

Soft Ball Championship

Slathia lauds growing youth participation in sports

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BARI BARHMANA: Former minister and Pradesh BJP Vice President Surjeet Singh Slathia on Thursday expressed happiness over youth participating in all disciplines of sports and not remaining confined to popular traditional games only, saying this will keep them in good stead to face various events with much more vigour and confidence.

Speaking at the concluding ceremony of District Samba Soft Ball held at Birpur Bari Barahmana Championship 2023-24, Slathia said sports provide vistas of career opportunities to youth apart from their overall personality development, hoping that the youngsters will play games in a big way alongside pursuing academics.

The Championship was organised by Samba Soft Ball Association under 'My Youth My Pride' initiative under the sponsorship of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council at Birpur Bari-Brahmana.

Birpur Warriors Club won in Men and JCC Gurha Slathia in women. Runner up Dragon Club in Men and Birpur Club in women.

He exhorted the youth to fine-tune their capabilities and make a mark in national and international sports events, saying the governments at both the Centre and the J&K UT



Former minister Surjeet Singh Slathia presenting trophy to winner.

have put in place a robust mechanism to encourage the talented sports persons showcase their capabilities on a larger canvass.

"We don't lack talent, as our youngsters are second to none and provided opportunities, coaching and avenues the day is not far when they will shine in the sports horizon of the country", Mr Slathia said, adding that holding of such events will help in identifying talent, so as to polish and prepare them for bigger events.

Slathia appreciated the enthusiasm among the budding sports persons and hoped that they will put in their best in the coming events and inspire others to take to sport. He wished success to the participants,

saying though just one team will make it to the top yet this should not be the end of the game. "In sports there is always another time", he said and hoped that by emulating this spirit the players will do their best and play with commitment.

Slathia complimented the organizers for holding the championship, saying this will go a long way in providing larger canvass to the Soft Ball players. He said holding of such events are imperative for identifying talent, sharpening them and to provide them opportunities to perform, first at a limited scale and then in various tournaments at the local and the national level.

He congratulated the participating players for their performance.

Prominent among those present included Wasim Raja General Secretary Soft Ball Association J&K, Padam Dev Singh President Soft Ball Association Samba, Sudhir Singh District Secretary Samba, Dheeraj Singh Jamwal Technical Director District Samba Softball Association, Veena Jamwal Sarpanch Birpur, Munishwar Singh Jamwal Retd Deputy Commandant SSB, Nedan Singh Social Activist, Suraj Verma Senior Lecturer, Harvinder Singh Chief Coach of Jammu & Kashmir Softball, Harkesh Singh Jasrotia, Anju Devi Principal GHSS Birpur, Pradeep Singh, Pawan Kumar, Aman Singh, Sagar Chib, Atul Singh, Ajay Singh.

**FINAL RESULTS:** Men: Heavy Hitter Softball Club, 1st, Dragon Fire Softball Academy, 2nd and Black Bulls Club, 3rd. Women: GSS Gurah Slathia, 1st, Birpur Softball Club, 2nd and Young Hawks Club, 3rd. Junior Boys: Young Taught Softball Club, 1st, Spikers Softball Club, 2nd and Friends Club, 3rd. Junior Girls: Wais Club, 1st, Hard Dier Club, 2nd and Peak Vision Club, 3rd. Sub Junior Boys: TDS Academy, 1st, Dare Softballers, 2nd and Hawks Samba Club, 3rd. Sub Junior Girls: Unique Sporting Club, 1st, Royal Softball Club, 2nd and Angels Softball Club, 3rd.

Indian team leaves for 4th AVC Men Volleyball Challenger Cup



Senior Men's Volleyball team posing for a photograph with Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, President VFI and officials.

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NEW DELHI/JAMMU: Indian Senior Men's Volleyball team left to participate in the 4th AVC Men Challenger Cup to be held at Chinese Taipei from July 8 to 15, 2023.

The Cup is being conducted by the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) with Chinese Taipei Volleyball Association (CTVBA).

Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Member of Parliament & President, Volleyball Federation of India and Founder KIIT &

KISS University, who provided support for the smooth conduct of the coaching camp for the team, has declared the team members for the event.

He sent-off the team and wished them all the team Members all the very best for the medal winning performance in the 4th AVC Challenger Cup Championship.

The team: Prince (captain), Ajay Kumar, Rohit Yadav, Manoj Kumar, Rahul Barik, Kamlesh Khatik (L), Saqlain Tariq,

Sachin K, Chirag, Shikhar Singh, Niyas Abdul Salam, Aayush, Sahil Kumar and Vikas (L). Officials: Thattil Chandran Jothish (Head Coach), Gurjot Singh (Assistant Coach) and Mahendra Singh Saharan (Referee).

Meanwhile, Chief Patron Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja, President, Sidharth Daluja, CEO Kuldeep Magotra besides other office bearers also wished Indian team best of luck for the championship.

Poonch Administration organizing Cricket Tournament to promote sports culture

Zone Level, District Level Competitions to be held under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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POONCH: District Administration Poonch, in collaboration with District Youth Services and Sports Poonch, is going to organize a Zone Level and District Level Cricket tournament under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav.

The tournament is scheduled to start from July 17, 2023 at Zone Level.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary on Thursday said that the main aim of the tournament was to promote sports culture in the district and engage the youth in productive



activities.

The tournament will be held in all 11 blocks and at district level.

The award ceremony will be held at the Sports Stadium Poonch on Independence Day where the winner would be given a cash prize of Rs. 50,000

and the Runners-up Rs. 25,000.

Consolidation prizes would also be presented among the players.

The Deputy Commissioner has appealed to the people of Poonch to witness the matches and make the tournament a success by bringing more and more people to the event. He also encouraged parents to motivate their children towards sports.

This tournament is a great opportunity for the youth to showcase their skills and passion for cricket while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

Secy Sports Council convenes meeting in Kashmir Div

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SRINAGAR: The Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul convened a meeting of all managers and incharges in her office chamber at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar here on Thursday to review the plan and preparations of various sports activities under My Youth My Pride for the remaining part of the current year.

In her inaugural remarks, the Secretary Sports Council sought feedback from all present in the meeting to further the scope of activities in the Kashmir division. Nuzhat Gul also expressed her gratitude to the government for lending all possible help to the Sports Council for providing the facilities to the cricketers.



Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul chairing a meeting at Srinagar on Thursday.

While interacting with a Kashmir based staff the Secretary Sports Council said that in the last few years the scenario of sports in J&K has undergone tremendous transformation and has changed for good. She also said that the government has taken many initiatives for the progress and prosperity of the athletes of J&K.

The Secretary also said that while we have been reaching out to almost all the sections of the society, this time around the special activities for third gender shall be held across the J&K. Nuzhat Gul applauded the staff for giving their best shot against all the odds and hoped for them to do well in this phase of the My Youth My Pride as well. Furthermore, Nuzhat Gull said that monitoring teams for the activities in all districts shall be formed and reports submitted on a daily basis. She gave on spot directions for the distribution of equipment from the

central store of Sports Council to all the districts and asked the concerned manager to keep her posted about the progress of distribution. In a separate meeting with the Construction Division Kashmir, Secretary Sports Council sought the details of the infrastructural works and progress report of the ongoing projects.

While interacting with the staff from different districts of Kashmir division, Nuzhat Gul said that administration is committed to raise the sports standards and ensure inclusive growth of all, adding that the sports programs closely focus on

improving people's ability to participate fully in the progressive sports and advised the staff to try percolate the programmes under special activities to each block in the division.

The Secretary Sports Council also gave on the spot directions to equip all the indoor halls with the required equipment.

Nuzhat Gul also sent a congratulatory message to Saqlain Tariq for making it to the national Volleyball team. Terming it as a big feat, she said the Sports Council is duty bound to support all the athletes in training and learning process and help them realise their potential.

SSP Samba honours gold medals winners

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SAMBA: In an impressive felicitation ceremony organized at District Police Headquarters Samba, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Samba Benam Tosh on Thursday honoured 9th class student of APS Samba Parneet Kour for winning gold and silver medals in acting and dancing at international level recently held at Kathmandu, Nepal and Rakesh Kumar who has won eight gold and silver medals in six months in athletics at national level and has now been selected to participate in international level event to be held at Sri Lanka from August 17.

Brilliant student of Army Public School (APS) Samba



SSP Samba, Benam Tosh felicitating medal winner students on Thursday.

Parneet Kour happens to be daughter of Inderjeet Singh resident of Vijaypur, district Samba and is having won eight gold and silver medals in acting & dancing at international level, national level, state and district level events.

Recently she won gold

medal by bagging first position in acting and silver medal by bagging second position in dance at international level competition organized by 3rd Mount Everest International Music & Dance Sports Championship 2023 at Tribhuvan University

Kathmandu, Nepal.

Moreover, Parneet Kour earned the epithet of India's "Jhansi Ki Rani" at the International Event by virtue of her unique acting and standing first in the toughest international competition.

Rakesh Kumar, son of

Gura Ram, resident of Gagore, tehsil Vijaypur, district Samba is having won eight gold, silver & bronze medals at different national level athletic events (running) held at Dehradun, Haridwar, Amritsar, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Lucknow and has now been selected to participate in international athletic event to be organized at Sri Lanka in mid August.

Benam Tosh congratulated both the winners of gold and silver medals at international and national events, their parents, teachers, coaches, kith & kin and hoped that they would make more and more achievements in days to come at international and national level.

Martyrdom Day of Martyr Gurdeep Soni observed

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VIJAYPUR: The Martyrdom Day of Martyr Gurdeep Singh Soni was observed at his native village Shekhpur Palouta area of Sector Ramgarh in District Samba. The Martyr Gurdeep Singh Soni was posted in 8th Sikh Regiment and martyred in Kargil War. Political personalities, dignitaries and people of the area paid homage to Shaheed Gurdeep Singh Soni on the occasion of Martyrdom Day. Akhand Path was also organized for the martyr's soul to rest in peace. Shaheed Gurdeep Singh Soni's father Mohan Singh and mother Manjit Kaur said that if they had another son, they would have made him a part of the country's army. They said that we are proud of the martyrdom of our son. He also told that his son joined the army on December 24, 1998 after passing class X. Gurdeep was the youngest in the family and the only brother of three sisters and embraced martyrdom on 6 July 1999 while giving a befitting reply to the enemies in the Kargil war.



Family members and others paying tributes to Martyr Gurdeep Singh Soni.

Thana Divas organised in district Reasi



Police officer interacting with people during Thana Divas at Reasi.

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REASI: Thana Divas, an initiative of Government of J&K UT to bridge the gap between police and public and also to listen and redress the grievances of common masses and to ensure Policing at grass root level, was organised on Thursday at Police Station Katra/Reasi/Mahore/Arnas by District Police Reasi.

The programme was chaired by Amit Gupta, Sr. Superintendent of Police Reasi along and SHO Vijay Sharma of Reasi at Salal, Addl. SP Katra Vipran Chandran and PSI Rajesh Kumar of PP Kakryal organised at Community hall Sool, Addl. SP Reasi

Master Popsy chaired the programme along with SHO Jeet Singh at P/S Arnas, SDPO Katra Kuljeet Singh chaired the programme at Banganga, SDPO Mahore Chhabil Singh chaired the programme at PP Tulibanna and SDPO Arnas Prithpal Singh along with PSI Sunil Singh, chaired the programme at Dugga.

During the programme, participants highlighted various issues of public importance, and they were assured by the Police Officers that their genuine grievances pertaining to Police will be resolved on priority and that of Civil Administration will be taken up with the concerned

departments for their early redressal.

SSP Reasi Amit Gupta reiterated that policing at grass root level in the District would be revamped to enhance proficiencies of the cops and to develop confidence among the people.

Public representatives and participants were told to be extra vigilant and keep an eye on the activities of suspicious elements in the society and immediately share details of any suspicious person or activity in their area to nearest police establishments or PCR and helpline numbers 01991244956 /District Anti-Drug helpline No. 9070907017.

Lions Club Samba elects office bearers

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SAMBA: Lions Club Samba held a meeting to elect office bearers for the lionistic year 2023-24.

In the meeting Advocate Vijay Gupta has been elected as President of the club, while Varinder Singh Slathia as Vice President, Amardeep Singh as Secretary, Rohit Pargal as treasurer and Amit Gupta as PRO.

While speaking, Advocate Vijay Gupta assured to serve the society with Good projects and programmes.

Others present were Capt. Inder Singh, Ashok



Lions Club Samba members posing for a photograph.

Razadha, Adv. Mandeep Singh, Rajnish Pargal, Rakesh Sambyal, Prince Anand, Vikas Gupta,

Pawan Verma, Vivek Goswami, Naresh Chandel, Ashwani Gupta and Sajjan Razadha.

Annual fair held at Peer Baba in Thalori

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VIJAYPUR: An annual fair was organized on Thursday at the tomb of ancient Peer Baba in Thalori village area of Vijaypur.

People from other parts of the state also visited the fair and paid their obeisance.

Darshan Lal, the priest of Pir Baba Mazar, told that like every year, this year also the annual fair was organized in which hundreds of people reached and bowed their heads and wished for happiness and peace.

Dulhasti Power Station Management warns public not to move near River Chenab

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KISTHWAR: The Management of Dulhasti Power Station, NHPC Limited has cautioned General Public of Distt-Doda and Kishtwar and Public of village Dul, Benzwar, Cherhar, Bhandarkot, Hasti, Kandani, Prem Nagar & Pul Doda to not to move near River Chenab on 07.07.2023 (Friday) from 23:00 hrs to 08.07.2023 (Saturday) till 18:00 hrs. During this period the water level of River Chenab may rise to 2 to 3 meters in the downstream areas of the river. Therefore, the public residing near and in the

Power Station Dam shall be opened for reservoir flushing during this period.

The Dam gates of Dulhasti Power Station will be opened for reservoir flushing on 07.07.2023 (Friday) from 23:00 hrs to 08.07.2023 (Saturday) till 18:00 hrs. During this period the water level of River Chenab may rise to 2 to 3 meters in the downstream areas of the river.

Therefore, the public residing near and in the

downstream areas of River Chenab are being cautioned to refrain from moving themselves / their cattle/ Trucks & Tipplers near the banks of River Chenab to avoid any mishap and to co-operate for the safety of their lives.

Anybody violating the request shall be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibility and NHPC/Management of Dulhasti Power Station shall not be responsible for consequences thereof.