

Kabaddi teams leave for Youth Nationals



J&K Kabaddi teams posing with dignitaries and officials before leaving for Nationals.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Kabaddi teams on Thursday left for participation in the Ist Youth National Kabaddi Championship which will be held at Haridwar in Uttarakhand from June 28 to July 1, 2025. The teams were given a warm send off by Additional Registrar Cooperative Societies, J&K, Bal Krishan, who was chief

guest on the occasion.

The chief guest also presented sports kits to both boys and girls teams as also the officials accompanying them. He was all praise for the J&K Kabaddi Players Cooperative Society for encouraging the young talent and extending them a helping hand.

"Both boys and girls teams have been sponsored by the J&K Kabaddi Players Cooperative Society

Limited for maiden participation in the Youth Nationals under the aegis of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), informed general secretary of the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association, Kuldeep Kumar Gupta.

In the meanwhile, the JKSC conducted screening of the teams in the presence of office bearers of the Association.

Among other prominent

present were Anil Modi (treasurer), S. S. Gill (technical director), Inderjeet Sharma, Sanjeet Kumar, Ajay Gupta (Incharge Kabaddi Stadium), Ajit Singh, Manik Sharma, Mohd Amin and Nisha Rani.

In the meantime, president of the Association, Anil Gupta conveyed his wishes to the teams and officials for improved performance. In his message, Anil Gupta

said that team winning a medal at the upcoming event shall be rewarded with a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000 and a grand reception party.

The Teams:

BOYS: Ankush Chib, Aditya Thappa, Adarsh Sharma, Vansh Kumar, Yasir Bashir, Danish Aliwaza, Kashif Altaf, Kunal Banotra, Bhupindar Singh, Aryan Sharma, Hamid Javid, Shaan Karamat Aijaz, Vishal Kumar and Manik Atri. Coach: Ajit Singh. Manager: Mohd. Yaqoob.

GIRLS: Sonakshi Khajuria, Jyoti Devi, Eva, Samiksha Anand, Sukriti Sharma, Sehrish Rashid, Naysa Singh, Sunaina Gulzar, Pari, Saniya Jan, Saika Tabasum, Abreena Jan, Subrana Qayoom and Janvi Seyal. Coach: Nisha Rani. Manager: Archana Koushal.

Pledge taking ceremony organised in GDC Mahanpur

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MAHANPUR: In connection with the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, 2025, Pledge taking ceremony was organised at GDC Mahanpur by NSS unit of the college. It was organised by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS P.O. under the overall supervision

of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan. The International Day against Drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking or World Drug Day, is marked on June 26 every year to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug.

The Principal of the College along with all the staff members, teaching as well as non-teaching took the Pledge against drug



abuse and illicit trafficking. In her Address, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan has not only advised everyone to be aware of ill effects of drugs and their negative impact on the overall health and development but also motivated the students to become a volunteer against the drugs in the society.

The Pledge was conducted by Monika Sharma, NSS Volunteer.

The main motive of the

programme was to bring awareness against the drug abuse and illicit trafficking to the young generation of the country.

The programme ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS Programme Officer, GDC Mahanpur. The faculty members who were present on the occasion were Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Prof. Nisha, Dr.Sapna Devi and Prof. Binti Sharma.

District Magistrate Open Rugby Championship 2025 kicks off at Poonch



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal interacting with players.

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POONCH: The District Magistrate open Rugby Championship 2025 began on Thursday at the Sports Stadium in Poonch, marking a significant step towards promotion of sports culture in the region.

Organized by the District Administration Poonch in collaboration with the District Youth Services and Sports Office (DYSSO) Poonch, the championship aims to encourage sportsmanship, physical fitness, and youth engagement through the awe-inspiring and strategic rugby sport. The championship was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, who attended the opening ceremony as the chief guest. In his inaugural address, the Deputy Commissioner commended the initia-

tive and urged young athletes to embrace the spirit of fair play, unity and determination. He also highlighted the crucial role of such sports events in instilling discipline, leadership, and teamwork among the youth. Teams from across different regions of the district are competing in the tournament, reflecting the growing interest of youth in rugby at the grassroots level. The opening day witnessed a series of exhilarating matches, with players demonstrating impressive skills and competitive spirit, much to the delight of the spectators.

The tournament will continue in the coming days with knockout rounds and the grand finale, providing a platform to identify and nurture local talent for opportunities at higher levels of competition.

GDC Kunjwani observes International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

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JAMMU: Nasha Mukht Committee and NSS Unit of GDC Kunjwani observed International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by organizing a series of impactful activities.

The event aimed at raising awareness among the students about the growing menace of substance abuse and promoting healthy and addiction free life. The event was organized under the leadership of Prof. Baljinder Kour, Principal of the College.

The eventful day commenced with the essay writing competition on the theme "Drug Abuse and Its Effects on Families and Society". Students from different streams enthusiastically participated, presenting their thoughts and perspectives on the theme while calling for a collective action to curb the menace.

Following the competition an Awareness Lecture was delivered by Harnam Singh, a retired Headmaster and a senior citizen of Mansarovar



Colony.

In his informative and thought-provoking lecture, he talked about the psychological, physical and social con-

sequences of drug addiction. Students actively engaged in the meaningful discussion and also raised relevant questions about the preventions and rehabilitation of the drug users.

In a show of solidarity and public engagement, an Awareness Rally was also organized in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau -Jammu Zonal Unit. Students, faculty and members of the Narcotics Control Bureau actively participated in the rally carrying placards and chanting slogans to encourage the community to stay away from drugs. The rally sent a strong message about the youth's commitment to a drug free future.

The program concluded with a pledge taking ceremony where all the participants vowed to stay away from drugs and contribute to building a healthier society.

Earlier, Principal lauded the faculty's efforts in organizing this impactful event. She also emphasized the crucial role of awareness in preventing substance among youth.

33 candidates shortlisted to attend JKCA's historic Umpires Clinics under Anil Chaudhary, Vikas Dalal

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JAMMU: Thirty three candidates drawn from across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir

and Ladakh have been shortlisted to attend the historic Umpires Clinics of Jammu and Kashmir Association (JKCA) to be held under the supervision of ICC Panel Umpire Anil Chaudhary and Vikas Dalal at Jammu and Srinagar separately from June 28, 2025.

The Clinic at Jammu in which 17 candidates have been shortlisted will commence on June 28 at JKCA Hostel Ground and will conclude with an exam on July 2, 2025, while the Clinic at Srinagar to be attended by 16 shortlisted candi-

dates will get underway on July 4 and will conclude with an exam on July 8, 2025.

Anil Chaudhary, Ex International Umpire/IPL Umpire has the honour of being the only Indian Umpire to do Asia Cup Final -2022 in United Arab Emirates (UAE), besides having the distinction of being the Umpire with a maximum number of games (226) in the Indian Premier League (IPL), apart from having the experience of 12 Test Matches, 27 ODI Matches, World Cup, Asia Cup and Afghanistan Premier League (APL), while Vikas Dalal got inducted into the BCCI National Panel of

Umpires in 2022 after securing All India Rank-1 in BCCI Umpires Exam 2022, besides having an experience of 86 BCCI Games and officiating in the Final of inaugural edition of Delhi Premier League 2024, apart from being the resource person along with other senior BCCI faculties in Umpiring Seminars in DDCA for the last 3 years. JKCA had last conducted Umpires Clinic in 2008-09, and it is after 16 long years, the Clinic is being conducted again, however, it is historic because this time the Clinic is being conducted at both the Headquarters of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association in

Jammu and Srinagar.

Sapna Jamwal will be the Clinic Coordinator at Jammu, while Umar Ahmed Wani will do the same job at Srinagar.

"The induction of more qualified Umpires in the cricketing system at home will surely strengthen the system at the grass-root level," asserted Brig Anil Gupta, Member Administration JKCA.

Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development JKCA said that the Umpires Clinic under the overall supervision of Anil Chaudhary, ICC's Umpire of great repute, will provide platform for aspirants to achieve perfection.

District Admin Rajouri scales up preparedness for monsoon season

DC issues directives for public safety

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RAJOURI: In view of the ongoing monsoon season and the advisory of inclement weather, Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting in his office chamber to review the preparedness of the district administration for any eventualities arising due to heavy rains, flash floods, and landslides.

To ensure public safety, the Deputy Commissioner directed that no movement shall be allowed towards picnic spots such as waterfalls, rivers, nallahs, and other water bodies during this period. He further instructed that necessary steps be taken to shift people residing near vulnerable water bodies to safer locations to prevent any loss of life or property.

Highlighting the need for prompt response in case of road blockages, DC Rajouri instructed to keep the requisite machinery in a state of readiness on the National Highway and other key roads for immediate road clearance. He directed the BRO, PWD, and PMGSY to augment pre-



DC Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma chairing a meeting at Rajouri on Thursday.

paredness for the maintenance and swift restoration of the roads, besides identifying alternate routes.

In view of possible medical emergencies, the DC directed the Health Department to ensure adequate availability of essential medicines in all hospitals, includ-

ing anti-snake venom, to tackle any health contingencies that may arise due to floods or snake bites.

To strengthen coordination and ensure round-the-clock monitoring, the Deputy Commissioner instructed all ADCs, ACR, and SDMs to establish control rooms at tehsil and sub-division levels

and maintain close coordination with the district-level control room already set up in the DC Office. He also directed them to liaise with local police and security agencies in their jurisdictions for timely response and rescue operations.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of effective communication and instructed that alerts and advisories be disseminated through public representatives, Numberdars, Chowkidars, and other grassroots-level functionaries to keep the public informed and vigilant.

The meeting was attended by SSP Gaurav Sikarwar; ADC Chander Prakash; SE PWD; SE Irrigation and other district and sectoral officers who participated in the meeting through virtual mode.

The District Administration Rajouri has urged the public to strictly adhere to safety advisories and avoid unnecessary movement in flood-prone areas during the ongoing monsoon season.

DDC member distributes cricket kits, encourages youth to embrace sports

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AKHNOOR: Senior BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Suresh Sharma on Thursday distributed cricket kits to youngsters from Chowki and Choura panchayats in Block Chowki Choura.

This initiative was part of his earlier commitment to use his DDC fund for youth development through sports infrastructure. While addressing the gathering, Sharma said, "Sports are a powerful medium to shape the future of our youth. They promote discipline, teamwork, and resilience while keeping youngsters away from negative influences like drugs and crime."

He encouraged youth to take active part in sports and stay united in rejecting social evils and Channel your energy in the right direction"

The youth present at the event expressed gratitude for the support and vision



DDC member, Suresh Sharma and others during a programme.

of Suresh Sharma. Moreover, Suresh Sharma also inaugurated the 'Shine Eye Care Clinic' in Chowki Choura.

Congratulating the clinic's proprietor Kewal Kumar and his family, he called the initiative a "much-needed health service" for the area and praised their commitment to public welfare.

The event was graced by

several prominent figures including BJP Mandal President Ashok Kumar Sharma, former sarpanches Ramesh Lal and Ravi Kumar, Vyapar Mandal President Baldev Singh, as well as local leaders Rakesh Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Sunil Sharma, Shankar Das, departmental officials, and respected members of the community.