

Inter District Provincial Level Football Competitions kick off at Khel Gaon

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JAMMU: The Inter District Provincial Level Football competitions for boys under 14 and under 17 years were inaugurated today at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, by Ved Parkash (JKAS), Joint Director of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu. The event, hosted by the District Youth Services and Sports Office, Jammu, marks a significant moment in the region's sporting calendar.

Organized under the patronage of Rajinder Singh Tara (JKAS), Director General of Youth Services and Sports, JK UT, and overseen by DYSSO Jammu Sunil Kumar



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

Sharma, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from teams across various districts.

The inaugural matches saw

intense competition, with Jammu defeating Poonch 1-0 in the under-14 category, and Kishtwar securing a 3-0 victory over Samba. Speaking at

the inauguration, Ved Parkash encouraged the young athletes to continue honing their skills and to aim for success in future competitions.

The football competitions will continue over the next four days at the same venue, providing a platform for young talent to shine. The event was also attended by key officials, including In-charge DYSSO Harvinder Kour, In-charge ZPEO Dansal Dinesh Sharma, and In-charge ZPEO Khour Usha Foteder, along with other department officials.

This competition is a part of the broader efforts by the Youth Services and Sports Department to promote sports and provide young athletes with opportunities to compete at higher levels.

Shiksha Niketan School conducts Metaverse 360-VR Immersive learning program

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JAMMU: Shiksha Niketan Senior Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar conducted India's first Metaverse 360-VR Immersive learning program on Wednesday.

Drishta Technology Private Limited, are pioneer in providing Metaverse 360-VR immersive learning. The first of its kind program provides a unique opportunity for students to experience the unimaginable with the latest metaverse technology.

Near about 90 Students from Class VI to X participated in the program and every student get an individual experience on the



Drishta Technology Private Limited providing Metaverse 360-VR immersive learning to SNS students.

advanced metaverse 360-VR device and also certificate of participation.

At last, Principal of the School Rameshwar Mengi

asked for the experience from students and motivate the students to further participate in such kind of activities in future.

Montessori Cambridge School Pathankot's Divyangna becomes finalist in Miss & Mr. Teen India 2024



Divyangna, a finalist in Alee Club's 26th Miss & Mr. Teen India 2024.

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PATHANKOT: Divyangna, a remarkable 13-year-old student from Montessori Cambridge School, Pathankot, has earned a spot as a finalist in the prestigious Alee Club's 26th Miss & Mr. Teen India 2024.

During the auditions held in Chandigarh, Divyangna's poise and exceptional talent captured the attention of the judges, distin-

guishing her in this fiercely competitive event.

Montessori Cambridge School is beaming with pride as Divyangna's accomplishment brings honor to the institution. The school's Chairman, Vinod Mahajan, Vice-Chairman, Akash Mahajan, and Principal, Rashmi Ahluwalia, have all praised Divyangna for her outstanding achievement, lauding her as a source of inspiration for all students.

The Alee Club's Miss & Mr. Teen India pageant, recognized as the oldest and largest of its kind in India and honoured in the Limca Book of Records, is directed by the renowned Rampguru Sambita Bose.

The competition is celebrated for its role in discovering and nurturing young talent nationwide, making Divyangna's advancement to the finals even more significant.

As Divyangna prepares for the final round, her school, family, and the entire Pathankot community stand firmly behind her, proud of her success and confident in her potential to shine on a national stage.

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UDHAMPUR: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised selection trials to name district Udhampur Boxing boys and Kabaddi girls team in under-19 age group at Subash Stadium, here.

Now, these selected teams shall represent Udhampur district in the upcoming Divisional level competitions.

The selection process was supervised by Anita Goswami, Activity Incharge of the DYSSO office, Udhampur along with Ramesh Chander, Som Dev Khajuria, and Sanjeev Kumar.

The staff involved in the selection included Somdev, Sanjeev Kumar, Vikas Sharma, Karun Magotra, Ghaneem Akhter, Sanjeev



Selected teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Udhampur.

Khajuria, Jaswinder Singh, Jatin Sethi, Anshu Brat Khanna and Vipin Photra.

The Teams:

Kabaddi: U-19 Girls: Ninna Devi (GHSS Udhampur), Ritika Bhagat (GHSS Udhampur), Chahat Sharma (HSS Barolla), Sunaina (GHSS Udhampur), Reetika Sharma

(HS Chowki Jandrore), Mamta Devi (HSS Lander),

Ananya Rajput (Happy Model HSS Udhampur),

Arun joins Downtown Heroes as Sporting Director

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JAMMU: One of the fast growing sports identity in J&K, Downtown Heroes Football Club (FC) has involved former India player, Arun Malhotra as the new Sporting Director of the Club. Malhotra brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise in football management, having held various key roles in the industry.

"In his new role, Malhotra will oversee all football operations of Downtown Heroes FC, with a particular focus on employing experts in specialist areas to ensure the club's continuous growth and success. His responsibilities will include implementing effective structures and methods to enhance various critical areas such as recruitment, analysis, and operations," a handout issued by the Club here today disclosed.

Malhotra's appointment marks a significant step forward for Downtown Heroes FC as the club strives to achieve both short-term suc-



Arun with owners of Downtown Heroes FC (File Picture) at Srinagar.

cess and long-term sustainability. "His strategic vision and leadership are expected to play a pivotal role in the club's journey towards establishing itself as a dominant force in Indian football," the handout mentioned.

"We are thrilled to welcome Arun Malhotra to Downtown Heroes FC. His vast experience and deep understanding of the game will be invaluable as we work towards our goals. With Malhotra at the helm of our football operations, we are confident in our ability to build a strong and sustainable future

for the club," maintained spokesperson of Downtown Heroes. "I look forward to working closely with the team to develop a robust footballing infrastructure that will not only bring immediate success but also ensure the club's long-term growth and stability," said Arun on being contacted.

Downtown Heroes FC continues to pave the way for football in Srinagar, and with the appointment of Mr. Arun Malhotra as Sporting Director, the club is poised to reach new heights both on and off the pitch.

NSS students of GGM Sc College launches anti-ragging campaign, admission counseling initiative

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JAMMU: In a bid to enhance campus safety and support for newcomers, GGM Science College has launched a new initiative led by NSS students. This program combines an Anti-Ragging Campaign with an Admission Counseling support system, aimed at fostering a welcoming and secure environment for all students.

Under the leadership of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, the college has introduced a dedicated help desk where NSS volunteers provide assistance and guidance to newcomers. This initiative focuses on creating



GGM Science College NSS students posing with Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta.

a supportive space where students can seek help and address concerns related to ragging and admission

processes.

Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta emphasized the importance of the initiative,

stating, "Our goal is to create a supportive environment where students can seek help and guidance

freely. The student-led counseling at the help desk is a crucial step towards achieving a safe and ragging-free campus."

The initiative was carried out under the guidance of NSS Programme Officers Dr. Rahul Kait and Dr. Neha Sharma. They highlighted the role of NSS volunteers in providing immediate support and addressing any concerns related to ragging.

The program has been well-received by both students and faculty, underscoring the college's commitment to maintaining a respectful and secure campus environment.

Jammu Weightlifting Championship begins



Participants of Jammu Weightlifting Championship posing with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Two-day District Jammu Weightlifting Championship, organised by District Jammu Weightlifting Association, got underway today at Indoor Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here. Around 30 young lifters from the district are taking part in this event in various weight and age categories, a handout issued by the Association, informed. The event was declared open by Manager of the Stadium, Ritika Jamwalin the presence of Harbhajan

Singh, Daljeet Singh (DySP and former National medalist), Dayal Singh (district secretary), Ravi Singh (senior weightlifting coach and retired Divisional Sports Officer of JKSC), Manish Charak, Amit Sharma, Parveen Kumar, Dileep Singh, Akash Virdhi and Manjeet Singh.

Harbhajan Singh, president J& Weightlifting Association and Yudhvir Singh, general secretary also encouraged the participants with their presence.

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JAMMU: Ten students of KC public School, namely, Mrinmay Mehta, Suhas Koul, Medhaj Pathania, Ada Aggarwal, Aishna Sharma, Pranay Sharma, Achyut Khajuria, Kavin Bhushanand Shreedha Gupta attended the Model United Nations (WEL-MUN-24) Conference hosted by Welham Boys' School Dehradun recently.

Many eminent schools such as Mayo College Ajmer, Daly College Indore, Emerald Heights International School Indore, MGD Jaipur, YPS Patiala, Assam Valley School Guwahati, Rajmata Girls' School Jodhpur, Sunbeam School Varanasi, Sanskriti School Delhi,

KCPS students attend MUN conference hosted by Welham Boys' School Dehradun



KCPS students after attending MUN conference hosted by Welham Boys' School Dehradun.

Jodhamal Public School Jammu and host Welham School participated in this prestigious national level event. The Committees that functioned during the Conference were Lok Sabha, United Nations Security Council, Disarmament &

International Security Committee, United Nations Economic and Social Council, Interpol, United Nations Human Rights Council and International Press Corps.

KCPS delegates taking part in these Committees gave a good account of

themselves. However, it was Suhas Koul of KCPS who stood out for his brilliant performance as a member of the Lok Sabha Committee in which he debated forcefully on highly contentious national issues such as Article 356 and Uniform Civil Code. As a result, he

was declared winner of the Outstanding Delegate of the Lok Sabha Committee.

The experience of attending a national level MUN gave KCPS delegates the opportunity to interact with students from well-known Indian schools and to hone their oratorical skills in addition to widening the horizons of their awareness about contemporary national and international issues facing the world of today.

Raju Chowdhary, Chairman of KCPS, and AK Mishra, Principal of the school, congratulated Suhas Koul for his persistent excellence as an outstanding speaker in several MUN conferences he has attended thus far in the current academic session.

Abrar, Janvi emerge best athletes of J&K

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JAMMU: Abrar Choudhary and Janvi Sharma emerged best athletes of the two-day 22nd J&K Athletics Championship which was organised by J&K Amateur Athletics Association (JKAAA) under the aegis of Athletics Federation of India, here on Wednesday.

The event took place in collaboration with University of Jammu (JU) and supported by Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) while J&K Sports Council (JKSC) sponsored the championship.

"In total 1400 athletes from all 20 districts of J&K UT participated in this two days long event. The unique



Winner athletes posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

feature of the championship was its conduct by using latest techniques of Electronic Photo Finish System and Electronic Device for Measurement (EDM) on the lines of National championship," said organising secretary of the championship, Sharat Chander Singh. In the closing function, Mohd. Hanief, Chief Sports Officer of JKSC; member JKSC, Rajeev

Sharma and Chief Accounts Officer of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) were special guests, who felicitated the winning athletes. Among others prominent present were Sunil Mahajan, president JKAAA; Sharat Chander Singh, general secretary JKAAA; Vishal Bharti; Vinod Bhatia, joint secretary JKAAA, Tajinder Singh and Rajesh Kumar,

treasurer JKAAA.

The competition conducted by the technical panel comprising Pawandeep Kour, Sarabjeet Singh, Harvinder Singh, Guracharan Singh, Harsimran Singh, Reena Chhetri, Amardeep Singh, Parveen Kumar, Gafoor Mir, Aman, Parveen Kour and Kiran Kumari under the overall supervision of Nirmal Singh, chairman technical committee.

All India Buchi Babu Invitational Cricket Tournament Bowling brilliance by Lotra, Abid helps J&K to restrict Baroda at 255 runs in 1st innings

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CHENNAI: Right-arm off-spinner Sahil Lotra and left-arm orthodox Abid Mushtaq spun web around the rival batsmen as Jammu and Kashmir bundled out formidable Baroda for 255 runs in the first innings of the All India Buchi Babu Multi-day Invitational Cricket Tournament, organised by Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) at NPR College Cricket Ground, Natham, here.

Earlier, batting first, Baroda openers began cautiously to make a sedate opening partnership of 26



runs in 84 balls before openers Kinit Patel (18) and Prianshu Moliya (11) were sent back to the pavilion by Abid Mushtaq and Sahil Lotra respectively.

However, bowling all-rounder Ninad Rathwa, com-



ing in at number-8 played a brilliant innings of 111 runs off 123 balls, studded with 11 fours and 6 sixes helped Baroda to reach a decent total of 255 runs.

Shivalik Sharma and Abhimanyu Singh Rajput

contributed 32 runs each to the total.

For J&K, Sahil Lotra took 5 wickets by conceding 77 runs in 23.2 overs, while Abid Mushtaq bagged 4 wickets by giving away 100 runs in his 31 overs. Vishal Kumar also claimed one wicket.

In reply, J&K were 29/2 at stumps on day-1 today. Shubham Pundir and Shivansh Sharma were at the crease on 9 runs each. Shubham Khajuria (8) and Abhinav Puri (01) were dismissed cheaply.

Ninad Rathwa took both the wickets to fall.