

Inter-zone competitions of DYSS

R S Pura, Khour Zones secure volleyball titles



District officer with teams playing in the volleyball final at Khel Gaon in Nagrota.

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JAMMU: The R S Pura and Khour Zone won under-17 and under-19 titles respectively in the two-day inter-zone district Jammu boys' volleyball tournament, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports

(DYSS), at Khel Gaon, here on Saturday.

In the under-17 final, R S Pura trounced Akhnoor Zone in straight sets. Anshu Chib and Mannat played superb game for the winners. Earlier, in the semifinals, Akhnoor beat Chowki Choura 2-0 and R S Pura

defeated Gandhi Nagar Zone 2-0. Similarly, in under-19 group, Khour Zone registered a straight 2-0 sets win against Arnia. Rohit and Vipin were the best performers from Khour. In the semifinals, Arnia beat R S Pura 2-1 and Khour outplayed Jammu Zone 2-0. Earlier, District Officer (DYSS), Sukhdev Raj Sharma interacted with the finalist teams and witnessed the title games.

CRICKET: Meanwhile, in the ongoing under-19 boys cricket event, Dansal and Jammu Zone won their respective matches. While Dansal defeated Bhalwal Zone by a margin of 42 runs, Jammu outplayed Akhnoor by eight wickets.

GDC Mahanpur organises global webinar on 'University Sports Management'

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KATHUA: Department of Physical Education and Sports, Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur in collaboration with Indian Premier Academy of Sports Science and Physical Education and Foundation for Global Community Health (GCH), USA on Saturday conducted a global webinar on university sports management through Physical Education and Sports Science.

The webinar started with formal introduction by Dr J.S Soodan, Physical Director & Organizing Secretary of global webinar. Welcome address was presented by Dr Rakseh Kumar Koul, Principal and Patron of webinar.

The webinar inaugurated by Commissioner/Secretary Higher Education, Talat Parvez Rohella, who in his inaugural address stressed upon the promotion and need of physical education and sports science in a well planned manner into the school as well as college and university levels as per the New Education Policy of Government of

India. He also congratulated the Principal GDC Mahanpur for organizing such global webinar and also appreciated the efforts of Organizing Secretary Dr J.S Soodan for coordinating and inviting international speakers to the event from countries like USA, Malaysia, Romania, Germany, Bulgaria, Saudi Arabia, Philippines and Turkey.

Dr Daniel Dasheva, Professor, National Sports Academy and former Minister YA&S Bulgaria was the Guest of Honor.

Yogender Choudhry, Additional Principal Secretary to CM Haryana and Principal Secretary YA&S, Government of Haryana was the Chief Guest. In his address, he showed the road map of Haryana Government for the upliftment of sports and sports science infrastructure in the state.

Dr Gurdeep Singh, Former Secretary AIU and President IPASS&PE delivered lecture on university sports management through holistic approach by considering physical education as a mother and



Dignitaries interacting during a webinar.

sports science as a soul. The inaugural session was moderated by Dr. J S Soodan.

The International speakers Dr Kaukam Azeem, Saudi Arabia, spoke on Learning through Resistance Training, Dr Zornitza Mladenova Sofia Bulgaria on Holistic approach for distance learning during Pandemic, Dr Lim Boon Hooi, Malaysia on Incorporated Psychological Intervention for sports injury rehabilitation, Dr. Pinar Yaprak, Turkey on Managing University sports through Interdisciplinary contribution from sports science and Dr Emily Budoscue, Romania on issues in bio-

DYS&S organises 'Fit India' programme

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SHOPIAN: Department of Youth Services & Sports Shopian on Saturday organized 'Fit India' programme at Sports Stadium here. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Dr Abdul Aziz, was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

During the programme, a friendly 'Tug of War' match was played between two teams of Physical Education Staff and the ADC distributed trophies among the winner and runner-up teams.

District Youth Services and Sports officer, Gurmukh Singh Dutta concludes the programme with a vote of thanks.

2 crushers seized for illegal mining

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JAMMU: Acting tough against illegal mining in the area, a team of Geology & Mining Department along with officials from Revenue and Police Departments seized two crushers in Jagti area on Saturday. As per details, acting on complaints regarding illegal functioning of stone crushers in Jagti area, a team from Geology & Mining Department led by Deputy Director (MS) H L Langeh along with DMO Jammu Ankur Sachdev, SHO Nagrota Mohd Showket and Naib Tehsildar Hans Raj raided 2 stone crushers namely M/s Radhey Stone Crusher and M/s Motel Stone Crusher and found them operating illegally in Jagti area. The units along with illegal dumps were seized by the officials. More such operations will be carried out to curb illegal mining in future as well.

elists were Dr Rajesh Kumar, University College OU, Dr. George Abraham, Principal, YMCA, Chennai, Dr Ashok Kumar Department of Sports Science PUP. The representatives of Foundation for Global Community Health (GCH) Dr Zornitza presented President Dr. Ming Kai Chin message to the audience and International Council of Sports Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE) was represented by Detlef Dumon from Berlin Germany, who spoke on community participation in the development of Physical Education and Sports Science.

Dr C P Singh, Director, LNIPE Gwalior presented vote of thanks to the dignitaries, Speakers, Moderators and the participants.

He thanked Dr J S Soodan (Organizing Secretary), Prof. Arvind, Prof Balbir and Sourabh Dutta (Chief Librarian) for organizing such a wonderful mega event.

Ganderbal police organises volleyball tournament



A volleyball match in progress.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: To inculcate and promote sports spirit among the youth and build healthy police-public relations, besides taking forward youth friendly policing initiative particularly in rural areas, Ganderbal Police under aegis of Civic Action Programme (CAP) organized a volleyball tournament-2020 in collaboration with Kangan Sports

Association at Government Higher Secondary School, Kangan.

In the opening ceremony, a volleyball match was played between Kangan Seniors and Kangan Juniors which was won by Kangan Juniors.

Additional SP Ganderbal Feroz Yehya accompanied by SDPO Kangan, SHO Police Station Kangan and other officials were present.

Mendhar wins in U-19 Poonch Volleyball

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POONCH: Mendhar Zone clinched the under-19 boys' inter-zone district level volleyball title outplaying Mandi Zone 3-1 (25-21, 25-23, 22-25, 25-16) in the final played at GDC grounds, here on Saturday. Waqar Jat played excellent game for the winners Mendher zone while Akhter Ahmed defended well from Mandi. In the final, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Pooch, Ramsaroop Sharma was Special Guest, who presented the title trophy and merit certificates.

Present on occasion were Mohd Qasim (Incharge district officer DYSS),



CEO Poonch giving away prizes to winners at GDC ground Poonch.

Amresh Kumar, Majid Dar, Sarla Bakhshi, Harjit Kour, Vijay Kumar, Kulwant Singh, Narinder Singh and Amarjit Singh.

Mohd Tariq was convenor of the tournament and the technical panel comprised

Neeraj Sharma, Ramiz Tariq, DK Raina, Waem Akram, Devinder Singh, Shafqat Shah, Imtiaz Lone, Muzamal Malik, Shabir Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Imran Fazli, Pervaiz Ahmed and Imtiaz Khan.

Samoon distributes award among winner students of online Urdu essay Competition

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Urdu Council on Saturday organised a function here to felicitate the winner students of online Urdu essay competition held in June this year.

Principal Secretary, School Education and Skill Development, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon was the Chief Guest on the occasion while the award distribution function was presided over by noted cartoonist Bashir Ahmed Bashir.

About 13 participant students including first, second and third besides 10 consolation position holders were awarded with cash rewards, mementos, certificates and books. Hayfa Sajad of Mallison Girls School, Razia Sultan of Zoon Islamic School Hajin, Bandipora and Mehr-o-Muzaffar of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Seer Hamdan, Islamabad had respectively bagged first three positions in the competition in which students from 196 government and private schools participated.

Besides, 10 consolation prizes also in the shape of cash, books and certificates were given to the participants of the competition including Mir Asrar, Srinagar, Zuha Parvez, Islamabad, Abrar Nabi, Kamamat Kamran and Mir Suhaib, Ganderbal, Shaffiya Lateef Ramban, Rashid Manaana, Baramulla, Amreeza Ashiq, Islamabad, Muskan Shabir Islamabad and Syedah Seerat Geelani Uri.

Participation certificates to all other contestant students shall be distributed through concerned Chief Education Officers in their respective districts.

Pertinently, the book sets given to winner students were donated by Iqbal Institute of

Culture and philosophy, University of Kashmir and were presented to winners by coordinator of the institute Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Ganaie.

Dr Samoon complimented Urdu Council for organising such a successful competition among the students in tough pandemic situation. He presented appreciation certificates to the Panel of experts who evaluated and interviewed the successful contestants. The Panel included Shafi Shakir, M Yaseen Qadri and Suhail Salim.

Dr. Samoon also released an Urdu book written by Suhail Salim about women Urdu fiction writers of Kashmir.

Earlier, President JK Urdu Council, Dr Javed Iqbal, threw light on the policy and activities of Urdu Council.

Former HoD Urdu UK and CUK Prof Nazir Ahmed Malik in his key note address referred to new education policy and government's decision to declare five languages as official languages in Jammu and Kashmir.

District Coordinator, Bandipora of Urdu Council Shahbaz Hakbari presented and over-all account of the on line essay competition.

Urdu Council Secretary General Javed Matjee conducted the proceedings of award function.

A galaxy of personalities attended the award distribution function including Noor Shah, Advocate A R Hanjoora, Welshi Syed, Reyaz Masroor, Prof. Hameed Naseem Rafiabadi, Ajaz Ahmed Kakroo, Jan Mohammad Azad, Mufti Mohammad Sultan, G N Vaar , officials of education department, media persons, literary figures besides parents and teachers of winner students.

Poonch Zone wins U-17 Football final



Visiting guest, Major Parveen Kale of 39 RR interacting with teams playing in the football final at Poonch.

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POONCH: Poonch Zone won the under-17 Football final of the inter-zone district level competitions of district Poonch held under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Jhullas ground, here on Saturday. In the title clash, Poonch defeated Kunyian zone by two goals to nil.

To encourage young footballers, Major Parveen Kale of 39 RR witness the final as Chief Guest. He interacted with the boys

and imparted important tips about success Mantra in life.

Also present were Amresh Kumar (PEM, incharge activity), Majeed Dar (PEM), Rajinder Singh Toofan, Rafi Dar (PET), Rakesh Kumar. Vijay Kumar (PEM) coordinated the event.

The technical panel included Romesh Kumar (convener), Bophinder Singh (PEM), Rajinder Kumar (PEM), Tarlochan Singh (PET, NIS Football) and Vinod Kumar.

Ace golfer Brig Abrol scores Hole-In-One at JTGC



Golfer after scoring a Hole-in-One at JTGC.

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JAMMU: Former Brigadier, Om Prakash Abrol, an ace golfer from Jammu, on

Saturday scored a hole-in-one at Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGC), Sidhra.

Brig Abrol is the 6th ace golfer of this golf course who made a hole-in- one shot during play at Hole Number 7.

It is pertinent to mention here that Engineer Sunil Gupta was the first golfer who attained Hole-In-One in December 2015 at JTGC. S. S. Wazir was the second ace golfer from Jammu who made Hole-In-One in March 2017, Omair Nissar Ganai in February 2019 while Engineer Sanjeev Singh Pathania and Engineer Raheel Murtaza attained this success in the Month of June 2020 respectively at JTGC.

In golf, hole-in-one commonly occurs on Par 3 holes when a ball hit from a Tee to start and finishes at a hole in a cup.

Expressing deep pleasure over this rare achievement, Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Lal Chand on behalf of Management of JTGC and its members congratulated Brig Abrol and wished him good health and all success.

JKPM chief expels Peerzada, Tahir; State Council opposes

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SRINAGAR: President Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement Javid Mustafa Mir on Saturday expelled Feroz Peerzada and Syed Iqbal Tahir from the party.

The expulsion letter signed by Mir reads, "In exercising the powers conferred upon by the constitution of the party, I Javid Mustafa Mir President JKPM expel Feroz Peerzada and Syed Iqbal Tahir from the party with immediate effect. Their basic membership from the party is also suspended for six years for their anti party activities."

Meanwhile, A meeting of the State Council of J&K Peoples Movement (JKPM) was chaired by Feroze Peerzada, president of the party and attended by other state council members namely Syed Iqbal Tahir, Iqbal Rather, Raja Mehmood, Prof Jameel Khan, Nazim Qazi, Dilbagh Singh, Amin Sofi, Imdad Gazi, Jamil Ahmed, Shouket Malik, Rydham Singh, Javed

Wani Nillora, Khurshid Bismil, Iqbal Hussain Bhat, Murcyleen Peerzada, Ayaz Hussain.

In a press statement party spokesperson stated that the state council in its deliberations noted that on 10 August 2020, Javed Mustafa resigned from the membership of the party as well as from the post of chairman, which was accepted by the party's state council.

Thereupon on August 23, 2020, Feroze Peerzada was appointed as President of the party with the support of 22 out of 25 members, party spokesperson said adding that as per Article 4(B) of the party constitution, Feroze Peerzada was to hold the party president post for a period of 4 years and as such no election for the post of president was required till August 10, 2024.

The spokesperson stated that the JKPM State Council noted with shock on September 26, 2020, Javed Mustafa Mir illegally claimed to have become the President of the party.

President acknowledges supreme sacrifice of army soldier



Kulwinder Kaur (Veer Nari) wife of Late Lance Naik Manjeet Singh being felicitated by Commander, Engineer Brigade.

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JAMMU: Lance Naik Manjeet Singh has been awarded the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (Posthumous) by the President of India.

The award comes as an apt recognition of the dauntless courage and supreme sacrifice made by the soldier while saving the life of a fellow countryman.

On October 21, 2018, while on leave at his home town Baknour, Ambala, Lance Naik Manjeet Singh saved the life of an 18 year old boy who had accidentally fallen into an unused well.

Lance Naik Manjeet

Singh succumbed due to the effects of poisonous gases in the well while trying to rescue the boy, thereby making supreme sacrifice in keeping with the ethos and traditions of the Indian Army.

A felicitation ceremony for presenting the Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak (Posthumous) and cash prize for Rs 2 lakh was conducted on September 26, 2020 at Ambala Cantt.

During the felicitation ceremony, Kulwinder Kaur (Veer Nari) wife of Late Lance Naik Manjeet Singh was felicitated by the Commander, Engineer Brigade.

Arun gaga about midfielder Anirudh getting AIFF Award

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former India midfielder from Jammu and Kashmir, Arun Malhotra is over excited and happy about another man playing at the same position and excelling at the international level.

Serving in Arun's organisation, ONGC, young Anirudh Thapa has earned the AIFF 2019-20 Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year title.

He was selected the winner on the basis of votes from Hero Indian Super League and Hero I-League club coaches.

Arun was excited and extremely happy while sharing Anirudh's achievement at a very young age.

"Anirudh is known to me as a beginner and has grown up as a successful midfielder of the Indian team in a short time. At 22, he is an AIFF awardee, who already has 24 international caps to his name including three appearances at the AFC Asian Cup," disclosed Arun.

Anirudh also stays at Dehradun and shares a close proximity with Arun and family. "Anirudh's father is also a footballer and serves with



ONGC. They also stays in Dehradun, the place where I am posted for nearly a decade, so we are very close to each other," mentioned Arun while sharing his (Anirudh) achievements.

Arun also shared Anirudh's statements appearing in the media after his nomination for the prestigious award.

In one such statement appearing on a digital platform reads: "This news is a breath of fresh air for me and my family - especially whatever we have witnessed so far in this year. I would like to thank AIFF, all my teammates and coaching staff to help me achieve whatever I could. We have garnered some fantastic performances at the club front as well as for the

National team last year but we need to push harder to raise the bar and we can surely do that," Thapa quipped. "That fact that I was voted by coaches from the clubs makes this all the more special."

Professional footballer and a Chennaiyin FC midfielder also spoke on how special was the AFC Asian Cup win against Thailand.

Anirudh Thapa is ranked amongst the best midfielders in India. At just 22, he already has 24 international caps to his name including three appearances at the AFC Asian Cup, the marquee competition of the continent.

Thapa thinks that he was not God-gifted and his meteoric rise has been possible due to hard work and the guidance from his coaches under whom he has trained since his formative years.

"I am not an inborn talent. I have had to work very hard. I thank my coaches for working so hard on me. My coach at St. Stephen's Academy, Surinder Sir (Surinder Singh) helped me a lot. He taught me how to read a game as a midfielder. Next in the AIFF (All India

Football Federation) academy, there were very good coaches. Gautam Sir (Gautam Ghosh) was there for a long time. He helped me immensely.

"I feel blessed to have trained under him. He did amazing things during training. He knew how to deal with kids and treated everyone equally like a family. At Kalyani, he would set up friendly matches with senior teams and playing against them helped us a lot. The result did not matter but what I learnt still matter to me," stated the player during an online chat session hosted by AIFF.

"I watched on television in 2011 while India was playing in the AFC Asian Cup. I had no idea how to reach there. I just knew that one day that I must play in that tournament. Therefore, it was special in 2019. Singing the national anthem at the biggest stage was a great feeling. The match against Thailand will always be special as not only did I score but we won and the win came after so many years in an AFC tournament. Therefore it was a special moment," commented the India international.