sessions, DIY crafts and tons of activities for every child.

The day even had friendly competitions for the child and staff ending with surprises for every child in return.

The first day looked exhausting but it was filled with lot of excitement for the kids who have returned to school after two years.



Jubilant students during first day of school.

Keeping in view the school ensured the appropriate COVID measures keeping in mind the health at priority of every child.

"We are entering the year with more options

and supports for students who are struggling in our schools and accelerated learning opportunities for students whose learning needs to be pushed," said Principal, Parinita Gupta.

Zaigham of DPS Jammu shines in national science conference

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JAMMU: Mohammed Zaigham Salaria, a student of class XII of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and his parents by becoming the youngest delegate to present his talk in a National Science Conference held on 31st March and 1st April, 2022 held in Kashmir on the topic "Endangered and rare medicinal plants of Pir Panjal Himalayas."

Dr. Owais Ahmed, District Development Commissioner, Bandipora and alumni DPS Jammu was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

Dr. Owais became nostalgic about school days at DPS Jammu as he watched Zaigham's presentation on 'Stalls of Lungs' during the drawing competition in which Zaigham participated additionally.

Experts from IIT Roorkee, Amity University, Kashmir University besides a number of intellectuals across the Kashmir division and Jammu province also participated in the conference.



DPS Jammu student Mohammed Zaigham Salaria.

Zaigham received huge appreciation for his outstanding presentation in the conference.

Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra applauded Zaigham and his proud parents for his excellent performance in the conference and blessed him for his future endeavours. President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro Vice Chairperson, Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi extended their best wishes to Zaigham and his parents.

YAIKS holds protest rally, demands adequate security for PM Package employees



YAIKS members staging protest in Jammu.

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JAMMU: To express resentment against ongoing scenario in Valley, a number of activists of Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj (YAIKS) held a protest rally under the leadership of its President, Pt R K Bhat and demanded adequate security PM Package employees working in Valley. Speaking on the occasion, Bhat expressed concern over disturbing situation in Kashmir which has posed a threat for minorities in general and PM package employees in particular; who are presently serving in Valley. "Under these circumstances the PM package employees are unable to live a normal life in Valley. No proper care has been taken of employees by those at the helm of affairs. Safety of these employees should be concern of J&K Government and their problems should be addressed immediately," he added. He further said that KP employees and their families presently putting up in Valley are living in an insecure environment due to prevailing situation and in case any untoward incident happens, the Central Government and UT administration would be responsible for the same.