

# Inter School Competition concludes in Poonch

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**POONCH:** The Inter School Competition for boys in various disciplines concluded in Poonch with enthusiastic participation and competitive spirit.

Organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Poonch, the event featured competitions in Kho Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball, Chess, and Badminton across two age groups: under 17 and under 14.

Approximately 829 boys participated in the competition, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship under the guidance and supervision of officials from the Department of Youth Services and Sports.

The competition was conducted as part of the activity calendar issued by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu & Kashmir, under the direc-



Participating players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

tion of Subash Chander Chibber, Director of Youth Services and Sports, and Ved Parkash, Joint Director of YSS.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Mool Raj Uttam, and Zonal Physical Education Officer, Narinder Singh, played pivotal roles in ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

The gathering was warmly welcomed by Zonal Physical Education Officer, Narinder Singh, who encouraged all participants to compete with

sportsmanship and integrity.

All matches were conducted under the technical supervision of Physical Education Masters (PEMs), Physical Education Teachers (PETs), and other officials from the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Poonch.

Pawan Kumar, a Physical Education lecturer, served as the overall incharge of the competition, overseeing its logistics and smooth func-

tioning. Kabaddi: GMS Purani Poonch emerged as the winner, with GHS Banwat as the runner-up.

Kho Kho: GHS Banwat clinched the victory, while Government High School Purani Poonch secured the runner-up position.

Volleyball: High School Purani Poonch was declared the overall champion, with Nanak Academy Poonch as the runner-up.

Chess: Nanak Academy claimed the top spot, fol-

lowed by Government High School Purani Poonch as the runner-up.

Badminton: Nanak Academy Poonch emerged victorious, with GMS Kasallian Poonch finishing as the runner-up.

The event was graced by the presence of several dignitaries and officials from the Zone Poonch, including Smt. Sarla Bakshi, Harjeet Kour, Rajesh Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Devinder Singh, Varinder Singh, and all the PETs, REKs, and NYCs who contributed to the success of the competition.

Overall, the competition not only showcased sporting talent but also promoted sportsmanship and healthy competition among the youth of Poonch district. It served as a platform for young athletes to excel and fostered a spirit of camaraderie and excellence in sports.

# Gandhi Nagar Zone wins Badminton, Basketball titles



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Gandhi Nagar Zone boys showed their complete domination winning all three titles of Badminton (Under-14, Under-17) and Basketball (Under-14) in the inter-zone district level competitions of Jammu being organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at MA Stadium, here today.

In Badminton under-17

category, Gandhi Nagar Zone boys trounced Jammu zone 2-0 while in under-14 category, again Gandhi Nagar trounced their counterparts from Jammu Zone 2-0.

In Under-14 Basketball, Jammu Zone defeated Satwari Zone 22-16 to emerge Jammu district champion. Earlier, in the semifinals, Gandhi Nagar beat Zone Akhnoor 20-05 in

an easy encounter and Zone Satwari outplayed Zone 22-02.

Later, Deputy Director (Planning) of the DYSS, Ravi Sharma presented the title trophies and other individual prizes to the winner and runners-up teams. Among others present were Saleem-Ur-Rehman (Activity Incharge), Yash Paul Sharma and Subash Chander.

# Archery district events conclude



Winner players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** Two days long districts activities of Archery Association Jammu and concluded today with valedictory function that took place at MA Stadium, here.

Teams from districts of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Rajouri, Poonch, Doda and Ramban participated in this two-day competition held in junior and senior boys and girls groups. Baljinder Singh Bali, Divisional Sports Officer J&K Sports Council presented medals and certificates to the winners.

These district championships were sponsored by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC). Prominent among others present in the closing event included Sunil Sharma, Vikas Gupta, Manish Chatwal, Jagdish Raj and Joginder. The competition held under the technical guid-

ance of Archery experts, Davinder and Anant Arya.

The (district wise) Results  
 District Jammu: Gold: Amit, Anu, Sandhya, Simi, Kajal, Rishit, Feriha, Vinod, Aman, Pranav. Silver: Amit, Nitish, Pranav, Danish, Kajal, Simi, Aniket Sharma  
 Bronze: Parnav, Aman.

District Kathua: Gold: Vinod, Sam, Janvi, Lakshman, Vinod, Bhawani, Meenu, Aniket Sharma. Silver: Ritik, Priya, Vinod, Bhawani. Bronze: Sameer, Kamal, Kamal Lal.

District Poonch: Gold: Mahnaz Koser, District Samba: Gold: Mani Karnika, Balram, Vishal, Taksh, Rita.  
 Silver: Manikarnika.

District Udhampur: Gold: Pankaj, Usha Devi. Silver: Pinki Sharma.

# Dushyant of J&K made part IOA delegation to Paris

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has made senior athlete from J&K and former international wrestler, Dushyant Sharma part of the three-member Indian delegation to the Paris Olympics scheduled to take place from July 29 to August 10.

Dushyant Sharma, SSP, presently posted at PTTI Vijaypur, has been picked from J&K considering his experience and international exposure. Now, he shall be part of the delegation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Observers Programs during Olympic Games.

The Programs is a unique opportunity that will allow the delegation to gain first-hand experience and knowledge about the intricacies involved in the planning, organization and execution of the Olympic Games.

"Under the leadership of Dr PT Usha, president, the IOA gears up for a significant opportunity to enhance their understanding and preparations for hosting future Olympic Games in India. Moreover, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has already announced plans to host Olympics in 2036 on Indian soil showcasing its commitment to sports and its future," Dushyant Sharma said.

Dushyant observed that his participation will significantly contribute to strategic objectives, particularly in areas related to security and operational management as well his presence will also facilitate the development of a



robust framework for managing large-scale international events, aligning with global standards.

Dushyant Sharma has represented India National and international stage winning a Bronze medal in 1993 in the Takti World Wrestling Championship held at Afsaan in Iran. Later, he has accompanied Indian wrestling teams as team leader in various Wrestling Championship including Commonwealth Games held at Melbourne, Australia in 2011 and in Veniceauer.

Dushyant has a long list of events he participated as a leading Indian wrestler thus earned a name for the country and the UT of J&K. Guru Hargovind Wrestling Championship held at Canada in 2011, London Olympic Games in 2012, DavaScheltz International Wrestling Championship held at Colorado Spring USA in the year 2014. He also accompanied as Team Leader with Indian Senior Women Wrestling Team for 5 th Annual Benefit & International Wrestling Competition held at Los Angeles California USA In 2019. Dushyant was deputed as Chief-D-Mission of Indian contingent in the 13th South Asian Games held at Kathmandu Nepal.

Meanwhile, Director General of J&K Police, R.R Swain termed the selection as an honour for entire J&K Police as well as for UT of J&K. He wished the officer a purposeful stay at Paris in France.

# J&K Bank expands its reach with new branch at Saket in Delhi



MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash inaugurating new branch.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**SRINAGAR:** In line with its policy to enhance brick-and-mortar presence in key metropolitan cities, J&K Bank has opened a new branch in Saket - a vibrant and economically bustling area in South Delhi.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash inaugurated the Saket Branch today in the presence of Divisional

Head (Rest of India) Rajesh Gupta, Zonal Head (Delhi) Suresh Kumar Choudhary and other officials of the Bank.

Speaking at the inauguration, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash highlighted the significance of this expansion, stating, "Opening a new branch in South Delhi's Saket is a significant step in our broader strategy to strengthen our presence in major urban centres across the country. Aligned with our strategic expansion across the country, the aim is to bring high-quality banking services closer to our growing customer base to ensure that they have easy access to our products as well as expertise."

"Metropolitan cities like Delhi are pivotal to our growth strategy. By establishing a strong foothold in these areas, we are not only enhancing our service delivery but also contributing to the economic development of the people in these areas. We remain committed to expanding our network and providing best banking experiences to our customers nationwide", he further added.

Notably, the new branch is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and is designed to offer a full range of banking services primarily personal finance and banking solutions for businesses.

# Indian Philosophers Day and Vyas Pujan celebrated at CUJ

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** The School of Languages at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), in collaboration with the Indian Council for Philosophical Research and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Prant, organized a National Seminar on Advaita Vedanta: Paradigms and Intersectionalities.

This seminar was a part of the celebration of Indian Philosophers Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya.

Prof. R.C. Agnihotri, former Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor CUJ, served as the Chief Guest. The keynote speaker was Prof. Bhavatosh Indraguru, Head of the Department of English at Hari



VC CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain honouring the chief guest.

Singh Gour University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.

In his keynote address, Prof. Bhavatosh delved into the profound aspects of Advaita Vedanta, emphasizing the presence of Brahman in all beings. He elaborated on Adi Shankara's philosophy, highlighting its core principles of interconnectedness and the non-discrimination between knowledge.

Prof. R.C. Agnihotri underscored the continuity of India's knowledge traditions and stressed the importance of researching these traditions within Indian universities.

Prof. Jain emphasized the evolving role of teachers in an era marked by technological advancements, advocating for continuous learning, relearning, and unlearning. He also highlighted India's

rich tradition of Guru-Shishya Parampara, emphasizing its importance in contemporary times.

The Registrar, Prof. Yashwant Singh, highlighted the university's commitment to conducting research aligned with Indian Knowledge Traditions, emphasizing the ongoing relevance of Adi Shankaracharya's philosophy. Prof. Vandana Sharma, Dean

of the School of Languages, expressed her satisfaction with the seminar's focus on fostering an understanding of Adi Shankaracharya's Advaita Vedanta among young scholars and researchers.

The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Vandana Sharma from the Department of Hindi, and Dr. Vijendra presented the vote of thanks. As part of Vyas Pujan, teachers from the University of Jammu, Kendriya Vidyalaya Rahya, Higher Secondary School Rahya, and the Principal of Jammu Sanskriti School were honored, in line with the Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal's tradition of honoring the Guru-Shishya Parampara.

# Amish Gupta of DPS Jammu excels in National Handball Championship-2024

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** Amish Gupta (VIII-G), a student of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the institution and his parents by excelling in 38th Sub Junior National Handball Championship (Boys & Girls) 2023-24 held at Gangrar (Chittorgarh), Rajasthan from 7th to 11th, February, 2024.

The championship was organized by Rajasthan State Handball Association supported by Handball Association India. He had also received participation certificate.

The management DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Singh, Director, S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated Namish Gupta and his parents and extended their best wishes for all his future endeavours.



# PM SHRI KV No. 1 Jammu organises Regional Sports Meet 2024-25



Students with faculty members during a sports meet.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**JAMMU:** KVS Regional Sports Meet 2024-25 started on the Wednesday in different Kendriya Vidyalayas of the Jammu region.

PM SHRI KV No. 1 Jammu is hosting four events swimming, chess, kabaddi, and skating for u-14, u-17, and u-19 girls. The events will last for 2 days i.e., the 24th and 25th of July.

The inauguration ceremony was held in the Vidyalaya Auditorium to mark the beginning of the sports meet.

The Chief Guest on this occasion was Janab Islam Khan Assistant Commissioner KVS R.O Jammu region.

The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest. Venue Principal Amit

Walter presented an eco-friendly green welcome to the Chief Guest Islam Khan Assistant Commissioner KVS R.O Jammu Region.

Melodies of welcome songs by the talented students of PM SHRI KV No. 1, Jammu filled the air with joy.

Islam Khan motivated and blessed the partici-

pants from different KVs with his precious words. After his inspiring address to the children, the sports meet was declared open and all the participants along with their escorts proceeded for their events.

In this grand event, about 41 participants along with 18 escorts from 12Kendriya Vidyalayas-KV AFS Avantipura, PM SHRI KVCRPF Bantalab, PM SHRI KV Kathua, PM SHRI KV Lakhnapur, PM SHRI KV1 Jammu, PM SHRI KV2 Jammu, KV Sunjan, KV Badarwah, KV Hiranagar, KV Jyotipuram, PM SHRI KV Miransahib and KV Samba are participating. With hearts racing and spirits soaring KVS regional sports meet 2024-25 started with great enthusiasm.

# Grand Opening of Inter-District Provincial Level Under-19 Boys Handball Competition held at Indoor Stadium B'la



A handball match in progress on Wednesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**BARAMULLA:** Youth Services and Sports Department J&K on Wednesday inaugurated the Inter-District Provincial Level Under-19 Boys Handball Competition at the Indoor Stadium Baramulla.

The event was graced by Syed Qamar Sajad, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla, who officially opened the competition.

This competition, held under the expert supervision of Rashid Kohli, Joint

Director Youth Services and Sports Kashmir Province, is hosted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports District Baramulla. The event has attracted participation from almost 10 districts of the Kashmir province, showcasing the remarkable talent and sportsmanship of young athletes from the region.

The competition, which kicked-off today, will run until 5th August 2024 at the Indoor Stadium Baramulla. It features various age categories for both boys and girls, providing a

comprehensive platform for young athletes to demonstrate their skills and compete at a high level.

During his inaugural address, ADDC Baramulla expressed his admiration for the Department of Youth Services and Sports for organizing such a significant event for young athletes. He commended their efforts in promoting sports and nurturing young talent, emphasizing the importance of such competitions in shaping the future of sports in the region.

ADDC extended his best wishes to all participants, hoping for their bright future in the field of sports. Earlier, Nazir Ahmad Bhat, District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Baramulla, delivered a warm welcome speech. He highlighted the importance of sports in the holistic development of youth and reiterated the department's commitment to providing more opportunities for young athletes to excel.

# RSGC successfully concludes FourBall Green Some Golf Tournament

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

**SRINAGAR:** The Royal Springs Golf Course, Cheshmashahi Srinagar successfully concluded five days 'RSGC FourBall Green Some Golf Tournament' on Wednesday.

The tournament that was played over five days on a knock-out basis, witnessed enthusiastic participation from 36 players in a total of 16 matches.

In the finals that were played on 23rd July, 2024, Shabir Ahmad Bhat and Raja Danish Amaan succeeded in winning the RSGC FourBall Green Some Golf Tournament with their determination and outstanding skills. The competition was tough, with many talented golfers participating. Shabir Ahmad Bhat and Raja Danish Amaan stood out with their excellent performance and strong focus, earning a well-deserved win. Dr. Mohammad Inam Zaroo and Ashiq Hussain Masoodi stood as runners-up with their impressive performance.

"We are thrilled to congratulate Shabir and Danish on their amazing win," said Mufti M. Farid Ud Din, Secretary of RSGC. "Their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship have been impressive, and they have made us all proud," he added.

He also congratulated all the participants for making the tournament exciting and competitive until the very end. "Your sportsmanship and competitive spirit added greatly to the event," he said.

