

# Pickleball Federation of India holds Core Committee Meeting

## New leadership announced

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JAMMU: The Pickleball Federation of India (PFI) held its virtual Core Committee meeting today, where several crucial decisions were made and new leadership appointments were announced. The meeting was attended by the executive members of PFI, who discussed a range of topics as per the agenda.

The highlight of the meeting was the finalization of the dates for the upcoming National Pickleball Tournament.

The event will take place in Jaipur, Rajasthan, from November 15 to 17, 2024.

This highly anticipated tournament is expected to draw participants from across the country.

In preparation for the national event, a two-day technical workshop and clinic will be conducted jointly by PFI and the J&K Pickleball Association.

Scheduled for September 2024 in Jammu, this workshop aims to enhance the skills of participants. Each state can send a minimum of two and a maximum of four participants, with a preference for including at least one female participant.

The committee also decided on the financial aspects

concerning state affiliations and player participation. The annual affiliation fee for each state has been set at Rs 10,000, and a National Tournament Fee of Rs 1,000 will be required for each player. All states are required to complete their registration or renewal process before the Jaipur National Tournament and submit their registration certificates during the event.

During the meeting, three new members were proposed to be inducted into the National Committee body. The proposed members are Raghuraj Singh, Sunil Dang, and Manish Gogaia.

Their inclusion is expected to bring fresh perspectives and expertise to the committee.

A new Core Executive Committee was formed for the tenure 2024-2028. The committee members are:

President Karan Singh (Rajasthan), Senior Vice President Ranjeet Chib (Jammu & Kashmir), Vice President Devendra Singh Bisht (Uttarakhand), Vice President S.K.D. Mishra (Chhattisgarh), Secretary Amit Kumar (Uttarakhand), Joint Secretary Mammoohan Vyas (Gujarat), Treasurer Rajinder Deshwal (Haryana), Executive Member Ganesh Dutta

(Assam) and Executive Member Ram Kumar (West Bengal).

This new leadership team is expected to steer the federation toward continued growth and success in promoting the sport of pickleball across India.

The meeting concluded with a sense of optimism and commitment to advancing the sport at both national and state levels.

The PFI's leadership and member states are now focused on making the upcoming national tournament and technical workshop in Jammu resounding successes.

# APS BD Bari organises felicitation ceremony on concluding day of Inter-APS Volleyball Tournament

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SAMBA: Army Public School (APS) BD Bari celebrated the conclusion of a thrilling five-day Inter-Army Public School Cluster-I Volleyball competition with a felicitation ceremony.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Col S. Chatterji, Deputy Commander of the 92 Infantry Brigade. Other dignitaries present included Lt Col Kanwar Rohit Singh, Neeta Rawal, Principal of APS BD Bari, and Namrata, Principal of APS Kaluchak.

The tournament featured 16 teams (8 boys' teams and 8 girls' teams) from various Army Public Schools in the Jammu region. The final matches were a display of high-caliber volleyball, with APS Kaluchak facing APS



Chief Guest presenting trophy to a winner team.

Jammu Cantt in the boys' category, and APS BD Bari competing against APS Damana in the girls' category.

In the boys' category, APS Kaluchak emerged victorious, winning the match 3-0 against APS Jammu Cantt. In the girls' category, APS Damana secured a win against APS BD Bari with a score of 3-1.

Col S. Chatterji commended the winners for their exceptional performance and praised all participants for their dedication and sportsmanship.

Neeta Rawal thanked the players, coaches, and support staff for their hard work and commitment in making the tournament a success.

# Samba District Yoga meet held

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SAMBA: Yoga Association of Jammu and Kashmir today organized Samba District Yoga Sports Championship at Sun Light High School Utter Behani, here.

Around 125 young boys and girls associated with the game took part in day-long competition held under the guidance of technical experts and members of the Association.

Rajinder Pangotra, Principal of the Sun Light High School was the chief guest, presented medals and certificates to the winners. The event held under the supervision of Mukesh Sharma and Aryaaveer Singh, National level referee and judges, a handout issued here today informed.

The Results:

GIRLS: 8-10 year:



Participating students posing with officials.

Shreya Bhardwaj, Ist; Janvi Sharma, 2nd; Pariashi, 3rd. 10-12 year: Brindha Sharma, Ist; Karuna Bhagat, 2nd and Shihani Sharma, 3rd. 12-14 year: Prachi Sharma, Ist; Manvi Sharma, 2nd and Agaya Bhagat, 3rd. 14-16 year: Ankita Pangotra, Ist; Shivani Bhagat, 2nd and Anisha Choudhary, 3rd.

BOYS: 8-10 year: Vishal

Khokhar, Ist; Karan Sharma, 2nd; Ashish Pangotra, 3rd. 10-12 year: Hitesh Pangotra, Ist; Akhil Sharma, 2nd and Vinayak Sharma, 3rd. 12-14 year: Vinod Kumar, Ist; Sumit Sharma, 2nd and Nitish Bhagat, 3rd. 14-16 year: Ayush Sharma, Ist and Mohd Usmaan, 3rd. 16-18 year: Arun Singh, Ist; Amit Mangla, 2nd and Vansh Jamwal, 3rd.

# Football competition under ‘My Youth My Pride’ held



Koushal Kumar Sharma, SSP PCR Jammu interacting with players.

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JAMMU: My youth My Pride sports activities competition in the discipline of Football was organized by J&K Sports Council at Mini Stadium Parade ground under the patronage of Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gul.

In the competition,

Koushal Kumar Sharma, SSP PCR Jammu was the Chief Guest. Prominent among the present were Sharat Chander Singh (DSP) PCR Jammu and Sushma Jamwal.

About 120 probables participated in the Football competition. More than 40 parents, 10 officials were

present.

The event was organised under the supervision of chief coach Basketball Sushma Jamwal, Vinay Sharma, Ritika Slathia, Dalvinder Singh, Jagjeet Singh, Rachna Jamwal Pawandeep Kour, Tarvinder Singh and Rajinder Singh.

The Football matches are being conducted by Technical panel of Sanjay, Rakesh, Depanshu and Rashpal. The Chief Guest interacted with the players and encouraged them to participate in such events in future also.

Koushal Sharma appreciated the initiative taken by J&K Sports Council to channelise the energy of the youth in sports activities under My Youth My Pride Programme.

# Jakiian Arnav shines in Dance Competition



JKPS Panjtirthi Principal Suman Banbah felicitating winner student.

coverage and energetic choreography.

The Principal of JKPS Panjtirthi, Suman Banbah expressed, "Take pride in how far you have come, and have faith in how far you can go. Congratulations!"

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JAMMU: Auspicious Dance Academy organised "let's Dance level-up-2 Anybody can Dance" competition.

Little Jakiian Arnav Kapoor of class Upper KG of JK Public School (JKPS) Panjtirthi clinched third prize in the aforesaid competition.

Arnav Kapoor set the floor on fire with his lively and peppy presentation. The colorful costume of the little one enhanced the pleasure of watching the performance. The judges made a note of his outstanding expressions, stage

# Little Flower School conducts Investiture Ceremony



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JAMMU: Little Flower School, Sec. D, Sainik Colony, Jammu proudly held its annual Investiture Ceremony today on 9th of August 2024. This was a significant event marking the induction of the new student council. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Chairman Tarun Rattanpal, Principal Kusum Rattanpal and Coordinators, who collectively highlighted the

importance of leadership and responsibility among the students.

Principal Kusum Rattanpal, in her address, emphasized the values of dedication, integrity and teamwork. She congratulated the newly appointed student leaders and encouraged them to lead by example, fostering a positive and inclusive school environment.

The Chairman and Coordinators also extended their best wishes to the stu-

dent council, underseering the role of such events in building the future leaders of our society. The Investiture Ceremony concluded with a promise from the new leaders to uphold the school's values and work diligently towards their responsibilities.

Little Flower School remains committed to providing opportunities for student development and leadership, ensuring a bright future for all its students.

# HPS celebrates Shravan Month with devotion

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SAMBA: Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana, celebrated the holy month of Shravan with great devotion and enthusiasm. Shravan, the fifth month in the Hindu calendar, is considered one of the most auspicious months dedicated to the veneration of Lord Shiva. The celebration began with a sacred Shiv Aarti led by the school's Principal, Gourav Charak, along with Vice-Principal Anku Charak, and the incharges of various wings, including Akashdeep Raina, Ravinder Sadhu,



HPS students reciting a song during a programme.

Parsidh Singh, Namrata Sharma, Vandana Sharma, Aparna Billowria, Er. Varinder Kumar and Mahan Singh.

The event featured a series

of captivating performances by the students. Young students Aanvi, Yukti, Vanishika, Rudransh, and Aakriti recited beautiful poems, while Pranav from class 7th presented an

insightful topic on the significance of Shravan month. The highlight of the event was a theatrical dance performed by the 9th-grade students, showcasing the power and role of Lord Shiva in the natural cycle, guided by dance teacher Taruna Mehra. Additionally, the girls of class 9th sang a melodious bhajan dedicated to Lord Shiva, under the guidance of music teachers Rajan Kumar and Kumar Abhilash.

Principal Gourav Charak enlightened the audience about the spiritual significance of the Shravan month, emphasizing that worshipping

Lord Shiva during this period brings blessings, prosperity, and fulfillment of desires. He praised the efforts of the students and teachers in making the celebration meaningful and engaging. The program was skillfully anchored by Kirti Pathania of class 7th.

Vice-Principal Anku Charak also addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of Shravan as a holy month for Hindus and the significance of seeking Lord Shiva's blessings during this auspicious time.

## Rajouri, Poonch Judo meet from August 23

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JAMMU: Judo Association Jammu and Kashmir has decided to hold district championships for Rajouri and Poonch districts at Indoor Sports Complex of J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Rajouri on August 23 and August 24. As per a handout issued by the Association, here today, the competition is part of the annual calendar of activities. Those interested eligible judokas from the twin districts are advised to report to Jasmine Kouser, president Rajouri District Judo Association along with entry form. The district president can be contacted (6006821934) for competition related queries by the participants. This championship is being organised under the banner of JKSC and J&K Olympic Association (JKOA).

# CUJ claims record 250 Campus placements

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JAMMU: The Central University Jammu (CUJ) has claimed to achieve another milestone of 250 placements to students of various departments in 2023-24 placement session with improved packages.

More than 100 leading companies from multiple sectors participated in the placement drive, offering students opportunities to embark on promising careers, a handout issued by the

CUJ informed.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ expressed his delight over this accomplishment. He said, "This milestone is a testament to our students' hard work and the dedicated efforts of our faculty and placement cell. We are committed to providing our students with the best opportunities for their professional growth."

He further said that the CUJ continues to strive for excellence in educa-

tion and aims to further enhance its placement records in the coming years, ensuring its students are well-equipped to meet the demands of the industry.

The placement drive included rigorous training sessions, workshops, and mock interviews to prepare students for the competitive job market. The university's emphasis on holistic development and practical skills has played a crucial role in achieving this success.

# Vishwa Bharati School hosts In-House Workshop on ‘Learning and Development’

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JAMMU: Vishwa Bharati Senior Secondary School recently conducted an in-house workshop focused on the theme of "Learning and Development" for its teachers.

The event was attended by esteemed members of the management, including Dr. S.K. Koul, President of Vishwa Bharati Women's Welfare Institution, Prof. A.N. Sadhu, Chairman of the Academic Committee, B.L. Saraf, Member of the management committee, Verender Kumar Dembi, a special guest and eminent educationist, as well as Annapurna Koul, Principal of Vishwa Bharati Senior



Secondary School, and Bharti Bhat, Principal of Vishwa Bharati College of Education.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Mrs. Annapurna Koul, who outlined the objectives of the day's event.

Verender Kumar Dembi delivered the keynote address,

emphasizing the importance of continuous learning, development, and training for educators. He highlighted the positive impact a motivated and happy teacher can have on students.

The workshop featured insightful presentations from

the school's faculty.

Akshma Bakshi demonstrated competency-based assessments, Mamta Devi discussed Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, and Archana Koul presented on Capacity Building Programmes. Additionally, Sheetal Lakotra and Arti Bhanu showcased "Balvatika and Jadhui Pitara." Prof. Sadhu provided reflections on the workshop, offering valuable comments and suggestions. Dr. S.K. Koul proposed various developmental initiatives for the school. The program was anchored by Manjiri Kaul, with a vote of thanks delivered by Pamposh Nehru, coordinator of the Secondary Wing.

# Heritagean Samardev shines at 1st J&K UT Ranking Table Tennis Tournament

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JAMMU: The young prodigy Samardev Bansal, a student of Class 6, has brought honour to the school by securing the Silver Medal in the 1st J&K UT Ranking Table Tennis Tournament. The tournament was held from 11th to 15th June 2024 at M.A. Stadium, Jammu.

Samardev's exceptional talent and relentless dedication have brought immense pride to the school and his family.

Heritage School extended congratulations to Samardev on this remarkable achievement and wished him continued success in his future endeavours.



Heritage School faculty felicitating a winner student.