### Youth Services & Sports Conclave 2023

# JK unique with 94 Khelo India Centres, indoor stadia in every district: Sarmad Hafeez

UT home to best gymnasts, fencers: Secretary JK Sports Council

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JAMMU: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) ON Tuesday organised a one day Youth Services and Sports Conclave 2023 at Convention Centre in Jammu and Kashmir, with Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarmad Hafeez praised J&K for being the Union Territory regularly producing international standard players in fencing, gymnastics, roller skating, cricket and other sports. He also called for facilitating the interaction of such achievers with young children to encourage enhanced participation in sports, recommending that they be made mentors of school children.

Sarmad Hafeez exhorted upon the District Youth Services & Sports Officers to conduct interaction sessions in all schools including private institutions to develop a thriving sports culture and promote regular collaboration between institutions. He suggested instating steps like holding annual sports events in schools to achieve this.

Hafeez also called for a monthly progress report regarding activities conducted in districts to promote and conduct sports. He said that the department is well equipped with infrastructure including 94 Khelo India centres in J&K, at least one indoor stadium in each district besides a playfield in every panchay-

He emphasized the need for spread-



Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez presiding over Youth Services and Sports Conclave 2023.

sports can invigorate creativity and

enthusiasm in youth, help avoid drug

addictions, impart confidence and

improve mental health. He also sug-

gested the department to impart life

skills such as life saving and emer-

On the occasion, a presentation was

also given by DG YSS, Subhash C

Chibber through which he revealed

the department's achievements, its

planned activities and target of

increased participation in sports

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary

JK Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, said

that Jammu & Kashmir has made

remarkable strides in sports. Over

the years, the UT has hosted 22

national level events including the

Khelo India Winter Games and the

International Pencak Silat champi-

gency response skills

government under which 5 gazetted jobs besides numerous non-gazetted iobs have been earmarked for exceptional sportspersons of J&K.

Hafeez impressed upon the department to promote participation of women and older persons in sports activities, in line with the Chief Secretary's vision and to identify and promote native sports.

He emphasized the need to impart moral education among the students besides focusing on physical education. He asked the departmental staff to take innovative steps to encourage school children's participation in sports activities. He also congratulated all stakeholders for the increased participation in recent years.

Secretary assured stakeholders that there is no dearth of funds for promoting sports activities, noting that

Pertinently, about 25,000 children have represented the UT in 56 disciplines at the national level, winning 687 national level medals and 38 international level medals. Besides, J&K has produced some of the best fencers, gymnasts, Olympians and paralympians.

In the past two and a half years, the department has delivered 700 projects including 60 light stadiums across the UT and is currently working on nine Astro Turf projects.

Nuzhat Gul stressed on the need to cretae awareness regarding the broad contours of Jammu & Kashmir Sports Policy.

She called upon the DYSSO field staff to identify local talents, ensure fair selection of young sportspersons and identify niche talents of particular areas of the UT. She urged upon them to celebrate every local achiever and encourage them to hone their talents further

Those present at the event included Special Secretary, Naresh Kumar and Rakesh Mangotra; Director Economics & Statistics, Ashu Gupta: Additional Secretary YSS, Neelam Khajuria, Joint Director YSS Jammu, Suram Chand Sharma and Dy Director Central YSS, Jatinder Mishra besides other officers.

The event saw participation from various stakeholders including District Youth Services and Sports Officers, Zonal Physical Education Officers and Physical Education aca-

### Kyra of DPS Jammu excels in 2nd Indo-Nepal Int'l Taekwondo C'ship 2023

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DPS Jammu faculty felicitating

brought laurels to the school and her parents by winning 2nd position and a silver medal in 2nd Indo-Nepal International Taekwondo Championship 2023 organized by NEGI Taekwondo held at Chandigarh fromApril 29-30, 2023. She participated in Below 18 kg and Under-8 age category.

winner Kyra Thakyal. Principal-DPS

Jammu, Ruchi Chabra congratulated Kyra and her parents for the achievement. She also lauded the teacher incharge, Suresh Kumar. President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi

congratulated Kyra and extended their best wishes for her

### Arjun Puri qualifies Ph.D state times news

KATRA: Arjun Puri, son of Shakuntla Puri and Vijay Kumar Puri, resident

of

Trikuta Nagar Ext. Jammu, has been declared qualified for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in the school of computer science and Engineering (CSE) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU).

The candidate has worked title, Techniques for Handling class imbalance and missing values in datasets" under the supervision of Dr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Associate Professor School of Computer Science and Engineering, SMVDU.

# Jammu's Vanshika earned 47th rank in NDA

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JAMMU: Union Public Commission (UPSC) has announced the final result of the entrance exam for the National Defence Academy (NDA) and Naval Academy - UPSC NDA & NA Examination (1), 2023.

Vanshika Chaudhary, a resident of Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, has earned 47th rank in NDA, bringing honour to the region. She

region to join the armed forces by earning AIR 47. Describing Defense Wala as the catalyst for her suc-

cess, Vanshika Chowdhary says, "It was my childhood dream to join the Indian Armed Forces and serve the nation. My father's service in the Border Security Force (BSF) inspired me to step into this field. After taking boxing training at a young age, I aspired to join the National Defense Academy (NDA). However, till then

pare for the exam. After that my boxing coach told me about Defense Wala, which is an ideal platform for students preparing for defense related exams. During my preparation, I  $_{\mathrm{PW}}$ used Defense's resources

It also included preparation from the free batch named Shakti, which conducts mock tests, test series and marathons. I took guidance from the platform teacher Asim Sir and subscribed to Shaurya Batch for Defense preparation."

The formal vote of

thanks was proposed by

the Vice-Principal of the

school, Dr. Sarita Moza

Kaul. The seminar concluded with a group photo-

graph after the felicitation

of the guests and a lot of

## PSPS College Gandhi Nagar organises awareness programme on self employment



Principal of the College, Prof. Minu Mahajan speaking at an awareness programme.

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JAMMU: Department of Chemistry of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt, College for Women Gandhi Nagar, in collaboration with Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu, on Tuesday organised a one Day Awareness Program Employment.

Principal of the College, Prof. Minu Mahajan was the chief guest on the occasion.

Reva Khajuria, Employment CounsInformation Cum Advisory Bureau, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu was the guest of Honour. Prof Irvinder Kour. Head Department of Home Science was the special guest. Dr. Anjana Gupta, Head Department of Chemistry, formally welcomed the guests. Dr. Reva Khajuria talked

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JAMMU: Dr. Mandeep

Singh has become the National Cricket Academy

Afghanistan Cricket Board

He has signed the long

term consultancy service

contract with ACB. He has

Fellowship Diploma in

Sports Rehabilitation from

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Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with The Law

JAMMU:

for the students.

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about the importance of lifelong learning and its relevance in the life of students in particular.

Dr. Harleen, Assistant Professor of Department of Commerce, University of Jammu was the resource person. She apprised the students about self-employment and innovative ideas on starting business like freelancing, vlogging, beauty salon, candle making etc. She further talked at length about the modalities for registering start ups, various government schemes and flagship programs for setting up different levels of business.

Prof Minu Mahajan, in her address, appreciated the team for organising a wonderful session to highlight different avenues for self employment. She stressed on the relevance of such programs in today's fast changing world where it

J&K's Dr Mandeep appointed

as Physio for ACB

becomes more important to make the children self-reliant and self-sufficient.

Dr. Irvinder Kour, in her address, motivated the stakeholders to participate in such awareness programs as this will surely help them to achieve their goals in the later course of their lives.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Deepika Gupta, Associate Professor Department of

Other staff members from the Department of Chemistry present on the occasion were Dr. Indu Khajuria, Dr. Shally Chadha, Prof. Anju Bala, Prof. Sweety Verma, Prof. Aran Kumar, Prof. Malti Rajput, Sama Bashir and Shally Sharma.

The proceedings were conducted by Naeeya Gupta and Shreya both students of UG

He has been working as

Physio from last 13 years

and previously worked as

Sports Physio with U-19

Cooch Behar Trophy 2014

with JKCA affiliated with

BCCI and also served as

Physio in different sports

"I feel proud and happy

to represent my country

internationally by joining

the Afghanistan Cricket

Physio,

and events.

#### DIS Jammu holds capacity-building programme for teachers ■ STATE TIMES NEWS School International (DIS) Jammu catalogued Capacity-Building Seminar for the faculty members underthe patronage of their parent branch, DIS Dehradun. The seminar was aided

DIS Jammu faculty members posing for a photograph during a programme.

vative pedagogical prac-

in the convention. Principal of DIS Jammu,

the guests and acquainted them with various accomplishments of the school

take away being ensured by all 100 plus facilitators. Overall it was an enriching, enlightening, empowering and progressive experience for the faculty members ofInternational

since inception.

## India overtake Australia to become No. 1 Test side

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by the eminent and illustrious guest speaker from

Pathania. The program

focused on building the

capacity, enhancing the

life-skills, and empowering

Mahattattva,

DUBAI: India have overtaken Australia to regain the number one position in the ICC men's Test team rankings following the annual update that drops results from the 2019-20 season and reflects all series completed since May

India's rating points have moved up from 119 to 121 as their 2-0 defeat to New Zealand in March 2020 no longer figures in the rankings, which assesses series completed prior to May 2022 at 50 per cent and subsequent series at 100 per cent.

India were last at the top for a month in December

Australia have slipped from 122 to 116 rating points as their home series wins over Pakistan (2-0) and New Zealand (3-0) in 2019-20 no longer figure in the rankings, while their 4-0 win over England in 2021-22 has its weighting halved to 50 per cent. Australia, who take on India in the final of the TestWorld Championship 2023 at The Oval from June 7, were the top-ranked Test side since

2022. They grabbed the position with the 4-0 series win over England that helped them overtake New Zealand.

England remain in third position but the gap between them and the ond placed side is reduced from 13 to two rating points owing to some consistent performances in recent months as well as reduced weightage of their 4-0 Ashes defeat and a 1-0defeat in the West Indies.

The other rankings too remain unchanged though 10th-placed Zimbabwe have gained five rating points. Afghanistan and Ireland have yet to play enough Tests to earn a place in the rankings table.

In the men's T20I team rankings, India have consolidated their position at the top, increasing their lead over second-placed England from six to eight points. New Zealand have overtaken Pakistan and South Africa to third posi-

The annual update to the ODI team rankings will be carried out on May 10 after the ongoing Pakistan-New Zealand

# SP College organises intramural tournament in various sports activities

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SRINAGAR: The Physical Education Department of Sri Pratap (SP) College on Tuesday organized intramural tournament in various Sports activities at college campus here.

tournament was inaugurated by Principal, SP College, Prof. Gulam Jeelani Qurashi.

These sports activities will run throughout the year as per the college Sports calendar.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the tournament, the Principal urged upon the students to actively participate in sports activities as it helps individual much more than in the physical aspects alone. He added that it also



Principal SP College, Prof. Gulam Jeelani Qurashi inaugurating table tennis match.

builds character, teaches and develops strategic and analytical thinking, leadership skills, goal setting, and risk taking in an individual.

Sports Secretary CUS, Dr Khurshid Ahmad Parray delivered vote of thanks during the event, in which he stressed upon the

students to actively take part and utilize sports activities and sports infrastructure present in the college. The event was also attended by Prof. Shahid Ahmad Wani, Dr. Javid Hassan, Prof. Magray Aijaz, Prof Iliyas Lone, other staff of college and large number of students.

# Kohli vs Gambhir Old baggages lead to another round of 'juvenile' bust-up

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NEW DELHI: The ugly bust-up between Gautam Gambhir and Virat Kohli was quintessentially Delhi and waiting to happen.

Both don't believe in pulling punches and have been carrying their own baggages of mutual dislike for each other.

During their latest face-off, there was liberal use of the north Indian profanity which sounds similar to the name of English cricketer 'Ben Stokes'.

Opinions are divided among those who were present after the IPL game between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Lucknow Super Giants on Monday night, when the altercation took place between the two World Cupwinning players.

Some found it juvenile, a few others liked the spice and the idea of intense rivalry, while the firm believers of the 'Gentlemen's Game' thought it could have been avoided.

So what happened in Lucknow on Monday

An eyewitness, who was in one of the team dug-outs, gave a lowdown of events to PTI.

You saw on TV that Mayers and Virat were walking side by side for a few metres post match. Mayers asked Kohli why was he constantly abusing them and Virat, in turn, questioned why was he (Mayers) 'staring' at him? Before that (Amit) Mishra had complained to umpire about Virat constantly

abusing Naveen (ul-Haq), who is a No. 10 batter.

"Gautam, sensing that things could turn ugly, pulled Mayers and told him not to have a conversation, when Virat made a comment. The heated exchange that followed seemed a bit juvenile," he said.

"Gautam asked 'Kya bol raha hain bol' (What were you saying?) and Virat replied, 'Maine aapko kuch bola hi naahin, aap kyon ghus rahein ho' (Why are you coming in between when I haven't told you anything).

"Gautam responded, 'Tuney agar mere player ko bola hai, matlab tune meri family ko gaali diya hai. (You abused my player and that's like abusing my family) and Virat's reply was, 'Toh aap apne family ko sambhal ke rakhiye'. (Then you take care of your fam-

"Gambhir's final reply before they were separated was, 'Toh ab tu mujhe sikhayega...

(So now I have to learn from you...)." The eyewitness said that while it was tense and a blow away from turning into a free-for-

all, it all seemed a bit juvenile at both ends. It was a 'deja vu' moment for everyone who had seen the duo nearly come to blows in 2013, when Kolkata Knight Riders were playing Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Kohli was then the superstar-in-the-making and Gambhir, out of the Indian team, was a shrewd captain at KKR.

School (TLS), University of Jammu on Tuesday organized lecture-cum-interaction Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma.

Institution's

Teaching Associate, at the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EID), was the resource per-

The workshop began with a Welcome address by Prof. Manju Jamwal (Director



TLS JU faculty members with students during a lecture at Jammu on Tuesday.

TLS, JU), explained the motive behind the conduct of such a workshop.

Veenu Prof.

(President of IIC) was the Chairperson of the session and highlighted the benefits of such workshops.

Rakesh Vaid Prof. (Convener IIC) also shared his valuable thoughts. Dr. Harish Kumar and Dr.

Ripu Daman also attended the interaction. Dr. Bindu Sangra (IPR Activity Coordinator) organized the whole event.

Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, the key resource person for the workshop spoke about all aspects of IPR, Innovation, Entrepreneurship,

Dr. Vinod apprised the students of all the facilities provided by the Govt Through EID. The Workshop concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Aditya Mahajan.