

## Khour dominates in Inter-Zonal competitions on day-1



Participants posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Khour Zone dominated day-1 of District Level Inter-Zonal Under-14 and Under-17 boys competitions in the disciplines of Kabaddi, Volleyball, Khp-Kho, Tug of War and Chess, being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports District Jammu at Govt Higher Secondary School Domana, here.

In Kabaddi Under-17 boys, Khour defeated

Akhnoor by (28-23) and got the better of Miran Sahib by (39-25).

In other matches of Kabaddi Under-17 boys, Marh Zone beat Jammu and Satwari prevailed over Gandhi Nagar.

In Kabaddi Under-14 boys, Khour beat Chowki Chora, while RS Pura trounced Jammu and Miran Sahib in easy contests. In Volleyball Under-14 boys, Khour beat Bhalwal and Jammu

drubbed Miran Sahib, while in Kho-Kho Under-14 boys, Khour defeated Jammu and Arnia and RS Pura trounced Dansal. The competitions were inaugurated by Sukhdev Raj Sharma, District Youth Services and Sports Officer Jammu in the presence of Sarpanch Raipur Domana.

A total of 1120 athletes in both the age groups drawn from all 14 zones of District Jammu are taking part in the competitions.

## U-17 Talent Hunt Football tournament concludes

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BANDIPORA: The Under-17 Talent Hunt Football tournament organised jointly by District Administration and 3rd battalion CRPF concluded on Wednesday at SK Stadium Bandipora with Higher Secondary School Hajin lifting the title.

Higher Secondary School Hajin won the tournament by defeating High School Laharwapora by 2-1 in the final of Talent Hunt Football Competition.

The Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad was chief guest on the occasion.

Padma Shree awardee Faisal Ali Dar was also present on the occasion.

An official said eight teams participated in the tournament including a team from remote Gurez valley. The tournament was part of civil action programme and was kick started on Sunday by Rakesh Sharma Commandant 3rd Bn CRPF along with SSP Bandipora Mohammad Zahid.

Earlier 1st semi-final was played between Govt Secondary School Bagh and Govt High School Laharwapora that was won by Govt High School Laharwapora in penalty shootout. Second Semi-Final was played between Govt MHSS Kalooa and Govt ML HSS Hajin that also concluded in penalty shootout and was won by ML HSS Hajin.

The tournament attracted a large number of spectators.

While interacting with the sportsperson at the concluding ceremony, DC Bandipora lauded the

efforts of the organisers for organizing the tournament and also appreciated the players for taking part in sports activities.

He said the youngsters of Bandipora have showcased their talent at national and international level and brought laurels not only for the district but also for the country. He said honoring young and talented martial art coach Faisal Dar with Padma Shree was an acknowledgement by the country to the contribution of Bandipora youngsters in sports.

He said the district administration will provide every possible assistance to ensure sports activities are conducted at village level. He said sports grounds have been prepared at panchayat level by the rural development department for the

youth while sports items are being distributed by Department of Youth Services and Sports. He lauded the efforts of Army, Police and CRPF for lending a helping hand in this regard by providing sports kits to the youngsters besides organising sports activities in villages.

Commandant CRPF also spoke on the occasion and said they dreamed to enhance the capability of sports personal in making Bandipora skillful sports district.

He said the sports activities will help the youth to showcase their talent besides helping them to utilize their energy in positive direction.

He said sports activities will help youth to stay away from drug menace and other anti social activities.

## Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament concludes

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BHADARWAH: The inter School Zonal Level tournament for Under 14 and Under 17 boys and girls on Wednesday here at Government Higher Secondary School.

The tournament witnessed competitions in the disciplines of Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Badminton, Chess, Carrom and Athletics. The event was held under the overall supervision of ZEPD Bhaderwah Vijay Kotwal.

The under 14 Kabaddi final was won by Govt HS Nichala Thara Bhaderwah by defeating GMS Sartalgal, while the Kho-Kho final was won by GMS Sartalgal by defeating UPS Lanchan. The Winners of Carrom Double were Farhan Farid and Vikar Younis of GMS Chakka and the winner of Chess final was Ahmed Aqib of Radiant Academy Bhaderwah.

In Badminton final, Radiant Academy defeat GMS Gatha. In the U 17 volleyball Final, Government HSS Sartalgal defeated HS Manthala, while the Kabaddi final was won by HSS Sartalgal by beating GHS Bheja.

The Kho-Kho final was won by GHS Nichla Thara by defeating GHSS Sartalgal.

In Carrom Final Prince Kotwal defeated Aditya Kotwal, while in Chess final Akshay Kotwal beat Vishwajeet Kotwal

The matches were officiated by PEM, PETs, REKs and others.

## Dr Avtar Singh shares tips & tricks of arthroplasty during third ISRJR

### Eight robotic surgeries performed live



Orthopaedic Video Channel, the theme of the conference was 'Latest 3Ts in Arthroplasty: The emerging Techniques, Technologies and Tools, Their outcomes, benefits and user experience'. The conference featured eight robotic surgeries performed live. "The third ISSRJR brought all the robotic technologies existing across the globe on a single platform through eye-opening keynote lectures, didactic sessions, panel discussions, live surgeries, workshops,

meet the expert sessions and difficult case discussions, all conducted by well-known National and International faculties," said Dr Avtar Singh, who is also Co-Chairman, ISRJR.

Termining arthroplasty as a medical miracle that could help patients bounce back to their active and happy lifestyles, he added that the three 'Ts' form the most-effective combination with a surgeon's skills, the results of which can be amazing. Stating that a majority of these innovations, tools and techniques were already being used at Amandeep Hospital, he

reiterated his commitment to work for the constant upgradation of these for the benefit of the patients.

Dr Singh holds the distinction of being the first Punjabi surgeon in the world to perform Robotic Knee Replacement Surgery, the first robotics surgeon in North India, the first surgeon to perform more than 700 robotic knee replacement surgeries in the first year. He has performed more than 1.25 lakh successful orthopaedic surgeries in last 25 years and has an experience of over 18000 successful joint replacement surgeries.

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AMRITSAR: With several firsts to his credit in terms of Robotic Knee Replacement Surgery, Dr Avtar Singh, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement, Amandeep Hospital, shared the tips and tricks of arthroplasty during the third International Symposium on Robotic Joint Replacement (ISRJR) held at Pune.

Jointly organized by Lokmanya Hospitals, Pune, Maharashtra Orthopaedics Association, and OrthTV, an

## Shiv Sena releases 'Lakshy Ptr', will field candidates on all Assembly seats

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena while gearing up for the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir has decided to field its candidates on all the Assembly seats. This was informed by the party J&K unit chief Manish Sahni while releasing a 25-point "lakshy ptr" based on public aspirations as its election manifesto here today.

While addressing a press conference here today, the Shiv Sena Jammu & Kashmir unit Chief said under the call of party national president and Maharashtra Chief Minister Honorable Uddhav Thackeray and guidance of national secretary Anil Desai, Shiv Sena will perform like a lion in Jammu and Kashmir assembly, with the manifesto based on people's aspirations.



Shiv Sainik J&K unit Chief Manish Sahni and others releasing election manifesto.

Sahni said that during the party's campaign namely 'Shiv Sena Aap Ke Dwar', the party cadre assessed the aspirations received from the public and accordingly prepared its 25-point "lakshy ptr". He said that it include restoration of state status, free electricity and water supply, unemployment allowance to the educated youths, technical education center at tehsil level, better education and health facilities

to the people, representation of PoJK in the J&K Assembly and last but not the least the safe return of Kashmiri Hindus to the valley.

Manish Sahni lamented that Jammu and Kashmir has been craving for development, restoration of peace for the last several decades.

Even after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, the internal scenario has not changed the least. This is evident from the fact that in view of murky situation in Kashmir, big investors are hesitant to invest while corruption is at its peak with bureaucracy arbitrarily ruling the roost. He asserted that significant issues of people from general to the special ones continue to be conveniently ignored by the administration.

The Shiv Sena leader asserted that with the 25-point target set by it, the party will field its candidates for all the 90 Assembly seats in J&K, while continuing the 'Shiv Sena Aap Ke Dwar' campaign, all the district units have been instructed to take this 24-point goal set by the party to the people. Sahni asserted that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have tried all the political parties and now it is time for them to vote for Shiv Sena.

Deputy Director and News Head AIR/DD Ramesh Raina, Programme Head Doordarshan, Jammu Gautam Verma, Programme Head, AIR, Jammu, Rainu Raina, FPO Udhampur, Khurshed Yousuf, FPO Anantnag, Shahid Mohammad Lone. Officials and social media executives from Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Rajouri, Srinagar, Anantnag and Kangan also attended the Workshop. The workshop was moderated by Sheikh Mudassir Amin, Media & Communications Officer, PIB Jammu.

## PIB Jammu organises online workshop on 'Fake News & Fact Check'

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JAMMU: Press Information Bureau (PIB), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Jammu today organised an online workshop on 'Fake News and Fact Check' by involving various experts from media, Government and academics.

The workshop was organised for the officials of various media units of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

This included officials from Press Information Bureau Jammu, Regional Outreach

Bureau (J&K), Doordarshan Kendra Jammu and All India Radio Jammu. Neha Jalali, Joint Director, Press Information Bureau, Jammu while welcoming the participants said that this workshop is important from many aspects especially when fake news is growing in today's world and is constantly being written, permeating through broadcasts, internet sites and social media.

She said that media persons and Government officials had a special responsibility to present the facts and disseminate genuine content and be proactive in

identification of Fake news for which sensitisation and skill development is of utmost importance. Tarun Upadhyay, senior journalist while giving his address on 'Fake News & Journalism Ethics' said that the fake news undermines truth and has a potential for harmful consequences for Democracy.

Archana Kumari, Senior Assistant Professor, Central University of Jammu in her address on 'Techniques for Fact Checking of Fake News' threw light on the causes of generation of fake news. The workshop was also attended by

Deputy Director and News Head AIR/DD Ramesh Raina, Programme Head Doordarshan, Jammu Gautam Verma, Programme Head, AIR, Jammu, Rainu Raina, FPO Udhampur, Khurshed Yousuf, FPO Anantnag, Shahid Mohammad Lone. Officials and social media executives from Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur, Rajouri, Srinagar, Anantnag and Kangan also attended the Workshop. The workshop was moderated by Sheikh Mudassir Amin, Media & Communications Officer, PIB Jammu.

## VC BGSBU starts NSS activities in university campus



VC BGSBU, Prof. Akbar Masood and others during inaugural session of event.

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RAJOURI: Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University on Wednesday started National Service Scheme (NSS) activities in the campus by inaugurating one day event on Cyber Jagrookta Devas. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Akbar said that the aim of the NSS is to provide hands on experience to young students in delivering community service.

Prof. Akbar said that NSS will help in establishing meaningful linkages between campus and community and will go in the long way in helping the students to utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems. The Vice Chancellor said that this will provide a platform to the students to develop and deliver community service initiatives

and actively contribute in Nation building. In his address, Prof. Akbar focused in instilling the true values of NSS in the volunteers and encouraged the volunteers to keep on participating in more and more NSS events. Prof. Akbar thanked the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI for sanctioning four NSS units to the University and hoped that the University will achieve the set targets of the national

service scheme through active participation of students. The Vice Chancellor assured the the participants that finances shall not be constraints for the proposed NSS activities.

Dr. Parwez Abdullah, Programme Coordinator, delivered the welcome address. He highlighted various activities to be conducted under NSS during the forthcoming academic session. Dr. Jatinder Manhas, University of Jammu, Dr. Tasleem Arif, BGSBU and Tabas Mirza DIET Rajouri delivered presentations on the the theme. Those who were present on the occasion included, Prof. Iqbal Parwez, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Shams Kamal, Associate Dean, School of Languages, Heads of Various departments, faculty members and NSS Volunteers.

## JKMEF holds meet, urges medical employees to observe strike on May 24

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF), Govt Hospital Sarwal Jammu convened a meeting on Wednesday to discuss several long pending demands and expressing support to the call of Kaam Choro Hartal /strike on May 24, 2022. The meeting was chaired by Sushil Sudan, President JKMEF, Jammu who urged employees to observe Kaam Choro Hartal on May 24, 2022 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

During the meeting, the participants demanded holding of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPCs) for all categories of employees. They alleged that administrative department has

failed to frame rules for promotions of employees, which are pending for last four years.

"Several higher-grade posts are lying vacant in department from many years. Numerous employees have retired without getting their promotion benefits. Patients are also suffering due to shortage of staff in health institutions," they added.

Other demands and issues highlighted on the occasion included resolving all issues of Female Multipurpose Workers and other staff besides releasing their pending salaries, registering leftover Pharmacists under New Pharmacy Act 1948 Section 32-C, restoration of Old pension scheme

etc. On the occasion, an adhoc committee of JKMEF was also framed with Naveen Bhan as President, Ashiq Hussain as Vice President, Davinder Raina as General Secretary, Vishal Patil as Cashier, Santosh Sharma, Santosh Kumar, Sanjay Abrol, Liaqat Ali and Neetu Raina. Keeping patients care in view, the emergency services have been exempted from pre-view of strike, as federation believes in services to humanity while safeguarding rights of employees.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Prafulat Singh, Kamaljit Sawhney, Tajinder Singh, Davinder Raina, Naveen Bhan, Ashiq Hussain, and Santosh Kumar.

## ITBP launches plantation drive in Govt School Chushul



Officials of ITBP along with students and faculty during plantation drive.

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LEH: A plantation drive was carried out under 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav' by ITBP 47th Battalion at Government High School Chushul Leh. On the occasion Commandant Subhash Chandra Yadav was the Chief Guest while DC/GD, Mukesh Kumar, AR AC/GD,

Pankaj Sharma, AC/Engineer Sandeep Kumar and school children and teachers were present. About 300 fruitful and shady saplings were planted by the officers of the force, so that the residents of the area would get its benefits in future. Under this campaign, a target has been set by

the battalion to plant thousand saplings of different varieties in this monsoon season. On this occasion, Commandant Subhash Chandra Yadav urged the officers and villagers present to protect the environment and plant more and more trees and for the environment.

## JKTF deputation calls on DSEJ, highlights issues of drop-out teachers

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JAMMU: A deputation of Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) led by its Chairman, Ganesh Khajuria called on the Director School Education Jammu Ravi Shankar Sharma here on Wednesday and highlighted a number of long pending issues of aggrieved teachers and Masters, who were dropped out of promotion lists of Lecturers in 2019, and now in 2022 once again they were dropped out from the verification list for promotion. Khajuria urged the officer to consider

the case of aggrieved eligible teachers and Masters on priority before finalizing new promotion lists besides providing due retrospective benefits to them.

Others members of the deputation included Darshan Sharma, Ravinder Singh, Kuldeep Verma, P D Singh, Bharat Bushan Sharma, Kewal Krishan, Jai Krishan, Saudaghar Singh, Manpreet Singh, Sachin Amla, Jai Kumar, Amit Gupta, Vijay Kumar, Skula Bhat, Sujata Bhat, Jyoti Raina, Jaswinder Kaur and Poonam Sharma.

## Vaishno Devi Yatra on new routes suspended after forest fire

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JAMMU: The pilgrimage to Vaishno Devi shrine was suspended Wednesday from new Tarakote and Himkoti Marg routes following a forest fire. Shrine Board Chief Executive Anshul Garg said that fire started on Tuesday evening and decision to suspend Yatra on new tracks taken as a precautionary measure. Meanwhile, Yatra on traditional Ban Ganga-Adh Kunwari-Sanji Chat route is going on as usual, he added.

The battery car service between Adhkuwari-Shrine area via Himkoti Marg, too remained suspended during



People dousing fire in Katra forests.

the day. Garg said that shrine officials are supervising fire fighting operations and formal decision on reopening of these routes will be taken on Thursday morning.

In Rajouri district's Sunderbani area, a fire broke out in forests along the LoC from Kali Dhar area to Kalal and efforts were in progress to control the flames, sources said.