

VAJK organises volleyball exhibition match in Samba



Organisers along with players posing for photograph.

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SAMBA: To mark the celebrations of the 77th Independence Day, District Samba Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council on Sunday organized volleyball match under the banner of Azadi Ka Khel Utsav, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, My Youth My Pride and Mari

Mati Mara Desh-initiatives undertaken by Govt to promote national unity and communal harmony and to eradicate menace of drug among the youth in the country.

An exhibition volleyball match organised by District Volleyball Association of Samba at Abhyaas Volleyball Academy, Tarlokpur in the presence of Romesh Kumar Sharma (President Distt. Volleyball

Association, Samba), Secretary B S Jamwal, Joint Secretary Sat Paul, Joint Secretary Rohani Devi, Joint Secretary, Ayisha Tabssum, Joint Secretary Shivali Kumari, Executive member Neeraj Kumar. President VAJK, Sidharth Daluja expressed his gratitude to all office bearers for their active participation in the current campaign which would conclude on August 15 all over the J&K UT.

Darhal Club wins Rajouri Volleyball Tourney

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RAJOURI: Beating Choudhary Volleyball Club 3-2, Darhal Club emerged winner of the volleyball tournament which was organised by District Volleyball Association Rajouri under 'Meeri Mati Mera Desh and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiatives at Samote in Kotranka Budhal, here. The final turned out to be a close contest which Darhal Club won 3-2 with set score being 12-25, 25-22, 25-23, 18-25, 19-17. The winner team got Rs 10,000 cash prize while Rs 5,000 cash prize presented to runners-up, Choudhary Club. The event took place under the banner of Volleyball Association Jammu and Kashmir (VAJK) and supported by J&K Sports Council (JKSC) involving 10 prominent teams of the district. In the final Surjeet Singh, social activist was the chief guest, who appreciated the efforts of volleyball association Rajouri while interacting with the teams and officials. He was all praise for incharge district Rajouri association, Mohd Tariq for his efforts to promote the game of Volleyball.



Organisers along with winner team posing for photograph.

I-Day: Full Dress Rehearsals held across J&K

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: The full dress rehearsal for celebration of Independence Day 2023 was held on Sunday at Mulana Azad (M.A) Stadium Jammu with enthusiasm and Patriotic fervour.

The contingents of CRPF, JKP, SSB, NCC cadets, Forest, Fire Services and other departments, besides children of different schools presented an impressive March past.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar unfurled the nation flag, inspected the parade and saluted the March Past.

School children and artists of J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages presented a colorful cultural programme featuring theme based presentations which mesmerized the audience.

The cultural items depicted communal harmony and composite culture of Jammu Kashmir UT, Government initiatives besides featuring patriotic based presentations, folk music and dance.

Among others present were Additional Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh; DIG, Shakti Pathak; Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; Joint Director Information, Atul Gupta; ADCs besides Heads of different Departments and other civil and police Officers.

At Kathua, the full dress rehearsal for 77th Independence Day was held in Kathua at Sports Stadium where contingents of Police, CRPF, Army, NCC cadets presented the march past.

The rehearsal started with hoisting of National Flag by Deputy Commissioner, Rakesh Minhas followed by inspection of the parade.

SSP Kathua, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal, ADC Ranjit Singh, besides other officers of district administration were also present on the occasion.

At Rajouri, the spirit of patriotism and national pride filled the air as Rajouri conducted a successful full dress rehearsal for the Independence Day Celebrations. Under the overall supervision of District Magistrate Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, the district witnessed an impeccable display of discipline and unity.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rajeev Kumar Khajuria inspected the parade held at the District Police Lines, Police, CRPF, Forest Protection Force, NCC, and students from different educational institutions presented an impressive.

Addl. SP, Vivek Shekhar; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Inuran Rashid Kataria; Chief Education Officer, Sultana Kouser and other civil and police officers were also present.

At Samba, the Rani Suchait Singh Sports Stadium came alive amid Full Dress Rehearsal. ADC Suresh Chander Sharma inspected the parade, hoisted the national flag, and took salute at the march past setting a solemn and unified tone for the occasion.

Senior Superintendent of Police Benam Tosh and other District and Sectoral Officers highlighted the event's importance in fostering a sense of togetherness and shared purpose.

At Doda, the full dress rehearsal for Independence Day celebration was held at Sports Stadium Doda.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr R K Bharti hoisted the National Flag, inspected the parade and took salute at the march past comprising contingents of JKP, IRP 5th Bn, SSB, FPF, Home Guard, Schools children, NCC Senior and Junior wing, and District Police band.

SSP, Abdul Qayoom and other civil and Police Officers were also present at the program. The



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar taking salute while students performing during the rehearsal.

SSP directed some minor rectifications in the March past parade.

ASP Hq, DIO DIPR, DYSSO, Dy SP DAR, CAO, Cultural Officer, besides other senior officers of Police and Civil Administration were also present on the occasion.

Similarly, full dress rehearsal for Independence Day celebrations was held at New Bus Stand Bhaderwah. ADC Chowdhary Dil Mir hoisted the Tricolour and took salute at the March past.

At Ramban full Dress Rehearsal for 77th Independence Day celebrations was held with patriotic spirit at District Police Lines Ramban. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal Sharma unfurled the National Flag and inspected the parade comprising contingents of Police, IRP, Home Guard, Forest Protection Forces, and school children. A cultural program highlighting the composite culture and the theme 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' was also presented.

Additional SP, Gourav Mahajan; ACR Giasul Haq, and other officers were also present. The stage proceedings were ably conducted by Ranjay Kumar and Ruhi Kundal.

At Udhampur, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Joginder Singh Jasrotia took salute at an impressive march past comprising contingents of J&K Police, ITBP, SKPA, Volunteers Home Guard, NCC and Police Band.

Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Senior Superintendent of Police, Dr Vinod Kumar, ACR, Raffiq Ahmed Jaral, besides district heads of various departments were also present to witness the full dress rehearsal.

At Reasi, the full dress rehearsal in connection with the celebrations of 77th Independence Day, 2023 was held with great enthusiasm here at General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium, Reasi today.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Reasi Abdul Sattar hoisted the tri-colour and took salute at an impressive march past contingents drawn from Police, CRPF, platoons of NCC cadets besides formation of Police Band.

At Kishtwar, the full dress rehearsal for the main programme of Independence Day Parade, 2023 was held today at Chowgan Ground Kishtwar amid all necessary arrangements.

Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Sham Lal Sharma accompanied by Addl. SP Kishtwar, Rajinder Singh hoisted the National Flag, took salute from parade commander, contingents and inspected the parade of contingents. The parade was commanded by Dy.SP Vishal Sharma.

The 35 contingents that participated in the March past parade included Police, JKAP, CRPF, CISE, IRP, Forest Protection Force, NCC and student contingents from schools of District Kishtwar.

SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmed Poswal, ADC

Kathua clinches overall Gatka Trophy Championship 2023

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JAMMU: Closing Ceremony of 2 days 12th JK UT Gatka Championship 2023 for both categories organized by GAJK in collaboration with District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Jammu was chaired by S. Surjit Singh and S. Balvinder Singh members DGPC & S. Samar Paul Singh as a Special Guest of Honour at Langar Hall Gurudwara Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Jammu.

The trophies and medals were awarded to Kathua District which lifted the overall trophy, Jammu District 2nd Runner up, Samba district at 3rd place and participating Gatka players in this Gatka competition 2023.

While addressing Surjit Singh congratulated GAJK for organizing and providing players a platform for the promotion of Sikh Art martial game



Organisers along with winner team with trophy.

Gatka and winning teams for their excellent performance in this competition and assured full cooperation of DGPC in future for supporting and promoting such type of activities.

Balvinder Singh member DGPC and renowned RTI activists appreciated the efforts of GAJK in bringing Gatka Games on National level by winning gold medals in inter -

Kreeda Bharati J&K gears up for Gyan Pariksha

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JAMMU: Kreeda Bharati Jammu and Kashmir has initiated the process of registration for online 3rd edition of the Kreeda Gyan Pariksha 2023 slated for September three.

"The National level event is being organised to generate greater interest in sports among players, students, parents and citizens of the country. For registration in J&K, a committee has been set in a meeting held here," informed president of the Kreeda Bharati J&K, Shiv Kumar Sharma.

The members present in the meeting appointed general secretary of Kreeda Bharati J&K, Rajesh Chander Vaid as convener. Other members of the registration committee included Rahul Sharma, Raj Kumar, Ashutosh Sharma, Dr Sanjogita Soodan, Surinder Bagal, Vikas Sharma, Ambedkar Gupta and Krishan Singh. Soon after constitution of the registration committee, the members discussed the modalities to generate awareness among the students and managements of the educational institutions with regard to the event. "Since students from J&K have already been taking part in this National event for last two years. It will be for the third time J&K shall participate in Kreeda Gyan Pariksha. Those students in the age group of 12 years and above are only eligible for participation in the online contest by using any of the three mediums-computer, mobile and laptop," informed the convener, Rajesh Chander Vaid. Important to mention here that the National winner of the event shall receive Rs one lakh prize, followed by two prizes worth Rs 50,000 each. Six other prizes shall be worth Rs 25,000 each while other 11 winners shall get Rs 11,000 each.

Ghar Ghar Tiranga Har Ghar Diyan programme organised at Nagrota



Members of Nagrota Volleyball Club, Jammu along with players during the event.

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NAGROTA: As part of celebrations of 77th India's independence Nagrota Volleyball Club, Jammu, JKUT organised programme for youth entitled, Ghar Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Diyan at Khelo Gam Nagrota on Sunday.

In the programme besides giving tips of physical fitness and Meditation by the experts, importance of Azadi

ka Amrit Mahotsav, My Youth, My Pride, & various initiatives taken by the Govt for well-being of the people were highlighted to inculcate the spirits Unity & communal Harmony among younger generation.

Naresh Sharma Volleyball Coach qualified level 1&11 & Neelam Sharma, Meditation Coach, Art of living (NGO) associated with women wing of Volleyball

Association of J&K gave demonstration cum awareness on the occasion.

This programme was organized as a part of Independence Fortnight drive by Volleyball Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports council. Subash Shastri President Volleyball Club organized this event. The drive will conclude on 15th August all across JKUT.

CMO, ACD, ACP, ACR, Ex. Engineer R&B, Flood, ARTO, Tehsildar Anantnag, officers from civil and police were present at the event.

At Baramulla, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf hoisted the tricolor and took salute at the March-past presented by the contingents of J&K Police, CRPF, Home guards, Fire and Emergency services, NCC and students from different schools at District Police Lines.

Meanwhile, similar rehearsal functions were also held at all Subdivisions and Tehsil Headquarters of the district.

At Budgam, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Budgam, Dr. Akramullah Tak hoisted the National flag, inspected the parade and took salute at the march past presented by the contingents of Police, JKAP, CRPF, NCC & Student contingents from various schools of district at Sports Stadium Budgam.

ADC Budgam, Dr. Nasir; ASP Budgam, Head of Departments of all line departments, senior police officers, students, media persons besides officers of CRPF and other security agencies



Students performing during the rehearsals at Srinagar.

were present on the occasion.

At Pulwama, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Dr Ab Aziz Sheikh hoisted the National Flag and took salute at the march past presented by contingents from CRPF, District Police, Womens wing JKP, Home guard and school children at District Police Line Pulwama.

Senior officers from civil and police administration, school children and a large number of people were present on the occasion.

Similar functions were also held at DPL Awantipora where ADC Awantipora, Zaffar Ahmad Shavl hoisted the flag and took salute at the march past.

The celebrations of Independence Day under the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign are also being held across the district at various places.

A mega Tiranga rally was taken out from District Headquarters Pulwama to District Police Lines Pulwama and culminated back at District Headquarters in the wee hours. The rally was attended by school children, NCC cadets, Police and Paramilitary forces.

At Kulgam, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather hoisted the National Flag, inspected the parade and took salute at the march past presented by the contingents of J&K Police, CRPF, Women Police, Home Guard, Police band, students from schools and other contingents at District Police Lines (DPL), here.

Cultural programmes were also presented on the occasion by the students and artists.

ADC, Vikar Ahmad Giri, ACR, Addl. SP and

other officers from civil and police administration besides locals, students and employees participated in the function.

At Bandipora, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Ali Afsar Khan hoisted the National flag and took salute at the march past presented by the contingents comprising JKP, CRPF, SPOs, NCC cadets and contingents from various schools at S. K Stadium Bandipora.

Among others, ASP Bandipora and senior officers of Civil Administration, police, Army, and paramilitary forces were also present at the full dress rehearsal.

The full dress rehearsal function was also held at Mini Secretariat Bandipora, where ADC Bandipora Umar Shafi Pandit hoisted the flag.

Similar functions of full dress rehearsal were also held at Sub Division Sumbal and Gurez, where respective Tehsildars unfurled the flag.

The full dress rehearsal functions were also held across the district at Block Level, panchayat level, and in all Schools and Colleges.

At Ganderbal, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah hoisted the tricolor, inspected the

parade and took the salute at the march-past presented by the contingents of JKP, JKAP, CRPF, SSB, PTS Manigan, Forest Protection Force, District Police, Fire and Emergency Services and students of various schools at Qamriya Ground Ganderbal.

ASP Ganderbal, CPO, Executive Engineers of R&B, Jal Shakti besides other district officers from civil and police department were present at the event.

At Kupwara, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat hoisted the National Flag and took salute at the March-past presented by contingents of JKP, IRP, CRPF, FPP, JK Home Guards, Police Commandos and School Children at District Police Lines Kupwara.

Later, variety cultural programmes were presented by students from different schools on the occasion. Among others, District Officers and officials were present on the occasion.

Full dress rehearsal functions were also held at Handwara, Karnah and Sogam sub divisions.

At Shopian, the Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Shahbaz Ahmed Bodha hoisted the National Flag, inspected the parade and took salute from the contingents of District Executive Police, CRPF, JKAP, Fire & Emergency, Homeguards, NCC and students from different schools of the district at District Police Lines (DPL), Shopian.

DPO Poshan Abhiyan, SDM, Zainapora, ASP Shopian and district heads of different departments were also present on the occasion, besides hundreds of employees, general public and students.