

## DYSS Udhampur holds Badminton, Handball, Kho-Kho events



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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UDHAMPUR: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised two-day inter-zonal district level under-19 boys' competition in the discipline of Badminton, Handball and Kho-Kho at twin venues of Mini Stadium and Subash Stadium, here on Friday.

The events were declared open by District (DYSS) Officer, Swaran Singh while Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Udhampur, Santosh Kumari was Special Guest.

**KHO-KHO:** In Kho-Kho, teams from four zones turned up for the competition resulting into Zone Chenani emerging champion after beating Udhampur by a wafer thin margin of one point. Earlier, opening

round of semifinals, Udhampur beat Ghordi zone by 13 points and Chenani trounced Zone Ramnagar by a margin of 12 points. The technical panel in this event comprised Raj Kumar Gupta, Raman Kumar, Raj Kumar Dogra, Deepak Sharma, Kulbushan Kumar and Pooja Sharma.

**HANDBALL:** Since teams from only two zones turned up in this team event, the organising committee decided to hold selection trials for the district team. The selection panel shortlisted the boys for final selection. Rishi Kumar Sharma, Vipin Photra, Sourab Pandit and Ravi Kumar officiated in the selection matches.

**BADMINTON:** In the discipline of Badminton, 12

boys from five zones of the district took part in the singles event. In the final, Akshay of Udhampur zone defeated Aryan of the same zone in straight sets of 21-19, 21-12. In earlier matches, Aryan of Udhampur defeated Ayush of Ramnagar 2-0 and Akshay, again of Udhampur beat Rahul of Udhampur 2-0. The event officiated by the technical panel including Sanjeev Kumar, Kanchan Bala, Sanjeev Verma, Jatin Sethi and Jyoti Sharma.

Among others present were Ramesh Chander, Anita Goswami, Parshotam Kumar, Karun Magotra, Jasvinder Singh, Bhoopinder Singh, Asha Meenakshi, Bandna Sharma Nisha Thakur and Anshu Brat Khanna.

## Nowshera dominates in inter-zonal District level tournament



Participants posing for a photograph with officials.

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NOWSHERA: On the direction of Director Youth Services and Sports J&K UT, the Department of Youth Services and Sports Rajouri organized inter-zonal District level tournament in the discipline of volleyball, kho-kho, kabaddi for under-17 (boys and girls), which concluded at Modal Boys Higher

Secondary School Lamberi, here on Friday.

The tournament was declared open by Sangeta Sharma DDC Seri along with Vice Principal HSS Lamberi Rajinder Sharma in the presence of Gulzar Ahamed ZPEO Nowshera and Rakesh Kumar ZPEO Dandasar.

A total of 295 girls/boys took part in the tourna-

ment.

### The results:

**Volleyball:** Kalakote beat Nowshera in girls section while in boys section, Nowshera beat Dandasar.

**Kabaddi:** Mogla beat Nowshera in girls section.

**Kho-Kho:** Nowshera beat Kalakote in girls section while in boys section, Nowshera defeated Dandasar.

## KC College of Education organises online lecture 'Love Matters India'

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JAMMU: Women Cell of K.C. College of Education on Friday organized an online lecture for the girl students of Semester-IV.

Anushakti Singh, a communication professional working in the international NGO 'Love Matters India' was the resource person on the occasion. The topic for the discourse was 'The toxic mentality of the society towards women'. Speaking on the occasion, the resource person made deliberations on the different issues concerning women. She emphasised on the need to change the outlook of the society towards women.

Some of the burning issues pertaining to women viz. gender discrimination, women atroci-

ties, domestic violence and female foeticide need to be addressed on the ground, she said. The resource person stressed upon the need to provide equal opportunities to the female, so as to make the balance in the society. To achieve how these menaces may be eradicated from the society, women need to instill among themselves a sense of confidence and strength as being part and parcel of the society. The participants vowed to fight against the social bias prevalent in the society. The programme was convened by Ruchi Charak, Convenor Women Cell of the College.

The Principal of the College, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo lauded the role of students and the teachers for arranging such lectures.

## Inter-Zonal Distt Cricket Tournament held at Reasi



A cricket match in progress.

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REASI: Department of youth services and sports Reasi on Friday organised Inter Zonal level district Cricket matches for U19 teams, here at

General Zorawar Singh stadium.

As many as 52 students of four zones of the district took part in the tournament organised by Sandeepan Sharma

## JKOPA demands uniform slab of 12 pc GST on all converted/ printed products

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JAMMU: Office bearers of J&K Offset Printers' Association (JKOPA) held a protest against irrational imposition of flat 18 percent GST on printing industry. On the occasion, the members unanimously decided to stand in solidarity with Prof Kamal Chopra, President, All India Federation of Master Printers, who has rightly stated the facts.

Prof Kamal said, "It is a bit early to give any comments on recent proposals submitted by GST council, before a proper notification is issued by Government. But, still I would like to say that on one side printers are happy that small printers of country who are already on verge of collapse." JKOPA urged the Government to impose slab of 12 pc GST on all converted/ printed products.

already suffering printing and packaging industry. Previously, there were 3 GST slabs in printing industry viz 5, 12 and 18 percent on different kind of products. Printers of country were facing a lot of confusion while calculating GST for different items. Requests were raised at various platforms for uniform GST for all products of Printing & Packaging industry. With this proposal of the GST council, though there may not be any confusion and anomalies while calculating GST for different printing products, but 18 percent will definitely devastate commercial printers especially Micro and Small printers of country who are already on verge of collapse." JKOPA urged the Government to impose slab of 12 pc GST on all converted/ printed products.

## J&K Bank allots shares to staff under ESPS

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank on Friday allotted shares to the staff under its recently issued J&K Bank Employees Stock Purchase Scheme (ESPS - 2021).

The Bank's Compensation Committee of Board of Directors in its meeting held today allotted over 5.17 Cr equity shares to the 8961 eligible employees of the Bank against the share subscription amount received under its ESPS 2021.

Notably, the ESPS got an overwhelming response

from the Bank staff resulting in the over-subscription of the issue and the shares have now been allotted to the employees in proportion to the already laid-down eligibility criteria.

In his remarks on the occasion, Bank's CMD R K Chhibber said, "The over-subscription of ESPS-2021 is quite a powerful validation of Bank's strategic vision from its own staff reaffirming strongly that the Bank is working in a focus manner to meet its business objectives while

moving ahead to realize its institutional vision."

"Going forward, such a display of unwavering confidence will definitely send a strongly positive que to the market participants once we proceed ahead to raise Rs 1000 Cr further through Follow-up Public Offer ( F P O ) / Q u a l i f i e d Institutional Placement (QIP)", he added.

He further said, "I would like to emphasize that in terms of percentage of subscription, this has been the most successful ESPS floated by any public sector bank in the recent past."

Pertinently, in a major boost to its capital adequacy, the Bank also got Rs 500 Cr last week from the Government of J&K UT as capital to acquire over 16.76 Cr shares further in

the Bank. The UT Government had got a nod from the country's regulator i.e. RBI to acquire these shares on preferential basis. With the infusion of Rs 500 Cr, J&K UT Government's equity stake in the Bank rose to over 74 per cent.

"In terms of commitment to meet our institutional objectives, we along with our promoter and major stakeholder are moving in tandem as the capital infusion from government and successful issue of ESPS-2021 will go a long way in bolstering the confidence of all other stakeholders, pushing the Bank to accomplish greater goals in future", CMD had said on the occasion.

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JAMMU: In a much filmy-style rape case, Additional Sessions Judge Kathua Kamlesh Pandit rejected the bail applications of Ajay Singh and Abhi Kumar.

According to the police case, a complaint was made by the prosecutrix to the concerned police station stating that on 02-08-2021 she along with her sister were alone at home and accused namely Abhi Kumar came to her house and asked her to collect books of 12th class from his house. When she went to his house, Abhi Kumar asked her to go inside the room. When she went inside the room, Abhi Kumar locked the room from outside and called his juvenile friend to his house. Juvenile committed raped her and the accused/

applicants herein video-graphed commission of rape from outside the room secretly. When she raised hue and cry, the juvenile in conflict law released her and thereafter accused persons threatened her of uploading video on social media if she disclosed the incident to her parents, due to which she remained silent. On this, Police registered a case u/s 376,342,506,109 IPC read with section 67(A) IT Act.

Additional Sessions Judge Kathua Kamlesh Pandit while rejecting the bail application observed that the cases of rape, gang rape and digital rape are on the increase and perpetrators of this inhuman and brutal crime are worse than even the beasts and deserve to be dealt with a heavy hand. The entire country is seriously debating this issue and there are propos-

## Sports infrastructure being augmented in J&K: CS



Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Youth Services & Sports Department.

It was informed that the Department is organizing various sports activities and undertaking several infra-structural projects across Jammu and Kashmir to promote sporting culture in the Union territory.

The Chief Secretary directed the Department to establish high-standard facilities for promoting water sports in J&K and procure adequate equipment in this regard. The Department was asked to develop water sports in various lakes including Dal, Wular, and Mansbal in Kashmir province and Mansar, Surinsar, and Ranjit Sagar Dam in Jammu province. The Department was further asked to explore

possibilities of developing water sports facilities in the wild water segment at river Liddler, Salal, and Baglihar dams.

Reviewing the water sports facilities at the Ranjit Sagar Dam, the Chief Secretary directed the Department to complete the equipment audit and commence training of the youth in kayaking and canoeing sports at an earliest.

The Chief Secretary further issued directions for completion of renovation and restoration works and resumption of all sports activities at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Stadium, Srinagar by 15th October, 2021. The Department was asked to lay special focus on providing proper training and guidance to the aspiring athletes and players which will allow greater participation of UT's youth in various national and international events.

## Kho-Kho inter-zone Boys meet held at Poonch



Kho-Kho teams posing with officials at Poonch on Friday.

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JAMMU: Part of the ongoing district level competitions, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), district Poonch witnessed inter-zone events in the discipline of Kho-Kho in boys' under-14 and under-17 age groups.

The competition was declared open by Headmaster of High School Mangnar, Satish Kumar amidst interac-

tion with the participating teams. In total, seven zones of the district took part in this event.

At the end, the under-14 title went to Zone NSSB, who beat Surankot 07-06. Similarly, in under-17 boys group, Surankot zone trounced zone Kunyain 08-06. Earlier, Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO) Poonch, Narinder Singh welcomed the participants and

other distinguished gathering. Among others present were ZPEO Kannyion, Surinder Singh; Amresh Kumar, Amarjeet Singh (Incharge ZPEO Nangali), Kulwant Singh (Incharge ZPEO) Sathra and Romesh Kumar. The competition officiated by the technical penal including Ajaz Ahmed, Manzoor Ahmed, Sajad Ahmed, Mohd Ali Mir and Gurveer Singh.

## Court rejects bail to two in rape case

als coming forth that death penalty should be the answer to deal with the accused involved in such heinous crime. Every case has different facts; some of the recent rape cases have been so horrifying that entire country protested to condemn these barbaric acts and raised a voice to curb the said menace by inflicting more severe punishment. The government of India also promptly appointed Justice J S Verma Committee to review laws on crimes against women, which recommended certain drastic changes in the criminal law relating to offences against women and accordingly various amendments have been made in law on the subject. Therefore, in view of the above stated reasons I do not think accused persons deserve discretion of court at this stage. The

offences alleged to have been committed by the accused are heinous and have shaken consciousness of general public at large. In this case investigation is going on as no challan has been filed.

The arguments of counsel for the accused persons that accused/applicants herein have not committed any offence and just were sitting outside the room, is not plausible in the given facts and circumstances as there is prima facie evidence against accused persons regarding the offence committed by them which offence is very heinous and the action of the accused persons reflects the criminal and anti-social bent of mind of the accused/applicants herein. As a consequence bail application is rejected and shall be consigned to records under due procedure.

## ANTF nabs drug smuggler with huge quantity of poppy straw

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JAMMU: The Anti Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) of Jammu and Kashmir police, specialized wing to check rising menace of drugs, achieved another success on Friday after it foiled a bid to smuggle poppy straw worth lakhs of rupees.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), J&K ANTF, Vinay Sharma said, "On a specific input regarding the smuggling of Poppy Straw from Kashmir valley to Punjab via National Highway (NHW), sleuths of Anti Narcotic Task Force swung into action and laid naka at Naka near Parmandal Morh Jammu."

The sleuths of JKNTF intercepted a truck bearing registration no. JK02A-8035 going to Punjab from Kashmir and recovered a huge quantity of poppy straw hidden under the

fresh fruit apple boxes loaded in the in truck, he said.

"During search of the truck, with the help of dog squad of crime branch Jammu, ANTF team recovered 208 Kgs and 200 grams of poppy straw concealed in 13 plastic bags under the fresh fruit boxes," Sharma said, adding, "Driver of the truck Mushtaq Ahmed Rather has been arrested in the case FIR 12/2021 under Section 8/15 NDPS Act and truck has been seized."

"Anti Narcotics Task Force is investigating further links and more arrests are expected," Sharma said and appealed to the general public to extend all cooperation and share any information regarding drug dealers so that this menace is uprooted from the society.

## Cadet group competitions held in Taekwondo



A competition in Cadet group under progress during Jammu District Taekwondo Championship at Jammu.

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JAMMU: The second day of the ongoing District Jammu Taekwondo Championship witnessed competition in the Cadet group of boys and girls at Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha complex, Parade, here.

The second day events witnessed besides others by Superintendent of Bal Ashram, R S Pura, Vikrant Narwalia, who interacted with those young participants and encouraged the budding talent. The participating clubs in this competition included AITA Channi, AITA R S Pura, Bal Ashram R S

Taekwondo Club, Beast Clown Academy, Jammu Sanskriti School, Jammu; J K Public School, Jammu; Khel Gaon Nagrota, Mahadev Taekwondo Club and Nari Niketan R S Pura and VAOT.

## Parshotam qualifies Ph.D

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JAMMU: Parshotam Lal, son of Ghansham Singh, resident of Maitra, district Ramban has been declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Mathematics by the University of Jammu.

He worked on the topic, "Study on existence of solutions of some classes of variational inequalities and equilibrium problems," under the supervision of Dr. Tirth Ram.



## Inter-Zone Distt Level Tournament: Boys Indoor Games competitions held at Doda



Players competing in wrestling event.

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DODA: The in indoor games competitions (tournament) in Carrom, Badminton, Chess, Rope skipping, Wrestling & Tug-of-war for all age groups (Boys) were held, here on Friday at Doda under the guidance of District Youth Service & Sport Officer (DYSSO), Jaffar Haider Sheikh and under the overall supervisor of I/C ZPEO Doda & Activity Incharge DYSS office.

At the outset, Chief Guest Jaffar Haider Sheikh

declared the Tournament open in the presence of field staff & sports lovers.

Students from 10 zones are participating in the inter-zone district level tournament. About 150 Students/Player participated on the first day.

In his inaugural speech, the DYSSO advised the field staff members & students to adhere to the COVID-19 guidance & instructions in letter & spirits. The matches were officiated by PEL/PEM/PET & REK.