

Anurag Thakur flags off 'Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge' at Leh



Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur taking part in Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge event.

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LEH: As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav' and 'Fit India Movement', Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur on Saturday flagged off the second edition of Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge organised by Ladakh Police in coordination with

Cycling Federation of India. The Minister while flagging off the cycling challenge said that the motivation behind Fit India Movement, as envisioned by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is to invigorate fitness consciousness among the people of India. The Minister said that he

feels exalted seeing the vigour among Ladakh youth participating in the cycling competition at 11000 feet above the sea level.

The Minister applauded the youth of Ladakh for contributing towards Fit India Campaign by promoting cycling competition.

The Minister also congratulated the Ladakh Police and LAHDC for promoting this cycling competition under Fit India Movement.

While emphasising the role of youth in promoting the Fit India Campaign Thakur said 'Let's cycle, let's stay fit, let's keep India fit. If the youth is fit, India is fit'.

The Minister also participated in a cycling competition along with Member of Parliament, Jangnam Tsering Namgyal and CEC, Tashi Gyalson.

Advisor Baseer inaugurates M S Dhoni Academy



Advisor, Baseer Ahmad Khan inaugurating M S Dhoni Cricket Academy at Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan on Saturday launched the M S Dhoni Cricket Academy at Doon International School (DIS) Srinagar.

Chairman DIS, Showkat Hussain Khan, Principal DIS, Mehfooz Aslam, Managing Director Aarka Sports Management, Mihir Diwakar, coaches and players of international repute were present on the launching ceremony.

Advisor Baseer Khan who was Chief Guest on the occasion said that it is a big moment for the entire Union Territory that M S Dhoni Cricket Academy has come to Srinagar.

"The Academy will provide an opportunity to the aspiring and budding cricketers and a perfect coaching venue with mod-

ern infrastructure for the cricket lovers to groom young cricketing talent in Kashmir under the supervision of expert coaches and the legendary master M S Dhoni, for the first time," Advisor said.

Advisor said it is going to be one of the biggest platform for cricket enthusiasts in the valley and will provide an opportunity to

hone the cricketing skills of the aspiring cricketers.

He said that the academy which is being established as a chain of academies will have an overwhelming response over a period of

time and is the best thing that has happened to cricket in Jammu and Kashmir.

Advisor Baseer Khan said that he is confident that the academy will produce world class cricketers from the UT of Jammu and Kashmir who will represent the country at national and international levels.

He said that the people of UT have a special attraction for sports and cricket happens to be at the top.

He also said that the launching of the academy will be remembered from the perspective of cricket lovers and this is a happy moment for cricketers in the UT.

Mihir Diwakar while giving a brief of the progress of the M S Dhoni Academy said that the aim of the academy is to benefit the student community and promote their cricketing skills to the next level.

Principal DOON said the school is leaving no stone unturned to promote sporting excellence in cricket in the valley. He expressed gratitude to the Advisor Baseer Khan for his support and lauded his contribution to the field of Cricket. On the occasion, a felicitation ceremony was also held during which students were felicitated by the Advisor as a recognition of their excellent performances.

Poonch girls selected for final Hockey trials at Jammu



Selected female hockey players posing with Resident Secretary at Sports Stadium Poonch on Saturday.

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POONCH: Hockey Poonch conduct Hockey selection trials on Saturday at Poonch for the upcoming Senior National Hockey Championship to be held Jhansi (21-10-2021 to 31-10-2021) and Junior National Hockey Championship (women's) at Simdega, organised by Hockey India.

A total number of eight

promising girls in senior category and an equal number in Junior category attended the trials.

The trials took place under strict adherence to COVID 19 protocols. Now, the selected players will attend UT level trials to be held at Jammu.

Earlier, the trials conducted on the direction of Rajeev Sharma, President Hockey J&K, Rajinder Singh Kuku,

Senior Vice President and Dr. Taran Singh, General Secretary under the supervision of Priyanka Singh, Resident Secretary Hockey J&K and Sanjeev Kumar, Executive member and technically supervised by Pawan Kumar and Mukesh Kumar (Hockey Coaches). Others present were Matinderpal Singh and Navjot Singh (Hockey Coaches).

Poetic Memoir to Shrimati Shanti Gupta held at MIER

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JAMMU: To commemorate the birth anniversary of Shrimati Shanti Gupta, founder of MIER, an online poetic memoir event was organized by Smt. Shanti Gupta Centre for Women's Studies. Dr. Vishav Raksha, Professor, Department of Sociology & Head CWS, University of Jammu, Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Associate Professor; Government College of Education Jammu, Dr. Shalini Rana, Govt. College of Education Jammu, Dr. Sonia Khajuria, Associate Professor and Head CWS, GCW Parade Ground, Brij Mohan, renowned music composer and poet, Lovely Chandra, radio artist Akashwani Delhi, Sonali Dogra, singer, AIR Jammu, Vanishika Jaral, singer AIR Jammu, Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER, Dr. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College, Rupa Gupta, Joint Director and Director CWS MIER, Ruchika Gupta, Joint Director MIET, Ruksana Sathia, IQAC Incharge MIET, IQAC team of MIER Ruchi



Dignitaries at poetic memoir event being organized by Shrimati Shanti Gupta Centre for Women's Studies, MIER.

Sharma, Jasleen Mohial and Pranav Gandotra HR Manager, alumnae of MIER College, Amar Chauhan, MD Infobug Channel, Priyanka Choudhary, News Anchor, Gulistan News, Dr. Pramod Srivastava, Principal Model Academy, J.K. Dhiman, Vice Principal, Model Academy, Dr. Mool Raj Sharma, HoD PG Department, Dr. Rohnika Sharma, HoD UG Department, Dr. Nishta Rana, Dy. HoD PG Department, Dr. Monika Bajaj, Dy. HoD UG Department along with the faculty members and students attended the programme. Dr. Reeta Dwivedi, Assistant

Professor and Convener, CWS welcomed all to dignitaries and said this poetic memoir event is a tribute to Shrimati Shanti Gupta as a poetess.

Rupa Gupta, Director CWS, shared that Shrimati Shanti Gupta fondly remembered as Mumyji followed the legacy of her parents and joined the teaching profession which led to a joint venture with her husband, Late H.L. Gupta and established Model Academy school which has bloomed into MIER Group of Institutions.

"She not only wrote poems but also books for children, curriculum material for teachers and teaching pedagogy

resource material. Shrimati Shanti Gupta paved a way for the next generation of women to take active part in social and political arena," Rupa Gupta added. Deepali Goutam from B.Ed Sem II and Neha Bargotra from M. Ed Sem II recited poems of Shrimati Shanti Gupta from her collection of poems from the books 'DeenKuti' and 'Chittorgarh.'

Brij Mohan shared journey of poetic verses of Shrimati Shanti Gupta into songs followed by live singing of poems by Lovely Chandra, Sonali Dogra and Vanishika Jaral.

Both the alumnae, Amarjot Kour Chouhan, MD Infobug

and Priyanka Choudhary, News Anchor, Gulistan News, shared their experiences as students and also owed their success to the institution.

Dr. Renu Gupta shared her experiences as a daughter-in-law with Shrimati Shanti Gupta and how this relationship transformed her personality.

She highlighted that Shanti Gupta was a multitasking woman who not only excelled in teaching and poetry but was also a good orator, writer and cook.

A formal Vote of thanks was proposed by Mamta Kour, and the programme was conducted by Santa Dogra, faculty member, Department of Hindi, Model Academy School.

Srinagar Fencing Championship concludes



Medal winners of District Srinagar Fencing Championship posing with officials at Srinagar on Saturday.

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JAMMU: The 5th Srinagar District Fencing Championship, organised by District Srinagar Fencing Association under the aegis of Adhoc Committee J&K Amateur Fencing Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council (JKSC) and Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) concluded at indoor hall BHSS Rawal Pura,

Srinagar.

In this three day event, around 70 players including boys and girls participated in Epee, Foil and Sabre events. Sports Officer of JKSC, Nuzat Ara was Chief Guest while Principal GHSS Rawalpura, Tanveera and convener of the adhoc committee of the Association, Rashid Ahmed were Guests of Honour.

Razia Sultan (PEM and

NIS Qualified Coach) was the organising secretary of the Event. Technical experts, Niyaz Ahmed and Mehmood, Sawan Magotra and Chahat Singh officiated the bouts.

The Results:

MBN: SABRE: Numaan, BHSS Nawakadal, Gold; Amaan, BHSS Rawal Pura, Silver; Zain ul Abidin, Gandhi College and Zibran, BHSS Natipura, joint Bronze. FOIL: Zakir, BHSS

WOMEN: SABRE: Mehvish Mushtaq, BHSS Telhal, Gold; Saika, GHSS Nishat, Silver; Saista, GHSS Kothibag and Adiba, GHSS Kothibag, joint Bronze. EPEE: Mehak, GHSS Nawakadal, Gold; Arjula, GHSS Nawakadal, Silver; Doha, GHSS Nawakadal and Angila, GHSS Nawakadal, joint Bronze. FOIL: Zainab Gulzar, GHSS Nawakadal, Gold; Zainab Mukhtyar, GHSS Nawakadal, Silver; Nazima, GHSS Amirakadal and Simran, GMS Rampura, joint Bronze.

RMPS hosts virtual poem recitation competition



Faculty members posing for a photograph during a programme.

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JAMMU: RM Public School, Jammu on Saturday hosted an inter-school virtual poem recitation competition on the topic 'Rashtra Bhasha Hindi' under the aegis of Sahodaya School Complex Jammu.

Around 32 reputed schools of Jammu region participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Prof Balwan Singh, HOD Hindi Govt. Degree College and Hindi Lecturer Anil Sharma Govt. Hindi Secondary School Nagrota

were the Chief Guests on the occasion. Pramod Shrivastava, an eminent educationist and Sahodaya President was the Special Guest. The competition was judged by the chief guests. Welcome dance was also presented by Shilpi Borah and welcome speech was presented by Vandana Salathia. The programme was compared by Deepa Kumari. The programme was organized under the supervision of Gurpreet Kaur, Incharge of Lakshya building. First posi-

tion was secured by Shriyansh Tripathi (G.D Goenka) while second position was shared by Ashvi Rani (Tiny Scholars Kathua) and Amanya Choudhary (Mount Litera Senior Secondary School Samba) and third position was shared by Vipra (APS Kaluchak) and Sehaj Seert Kour (Jodhamal Public School). Samarth Pathak (The Shri Ram Universal School) and Aradhya Gupta (Shemford) shared the fourth position while Nandani Singh

Oberh (Presentation Convent) got fifth position.

The Chairman of the School, Rameshwar Mengi expressed his immense surprise over the meticulous and diligent performance of the children. He also appreciated the team work of RMPS family. Director of the School, Rakshan Mengi congratulated the participants and was excited to see the level of confidence of the students representing the Jammu region. Vice Principal, Kajal Bhasin presented the vote of thanks.

Advisor Farooq takes stock of sports infrastructure development



Advisor, Farooq Khan taking stock of sports infrastructure at Budgam.

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan, on Saturday visited Budgam and took stock of sports infrastructure being developed in the district. Additional District Development Commissioner, Ikram Ullah Tak, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Nasir, Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, District Youth Services and Sports Officer and engineers of the department accompanied the Advisor.

Advisor visited sports stadium Budgam and

newly constructed indoor stadium which has a volley ball court, facilities for badminton, table tennis, judo, karate, kabbadi and other indoor games. The Secretary Sports Council briefed the Advisor about the steps being taken up by the department for development of sports infrastructure in the district. Advisor impressed upon the officer to explore every possibility for creation of world class sports facilities for the sportspersons so that they excel in games of their choice at national and international level.

Junior, Senior events mark day-3 of Taekwondo meet

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JAMMU: Competition in two age groups of Junior and Senior marked day-three of the ongoing District Jammu Taekwondo Championship, organised by District Jammu Taekwondo Association under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association (JKTA). President NMC, Subhash Shastri presided as Chief Guest while Mohd Asif, President RWA Delhi was

Guest of Honour. Manager Dogra Brahmam Pratindhi Sabha, Ramesh Chandra Sharma was special guest. The event is being held under the supervision of Master Atul Pangotra (PET Youth Services and Sports), who is currently deputed in JKSC. The four-day competition shall conclude tomorrow with the holding of valedictory function at 11 am at the same venue.

Achieve 100 pc saturation of first dose of vaccination for above 18-yr age group by mid October: LG

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday issued directions to the officers of UT administration and all DCs, SPs to achieve the target of 100% saturation of first dose of vaccination in the above 18 age group category by the 15th of October in the J&K UT. The Lt Governor was chairing the weekly meeting to review the covid scenario and containment measures at Raj Bhavan. Directing the district officers for proper monitoring of Covid protocols at tourist places and

public parks, the Lt Governor said that it should be ensured that all the service providers connected with the tourism sector are vaccinated with 2nd dose of covid vaccine.

The Lt Governor emphasized that only with heightened preparation can we keep the possible third wave at bay.

Taking note of the districts lagging behind in submitting the reports on Equipment Audit Committees, the Lt Governor directed them to submit the same at the shortest possible time.

