

# JKTA conducts junior selection trails

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: J&K Taekwondo Association (JKTA) held Selection trails for 40th Junior National Kyorugi and 13th Junior National Poomsae Taekwondo Championships held at MA Stadium Jammu.

This selection was purely open for all the potential athletes of J&K UT.

The selected players will represent team J&K at 40th Junior National Kyorugi and 13th Junior National Poomsae Taekwondo Championships to be held at Shimoga, Karnataka.

Around 31 players participated from different districts throughout the UT.

Atul Pangotra (NIS qualified Coach) was appointed as Incharge by JKSC for the selection trials in order for a fair selection and the whole event took place at Indoor Complex, MA Stadium.

Krupali Singh (Arjun Awardee and Senior Gymnastics Coach) was appointed as observer by J&K Sports Council and the

## Veteran Cricket trials on June 30

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Veterans Cricket J&K (VAJK) shall conduct selection trials to shortlist players in 40+ category for the upcoming further trials at North Zone level to be held at New Delhi in September.

The VAJK trials shall be conducted at Green Belt Park Ground here on June 30 from 8 am onwards, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

At New Delhi Zonal trials the players shall be shortlisted for Veterans India team for the proposed 14-nation World Cup scheduled to be played in South Africa in March, 2024.

Those veteran veterans players interested to take part in the selection process have been advised to register themselves by tomorrow.

The trials shall be conducted under the supervision of executive members of the VJCK including Rajesh Gill, Haseeb Ur Rehman, RK Bhat, Avinash Kumar and Sudhir Singh. The organisers of the trials can be contacted on Mobile Nos. 7006085519 and 9797776688.

## GCW Parade organises poster making competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: NSS Units of Govt. College for Women (GCW), Parade Ground, Jammu organized a poster making competition on Wednesday on the topic "Say No to Drug Abuse" under the guidance of NSS programme officers of the college Dr Gurpreet Kour, Dr Mohd Majeed and Dr Pervaiz Ahmad.

The programme started with a formal welcome address by Dr Mohd Majeed, NSS Programme Officer of the College.

As a part of this programme, about 50 NSS Volunteers participated in the competition, gave strong message through poster making regarding drug abuse.

It was a step taken to spread awareness among the students regarding the fast spreading issue of drugs and it's misuse leading to various health challenges.

The Principal of the College, Dr S.P Sarswat lauded the efforts of participants and asked the students to refrain from drug abuse and asked the students to spread awareness among the communities regarding the fast spreading drug menace.

Priya Choudhary of Semester 4th was adjudged first, Maimoona Khalid was adjudged second and Shreya Anand of Semester 4th was adjudged third.

Principal of the college distributed certificates among the winners.

The programme ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr Gurpreet Kour, NSS Programme Officer of the College.



Young Junior Taekwondo team posing with observer of JKSC and officials after selection trails.

selection Committee was formed by J&K Taekwondo Association which was headed by Atul Pangotra, Convenor, Burhan Ud Din Khan (National Referee) Member, Rajinder Singh (National Referee) Member, Kushagra Sharma (International Player) Member and Achutam Dev Singh (International Player) Member. President Rajesh Pangotra and General Secretary, Ramesh Chander Sharma congratulated the selected players and thanks Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council Nuzhat Gul for supporting J&K Taekwondo Association and providing all the facilities.

Selection list for National Taekwondo Championships.

Junior Boys Under 45 Kg: Soham Sharma (Jammu); Under 48 Kg: Danish Bhagat (Jammu); Under 51 Kg: Akarshit Sudan (Poonch); Under 55 Kg: Kashif Iqbal (Doda); Under 59 Kg: Azad Ahmed Beigh (Budgam); Under 63 Kg: Vishvas Sudan

(Poonch); Under 68 Kg: Musadiq Qayoom (Srinagar); Under 73 kg: Suryansh Victor Sharma (Jammu); Under 78 Kg: Aryan Singh Chib (Jammu); Over 78 Kg: Sharwan Kotwal (Reasi).

Junior Girls Under 42 Kg: Laxmi Salaria (Jammu); Under 44 Kg: Khadija Ul Qubra (Doda); Under 46 Kg: Khalida Jabeen (Poonch); Under 49 Kg: Radha Sharma (Doda); Under 52 Kg: Manpreet Kour (Poonch); Under 55 kg: Sania Mumtaz (Doda); Under 59 Kg: Madhavi Chib (Jammu).

Junior Individual Male Poomsae: Soham Sharma (Jammu). Junior Individual Female Poomsae: Supriya Dogra (Jammu). Junior Pair Poomsae: Bhavya Rajput, Saksham Sharma.

Junior Boys Team Poomsae: Soham Sharma, Moomin Malik and Tahir Mushtaq.

Junior Girls Team Poomsae: Laxmi Salaria, Khadija Ul Qubra and Sadaf Rehman.

Special Coaching camp for all the selected players was

also started from tomorrow the camp is sponsored by Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council under the coaching of Atul Pangotra Taekwondo Coach.

## Jodhamal NCC Girl-Cadets bag first prize in All India Girls Trekking Expedition 2023

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Jodhamal NCC Girls contingent, representing 1st J&K Naval Unit and 1st J&K Girls Battalion NCC, comprising eight cadets participated in the 'All India Girls Trekking Expedition 2023' held at Palampur, Himachal Pradesh from June 17 to 24, 2023. Jodhamal Public School was the only School from Jammu to participate in this arduous exercise.

There were about 510 girl-cadets from 5 NCC Directorates participating in this intensive exercise.

In the Inter-Directorate Co-Curricular Activities,

# Vansh qualifies certificate course in Fencing

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: International fencer from J&K, Vansh Mahajan has successfully completed the six-week certificate course in Fencing from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) at NSNIS Patiala.

The coaching course in Fencing has been developed for coaches working with fencers, who require more tactical and technical input to continue to develop their game.

Meanwhile, president Vansh Sabre Sports Foundation, Dr. Anil Padha said, "Ace fencer, Vansh Mahajan has achieved yet another milestone.



International fencer from J&K, Vansh Mahajan receiving a certificate.

The course he has completed is based on a modular approach with a combination of theoretical and practical content."

Important to mention here that Vansh has represented the country in World University Games held at Napoli, Italy; World Fencing Championship at Verona, Italy; World Cup at Sochi, Russia, Junior and Cadet Commonwealth Fencing Championship at Cape Town, South Africa as also a number of open international event.

Vansh has also authored a book titled 'The Medal Standard', sharing his experiences.



NCC cadets of Jodhamal Public School among others posing with officers.

the J&K and Ladakh Directorate stood overall first. Following cadets from Jodhamal Public School achieved accolades in various Co-Curricular Events: Praanya Puri and Gurasees Kour Raina were

adjudged Best in Dance whereas Sabgun Kour was declared as the Best Anchor of the Event.

In the Individual Essay Writing Competition, the Jodhamal Student: Praanya Puri stood overall

First. The Jodhamal Girls who participated in the All India Girls Trekking Expedition 2023 were Cdt Arumina Singh, Cdt Praanya Puri, Cdt Gurasees Kour Raina, Cdt Srishti Sharma, Cdt

Vamika Choudhary, Cdt Lavanya Gupta, Cdt Sabgun Kour and Cdt Adfar Haroon Naik. They were escorted by the School's NCC Officer Poonam Sarmal, and mentored by the NCC Officers Poonam Sarmal and Kusum.

Nandan Kuthiala, Trustee, Arati Kuthiala, Director, Girish Kumar, Principal and Shefali Sanwal, Vice Principal congratulated the students on their successful completion of the Trekking Expedition and stupendous display of School's culture in various competitions organized by the NCC.



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## MESSAGE

I am delighted to note the occasion of the 17<sup>th</sup> Statistics Day commemorates the birth anniversary of the distinguished Late Prof. P.C Mahalanobis, the founder of Indian Statistical Institute and pioneer in anthropometric studies. Prof. Mahalanobis has been considered the Father of Statistics in India. This day provides us with an opportunity to recognize the crucial role of statistics in shaping our developmental trajectory and to reflect upon our collective efforts towards achieving sustainable development.

The chosen theme for this year's Statistics Day, "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals," emphasizes the need for synchronization our UT level statistical systems with those at the National level. It underscores the significance of robust data in monitoring the progress of our region and aligning our developmental aspirations with the broader national agenda.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have emerged as a global roadmap for promoting economic prosperity, social inclusivity, and environmental sustainability. To effectively address the challenges faced by UT of Jammu and Kashmir, it is imperative that our statistical framework aligns seamlessly with the National Indicator Framework. This alignment will enable us to track our progress accurately, identify areas that require special attention, and channel our efforts towards achieving the SDGs in a targeted and effective manner.

On this significant occasion, I encourage all citizens especially the statistical fraternity, researchers, planners, policy makers and students to actively participate in the events and programs organized to mark the 17<sup>th</sup> Statistics Day. Engaging in discussions, workshops, and seminars will deepen our understanding of the State Indicator Framework and its alignment with the national framework. It will foster a culture of collaboration, enabling us to share best practices, explore innovative solutions, and forge partnerships to address the unique developmental challenges of our state.

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It gives me immense pleasure that Department of Planning Development & Monitoring Department is celebrating the 17<sup>th</sup> Statistics Day commemorating the birth anniversary of the esteemed Late Prof. P.C Mahalanobis considered as the Father of Statistics in India. The increasing demand for more and better statistics has brought to the front position the importance of statistics as a strategic resource for national and international development. Statistics are now recognized internationally as part of the enabling environment for the development.

The role of statistics in national development is very critical. Statistics is a pathfinder for solution as well as a veritable tool in assessing the extent or level of national development of a country in a given period. Also, this is an essential ingredient for formulation of sound economic development policies, by which the decision making and development plans of the government becomes concentric.

The theme for this year's Statistics Day, "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals," is emphasizing the requirement for alignment of UT level statistical systems with that of national data ecosystem. It underlines the importance of harmonizing our efforts to ensure a comprehensive and integrated approach towards achieving sustainable development goals. This alignment will enable us to accurately measure our achievements, identify gaps, and chart a course of action that is aligned with the national agenda.

Today we reaffirm our dedication towards the legacy of Prof. P.C Mahalanobis, and disseminate the awareness about statistical knowledge among general public and its power to drive sustainable development. Together, let us work towards aligning our UT Indicator Framework with the National Indicator Framework, fostering a data-driven approach that will pave the way for inclusive and equitable growth in Jammu and Kashmir.

I congratulate the statistical fraternity on the Statistics Day and wish them to follow the statistical path laid by Prof. Mahalanobis for the overall development of the UT in alignment with the national agenda.

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I am glad to be informed that the 17th Statistics Day, a day dedicated to honouring the remarkable contributions of the late Prof. P.C Mahalanobis to the field of statistics is being celebrated all over the UT of J&K. This day serves as a reminder of the pivotal role that statistics play in shaping our developmental policies and strategies.

This year, we are celebrating the Statistics Day under the theme "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals." The theme highlights the importance of harmonizing our UT level statistical systems with the national framework, thereby ensuring the seamless integration of our efforts in monitoring the progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) underlining the requirement of an integrated statistical framework for whole country for achieving the targeted goals of national agenda.

As we strive to build a prosperous future for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, aligning our UT Indicator Framework with the National Indicator Framework is of paramount importance. This alignment will provide us with a comprehensive and standardized approach to measuring and evaluating our progress across various sectors. It will enable us to identify key challenges, devise targeted interventions, and steer our efforts towards achieving the SDGs effectively.

On this occasion, I encourage the planners, statistical fraternity, researchers, and students to actively participate in the events and activities organized to mark the 17th Statistics Day. These platforms offer an opportunity to engage in insightful discussions, share best practices, and exchange ideas on aligning our statistical systems effectively. By collaborating and leveraging our collective knowledge and expertise, we can foster an environment that nurtures innovation and drives sustainable development.

As we pay homage to Prof. P.C Mahalanobis considered as Father of Statistics in India, let us recommit ourselves to the principles he championed, the pursuit of knowledge, the power of data, and the importance of statistics in shaping a prosperous future.

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As we approach the 17<sup>th</sup> Statistics Day, it gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings and share my thoughts on this significant occasion. On the birth anniversary of the esteemed Late Prof. P.C Mahalanobis, we commemorate his pioneering contributions to the field of statistics and reaffirm our commitment to advancing statistical knowledge and practices.

The theme for the 17<sup>th</sup> Statistics Day: "Alignment of State Indicator Framework with National Indicator Framework for Monitoring Sustainable Development Goals." The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to address various economic, social, and environmental challenges faced by nations worldwide. They provide a comprehensive roadmap towards sustainable development, requiring the collective efforts of governments, civil society, and statistical agencies like ours.

Aligning the State/UT Indicator Framework with the National Indicator Framework for monitoring the SDGs is of paramount importance. It ensures that our UT-level statistics seamlessly integrate with the national data ecosystem, allowing us to comprehensively assess progress, identify gaps, and effectively plan and implement policies to achieve the SDGs.

The UT Indicator Framework serves as a vital tool for monitoring and evaluating the development trajectory of UT of Jammu and Kashmir. By aligning it with the National Indicator Framework, we enhance the synergy between national and UT-level statistical systems, facilitating better coordination, data comparability, and reporting. This alignment will foster a holistic approach to sustainable development, enabling us to address the specific challenges and leverage the unique opportunities of the UT.

On this occasion, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all the dedicated statisticians, researchers, data collectors, and analysts who tirelessly work towards generating high-quality statistics that inform evidence-based policymaking. Contributions are invaluable in measuring the progress of our UT, identifying areas that require attention, and formulating effective strategies to achieve the SDGs.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to advancing statistical knowledge and promoting the use of robust data in decision-making processes. Together, let us strive to align our UT's statistical framework with the national framework to effectively monitor the progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

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