Bandipora Volleyball Association body elected



Newly elected office bearers of Bandipora District Association posing with observers of VAJK.

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BANDIPORA: Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) conducted the election of at Forest Association Training Centre, here on

Voting for electing dis-

trict-body office bearers was held under the supervision of Kuldip Magotra CEO of VAJK as a Returning officer along with observers Ramesh Sharma Treasurer and Mohd Tariq Joint Secretary dents and secretaries of 11 affiliated volleyball clubs of the district were present.

In the elections, Padma Shri Fasil Ali Dar was elected as President while Arsalan Habib as Secretary of the Bandipora District Volleyball Association for the next 4 years from 2023 to 2027.

officer bearers Other elected include Peerzada (Treasurer), Muneer Jamsheed Ahmed Bhat, Sajad Ahmad Dar and Muneer Ahmed Pintu (Joint Secretaries) and Dilawar Ahmed (Assistant Secretary).

On behalf of the Volleyball Association of J&K, Kuldip Magotra congratulated the newly elected Bandipora District Volleyball

Son loses, father in pre-quarters of Snooker

JAMMU: Experience count in cue game of Billiards and Snooker after son lost and father advanced to the round three of pre-quarterfinals in the senior Snooker event of the ongoing



A player in action at District Jammu Billiards and Snooker Championship.

District Jammu Billiards and Snooker Championship at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here on Sunday. Playing in the same event of district championship, Devansh made his debut

while father, Vishal Abrol has long list of achievements to his credit at the J&K level. Further, Advocate by profession, Vishal headed the J&K Billiards and Snooker

Association as General

Secretary. Besides, Vishal

Abrol, Nikhil Kapahi and Ishuk Choudhary have made it to the pre-quarterfinals stages of the competition. The district championship is being organized by Billiards and Snooker Association J&K under the aegis of J&K Sports Council. The Results: 2nd Round: Gagan Raina bt Akash Gupta 3-1; Abhishek Goswami bt Devansh Abrol 3-0; Abdul bt Rishab 3-0; Moni Sharma bt Nitin Sharma 3-1; Abhishek Pathania bt Gurpreet Singh 3-0; Vishal Abrol bt Ishan 3-1; Ishuk Choudhary bt Vikrant 3-1; Nikhil Kapahi bt Varun Sethi 3-1; Ishan Choudhary bt Jassi 3-0.

21-days Summer Volleyball Coaching Camp begins at Bagnoti



Chief Guest, Sangeeta Sharma, DDC Seri posing with Hurricane Volleyball Club Bagnoti members and participating players.

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RAJOURI: Organised by Hurricane Volleyball Club Bagnoti under the aegis of District Rajouri Volleyball Association, 21-days Summer Volleyball Coaching Camp began at GMS Bagnoti in district Rajouri.

The camp is being organised under the guidance of Bharat Bhushan PET and Sachin Sharma under the supervision of District Rajouri Volleyball Association Incharge Mohd Tariq. The camp was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Sangeeta Sharma, DDC Seri. She

appreciated the role of Hurricane Volleyball Club and Rajouri District Volleyball Association and also encouraged young talent. The main motive of the coaching camp is to uplift the volleyball game and save the budding players from the drugs, organizers said.

Among others present were Retired AMO O.P Parkash, Ishar Dass, Om Parkash Master, Pardeep Sudan PEM, Manmohan Sharma, Rajinder Kumar PET, Kunden Sudan, Rajat Sudan, Bhupinder Sharma, Gulshan Kumar

Dir F&ES reviews Fire Safety arrangements for Amarnathji Yatra



Director F&ES, Alok Kumar during visit to yatra base camps of Pahalgam.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: In order to review the Fire Safety arrangements for ongoing Shri AmarnathJi Yatra-2023, Director Fire and Service Emergency (F&ES), Alok Kumar on Sunday held an extensive two days tour to all yatra base camps of Pahalgam Axis like Pantha Chowk, Mir Bazar, Nunwan, Mamal Helipad and Chandanwari.

During the tour, the Director assessed arrangecamp to ensure proper fire safety cover to yatris. He expressed satisfaction over the arrangements and the preparedness of the Firemen deployed in these camps to meet any exigency and appreciated arrangements made by other stake holders for smooth pilgrimage of devotees.

various officers and other staff during the tour, the Director emphasised on importance smooth facilita-

IIM Jammu performs Hawan to

commence new academic session

staff members and stu-

The Hawan was per-

formed by the priests from

the Lord Balaji Temple,

Jammu. The Institute will

also be holding a holistic 5-

Programme for the 4th

Batch of Ph.D. (2023-26),

8th Batch of MBA (2023-

25), the 3rd Batch of

EMBA (2023-25), and the

(HA&HM) (2023-25) from

July 24 to 31, 2023 at its

state-of-the-art permanent

Batch of MBA

Orientation

dents of IIM Jammu.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu and

others at Hawan ceremony.

impressed upon them to be more vigilant and alert for prompt and efficient response to any emergency call. During the visit, the Director was apprised by the camp Directors and officers from different security agencies about the various arrangements made

Officer, F&ES Anantnag and other officers of the tion of holy yatra and department during the tour.

campus at Jagti, Jammu.

B.S.

mentioned "Hawan" is the

best way to start the new

academic session, as

"Hawan Yajnas" are the

symbol of hope and opti-

He added that perform-

Institute before the com-

mencement of the academ-

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and auspicious atmos-

He expressed his happi-

ness and conveved his good

wishes for moving from

Transit Campus to the

Permanent Campus at

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean

Academics, IIM Jammu

mentioned that the begin-

ning of a new session is

always an auspicious time.

Prof. Sahay served food

to all the construction

manpower working on the

permanent campus con-

struction site at Jagti.

"Hawan"

IIM Jammu,

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Vidyamandir Classes celebrates 'Udhgosh 2023' ■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Vidvamandir Classes, the renowned coaching institute known for shaping young minds, hosted a spectacular celebration of "Udhgosh 2023" at police auditorium, here on Sunday. The event witnessed an exceptional turnout of students, parents, and digni-

VMC management members presenting memento to Div Com Jammu Ramesh Kumar.

extravaganza Vidyamandir Classes, aims to inspire and motivate students to reach new heights in their academic journey.

The event marked a significant milestone as several students from Vidvamandir Classes achieved outstanding success in various competitive exams.

During the event, the felicitated students shared their personal journeys and offered words of inspiration to their peers.

They emphasized the importance of perseverance,

Start-ups, Innovation; T&P and NEP-2020 major Thrusts

dedication, and the unwavering support of their teachers and parents. Their stories instilled a sense of motivation and determination among the audience.

The celebrations commenced with a grand inaugural ceremony, where Chief Guest Ramesh Kumar delivered an uplifting speech, encouraging the students to persevere and excel in their academic pursuits.

Harvinder Singh shared his insights and experiences, emphasizing the significance of quality education and dedication in achieving success. His inspiring words resonated with the audience, leaving a lasting impact on the students.

Shaheen commending Vidyamandir Classes' commitment to empowering the youth through education. She highlighted the importance of education in building a strong and prosperous society.

Brij Mohan Gupta motivated the students with his enriched knowledge and expreince. His words of wisdom and encouragement have left an indelible mark on all the parents and Students,

Amit Langar, Director, Vidyamandir Jammu, expressed their delight, stating, "Udhgosh is a celebration of our students' aspirations and dreams. We are honored to have such esteemed dignitaries with us today, supporting our efforts to provide quality education to the youth of Jammu.'

VC CUJ chairs 16th Academic Council meeting

Congress has regularly for the safe and secure compromised interest of While interacting with yatra. its state units: BJP The Director was accompanied by Command STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Congress has "regularly" compromised the interest of its state units and reduced itself to "a bunch of people" running around Rahul Gandhi to keep him relevant, the BJP charged on Sunday after the opposition party came out in support of AAP on Delhi ordinance issue.

taries.

Commissioner

Additional

Guests.

with Harvinder

Ramesh Kumar, graced the

occasion as the Chief Guest.

Commissioner, as the Guest

of Honour, Shaheen, SP

South, Brij Mohan Gupta

(Bade Bhaiya) and Rajesh

Sachdeva as the Special

Udhgosh, an annual

Jammu,

Singh,

Deputy

The Congress made it clear that it will not back the Centre's ordinance on the control of administrative services in Delhi and will oppose any attempt of the central government to "sabotage federalism"

Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which is opposing the ordinance and had demanded support from the Congress on the issue as a condition to attend the twoday Opposition meet in Bengaluru from Monday, said it was "a positive development". However, the BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya lashed out at the

Congress' central leadership. "Delhi Congress had opposed support for AAP. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury is standing up against Mamata Banerjee's murderous regime in West Bengal. But in both states, the central leadership of the Congress has struck a deal with AAP and the TMC, with no gain in return," he said.



VC CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain chairing 6th Academic Council meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The 16th Academic

Council of Central University of Jammu (CUJ) held under the Chairmanship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanieev Jain in the university campus and took a series of decisions on a host of critical issues that would bring major improvements in academic and research activities of the uni-

Underlining the vision of attaining institutional excellence in tune with NEP-2020 which transcends disciplinary boundaries and envisages inter-disciplinary and transdisciplinary teaching and research, the Vice Chancellor expressed satisfaction at the implementation of NEP-2020 in toto in the CUJ.

Furthermore, the decision to implement teaching of courses on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in various semesters and mandatory requirement of including a Chapter on IKS related to a respective PH.D. thesis was also approved.

Further, the Academic Council (AC) also adopted certain rules and regulations which will improve governance and accountability of all stakeholders of the university, such as students, faculty and staff. Some of major reforms brought in the academic pattern are - MOODLE Learning management Systems to monitor attendance and enhance learning process; printing of degrees from one of the best and most trusted and secured Indian Security Press and revamping the curricular practices by focusing on outcome based curriculum structures; policy on Start-up, Incubation and Technology Enablement Centre (SITEC), operationalisation of School of Engineering for running B.Tech courses and starting

the MA Programme in Centre for Comparative Religion and Civilization.

Secondly, an important decision has been taken by the AC for granting admis Army sponsored candidates; adoption ofTaxonomy as a significant step to upgrade quality of evaluation process; internationalisation of higher education by adopting guidelines for admission and supernumerary seats of international stu-

Prof. Jain apprised the Council about major quality reforms brought in the university and expressed satisfaction at the training and placement initiatives of the university wherein 86 students have been placed and the highest package has been 7.5 lacs. Further, the Chairman shared the target of a highly efficient T&P cell to place 250 students in the next year.

GM College Srinagar organises trekking expedition for girl students STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In a first, Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar on Sunday organised the maiden trekking expedition for girl students from Naranag, a tourist village, in the Ganderbal district to Marchoi, an upper reach on the same mountainous range.

A total of 30 students and six faculty members including the college principal, Prof (Dr) G M Lone were part of this trekking expedition.

The purpose of the trekking expedition was to sensitize the students about the importance of physical and mental fitness through exploring and enjoying the scenic beauty of Naranag. Moreover, the trekking expedition was aimed to nurture a feeling among students of staying positive and exhibiting perseverance in the face of ordeals to achieve the goals in life.

The trekking expedition covered a total distance of about 14 Kms with Principal, Prof (Dr) G M Lone leading from the front and guiding students and faculty members at every step.

Students expressed immense gratitude towards the Principal, Prof (Dr) G M Lone for giving them a refreshing and memorable break from the daily routine of the college.

J&K all set to host first ever National football camp at Srinagar

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JAMMU: Indian Institute

of Management (IIM)

commence the start of the

academic session from its

permanent campus at

ceremony

attended by Prof. B.S.

Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali,

Dean Academics, Cmdr

Kesayan Baskkaran (R).

Officer, faculty, officers,

Director,

Administrative

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Ceremony"

SRINAGAR: In a remarkable development for the sports ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir, for the first time a national camp for the U-16 men's football team is being held in Srinagar.

The prominent feature of the camp is the appointment of chief coach, Ishfaq Ahmed, son of the soil and international Footballer. Ishfaq has had many coaching stints in I-League with the likes of Kerala Blasters but the chief coach considers this opportunity as one of the most prized moments of his

After the National camp, the Under-16 men's team will participate in the SAFF U-16 Championship scheduled to be held in Bhutan in September this year.

Governor J&K, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, while speaking on this development, said that this first of kind National camp will set new dawn in the history of J&K sports. He added that in the last few years with sincere efforts of government, sports infrastructure has been amplified across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Advisor further commended the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) for their multipronged approach of refurbishing the existing sports facilities and simultaneously laying new ones which has paved the way for hosting prestigious events of national importance like this

Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YS&S), Sarmad Hafeez said, "It is a great honour for the J&K to host the national U-16 boys' team coaching camp in Srinagar". He added that Football has a big fan base in J&K, and our youth will tremendously get motivated to see the national youth team training in Srinagar and the administration will put all required efforts for football to grow in the region.

Secretary Sports Council. Nuzhat Gull thanked the administration for the support and for creating an amiable environment to host the first national football camp in J&K. "Sports Council has hosted many important events both national and international and I am sure by hosting of national football camp, J&K Sports Council as a premier sporting body will graduate



Technical committee member AIFF, Arun Malhotra with Secretary YSS, Sarmad Hafeez.

to next level". Nuzhat Gull

While expressing his deep thanks to the J&K administration, especially the Sports Council for the support, General Secretary and Administrator, AIFF, Shaji Prabakaran said, "AIFF expresses its sincere gratitude and thanks to the J&K administration for hosting India U16 team coaching camp in Srinagar."

The elated head coach, Ishfaq Ahmed, while speaking on the development said that the hosting of the U-16 camp in Srinagar is a unique move for many reasons. "First, we never had an opportunity to hold a National Camp and it is a fulfilment of promise by our President Kalyan Chaubey, and Secretary General Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran, to make the game a pan-India

The former international J&K footballer and technical committee member AIFF, Arun Malhotra said with the support Government, J&K football is contributing to the progress of the sport in the country and we hope that we emerge as champions in the SAFF U-16 tournament. Giving details about the camp, Arun said that the team of probables has been shortlisted after extensive scouting in East, West, North, West, and North East zones.

Though Jammu and Kashmir hosted Santosh Trophy, Federation Cup, and Hero I-League matches over the years, a national football camp of this magnitude is being held for the first time. The similarities in the weather conditions

between Srinagar and Bhutan also made the case of J&K Sports Council stronger for hosting the national camp.

Meanwhile, in other sports related development, Srinagar-based Downtown Heroes FC is all set to play in the prestigious Durand Cup this year.

Three years since its inception, the Downtown club has shown remarkable progress in carving its niche not only within the football circles J&K but has also featured in I-League second division, and is now all set to participate in the 132nd Durand Cup-2023.

The lanky 6.5 feet goalkeeper Muheet Shabir, full back Hyder Yousuf, midfielder Shahmeer Tariq, back Zubair stopper Akhoon, and striker Parvaij

Bhuiva are some of the core faces of the club who are touted to among the future footballers of the country. The coach of the club, Hilal Parray believes that they have in them to represent the country at the international level.

In an other development of the day, open selection trials for Pencak Silat were held at Indoor Stadium Pologround Srinagar for the forthcoming 11th Senior National Pencak Silat Championship-2023 being held in Nashik Maharashtra next month.

Around 280 athletes including both men and women from 15 district units took part in this selection trial, which shall be followed by a coaching camp for 21 days in Srinagar, supported and supervised by the J&K Sports Council.