

Secretary Sports Council reviews activity calendar for current year

Inspects ongoing sports tournaments in MA Stadium

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JAMMU: Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul reviewed the plan and preparations of various sports activities in the pipeline for the current year here at a meeting.

The Secretary was flanked by a team of engineers headed by Executive Engineer, CDK Jammu, Ashok Singh and Sports Officer of Jammu.

The Secretary visited High Performance Khelo India Centre of Excellence for Fencing, besides the M.A Stadium cricket ground where the cricket tournament for women is in progress.

The Secretary Sports Council met with female cricketers who expressed their gratitude to the government and Sports Council for providing the facilities to the cricketers.

While interacting with a group of cricketers, the Secretary Sports Council said that in the last few years the scenario of sports in J&K has



Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul posing with players and other dignitaries.

undergone tremendous transformation and has changed for good.

She also said that the government has taken many initiatives for the progress and prosperity of the athletes of J&K.

The Secretary also briefly interacted with the national and international champions, including fencers from Khelo India Centre of Excellence at Fencing Hall, M.A Stadium, Jammu. The interaction was followed by demonstration of fencing skills by the trainees of the centre which left the audience

spell bound. The Secretary appreciated the display of fine skills and termed the show exemplary and performers as the inspiration for youth.

The Secretary Sports Council also paid a visit to the newly inaugurated centre of excellence for Gymnastics and took stock of the functioning of the equipment besides appraisal of medicare and other health services being provided to the athletes at the newly established Physiotherapy Centre at the venue.

Earlier in the morning,

immediately upon reaching Jammu, the Secretary Sports Council chaired a meeting with the construction division, Jammu. The meeting was also attended by the Sports Officer Jammu along with managers and other staff members of Sports Council.

The Secretary sought the detailed report of the infra-structural works and progress report of the various sports activities in progress and advised the Jammu team to percolate the programmes under special activities to each block in the division.

Speaking on the occasion, Nuzhat Gul said that the union government is committed to raise the sports standards of all athletes and ensure inclusive growth for all, adding that the sports programs closely focus on improving people's ability to participate fully in the progressive sports.

The Secretary Sports Council also gave on the spot directions to equip sports halls, gymnasium, physiotherapy centre and office chambers with air conditioning facilities to battle the heat and increase the productivity of athlete welfare and friendly measures.

Meanwhile, the Secretary also visited the Wushu hall where she interacted with the athletes who were leaving for participation in the senior national championship to be held at Pune from 26th June. Speaking to athletes, Nuzhat Gul assured all the support for their training and learning process besides wishing them well for the championship.

J&K Police to hold Cycle Race ‘Pedal for Peace’ today



ADGP Armed J&K, S.J.M Geelani chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Saturday.

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SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Police is organizing Cycle Race-2023 "Pedal for Peace" in collaboration with J&K Cycling Association Srinagar at Lake View Police Golf Course Boulevard Srinagar on June 25, 2023 (Sunday) under its Civic Action Programme 2023-24.

The event is being held under the patronage of Dilbag Singh- DGP J&K.

S.J.M Geelani ADGP Armed J&K is the Chairman, while Shahid Mehraj DIG Armed Kashmir is the Organizing Secretary and Tahir Saleem-SSP Commandant JKAP-

5th Bn is the Nodal Officer.

To review the arrangements in connection with the successful conduct of the Mega Event, a preparatory meeting was held on Saturday at the venue which was chaired by Shahid Mehraj DIG Armed Kashmir, who directed all the officers for timely completion of their respective assignments related to the event.

During the meeting Kuldeep Handoo-DySP (Sports) APHQ gave detailed presentation viz-a viz the arrangements made on ground for successful conduct of the event and all the related arrangements

were discussed threadbare.

The meeting was also attended by all the designated Nodal Officers/ Chairman of the Sub-Committees and Associated Officials including Abdul Qayoom-IPS (DIG IR Kashmir), Suhail Munawar Mir (SSP Crime Branch Kashmir), Bakar Hussain Samoon-SSP (CO IR-23rdBn.), Mohammad Aslam SSP (CO JKAP 13thBn.), Abdul Hakim Munshi-SSP (CO IR-3rdBn.), Tahir Saleem-SSP (CO JKAP 9thBn.), Muneer Ahmad-SP (Dy.CO IR-20th), Feroz Ahmad-SP (APCR Kashmir), and Kuldeep Handoo-DYSP (Sports) APHQ J&K.

Sant Mela Singh College of Education organises yoga session, extension lecture



Resource person delivering and extension lecture.

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JAMMU: On the occasion of International Yoga Day, the NSS Unit of Sant Mela Singh College of Education conducted different yoga activities in the college campus wherein Principal, students and staff of the college participated.

Yoga experts demonstrated certain Asanas and Pranayamas to keep the mind and body fit and healthy.

NSS Unit of the College

also organised an Extension Lecture on the topic 'NEP 2020: Transforming India into a Global Knowledge Superpower' in the college. Programme started with the welcome address by Prof. Charanjeet Kour.

Resource person, Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Assistant Professor of Education, Govt. Degree College Jourian deliberated upon the various features of NEP 2020 related to School Education and Teacher

Education.

He highlighted that National Education Policy 2020 is a progressive and futuristic document aimed to transform Indian education by making it more inclusive, holistic, and multidisciplinary in nature.

He stated that the Policy strives to remove rigid boundaries and create new possibilities for students to choose and learn the subjects of their choice.

Dr. Kiran Luthra, Principal of the College, highlighted the importance of the topic and said that such kind of programmes serve as an effective platform to exchange information, ideas and experiences and enhance the academic ambience of the institution.

Programme was anchored and vote of thank was moved by NSS Programme officer Prof. Jasmeet Kour.

‘My Youth My Pride’ initiative is golden opportunity to showcase talent: Ashok Singh



Divisional Sports Officer J&K Sports Council Ashok Singh interacting with players.

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JAMMU: The Divisional Sports Officer J&K Sports Council Ashok Singh on Saturday emphasised the significance of the 'My Youth My Pride' initiative of Sports Council as an opportunity for youth of the UT J&K to reaffirm their advancement to overall development from grassroot level.

Speaking to athletes of different sports in a sports bonanza organised by J&K sports council at RS PURA the Border area of UT J&K, Divisional Sports Officer expressed concerns over the drug used and advised all soles to keep themselves away from these illicit trafficking by devoting at least 1 hour daily towards liking sports and games.

He further stressed that the Government initiatives proposed for society and for youth par-

ticular in calendar of activities a golden opportunity to showcase the true essence and talent to before Obtaining the berth in UT&JK team. In order to ensure seamless assistance, I called all my Officials/Staff and coaches to provide best coaching facilities and inductive atmosphere at all levels.

He urged all to actively contribute by lightening lamp of health awareness campaigns that needs to flame in each individual for wellbeing as the healthy society is the Nation's strength. Meanwhile the Basketball, Handball and Volleyball players were also inspired with valuable words expressed by officer during his visit at Shastri Nagar playing field Jammu.

Among others those graced the occasions were Managers, Coaches and staff included locals.

CUJ Swayam NPTEL Local Chapter rewarded 'A' Grade

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JAMMU: The Central University of Jammu (CUJ) Swayam-NPTEL Local Chapter has been awarded A Grade in the recently declared results of the online courses offered by Swayam NPTEL.

In addition to this achievement 17 students have been awarded Gold Medals, 86 students got Silver Medals and 232 students have achieved Elite Certifications in the recently declared results of the Session January- April 2023. On the basis of this performance, the Local Chapter of NPTEL Central University of Jammu has got this distinction, wherein 3 students have been ranked among top 1% , 2 students have been ranked among top 2% and 10 student among top 5 % across country.

The National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) is a joint venture of the IITs and IISc, funded by the Ministry of Education (MoE) Government of India, and was launched in 2003.

The Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain congratulated all the students and faculty for achieving this milestone and achieving 'A' Rating getting a grade as well as being listed among top 100 institutes across country.

Dr J N Baliya SPOC, Swayam NPTEL CUJ shared that about 13 students have been declared as Swayam NPTEL stars at National level namely, Harshita Sharma, Aman Sharma, Ayushi Sharma, Kannupriya, Mohd Daler Khan, Neha Bharti, Sakthivel M, Sidhant Shaurya Bharti and Lavanya. Dr Baliya has been invited for a Felicitation Ceremony at IIT Kanpur for receiving this recognition on coming 30th June.

EPFO organises outreach programmes at DPS Anantnag



Rizwan Uddin, PF Commissioner, J&K and Ladakh with others at a programme.

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ANANTNAG: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) J&K and Ladakh held awareness and outreach programme at DPS, Anantnag.

The Chief Guest, Jitendra Khare, Chief Vigilance Officer, while inaugurating the session, highlighted the key features of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 and Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976. Benefits under these two social security schemes are being extended to workers in J&K and Ladakh from November, 2019, he said.

Rizwan Uddin, PF Commissioner, J& K and Ladakh discussed features of these Schemes in detail. Nominee of an employee dying in harness (while being in employment) having been a member of Provident Fund for one year is entitled to a minimum of Rs 2.5 Lakhs of insurance, he said

adding that Maximum insurance under EDLI Scheme is Rs 7 lakh. EPFO is paying monthly pension to the families of employees met with accidents, a few months ago. Wife and of children of deceased employees are entitled to Pension. Wife would get Pension till her lifetime.

The workshop lasted for more than an hour, where Commissioner Rizwan listened to issues being faced by Establishments and Employees. Open session continued for more than half an hour. Abdul Rasheed Sofi and Sartaj Managing Committee Members of DPS, Anantnag were present in the workshop. Representatives of Islamic Era Public School, Iqbal Memorial Trust, St Peter's International Academy, Sheikh-ul-Alam Memorial Institute, Whiz Kids School, Army Goodwill Public School, Blossom Public School, Balmy School also participated in the Workshop.

Swami Vishweshwaranand Giri will receive Kailakh Sanskrit Ratna Award

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JAMMU: Shri Mahamandaleshwar Swami Shri Vishweshwaranand Giri Ji Maharaj will be awarded this year's "Kailakh Sanskrit Ratna Puraskar". He will be given this year honor for promoting Devvani Sanskrit.

This information was given by Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan Trust.

He told that in order to promote Devvani Sanskrit, trust started Kailakh Rattan Puraskar since 2017, Award was awarded every year to a scholar of Sanskrit for doing excellent work in the field of Devvani Sanskrit.

This year the Trust has decided to give this award to Sanskrit scholar Shri Mahamandaleshwar Swami Shri Vishweshwaranand Giri Ji Maharaj.

Shri Mahamandaleshwar Swami Shri Vishweshwaranand Giri Ji is the eleventh



President of Suratgiri Bangla, Haridwar and President of Sanyas Ashram Vile Parle Mumbai.

At the age of 18, Swamiji came to Sanyas Ashram for the first time as a celibate. On May 6, 1981, Swamiji took the direction of retirement.

Swamiji did his Vedantacharya from Sampurnanand Sanskrit University Varanasi and MA from Mumbai University.

On May 10, 1995, his guru Ji Brahmalin Mahamandaleshwar Shri Swami Brahmanand Giri Ji Maharaj handed over the responsibility of the ashram and honored him with the title of Mahamandaleshwar in the presence of Saint-Mahatmas. Shri Mahamandaleshwar Swami Shri Vishweshwaranand Giri Ji Maharaj will be honored soon by organizing a grand event in Jammu. Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha will be present in the program as the chief guest.

Rubaru Mr India 2023: Ved Mandir Committee urges J&K's people to vote of Ashish Gupta

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JAMMU: President Ved Mandir Committee Ambhalla Jammu, on Saturday appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to vote for Ashish Gupta, who has participated in Rubaru Mr. India 2023. Ashish Gupta hails from Jammu and is the first person to participate in Rubaru Mr. India, marking Jammu's debut and creating history.

In a statement, President Ved Mandir Committee said "I wanted to make a special appeal to all my people in J&K especially my Jammu people to vote for Ashish Gupta. Ashish is competing in Rubaru Mr. India 2023 and I want all of you to go out and vote for him. I want him to succeed and no matter what is the end result he is already a winner for all the Tpirasa people".



President Ved Mandir Committee urged the people of J&K to give their maximum support to Mithun and help him to win a title of Rubaru Mr. India 2023. Hailed from Jammu, Ashish Gupta is also a model, teacher, humanitarian and social activist, president said adding that he is associated with an NGO (Ved Mandir Bal Niketan) in Jammu that supports the underprivileged children and the less fortunate. Ashish teaches mathematics and computer science to the children in the orphanage along with supporting other members of the NGO.

Ashish describes this NGO as his family as he also received support from it during his childhood days and this motivated him to join the organization and support it in its

humanitarian and social initiatives.

Further, he added, "Ashish Gupta has already grabbed a place in the finalist of Rubaru Mr. India 2023, and your vote will help him to reach in top, he is the pride of Jammu, he is a leader and pride of youth".

Ashish Gupta also appealed to the Jammunites to vote for him by visiting Instagram ID: ashishguptaa8, Facebook: Ashish Gupta and open Instagram ID (1st like my voting pic and 2nd mention on your Comment box ashishguptaa8).

The voting which opened on June 18 will end by July 18, 2023.

Ashish urged the people of J&K to support and send their blessings to him in form of votes. He further added that Your votes will help me to win Rubaru Mr India 2023 title and making a proud moment for people of J&K.