22nd Asian U-20 women's Volleyball Championship

Kuldip Magotra to represent Indian team as Manager

JAMMU: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK), Kuldip Magotra appointed been Manager of the Indian Under-20 women team heading for 22nd Asian Championship to be held in China from July 1 to 9,

The appointment has been made by the adhoc committee of the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) considering the experience of administrator from J&K.

Meanwhile, VAJKthanked the adhoc committee of VFI led by Chairman, Rohit Rajpal, who is also an Executive Council Member IOA, and Alankanda Ashok, Joint IOA and Secretary, Member of adhoc committee of VFI.

Kuldip Magotra, former member of J&K State Sports Council, has also been honoured by VFI earlier in various capacities to represent India Technical delegate in 1986 in the 5th Asian Junior Volleyball Championship

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NEW DELHI: Defending

champions India will open

their campaign against

arch-rivals Pakistan on

July 19 in the Women's

T20 Asia Cup to be held in

The top eight teams of

the continent will partici-

pate in the tournament

from July 19 till July 28.

Unlike last time, this

year the eight teams have

been divided into two

Dambulla, Sri Lanka.



Bangkok (Thailand), as Manager in 7th Asian Senior Volleyball Men Championship at Seoul (South Korea) in 1989, in SAF Games held at Kathmandu (Nepal) in 1999, in International Volleyball popularly known as 'Rashid Gold Cup Championship at Dubai in Indian Junior Women Volleyball team in Asian Junior Vollevball Women Championship being held at Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam from September 12 to 20, 2010, in 18th Narsultan Nazar Bayen CupPresident's International Men's Volleyball Tournament at Amity (Kazakhstan) in August 2011, in 18th Asian Senior Men's Volleyball

India to play Pakistan in Women's

T20 Asia Cup opener on July 19

UAE and Nepal are placed

in Group A, while Sri

Thailand and Malaysia are

According to the updated

schedule released by the

Asian Cricket Council

(ACC), after Pakistan,

India will take on UAE on

July 21, followed by the

match against Nepal on

The top two teams from

each group will qualify for

Lanka,

July 23.

groups. India Pakistan, the semifinals to be held

in Group B.

Bangladesh,

August 2015 and AVC Cup Volleyball Men Championship at Thailand

Besides aforesaid achievements, Kuldip Magotra, an awardee of J&K State Sher-e-Kashmir Gold Medal in the year 1987, also nominated as Competition Director in Khelo India School Games (KISG) volleyball event at Delhi in 2018,

Magotra's vast experience in hosting four National Championships i.e. Sub-Junior in 2008, two Juniors in 1990 and 2022, Senior in 1995 J&K State as 'Organising Secretary' has been recognized by Sports fraternity" as well as Volleyball Federation of The India. Volleyball Association of J&K has complimented Kuldip Magotra on his selection this International assignment and wished the Indian Volleyball team for best

Magotra left today for New Delhi for onward journey with the team to China on June 29, 2024.

on July 26 while the final

Besides India, Pakistan,

UAE, Nepal, hosts Sri

Lanka and Bangladesh,

Thailand and Malaysia are

the other participating

team of match officials.

teams.

is scheduled for July 28.

Youth are catalysts of change, says LG Sinha

SONAMARG: Describing youth as the catalysts of change, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said they have made the Scouts & Guides movement a powerful source of strength and resilience for future generations and shaping a better future for society as a whole.

Addressing J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides' UT-level Camporee at International Youth Hostel, Sonamarg, the Lt Governor urged all the Scouts & Guides to dream, set new goals and relentlessly pursue it.

"You are the future leaders and change-makers. Your energy, creativity, and determination will propel the journey of growth of Jammu



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha felicitating the Rajva Puraskar awardee Bharat Scouts & Guides, Rovers and Rangers at Sonamarg.

Kashmir. Embrace every opportunity to learn, lead, and serve with distinction, the Lt Governor said. He highlighted the exem-

plary contribution of Scouts

and Guides in nation-build-

"Our Scouts and Guides are epitome of selfless service, discipline, dedication and leadership. They are a living example of value of unity in diversity and working diligently for equity and inclusion in the society" the Lt

The Lt Governor lauded the

Governor said.

Scouts and Guides for their commitment and dedication towards community services and strengthening the Scouts

& Guides movement in Jammu Kashmir. The Lt Governor also felicitated the Rajya Puraskar awardee Bharat Scouts &

Guides, Rovers and Rangers. On the occasion, Scouts and Guides from different regions also shared their learning and experience in the camp.

Shyambir, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal; Subash Chander Chhibber, Director, Youth Services & Sports; Gulshan Ara, Joint Administrative Bharat Scouts & Guides, senior officials, Guide Captains, Instructors, Scouts and

Guides were present.

Spartan Kashmir beats Outlaws Club in Syed Maqsood Volleyball C'ship

Such tournaments encourage youth to channelize energy in better way, says Rameez Tariq



Chief Guest, Rameez Tariq posing for a photograph with teams and organizers.

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GANDERBAL: Spartan Kashmir outplayed Outlaws Club by 3-1 sets in the fourth match of the ongoing Syed Maqsood Volleyball Championship, organized Syed Volleyball Magsood Association, Kurhama Ganderbal, here.

For his splendid and out-The tournament will once again feature an all-female standing performance, Danish (Danu) declared as Player of the India are the most successful team with seven Match. Additionally, Javaid, title wins in the Asia Cup, Junaid Umar which has been played in (Setter), and the Libero

dously Kashmir's victory with their outstanding game.

From Outlaws Club Faheem and Dar Taweel Romaan Hameed were highlighted for their excellent performance, showcasing a nice and great game.

Rameez Tariq, a FIVB level 1 and 2 coach from Poonch, was the chief guest on the occasion who congratulated Spartan Kashmir for their well-deserved win.

"It was a memorable match with standout per-

formances from individual players and teams, showcasing the passion and skill in volleyball," he said and appreciated the efforts of organisers for organising the championship efficiently

tournament "Such encourage youth to stay away from drugs, negative influence, bad company and to channelize their energy in better way,' Rameez Tariq said

He also honoured Danish (Danu) by presenting him and Player of the Match

IGNOU launches new programmes in Home Science, Fashion Design, **Psychology, Special Education**

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JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has launched new programmes in Management, Science, Fashion Psychology and Special Education from the ongoing July 2024 admission

The newly launched programmes include MBAABM-Master Business Administration (Agribusiness MBACN-Management), Business Administration (Construction Management) MBALS-Master Business Administration (Logistics & Supply Chain Management), MBAHCHM-Master Business Administration (Health Care and Hospital Management), MSCHSC- M. Sc. (Home Science -Community Development and Extension Management), DFDR-Diploma (Fashion Design and Retail), PGDR-PC-Post Graduate Diploma (Rehabilitation Psychology), CESEIHI-Certificate (Early Childhood Special Education

Enabling Inclusion - Hearing Impairment), CESEIVI-Certificate (Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion Impairment), CESEIID-Certificate (Early Childhood Special Education Enabling Inclusion -Intellectual Disability. Admissions are open twice a

year, in the July and January admission cycles, through the official SAMARTH portal of IGNOU https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in the link of which is available on the National website of IGNOU www.ignou.ac.in. The last date for the ongoing July 2024 admission session has been fixed for June 30, 2024. In a press statement, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu, Dr. Jai Prakash Verma stated that all these programmes have been designed to address the emerging demand from the Social, Industrial and other allied sectors keeping in mind the enhancement in

career prospects and employ-

ability of learners.

IIM Jammu hosts Interactive Session with Dr Gurdeep Raina

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JAMMU: The Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Director, Jammu, organized an interactive session for students, Ph.D. scholars, and incubates at its Jagti Campus on

The session was conducted by Dr. Gurdeep Singh Raina, of Business, Department of Management Marketing, The University of Texas Permian Basin.

The session began with a formal introduction, where MBA students, Ph.D. scholars, and incubates shared their career aspirations.

During his address to the MBA students, Dr. Gurdeep Singh Raina, Assistant Professor, College of Business, Department of Management Marketing, The University of Texas

IIM Jammu faculty presenting memento to Dr. Gurdeep Singh Raina, Assistant Professor Permian Basin, emphasized research the importance of being spe-

with current affairs, understanding business competition, and recognizing disparities across generations and genders. He highlighted that human

cific in life, asking questions,

accumulation of knowledge.

networking, staying updated

development is influenced by both nature and nurture. In his address to the Ph.D.

students, he discussed right-

practices, research methodology, and the challenges faced by Ph.D. scholars in their first

He provided advice on presenting research papers effectively to avoid rejections and discussed the concept of social premium.

Addressing the incubates at the Centre for Innovation. Entrepreneurship, and Skill Development, IIM Jammuhe spoke about the specific chal-

such as positioning, value chain analysis, identifying gaps, offering solution-oriented business approaches, segment identification, and the importance of field expe-Muqbil Burhan,

Chairperson, Centre for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Skill Development, IIM Jammu, provided an overview of the

lenges faced by entrepre-

neurs. He covered topics

centre's activities and welcomed Dr. Gurdeep Singh Raina to IIM Jammu. As a token of appreciation, Dr. Muqbil Burhan presented a memento to Dr. Gurdeep Singh Raina on this momentous occasion

Present on the occasion were Dr. Anand Kumar S, Assistant Professor, IIT Jammau, Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Innovation Officer, Entrepreneurship, and Skill Development, IIM Jammu, Karunakaran, Consultant at the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, IIM Jammu, along with other officers and staff of the Institute.

With such interactive sessions, IIM Jammu is committed to fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment that nurtures future leaders, innovative researchers, and successful entrepreneurs.

10 days training on AI Solutions for Plant Disease, Pest Diagnosis and Management begin at SKUAST-J

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JAMMU: Under the guidance of Prof. BN Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, ten-day training on 'Artificial Intelligence Solutions for Plant Disease and Pest Diagnosis and Management' begin at Division of Microbiology, FBSc, SKUAST-Jammu for the students of various faculties of the university to improvise their skill and knowledge. Prof. SEH Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Basic Science, SKUAST-Jammu was the chief guest at the inaugural function of this training programme which is being organized under the ambit of NAHEP-IDP

Speaking on the occasion, Dr.Rizvi congratulated members of the organising committee and participants on a successful selection of training course on Artificial Intelligence, providing platform to young students that help them learn new and emerging concepts. He highlighted the importance of AI in agriculture and stressed upon the increasing the water use efficiency, nutrient use efficiency and ultimate input use efficiency and disease and Pest diagnosis using AI based technologies. Dr Rizvi further empha-

sized about precision agriculture and said that this innovation in agriculture technology uses big data to aid management decisions, enabling farmers to control crop yield variables like moisture level, soil condition, and microclimates to maximize output. Earlier, Dr Vikas Sharma, Nodal Officer NAHEP-IDP and Course convener welcomed the guests and participating students. Dr Brajeshwar Singh, Professor and Head Division of Microbiology and Organising Secretary of the training presented a detailed report about the ten days programme. He also informed that about 42 students have registered in this training from across the faculties.

Dr Manish Sharma, Head Statistics and Computer Sciences Dr Sanjay Gularia, Professor Bio chemistry Dr Gurudey Chand, Head Plant Physiology, Dr Sandeep Chopra, Head Vegetable Science, Dr Moni Gupta, Head, Biochemistry, Dr Upma Dutta, Assistant Professor, Microbiology and Dr BK Sinha, Professor Plant Physiology were present during the inaugural session. The proceedings of the inaugural function were conducted by Dr Anil Bhushan, Professor, Vegetable Science & Co-Coordinator of the training pro-

National Conference on NEP-2020 begins at GCOE implementing NEP-2020. He deliberated on

SRINAGAR: The Govt. College of Education (GCoE) M.A. Road Srinagar on Tuesday hosted a two-day National Conference on the theme "NEP 2020: Innovative Pedagogical Approaches and Evaluation Reforms in Higher Education.

The conference was inaugurated by a renowned educationist and innovator, Prof. Dinesh Singh, Chairperson of JK Higher Education Council. Dignitaries from across the country participated in the conference, which, among others, included Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Kashmir; Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor Jammu University; Prof. Manisha Priyam from National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi; Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Ashai, Director of Colleges, J&K; Prof (Dr) Wilayat Rizvi, Registrar Cluster University; Prof (Dr) Syed Nazir Simnani, Principal GDC Bemina; Prof (Dr) Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi Principal SP College and other Faculty members deputed from various colleges and research scholars across J&K also attended the conference. The academicians from Delhi University, TISS Mumbai, Jammu University and Jamia Millia Islamia were also present in the inaugural session. The Chief Guest, Prof. Dinesh Singh, highlighted the real meaning of education in his address saving that true education is when you start hearing the inner drumbeat and march in tune with it. Giving examples of Gandhi, Kabir, Einstein, Mendel, and Milton he also shed light on the importance of deep sprited activities in education. Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Vice-Chancellor Central University of Kashmir, highlighted in his special address the fact that the UT of J&K is at the forefront of kev areas of NEP-2020, such as learner-centric education, inclusiveness in education, holistic approaches in education, designing your degree, and the academic bank of credits. Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor Jammu University, also spoke on the occasion, emphasizing that education must not be confined to the four walls of the classroom but must be connect with real life. Prof. (Dr.) Yasmeen Ashai. Director of Colleges. JK Higher Education, and Patron of the conference, elucidated on the theme NEP-2020: Key Issues, such as Multidisciplinary Education, Designing Your Degree, Multiple Entry and Exit Options, Courses on Indian Knowledge, and ICT in Higher Education. Prof. Manisha Priyam from NIEPA spoke on the theme of NEP-2020 operationalization from a national perspective. In her speech, she highlighted key areas of NEP-2020, such as pedagogical approaches and evaluation reforms, breaking disciplinary boundaries, comparing AI and the human mind, open book exams, and creating a knowledge society. Earlier, the Principal of host college, Prof. Seema Naz welcomed the guests. She presented a brief profile of the institution and highlighted the achievements of the college. She brought to focus the accomplishments of the institution in teaching-learning, innovations, internships, and infrastructure upgradation.

The conference will culminate on June 26 2024, wherein paper presenters across J&K will present their papers on various themes of the conference, such as integrating innovative pedagogical approaches in teaching and learning in higher education, multimode teaching in higher education, and assessment and evaluation in higher education.

Inter-School Zonal Level competition 2024 concludes at Kishtwar

among school students, encour-

aging them to participate in

healthy and constructive activi-

ties. The competitions included

various sports such as athletics,

football, volleyball, badminton,

and more, providing a compre-

hensive platform for students to

The District Youth Services

and Sports Officer Jaffer

Haider Sheikh Kishtwar

expressed sincere gratitude to

the key individuals and teams

whose dedication and hard

work were instrumental in the

success of this event. Special

thanks were extended to the

(ZPEOs), (PEMs), (PETs),

showcase their talents.



A kabaddi match in progress.

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KISHTWAR: Department of Youth Services & Sports, Kishtwar, proudly announces the successful conclusion of the Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions held at various zones across the district. This significant event, which culminated today, brought together young athletes from numerous schools to compete in a range of sports, demonstrating their skills, determination, and sportsman-

The Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions aimed to promote physical education and sports Their unwavering commitment ensured the smooth organization and execution of the competitions, from planning and coordination to on-the-ground management. competitions were

(REKs), (GMs), and (NYCs).

marked by a high level of competition, with students striving to achieve their best while adhering to principles of fair play and respect. Beyond competition, the event provided an opportunity for students to develop their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship, contributing to their overall personal

"We are incredibly proud of the successful conclusion of the Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions. The dedication and hard work of our ZPEOs, PEMs, PETs, REKs, GMs, and NYCs have been exemplary, and their efforts have made this event a grand success. We are committed to nurturing the talents of our youth and providing them with the opportunities they need to shine, said the DYSSO Kishtwar.

JKBOTE receives high volume of queries as admission deadline June 29 approaches



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JAMMU: With the last date to apply for admission to three-year diploma courses fast approaching on June 29, 2024, the JK Board of Technical Education (JKBOTE) has witnessed a significant surge in queries from aspiring students. The Deputy Registrar's office at Jammu on Tuesday was flooded with inquiries, which were promptly addressed by Registrar Er Kuldeep Singh Bhatia, Deputy Registrar Reeta, and Avinash Abrol, under the direction of Er Shaista Shamim, Secretary, JKBOTE. To facilitate the applicants, a single-window system was established, enabling the team to efficiently process and verify application forms on the spot. The Board is committed to ensuring a seamless admission process for all candidates. "We are pleased to see such a high level of interest in our diploma courses," said Er Kuldeep Singh Bhatia, Registrar, JK Board of Technical Education. "To date, we have received an unprecedented more than 5,000 applications, a testament to the growing popularity of our programs. Our IT team, headed by Er. Suhail Hussain, Deputy Registrar at Srinagar, along with Abid Nazir wani and Shabab Gul Hamid, is working diligently to address all queries and ensure a smooth and hassle-free admission process for all applicants." Aspirants are urged to submit their applications before the deadline of June 29, 2024, to secure their spot in the coveted diploma programs.