

South Kashmir Volleyball Championship concludes

Cambridge Club Shopian lifts men's title, Maroofa Club Kulgam women's trophy



Chief Guest, ASP Shopian, Afroz Mir presenting winner trophies to women and men teams while final match in men's section under progress.

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SHOPIAN: Cambridge Volleyball Club Shopian and Maroofa Volleyball Club Kulgam have won respective men and women trophies of the South Kashmir Volleyball Championship organised by Volleyball Association of J&K in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council at Sports Stadium, here on Monday.

In men final match, Cambridge Volleyball Club Shopian outplayed Azghar Army Kulgam by 301 (25-22, 25-21, 21-25, 25-17) while Maroofa Volleyball Club Kulgam defeated Blue Club Anantnag by straight 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-17) in women section. Muzamil of Cambridge Club played extra ordinary game in men's final.

In the closing ceremony,

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shopian, Afroz Mir was the Chief Guest who appreciated the efforts of Volleyball Association of J&K for organising a magnificent three-day championship in which over 12 teams of men and women sections from 4 district of South Kashmir took part and inspired the younger generation towards sports and drug de-addiction activities.

The Chief Guest thanked the organisers for starting the sports especially volleyball game after the outbreak of unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic in coordination with Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council. He also gave away trophies to winner and runner-up teams.

Others present on the occasion were Kuldeep Magotra CEO Volleyball Association of

Jammu and Kashmir, R.C Sharma Treasurer Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Mohd Tariq Joint Secretary Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Abdul Aahad Shah Secretary Anantnag, Nelofer Habib Secretary Kulgam, Mudasir Ahmed Secretary Pulwama and Shabir Ahmed Organising Secretary.

Speaking on the occasion,

Kuldeep Magotra exhorted the youth to undertake sports/physical fitness activities for their overall development besides shunning social evils like drug addiction.

Today's matches were officiated by the technical panel comprising Mulkh Raj, Anil Kumar, Waseem Akram, Sidarat Hussain, Shafqat Hussain, Abdul Hamid, Intazar Ali and Ajaz Ahmed.

Inter-school zonal level selection trials of Zone Ghagwal begin



Participating players posing for a photograph with officials.

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GHAGWAL: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Samba ON Monday organised inter-school zonal level selection trials in the discipline of Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball for boys under the all age group at Government Higher Secondary School Ghagwal. The events were held under the control of Kiran Jyoti, DYSSO Samba and supervision of Ganesh Dass, Incharge Zonal Education Officer

Ghagwal. Principal of the host school, Neena Sagoch was the chief guest on the occasion who interacted with the participants. She was accompanied by lectures Dinesh Kumar, Rajesh Sharma and Sanjay Kumar

All the field staff of zone Ghagwal were present during the trials. In all, 89 student players drawn from various institutions of Ghagwal zone participated in the trials. The girls events of all age groups will be held tomorrow.

Sambo Association of J&K appoints Ashwani as Chairman, Adv Rahul as Legal Advisor

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JAMMU: Annual General Body meeting of Sambo Association of J&K was held here on Monday under the presidium of Amit Vaid, President and Aruna Sharma Bhau General Secretary of the Association.

The meeting was also attended by Sankalp Kamal, Razaq Ahmad, Anan Sharma, Gopal Das, Rakesh Khullar, Vikas Bhardwaj, Sukhbir Singh, Honey Sharma, Tanish Kumar, Rajesh Thakur, Neeraj Sharma, Vinay Kumar Bhat, Gurpreet Singh Jammu Zone Coordinator and Jatinder Kumar Choudhary Vice President, and Pankaj Mahajan Joint Secretary of Sambo Association of Jammu and Kashmir.



Sambo Association of J&K members during a meeting at Jammu.

In the meeting, Amit Vaid informed that Sambo Association of J&K is an affiliated unit of Sambo India Association-which is already affiliated with the Sambo Union of Asia (SUA)-International Sambo Federation- FIAS.

Moreover, the sports of

Sambo have been listed as one of the OCA recognized sports, he added. He further said, during the 2021 full IOC recognition to International Sambo Federation (FIAS) has been issued by the International Olympic Committee. During the meeting, two new members were

appointed who include Ashwani Kumar Khajuria as Chairman of the Association and Advocate Rahul Sharma as Legal Advisor.

The vote of thanks was presented by Brijesh Bhau, Chief Technical Director of the Sambo Association of Jammu & Kashmir.

Inter-school zone level tournament commences at Banihal

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RAMBAN: As a part of Annual calendar of sports activity, Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Banihal, on Monday started inter-school zone level tournament cum trials here at Government Higher Secondary School, Banihal in the disciplines of Kho-Kho, Volleyball, and Kabaddi for Boys and Girls in the age group of under 19, 17 and 14 years.

Abdul Rashid Giri was the chief guest on the occasion.

The competitions were organized under overall supervision of the District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Dharamvir Singh.

According to the ZPEO Banihal, Abdul Majeed as many as 138 students from different government and private schools of Banihal Zone participated in the competitions.

The matches were officiated by qualified PEMs, PETs and REKs of Zone Banihal.

JKSC 'refuses' to clear Boxers for Nationals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In the face of adamant and unjustified stand taken by the Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council (JKSC), the Jammu and Kashmir Amateur Boxing Association could not sent the Union Territory Boxers for participation in the 5th Elite Men Boxing Championship to be held at Bellary in Karnataka from tomorrow.

The important event was meant for those promising and experienced boxers picked on merit to take part in the competitive event of the game which is considered to be 'death consuming game' involving direct injury.

The team could not be cleared by the two-member screening panel of the JKSC, involving stadia managers from games other than Boxing, for the small reason selection. In view of allegations of 'favour' from those left out boxers during the selection process, the penal took the extreme decision thus left the Association with no other option but to drop the team.

Subsequently, the Association, through intimation has informed the Sports Officer of the JKSC, head office of the JKSC, J&K Olympic Association and the

Boxing Federation of India that the team has been dropped.

"We had selected best among the senior boxers following the proper procedure. Two experienced coaches were involved and on their recommendations of picking only five to six competitive boxers, the team was finalised. Furthermore, these coaches carry a tall experience. Since fitness has to play a major role in selection, the coaches, who always made part of the selection penal, picked only those who were fit and truly trained stuff," an official of the Boxing Association said.

The Association refuted the allegations of boxers being asked to buy their own travel tickets and raised finger on the JKSC for not clearing the bills pertaining to trails and National participations in the recent past.

"Those left out boxers were asked for tickets for the sole reason that getting confirmed tickets at the eleventh hour was something difficult. However, it was already decided to repay the ticket amount before leaving Jammu Railway Station despite that fact that we have not been paid even a single penny by the JKSC for Youth and

Junior Nationals events held in July," mentioned a spokesman of the Association.

The Association also denied the allegation of boxers from outside UT in the selection list submitting that the screening penal should not have been so hash in its decision.

"The sole boxer, in the news alleged to be outsider, has already played in the State Championship and has time and again been justified his being a player from J&K. Moreover, we (Association) work under tough conditions involving financial issues, pressures from players, parents and the governing bodies. So it is submitted not take harsh decisions which directly effects genuine players. At least five boxers, who had worked hard during all these years, have been denied of their right to take part in the Nationals over certain allegations of selection," on being contacted said veteran boxer and general secretary of the Association, Rajan Sharma.

Important to mention here that the Association had even got the selected boxers insured from the United India Insurance Company, a mandatory condition for participation at the National level.

Budgam Taekwondo Championship concludes

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JAMMU: Two-day 23rd District Budgam Taekwondo Championship, organised by the district association under the banner of J&K Taekwondo Association, concluded with prize distribution function held at Railway Hall, Budgam in Kashmir on Monday.

Waseem Kumhar of Dynamic Academy of Martial Arts declared best fighter of the championship.

The Chief Area Manager, Northern Railways, Saqib Yousuf was the chief guest in the presentation ceremony, who distributed medals and certificates among the winners. The chief guest

Tennis Ball Cricket trials from Sept 15

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Tennis Ball Cricket Association shall be holding two-day selection trials for the upcoming 25th Sub-Junior National and 28th Junior National (boys and girls) Tennis Ball Cricket Championships hosted by J&K.

The trials shall be held at MA Stadium, here on September 15 and 16, followed by the screening of the selected teams by the J&K Sports Council.

Selection trials shall be held under the supervision of Gulshan Rattan (7006963458). Both the National events shall be held at MA Stadium, here from September 23 to 30.

Govt PG College for Women organises Freedom Run

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JAMMU: NSS Volunteers and Cadets of 2 J&K Girls Bn NCC of Government PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar on Monday participated in Freedom Run under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Celebrating 75 Years of Independence with full patriotic fervour and zeal, the Freedom Run was flagged off at 7.30 AM Principal of the College, by Dr. Sangita Nagari.

The aim of the activity was to encourage the students and faculty to inculcate the healthy living regime in their life. The Freedom Run connects the sportsmanship spirit with

ing ceremony.

Meanwhile, D.N Pangotra, president J&K Taekwondo Association congratulated District Budgam Taekwondo Association for the successful district championship.

The Results:

BOYS: Senior: 58 kg: Waseem Ahmad Kumhar, 1st; Mohammad Abass, 2nd and Aaqib Hussain, 3rd. 63 kg: Ishfaq Ahmad Wani, 1st; Aijaz Ali, 2nd and Indad Ali, 3rd.68 kg: Bilal Ahmad Rather, 1st; Sheikh Aadil, 2nd and Nahid Shafi, 3rd. Junior: 48 kg: Yasir Bashir, 1st; Aabid Hassan, 2nd and Adil Ramzan, 3rd. 55 kg: Anam-ul- Yousuf, 1st; Ayan

Aarav wins two, Alankrita three gold medals in chess

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JAMMU: Aarav Gupta played brilliant moves to win Gold medals in under-13 and Under-11 boys category in ongoing Jammu division selection events being organised by Jammu District Chess Association under the banner of J and K Sports Council, here.

Avasyu Asim Kotwal got silver and Pazhany Kohli bronze in under-13 while Samarpartap Singh won silver and Paras Sharma bronze in under-11 categories.

Alankrita Sharma won gold in under-11 girls category. She also won gold in under-9 and under-7 age categories. Ishaan Chowdhury won gold in under-7 boys while Vidyasagar Mehrotra won silver and Sridhar Kohli got bronze. Radhika, Ashwina and Alankrita jointly tied for first position in under-13 girls category. In U-9 boys, Ishaan Chowdhury won gold, Pazhany Kohli got silver and Nirbhik Partap Singh clinched bronze. Youngest participant Sridhar Kohli, who is only 4 years old, was also took part in the event. All the matches were organized under the supervision of Atul Kumar Gupta, President All Jammu and Kashmir Chess Association and Baldev Raj Vice President. Bindu Pathania is chief Arbiter who is assisted by Ritish and Divyam Gupta. All the matches were conducted by Swiss software under Fide Laws of Chess in Swiss system. Remaining competitions will be held tomorrow.



Chess competition in progress.

DYSS holds selection trials at Zone Doongi



Players posing for a photograph with officials.

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JAMMU: Part of the calendar of activities, Zone Doongi of district Rajouri of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised inter-school zone level selection trials in the disciplines of Kho-Kho and Volleyball for those under-19 boys and girls at Government High School Doongi.

Headmaster of the GHS Doongi was special guest who interacted with the boys and girls appearing for the selection process. Earlier, Incharge Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Balvinder Singh welcomed the participants, their officials and other distinguished guests

The field staff present

included Surinder Paul, Anil Kumar, Abdul Rehman, Shanaz Ahmed, Anju Bala, Sahil Raina, Katzen Sharma, Sakshi Smyal and Maninder Singh.

Meanwhile, as per the officials, the selected teams shall take part in the inter-zone district level competitions to be held at Mini Stadium, Rajouri.



Students participating in Freedom Run.

the sacrifice of brave souls.

The Principal of the College applauded the students for their active participation. She added that 'such activities will not only keep us fit but mould our personality as well'.

About 50 students along

with Prof. Mala Bhasin and Dr. Monika Hans, NSSPO; Prof. Suman Bala, ANO (2 J&K Girls Bn.) participated and concluded the activity at Balidan Stambh, where they pay tributes to the real heroes of the nation

through Patriotic songs. Riaz Ahmed and Bilal briefed the students about the significance of the War Memorial.

The Freedom Run @ 75 years of Independence culminated with the reciting of National Anthem.

NCC annual training camp culminates at Nagrota

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JAMMU: 2 J&K Girls Battalion NCC successfully completed Annual Training Camp on Monday at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota.

In all, 250 Senior wing cadets apart from ANOs and Instructor staff attended the camp.

COVID-19 test of all attendees were carried set

before camp. All the protocols related to COVID-19 were strictly followed by all during the camp.

The cadets were introduced to a regimental way of life. Special endeavour was made to give cadets maximum exposure to Range Drill, Firing and specialised training with emphasis on community living, discipline, first aid,

character and confidence building.

Maj Gen Ranjan Mahajan, ADG Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh Directorate visited the training camp and encouraged cadets to involve themselves in nation building.

The ADG appreciated Girl cadets interest and enthusiasm in learning

military skills during camp. Girl cadets keenness and participation in training activities during the camp was commendable.

The ADG thanked parents of participant cadets, Education department and Institutions for all the support and confidence in camp conducting authorities.