

Indian senior women's team creates history by winning silver medal in 3rd AVC Challenge Cup

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THAILAND: The Indian Senior Women Volleyball Team created history by securing silver medal for the first time in a Princes Cup 3rd AVC Women's Challenge Cup held at Nakhon Pathom, Thailand from June 24 to 30, 2022.

Thailand survived a huge scare from India to beat the tough rivals in hard-fought five-set thriller 3-2 (23-25, 25-12, 25-22, 18-25, 15-13) in their final clash of the Princess Cup 3rd AVC Women's Challenge Cup at Nakhon Pathom Sports Centre Gymnasium at Thailand.

The opening set turned out to be a hotly-contested battle when both Thailand and India gave it all-out in their last clash to determine the eventual winners.

Amazingly, throughout the thrilling set, the gap between



Indian Senior Women's Volleyball Team receiving runner-up trophy at 3rd AVC Women's Challenge Cup.

the two sides was not more than 2 points.

Powerful Anushree K.P, Captain Nirmal, Soorya played fantastic volleyball in this nail biting thriller. Saranya declared Best Universal, Jini K.S Best Setter and Aswathi D. adjudged Best Libero of the 3rd AVC Cup.

All credit goes to Indian women players who fought

well throughout this event by securing second position and silver medal.

Member Parliament Kandhamal and President, Volleyball Federation of India, Prof. (Dr) Achyuta Samanta congratulated all the Members of the Indian women team and Head Coach, Pritam Singh Chauhan, Vaishali Phadtare and Manager Vijaypal Singh

for this creditable performance of Indian women's team.

Indian Team Head Coach Pritam Singh Chauhan and all the players thanked Prof. Achyuta Samanta, President Volleyball Federation of India (VFI), MP Kandhamal & Founder KIIT & KISS for providing all facilities for preparation of Indian Team at KIIT

University Campus.

They also expressed gratitude to former Secretary General VFI and international volleyball player, Ramavtar Singh Jakhar under whose supervision and guidance volleyball has gained a lot of ground in India as well at international level.

With hard work of Ramavtar Singh Jakhar, volleyball gain popularity in all the region of the country as one of its most played games.

Meanwhile, Patron-in-Chief Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja, president Sidharth Daluja, Chief Executive Officer Kuldeep Magotra and other office bearers also congratulated the Indian women team for their silver medal achievements in the prestigious championship and extending their good wishes.

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JU's Summer State Showdown Basketball event concludes



Basketball teams posing with dignitaries at JU.

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The competition held on league cum knockout basis among 32 teams, including seven in women section.

Added in Tokyo Olympic in the year 2020, 3x3 basketball is a variation of basketball game which consists of four players in each team (three players on court) for duration on 10 minutes with the aim to score points by putting the ball in the opponent's basket. This new vari-

ation of basketball is adopted and played all over the country.

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Rajouri Judo meet on July 5

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JAMMU: District Rajouri Judo Association under the aegis of Judo Association of Jammu and Kashmir shall hold district championship at Sports Stadium, Rajouri on July 5.

The competition shall be held in Sub-Junior, Junior, Cadet and Senior categories. Those eligible players can contact Yasmeen Kousar (district incharge) along with Aadhar Card to confirm their entries and participation in the event, a handout issued here on Thursday informed.

DYSS headless for 45 days

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JAMMU: The only Government run sports department of Directorate of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) is headless for one and half months leading to many important works have been held up awaiting administrative approval.

The top post of the Director in the Department fell vacant after Gazanaffar Ali attained the age of superannuation in April last. Gazanaffar Ali remained the office for six months after he took over from his predecessor, Dr Saleem-ur-Rehman.

Important to mention here that the DYSS has been entrusted with the job to build sports infrastructure in J&K, including those important and costly projects of hockey and football turfs as also synthetic athletic tracks.

The District Youth Services and Sports Officer, while sharing his views with the participants, highlighted the importance of games and conveyed his good wishes to the participants for exhibiting discipline during the course of the programme.

The winners were appreciated and the average performers were encouraged. The matches were played under the close guidance of Ram Saroop Bhandari, PEM and overall incharge of the tournament.

During the tournament, the matches were played by following all the Covid SOPs and the result of matches were announced by the conveners on the same day.

In Kho-Kho (U14 Girls), Zone Inderwar was declared winner, while in Kho-Kho (U19 Girls), Zone Paddar was declared qualified.

In the Kabaddi (U19 Girls), Zone Kishtwar won the final and in Tug of War U19, zone Kishtwar was declared qualified.

Shaheed Mehran Memorial tournament concludes at Agsi

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REASI: Shaheed Mehran Memorial tournament concluded on Thursday here at Agsi.

The tournament was organised by Shabir Ahmed Gehdarmat with active coordination of Sub-District Administration Mahore, JKP Mahore, ZEPO Mahore and PRIs of Block Gulabgarh.

In the final match MCC Bagga batted first and scored 209 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in the allotted 20 overs in response to which RCC Lad could manage to score just 150 for the loss of 8 wickets in the allotted overs.

SDM Mahore, Mazahir Hussain Shah, participated as Chief Guest and SDPO Mahore, Chhabail Singh Bhau was guest of honour.

ZEPO Mahore, Doctor Amjad Bhat from CHC Mahore and other officials, besides a huge gathering of locals, PRIs and students

ceremony was held in which prizes were presented among the players, Umpires and other associated officials.

It is pertinent to mention here that the winner team of the tournament was awarded with a trophy and cash prize of Rs 25000 and runner up team bagged a cash prize of Rs 15000, besides Player of the match and Players of the tournament were also suitably rewarded.

Locals also demanded permission to organise another tournament and a cultural event at Agsi after monsoons to which SDM Mahore agreed in principle.