

GDC for Women Kathua organises sports activities

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KATHUA: In the series of events to celebrate the Shikshak Parv Week, Department of Physical Education and Sports in collaboration with the Psychological Counseling and Drug De-addiction Cell, Government Degree College (GDC) for Women, Kathua organized a Carrom and Badminton matches.

In Carrom, Team A which comprised of Shabnam (4th sem) and Ravina Akhtar (2nd sem) was declared winner by six points.

In Badminton, Team B, Ravina Akhtar and Babita Jasrotia (2nd sem.) won the match by 2-0 (21-10, 21-15). The match was officiated by Vaishali, Rakhi Devi and Varsha Devi, second semester students of GDCW



GDC for Women, Kathua faculty and winners posing for a photograph

Kathua. Certificates were distributed among all the participants.

The event took place under the guidance of Dr. Sangita Nagari, Principal of the college.

Roshan Lal Sharma, Physical Director of the college supervised all the activities. Prof. Shivani Sharma,

Convener Psychological Counseling and Drug De-addiction Cell, Prof. Ravinder Kour; Prof. Som Raj, Dr. Poonam Sambyal, Prof. Varun Bhatti, Dr. Vaishno Devi, Dr. Mukesh, Prof. Satish Khajuria and students of the college were also present to attend the event.

DIS Jammu shines in inter-zonal Badminton tournament

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JAMMU: Students of Doon International School (DIS) Jammu-Gania Singh of Class VIII and Sumaiyya Mahajan of Class VII brought laurels to the school by clinching the U-14 winner's trophy in Inter- Zone Badminton Championship organised by District Youth Services and Sports Office. They also got selected for Inter District Level Championship.

The Chairman, G.N Tantray and Principal Dr Vikesh Kaur congratulated these young achievers for their splendid accomplishment under the guidance of the school coach Harmeet Singh and wished them good luck for the further high level championships in the future.



DIS faculty felicitating winner students.

Bumrah, Harshal back for T20 World Cup as selectors opt for safe options



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NEW DELHI: Fit-again pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and death overs specialist Harshal Patel were back as the national selection committee didn't spring any surprise in the 15-man India squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia starting October 16.

India will play their first match against Pakistan at the MCG on October 23.

Bumrah, who was suffering from back injury and Harshal, who had a side strain, had done an intense rehabilitation programme at the National Cricket Academy and the BCCI medical team has deemed them fit for the marquee series.

The two players, who missed out on World Cup berth were pacer Avesh Khan and leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi, who was pipped by senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin.

Once Harshal was fit and available, there was very little chance for Avesh to make a cut especially with a death overs economy rate of 18 in recent times.

If there was one player who would feel hard done by, it would be young Bishnoi as he was fantastic against Pakistan in the Super 4s game of the Asia Cup where he had outshone senior wrist spinner Yuzvendra Chahal.

While Chahal was an automatic choice but Bishnoi's fight was always for the third spinner's slot with veteran Ravichandran Ashwin.

Obviously, two leg-spinners wouldn't have added variations but Ashwin's presence on big Australian grounds and his ability to take the ball away from the left-handers got precedence.

Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka (likely Qualifier in India's group) all have a couple of left-handers in top five and if Ashwin is played, he can exploit that advantage.

The batting unit, which hasn't performed up to expectations on big days more or less remained the same and in fact there aren't any new faces from the last T20 World Cup squad save Deepak Hooda, who won't always be an automatic first XI player.

The Rohit Sharma interview of Virat Kohli was a clear indicator that there won't be any change in top three and the only debate that remains unsolved is whether Dinesh Karthik will play or Rishabh Pant, who is the only specialist left-hander in the top-order with Ravindra Jadeja ruled out for indefinite period.

Veteran pacer Mohammed Shami was back in the T20 scheme of things as he has been picked for the T20 series versus Australia and South Africa prior to the big event and is also among the four stand-bys who will travel Down Under.

The other three reserve players are Shreyas Iyer, Bishnoi and seamer Deepak Chahal.

Shami wasn't directly picked for the World T20 as he hasn't played any cricket after

England series and the upcoming six T20Is will give Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma chance to check out his rhythm and bowling at the death.

Hardik Pandya, Arshdeep Singh and Bhuvneshwar Kumar will be reporting to the NCA for workload management and conditioning work during the course of the home series against Australia and South Africa.

Bhuvneshwar will miss the South Africa series while Hardik and Arshdeep will skip the Australia series beginning September 20.

Squads: For World Cup: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh.

Standby players - Mohd. Shami, Shreyas Iyer, Ravi Bishnoi, Deepak Chahal.

For Australia T20Is: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohd. Shami, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah.

For South Africa T20Is: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Mohd. Shami, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah.

Extension lecture on 'Archaeology: Basic Ideas' organised

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JAMMU: Department of History, Padma Shree Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women on Monday organised an extension lecture on development of Archaeology and its basic Ideas.

The event was organised under the patronage of the College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan.

The resource person for the occasion was Dr. Navjot Kour, Postdoctoral



Resource person delivering lecture at PSPS Government PG College for Women, Jammu.

Research Fellow, Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology, Tarragona, Spain. In her lecture, she

elaborated upon the basic principle of Archaeology as well as different processes involved in the archaeological

Jammu's Chakshu Mahajan wins Srinagar Open Tennis C'ship

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SRINAGAR: Chakshu Mahajan on Monday won the men's singles title while Moazzam Rashid and Haider Hussain retained their doubles title at this year's Srinagar Open Tennis Championship.

Mahajan defeated 20-year-old Chirag Dogra in straight sets 6-3, 7-6 in the final played at Gindun Sports Complex at Rajbagh.

Mahajan had registered an impressive win in the semifinals against local player and tournament favourite Rashid, coming back from a set down to romp home 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In the doubles event, Moazzam and Haider

defeated the formidable pair of Nadeem Samdani and Jay Kumar in straight sets. They beat the men from CRPF 7-5, 7-6.

In the veteran's event (45 years and above), Nadeem Samdani won the title, beating Gurmeet Singh 6-0, 6-1.

In the boy's U-12 category final, Mohammad Qais prevailed over Mohammad Usman.

More than 40 players -- including six from Jammu -- participated in the three-day tournament, which is organised annually by District Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) Srinagar in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Lawn Tennis Association.

Kuku, Asima to represent J&K in Hockey India elections

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JAMMU: Senior vice president of the Hockey Jammu and Kashmir and advocate Asima Ali have been nominated to represent J&K unit in the October 1 elections of the Hockey India at New Delhi.

This was decided in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Hockey J&K that took place at KK Hakhu Stadium, here. The meeting was chaired by president of the Association, Rajeev Sharma and attended besides the office bearers and executive members.

Rajeev Sharma stressed upon to register on MU por-



Hockey J&K members during Annual General Meeting at Jammu on Monday.

tal of Hockey India and said that no unregistered player will be allowed participate in the trials for national and camps. He asked all the units to implement instructions of J&K Sports Council and informed that payments will be made through digital

Int'l Cricketer Ajay Sharma named Head Coach of J&K Sr Men's team

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JAMMU: A prolific run maker in First Class cricket, who has the distinction of scoring over 10, 000 runs at a healthy average of around 67.00, International cricketer Ajay Sharma, has been named as Head Coach of J&K's Senior Men's Cricket team.

According to a press release issued here on Monday by Member Administration, Brig Anil Gupta, JKCA has notified the appointment of this aggressive middle-order batsman and orthodox left-arm spinner.

"In order to ensure continuity, the selection committee preferred the same set of coaches who were selected during the last season, but Sanjeev Sharma, Head Coach last season was not available due to other commitments. Hence Ajay Sharma who has played for India, Delhi and HP and holds a record of batting average around 67 in Ranji Trophy was given the nod by the Selection Committee and



appointed Head Coach of Senior Men's team," informed Brig Gupta. Sharma had the honour of captaining India-A, India-B, Delhi and North Zones teams, besides making International Test debut in 19884 and representing India in 31 ODIs. His batting average of 67 is 4th best in domestic cricket across

the globe after the greats like Sir Donald Bradman, Vijay Merchant and George Headly. Welcoming Ajay Sharma, the Sub Committee Members of JKCA, Sunil Sethi and Mithun Manhas hoped that with his expertise and experience, he would contribute immensely to improve the skill of the players and performance of JKCA teams.

"After retirement from active cricket, Sharma has been actively involved in coaching and selection of teams across various formats. He will join Fitness Assessment cum Conditioning Camp under way at Srinagar," Brig Gupta maintained.

vice presidents), Dr Karanbir Singh (secretary), Hardeep Singh (joint secretary), Jagjeet Kour (joint secretary), Anjali Thakur (treasurer), Tejinder Singh, Priyanka Singh (both resident secretary), Supinder Singh Bakshi, Sameer Ahmad Najjar, Gurmeet Singh (both member executive), Robin Singh, Syed Talib Hussain, Ishan Sharma, Ravinder Singh, Jaspreet Singh, Shelav Sharma, Khalid Bashir, Binod Singh and Baljit Kour.

Later, general secretary Hockey J&K, Dr Taran Singh presented vote of thanks.

LG Rolling Trophy: Cricket trials of Poonch Zone conclude

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POONCH: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Poonch on Monday concluded Cricket Trial Cum Selection for LG's Rolling Trophy here Under Mission Youth .

The trail cum selection was held for all Panchayats of District Poonch in the age group of 19 to 35 years on the direction of Director Youth Services and Sports J&K UT, Subash Chander Chibber and under the guidance of and under the supervision of Mohd Qasim, DYSSO Poonch and Zonal Physical Education Officer Poonch, Narinder Singh, who is the

Nodal officer of Zone Poonch for LG Rolling Trophy events held at Sports Stadium Poonch.

A total of 200 budding players from Municipality and Panchayat of Zone Poonch took part in this trial which was took place under the Technical Supervision of Sanjay Misri PEM, Kewal Krishan PEM, Joginder Singh PET, Sachin Sharma and Anan Sharma ReKs.

ZPEO Poonch gave his best wishes to all the participants.

Prominent persons present were Harjeet Kour PEM, Bachiter Singh PEM, Rajinder Kour, Iqbal Kour, Rajinder Singh Chandermohini (all PETs).

DYSS starts Cricket trials at Miran Sahib



SDM R S Pura, Ram Lal Sharma and other dignitaries posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) organised Cricket selection trials for Miran Sahib Zone to raise team for the proposed LG Rolling Trophy at GBHS Simbal.

Earlier, Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Miran Sahib, Rakesh Kakar welcomed the gathering and apprised the guests about the Cricket

was Chief Guest, who declared open the event in the presence of Sarpanch Raja Singh, Sarpanch Binny Sharma and Kailash Devi, Headmistress GBHS Simbal.

Earlier, Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Miran Sahib, Rakesh Kakar welcomed the gathering and apprised the guests about the Cricket

trials for the LG Rolling Trophy amidst highlighting other activities of the Zone.

Trial are being conducted by the team of officials of DYSS including Pankaj Sasan, Bandana Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Ravinder Singh Bali, Ravinder Singh, Bikram Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Amolak Singh Jagandeep Singh, Raghunandan Sharma and Mosami Sharma.

Admissions in Polytechnic Colleges, dev activities in SDD reviewed



Principal Secretary, (SDD), Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon chairing a meeting.

has mobilized it's staff across the UT regions to spread awareness about the diploma programmes.

Dr Samoon was informed that during the awareness campaign, the prospective candidates were educated about various government sponsored schemes and were encouraged to come forward and enroll in the diploma courses. Besides, awareness campaign was given a wide coverage through media, both print and electronic.

The meeting was also informed that 3320 total number of applications were received and shared with the concerned

Colleges.

Principal Secretary was also apprised that JKBOE is in the process of receiving lateral entry applications and there are 822 applications received till date whose selection list would be framed by 15th September of this month and the admission process for regular and lateral entry will continue till the end of this month. Presently, the colleges are doing admissions at their own level as the process of admission is underway.

Principal Secretary issued several directions to Principals of Polytechnic Colleges regarding further streamlining of admissions in their respective institutions. He emphasized upon

them to send teams of officials in the villages of every block of the districts to aware and encourage the candidates for participation in diploma courses in order to fill up the allotted seats in the Polytechnic Colleges in JKUT.

Earlier, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon chaired a meeting with senior officers of SDD and its allied departments to review the progress on ongoing development activities of SDD under CAPEX and other centrally sponsored schemes here at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

The meeting had detailed deliberations on various issues pertaining to SDD including utilization of CAPEX and CSS budget

on completion of new and ongoing civil works, implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and improvement in skill scenario under SANKALP (CSS) in the districts.

Director, SDD, Sudershan Kumar, Mission Director, JK Skill Development Mission, Executive Director JKPC were also present in the meeting besides out stationed officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

They highlighted the present status of actions taken in view of different activities being carried out in their respective areas.

The concerned authorities informed the meeting about the present status of various ongoing development works in different sectors of Skill Development Department.

Principal Secretary emphasized upon the senior officers of different executive agencies to complete all ongoing development works of Polytechnics College and ITIs within shortest possible timelines.

2nd Distt Indoor Rowing Championship to commence from Sept 17

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BANDIPORA: The 2nd District Indoor Rowing Championship is being held at Govt Hr Sec School Aragam Bandipora on 17th and 18th of this month.

The championship is being organized by District Bandipora Rowing & Sculling

Association in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora under SVEEP Action programme.

Around 250 boys and girls of all categories of the district are going to participate in the championship.

The championship is aimed to select a team for

the upcoming UT level Championship to be held at Srinagar.

Indoor Rowing is a relatively new sport performed on a rowing machine (ergo), that has traditionally been used to simulate the action of watercraft rowing for the purpose of exercise or rowing training.