

DPTA felicitates national medalists

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
POONCH: District Poonch Taekwondo Association (DPTA) under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association organised felicitation ceremony for the players who recently won bronze medal for Jammu and Kashmir UT in 66th National School Games Taekwondo Championship organised by School Games Federation of India and Junior National Taekwondo Championship organise by Taekwondo Federation of India under the banner of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Hundreds of young budding players of different clubs of district Poonch took part in the felicitation ceremony held at Sports Stadium Poonch.

Commander 93 Infantry Brigade Rajesh Bisht was the Chief Guest accompanied by DGPC Pardhan Narinder Singh, Premprakash Luthra Sr Vice President DPTA, I/C Manager Sports Stadium Poonch Nirdosh Kumar, Dr Sarfraz Mir Chairman Sir Syed



DPTA officials presenting memento to Commander 93 Infantry Brigade during felicitation ceremony held at Sports Stadium Poonch.

Education Mission Soeh India and Manjeet Singh Zonal Physical Education Officer Sathra.

Earlier the gathering was welcomed by Rajinder Singh Taekwondo Coach from Department of Youth Services and Sports.

He highlighted the achievement of the players who represent Jammu and Kashmir UT at

National level.

Rajesh Bisht met with all the budding players of Taekwondo.

He congratulated Khalida Jabeen and Toseef Tahir who won bronze medals at National level and brought laurels to Poonch District and Jammu and Kashmir UT.

He also applauded the efforts of Rajinder Singh Taekwondo Coach for giving excellent training to the

Taekwondo players which result in winning of medals at national level.

Commander 93 Infantry Brigade also awarded cash prize to both the medalist and assured every possible help for the development of taekwondo in Poonch through army.

DGPC Pardhan Narinder Singh also congratulated Khalida Jabeen and Toseef Tahir the youth icon of Poonch in sports .

I/C Manager Sports Stadium Poonch also congratulated District Taekwondo Association Poonch for organising the felicitation ceremony for the players. This kind of events motivated other players also to excel in their field, he added.

Prominent persons present were Jatinder Sharma Head Master GMS Khorinar, Pawan Kumar PEL, Surjan Singh, Saurab Sharma PEM, Mohinder Bali Treasurer DFAP, Tarlochan Singh NIS Football Coach, Amit Sharma Joint Secretary DPTA, and Ashiq Hussain Joint Secretary DPTA.

Tennis Ball Cricket selection trails on July 27

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The J&K Tennis Ball Cricket Association is holding selection trails on July 27, 2023 (Thursday) at Gindun Stadium Rajbagh, Srinagar in Senior Category to select J&K team (Men) for their onward participation in the All India Senior Tennis Ball Cricket Championship scheduled to be held at Sundernagar (H.P) from August 5 to 7, 2023. "Interested senior boys players who are desirous to participate in the selection trails are directed to report Ab. Rashid (7006763920), who is Incharge of the selection trails," a handout issued by Association on Sunday stated. "The participants shall be in a proper cricketing kit and should carry with them six recent passport size photographs along with Xerox copy of Aadhaar Card and a physical fitness certificate issued by a 'Doctor/Physician,'" it stated and added "The screening of the selected team shall be held at the aforesaid venue on July 28, 2023 at 11:00 AM by the screening committee of the J&K Sports Council." "The J&K UT Team shall leave for Sundernagar on August 3, 2023 and the selected players shall have to borne all expenses from Srinagar to Sundernagar & back at their own because Sports Council is not sponsoring the event," it further stated.

Two-day Art Camp concludes at BOP Suchetgarh; FICCI FLO JKL, DIG BSF Jammu attend Beating Retreat Ceremony

Pardeep Dutta felicitates IMFA artists

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SUCHETGARH: The Core Team of FICCI FLO Jammu & Kashmir (JKL) had the honour of attending the Beating Retreat Ceremony at the Suchetgarh Border Outpost (BOP), along the Indo-Pak border in Jammu.

The evening retreat ceremony was graced by DIG BSF Jammu, Chiter Pal, and Ajay Sharma, Commandant BSF, along with the Core Team of FICCI FLO JKL including Ruchika Gupta, Aarti Choudhary, Sona Mehta, Pooja Gandotra, and Mona Saraf and IMFA artists.

The event was part of a two-day Art Camp organized by FICCI FLO JKL. On the first day, FICCI FLO JKL, in association with the BSF and Institute of Music & Fine Art (IMFA), University of Jammu, conducted an Art Camp at Oetroi Post, Suchetgarh Border, RS Pura, featuring the works of 20 talented artists from IMFA.

The paintings showcased the BSF as the true



Journalist and Senior News Editor, Times Now, Pradeep Dutta with FICCI FLO members and artists at Suchetgarh Border Outpost.

Sentinels of Peace on our Borders.

On the occasion, Journalist and Senior News Editor, Times Now, Pradeep Dutta, felicitated the participating artists during the programme.

In his address, he lauded the efforts of FICCI FLO JKL for organizing such an impactful camp and recognized the creative potential of art in fostering a vision of peace and prosperity for the region.

Following the Beating Retreat Ceremony, DIG BSF stressed how events like these contribute to building peace.

He encouraged further collaboration between FICCI FLO JKL and BSF, expressing appreciation for the exceptional artworks created by the artists and wishing them success in their future endeavors.

During the ceremony, DIG BSF also felicitated Dr. Milan Sharma, HOD Department of Painting, along with Ankush Kesar, Print Maker, Department of Painting IMFA, University of Jammu, acknowledging their valuable contributions.

Varuna Anand, Chairperson of FICCI FLO

JKL, shared that the main aim of the two-day programme was to acknowledge the efforts of LG Manoj Sinha and the Tourism Department in promoting the border area as a major tourist attraction while fostering peace and harmony within the region. She expressed her appreciation to all the artists and informed that they were generously provided with additional art materials as a token of recognition for their exceptional work, allowing them to fully explore and elevate their creative potential.

JKCA Women's Skill Specific Camp concludes; matches to begin today



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The week-long Skill Specific Camp for Women U-19, U-23 and Senior of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) concluded at JKCA Hostel ground here on Sunday.

Now, the participating players have been divided into four teams namely A, B, C and D for the T20 matches to commence at the same venue from tomorrow, which will conclude on July 30, 2023.

Ace cricketers Sarla Devi, Sandhya Sayal, Rubia Sayed and Shivanti Gupta have

been named the captains of these teams.

"JKCA will ensure that its players remain physically fit and match ready with the introduction of fitness camps including yoga, skill specific camps, pre-season camps and preparatory camps. 12 such camps have been completed, one is in progress and 17 more will be held," said Brig Anil Gupta.

Head Coach of these camps, Chetan Dingra and other officials lavished praise on JKCA Administrators for providing them all kinds of facilities to hold these camps

in a most befitting manner.

Chetan said that such camps are going to go a long way to help players hone their cricketing skill and improve their fitness level.

Camp Incharge and Trainer, Satika Sharma and Physiotherapists Lovely Bansal and Sakshee Raina threw light on the fitness and health of the players.

They were all praise for the facilities they get from Sub-committee JKCA.

The Captains also spoke on the beauty of the system presently prevailing in JKCA.

Establishing SEZ, strengthening export capabilities of J&K discussed

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: A delegation from Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO), led by its Managing Director, Khalid Jahangir on Sunday met Joint Development Commissioner (JDC), Noida Special Economic Zone (NSEZ), Surendra Malik and his team here, to explore possibilities of developing a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the interaction, the Joint Commissioner suggested the idea of developing a private SEZ in Jammu and Kashmir for IT, ITES, Handicrafts, Jewellery, Food Processing and Pharma sectors who are majorly into exporting. He also assured the JKTPO delegation that they would check with the interests of private players to setup SEZ in the UT.

JKTPO delegation on the occasion informed the NSEZ officers that they will organise a virtual meeting with NSEZ to present the UT's strengths for having an SEZ in the region.

NSEZ is about 310-acre state of art facility which houses about 210 units from IT, ITES, Electronics, Gems & Jewellery, Aerospace Manufacturers, Packaging Industries, etc., and is one of the biggest SEZs in India. SEZ usually includes Free Trade Zones, Export Process Zones, Freeports, and many other benefits the state and central governments which hugely benefit manufacturers who are exporting their products from J&K.

The JKTPO delegation on the occasion also visited units of NeoKraft Global Pvt Ltd and KnitPro International who are manufacturing products in the NSEZ.

Later, Managing Director, JKTPO, Khalid Jahangir, also met Deputy Director General (DDG), Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) Sandip Das to discuss and expedite the forthcoming Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) scheduled to be held in August at Jammu. This significant meeting aimed to enhance trade opportunities for the region and strengthening the export capabilities of Jammu and Kashmir.

Shaheed Manjit Club in final of Srinagar tourney

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BUDGAM: Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch on Sunday qualified for the final of the ongoing Volleyball tournament, organised by Ksahmir Elite Sebdan Budgam at Indoor Sports Complex, Budgam in Kashmir. Now, in the title clash, Shaheed Manjit Club shall take on Elite Volleyball Club Srinagar; reports reaching here informed.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Shaheed Manjit Club defeated JKP Central Sports team Blue 3-1 (25-21, 25-22, 22-25, 25-21). Musharraf Khan, Ayaz Ahmad Madni and Ramiz Tariq played well for the winning team. In other senifinal, Elite Volleyball Club defeated JKPCST Red in a close contest 3-2 (25-19, 21-25, 25-27, 25-21, 15-10). Haroon Rashid, Ibrar, Feroz and Muniralm remained in limelight from the winning side.

Chess: SP, Arvindu among lead after round 2



Chess matches in progress at Jammu on Sunday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Veteran player, S P Sharma, Arvindu and Ankush Bhardwaj were among those lead from J&K after round two of the ongoing AICF Chess for everyone FIDE Rating Tournament at IDPS School Sunjwan.

This nine-round event today witnessed besides others by Atul Kumar Gupta, Baldev Raj, Madhu Abrol and Arvindu.

The event is being played under FIDE Laws of Chess with latest international rules.

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and Jeevika Verma of St. Xavier Convent Senior. Secondary School declared the 'Champions of the Month'.

Similarly, Meetali Khajuria of St. Xavier Convent School, who collected more points than other competitors, bagged the title of 'Champion of the Month' in the Girls category.

There was intense competition among Saksham Slathia, Aradhya Manhas and Bageesh Sharma in the Boys category, however, Saksham Slathia emerged victorious with 275 points. Aaradhya Manhas and Vageesh

Sharma, who collected 266 and 265 points respectively secured the second and third spot respectively.

Meanwhile, the 8th round of the Sunday Series of Sport Climbing Competitions was organised today under the overall supervision of Shilpa Charak with active assistance of Shivani Charak, Arun Deep Singh, both international climbers.

Now, the ninth round of the Sunday Series of Competitions shall be held on July 30. For registration and further information interested climbers may contact Shaweticea Khajuria (7006099855).

J&K fencers leave for China Varsity Games July 25



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Part of the Indian team, four fencers from Jammu and Kashmir, pursuing studies outside the UT, shall leave for the World University Games on July 25.

The Games slated to be held in Cheng-du China from July 28 to August 8.

Selected fencers are Javed Ahmed Choudhary, Mayank Sharma, Rishika Khajuria and Riya Bakshi.

All these fencers are registered in J&K and pursue studies outside thus represented Universities other than UT Varsitys in the All India Inter- University Games held under the banner of Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Important to mention here that Javed Ahmed Choudhary is the only player in the country who represented India in three consecutive World University Games held at

Chinese Taipei, Italy and Cheng-du China.

All the four fencers have been selected on the basis of their performance in All India Inter University competitions and trials conducted by AIU.

The preparatory camp underway at GNDU in Punjab.

Meanwhile, Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, former India Fencer, wished the fencers success in the upcoming event.

IIM-J to hold 8-day holistic orientation programme

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu will be holding a holistic 5-day Orientation Program for the 4th Batch of Ph.D. (Full time) (2023-26), 2nd Batch of Ph.D. (Working Professionals) (2023 - 26), 8th Batch of MBA (2023-25), 2nd Batch of MBA (HA&HM) (2023-25), 3rd Batch of EMBA (2023-25) and 1st of EMBA (CA&M) (2023-25) from 24th July to 31st July 2023 at its state-of-the-art permanent campus at Jagti, Jammu.

The idea Associated with this Orientation Program is to acquaint the incoming students with the culture, academic opportunities, ethos, and general rules of IIM Jammu. The programme will help in facilitating a welcoming environment for the new aspiring students and their families to meet and have open communication with the faculty, staff, senior students, and all key activity heads of the Institute under one roof.

During the Orientation Program, each day will commence at 6:00 AM with 'Maximize Happiness and Mindfulness' sessions conducted by Mr. Sahil Mehra, Yoga Guru. It is imperative to build strength, aware-

ness as well as harmony in both mind and body. The orientation also will have a session titled, "The Path Less Travelled: Embark on Meaningful Learning Journey" by Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha, Delhi.

The programme will be formally inaugurated on 24th July 2023. Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairman, BoG, IIM Jammu, will preside over the function and deliver the presidential address. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, will deliver the welcome address. Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, and Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Gupta, Director, AIIMS Jammu, will also deliver their welcome address.

Top bureaucrats, and industry speakers, are also invited to address the new batch and motivate them for their academic journey at IIM Jammu, including Anand Kripalu, MD & Global CEO, EPL Limited (Blackstone), Dr. Vijaysinh. S. Gambhire, President & Director, The Sirpur Paper Mills Limited, Dr. Suresh T Salunke, CEO Tata Precision Industries, Lalit Kumar Naik, Director, Noveltech Feeds Pvt. Ltd., Anshul Garg, CEO, Shri Mata Vaishno

Devi Shrine Board, J&K, Shiv Anant Tayal, MD, JKPDCL, Mukesh Singh, ADGP, Jammu Zone, Lt. Gen Sandeep Jain, Corps Commander, Dr. Harbaksh Singh, Chief Medical Officer, J&K.

Prominent speakers and leading names from the corporates ranging from Sumit Dutta, Chief Business Officer, BlueMedix, Shibani Priyadarshini, Talent Management Head India, Novo Nordisk, (Group A) Nikhil Davda, Senior General Manager (Head Marketing & Product), Mahindra Lifespace Developers, Vishal Thakur, Deputy VP - (Group A) HR, Tata Capital, Debargha Deb, National Manager Sales HR and Campus Lead, Dabur India Ltd., Suchitra Karumanchi, Associate Director HR, Elanco, Swati Jain, Vice President - EXL Analytics, EXL Services, Alok Jha, Head - Operations, Healthcare & Life Sciences, Tech Mahindra from the industry are expected to attend the gala orientation event.

The orientation programme will also feature various interactive and enriching sessions by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and other faculty of IIM Jammu.